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

**MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, August 26, 2026**  
**8:30 AM**

**Physical Location**

**Nevada State Legislature Room 2149**  
**401 S Carson St, Carson City, NV 89701**

**Zoom Access for the Public**

Phone number: 888-475-4499

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**1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**The call-in number will be read aloud for the Public.** 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 Wednesday, August 26, 2026.

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

A. Approval of minutes from the SEC meeting held on Monday, June 1, 2026.

**5. COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE – FOR DISCUSSION:**

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

**6. PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE'S EXEMPTION REQUEST FOR A WEATHER TOWER \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\* James Simmons, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe**

**7. PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF MT. WHEELER POWER'S EXEMPTION REQUEST FOR A POWERLINE \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\* Jake Brunson and Kevin Robison, Mt. Wheeler Power**

**8. PRESENTATION ON NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE'S SOIL MAPS AND ECOLOGICAL SITE DESCRIPTIONS \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\* Chris Savastio, NRCS**

**9. OPTIONS TO REDUCE RAVEN DEPREDATION IN THE WESTERN STATES - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\* Michelle McDowell, USFWS**

**10. UPDATE ON ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE'S OPERATIONAL RAVEN DAMAGE MANAGEMENT IN NEVADA - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\* Mark Ono, APHIS**

**11. DISCUSSION ON THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL'S STANCE ON SAGEBRUSH FOCAL AREAS - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\* SETT Staff**

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

- A. CCS Projects Update
- B. PMU Discussion

**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.

**14. FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES AND COMMENTS – FOR DISCUSSION:**

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

## 15. STATE AGENCY UPDATES AND COMMENTS – FOR DISCUSSION:

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

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## 17. 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 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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