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STATE OF NEVADA
Sagebrush Ecosystem Program

Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 17, 2025

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Sagebrush Ecosystem Program
Conference Room
201 S. Roop Street Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 8701

Teams Access:

Meeting ID: 231 946 048 287

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1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 8:33am

Members of Ex-Officio Present: Chris Mackenzie (Chair), Jake Tibbitts (Vice Chair), Steven Boies, Bevan Lister, Sherm Swanson, Matthew Johns, William Molini, John Stansfield (USFS), Justin Barrett (USFWS), Kimberly Prill (BLM), Chris Rose (NRCS), JJ Goicoechea (NDA), James Settlemeyer (NDCNR), Alan Jenne (NDOW)

Members of Ex-Officio Not Present: Kyle Davis, Daphne Emm Hooper

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

Member Swanson motioned to approve the agenda, member Molini seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

Member Molini motioned to approve minutes from the SEC meeting held on Friday, February 07, 2025. Member Lister seconded. Motion passed unanimously

5. COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

No relevant correspondence

6. DISCUSSION OF THE GREATER SAGE-GROUSE DRAFT RMP AMENDMENT AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR DRAFT EIS MODIFICATION FOR NEVADA - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* *SETT Staff*

Member Lister motioned that the program continues working with BLM to find solution to BLM GRSG resource management planning process. Member Boies seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Members held further discussion on amendment details, timeline, and process with BLM representatives present at the meeting.

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND UPDATES TO THE COUNCIL - *SETT Staff*

Staff provided updates and answered Council questions about the following topics

- A. NEPA Changes
- B. Impact of Federal Funding and Staff Cuts
- C. AB242
- D. Strategic Action Plan
- E. Public Lands Restoration Framework
- F. CCS Projects Update

8. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF WAIVING THE PROXIMITY FACTOR WHEN CONDUCTING RESTORATION ON PUBLIC LAND IN PRIORITY AREAS - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* *SETT Staff*

Vice Chair Tibbitts motioned to defer incorporation of waivers of proximity ratios until priority areas have been built into the SAP. Member Lister seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

9. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF GREATER SAGE-GROUSE HABITAT MAP HOLES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* *SETT Staff*

Member Swanson motioned to adopt the smoothing of HMA maps as presented and allow the staff discretion on adjusting as appropriate. Member Molini seconded.

Member Boies abstained from voting. No opposition. Motion passed.

10. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEMS TECHNICAL TEAM NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE POSITION - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* *Cheyenne Acevedo, SETT*

No action

11. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEMS TECHNICAL TEAM NEVADA DIVISION OF FORESTRY POSITION - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* *Casey Adkins, SETT*

No action

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

Staff and the Council discussed items for consideration at future meetings. The next SEC meeting was scheduled for June 3, 2025.

13. FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES AND COMMENTS:

- A. US Fish and Wildlife Service – Justin Barrett provided brief update.
- B. Bureau of Land Management – Alan Shepherd provided brief update.
- C. US Forest Service – John Stansfield provided brief update.
- D. USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service – Chris Rose provided brief update.
- E. Other

14. STATE AGENCY UPDATES AND COMMENTS:

- A. Office of the Governor – Chase McNamara provided brief update.
- B. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – James Settlemeyer provided brief update.
- C. Department of Wildlife – Mark Freese and Jasmine Kleiber provided brief updates.
- D. Department of Agriculture – None. Will provide update at next meeting.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Member Lister motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Johns seconded.
Meeting Adjourned at 1:37pm.