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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Friday, May 12, 2023
8:30 AM

Physical Location

Nevada Department of Wildlife
Main Conference Room
6980 Sierra Center Pkwy #120, Reno, Nevada 89511

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1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment will be made on any matter relevant to the Council. Public comments will be taken at the beginning and end of the meeting and may be taken at the discretion of the Chair on specific agenda items. Public comments may be limited to 3 minutes per person at the discretion of the Chair. Comments will not be restricted based on viewpoint. No action will be taken on any matters raised during the public

comment period that are not already on the agenda. Persons providing comments will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of agenda for Friday, May 12, 2023.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of minutes from the meetings held on Thursday, March 2, 2023, and Wednesday, April 5, 2023.

5. COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Council members may make comments at this time and the Program Manager will bring forward any pertinent correspondence directed to the Council.

6. ELECTION OF SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN. APPOINTED COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL VOTE ON SELECTING OFFICERS. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* *Vice-Chairman MacKenzie and SEC members*

7. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON UPDATED SCIENCE AND CORRESPONDING TOOLS CURRENTLY USED IN THE CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM. SPECIFICALLY, AN UPDATE TO THE EXISTING ABUNDANCE AND SPACE USE INDEX (ASUI), HABITAT SUITABILITY INDEX (HSI), AND POTENTIAL UPDATES TO THE SEP HABITAT MANAGEMENT CATEGORIES MAP. *Dr. Peter Coates, Research Wildlife Biologist, USGS*

8. REVIEW THE UPDATED SCIENCE AND THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT TO THE CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM'S HABITAT QUANTIFICATION TOOL. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF UPDATED SCIENCE TOOLS, SPECIFICALLY UPDATES TO THE ASUI AND THE HSI. ADDITIONALLY, CONSIDER FOR ADOPTION THE METRIC PROPOSED IN THE CALCULATION OF CREDITS AND/OR DEBITS WHILE APPLYING THE UPDATED SCIENCE. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* *SEP staff*

9. REVIEW OF THE JANUARY – JUNE 2023 SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM PROGRAM'S SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. THE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE REPORT. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* *Kelly McGowan, SEP Manager*

10. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND UPDATES TO THE COUNCIL

- A. Inter-agency mitigation planning with proponents
- B. Meeting with industry to review CCS policies and NAC 232.400 – 232.480
- C. Outreach/review with public land management agencies the CCS and Mitigation
- D. 2015 Greater Sage-Grouse amendment requests

11. FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES AND COMMENTS:

- A. US Fish and Wildlife Service
- B. Bureau of Land Management
- C. US Forest Service
- D. USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service

E. Other

12. STATE AGENCY UPDATES AND COMMENTS:

- A. Office of the Governor
- B. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- C. Department of Wildlife
- D. Department of Agriculture
- E. Other

13. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED DURING THIS MEETING AND SCHEDULING NEXT SEC MEETING - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

- A. With staff assistance, the Council will review items discussed, as well as items acted upon during this meeting, and determine which of those they wish to direct staff to do further work on, as well as which items the Council wishes to act on that may not have been acted upon during earlier discussion.
- B. Determination of any specific items the Council would like to work on at their next regularly scheduled Council meeting.
- C. Scheduling of the next Council meeting date, time, and place.

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15. ADJOURNMENT

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