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**STATE OF NEVADA**  
**Sagebrush Ecosystem Program**

**MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL**

**Thursday, February 22, 2024**

**8:30 AM**

**Physical Location**

**DCNR Bonnie Room (First Floor)**  
**901 S Stewart St, Carson City, NV 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 Thursday, February 22, 2024.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\***

A. Approval of minutes from the meetings held on Tuesday, December 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. SUSTAINING LAND AND WILD AND FREE-ROAMING HORSE, AND BURRO HEALTH –  
*Sherm Swanson, UNR: AVRS & UNCE***

**7. DISCUSSION OF THE WILD HORSE AND BURRO LETTER FROM THE COALITION FOR  
HEALTHY NEVADA LANDS, WILDLIFE AND FREE-ROAMING HORSES - \*FOR  
POSSIBLE ACTION\* *SEP Staff***

**8. DISCUSSION OF THE SEC BEING A COOPERATING AGENCY, POSSIBLE ACTION TO  
ASK BLM TO ALLOW SEC TO BE A COOPERATING AGENCY - \*FOR POSSIBLE  
ACTION\* *SEP Staff and Nicole Ting, DAG***

**9. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE ADDITION TO NRS 232.162 REGARDING THE  
ABILITY TO ADOPT REGULATIONS TO COLLECT PROPOSED FEES AND PENALTIES;  
REVIEW PROPOSED OUTLINE FOR PROPOSED FEES AND PENALTIES - \*FOR  
POSSIBLE ACTION\* *SEP Staff***

**10. REVIEW THE UPDATED SCIENCE AND THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT TO THE  
CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM'S GRSG HABITAT MANAGEMENT CATEGORIES.  
CONSIDER FOR ADOPTION PROPOSED UPDATED HABITAT MANAGEMENT  
CATEGORIES - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\* *SEP Staff***

**11. 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.

**12. 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

**13. 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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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 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Sparks, Nevada

Department of Wildlife, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada

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

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