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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Wednesday, August 16, 2023
8:30 AM

Physical Location

Sagebrush Ecosystem Program
Conference Room
201 S. Roop Street Suite 101, Carson City, 89701

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1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of agenda for Wednesday, August 16, 2023.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of minutes from the meetings held on Friday, May 12, 2023.

5. COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Council members may bring forth possible future agenda items or updates at this time.

6. COUNCIL UPDATE REGARDING USFWS & NOAA ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT PROPOSED REGULATION REVISIONS – SECTIONS 4 & 7. CONSIDER NECESSITY OF COMMENTS - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* *Lara Enders, USFWS*

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND UPDATES TO THE COUNCIL

A. CCS Staff Updates

B. Debit Projects of Concern – NSO – White Pine Water Pump Storage and Stagecoach Wind

C. BLM Greater Sage Grouse Plan

8. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON WILD HORSE AND BURRO IMPACTS ON RIPARIAN AREAS OUT OF UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO. *Dr. Amanda Gearhart, Assistant Professor of Rangeland Ecology and Management, UNR*

9. 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.

10. 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

11. 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

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13. ADJOURNMENT

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Department of Wildlife, 6980 Sierra Pkwy #120, Reno, NV

Sagebrush Ecosystem Program, 201 S. Roop Street, Ste. 101 Carson City, Nevada

Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada

Department of Agriculture, 405 South 21st Street, Sparks, Nevada

Department of Wildlife, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada

Capitol Building, 101 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada

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