



STATE OF NEVADA
STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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Friday March 27, 2015, beginning at 1:00 p.m.
Natural Resources Conservation Service
1365 Corporate Boulevard,
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Notice is hereby given that the Nevada State Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on March 27, 2015 at the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 1365 Corporate Boulevard, Reno, Nevada. The meeting will also be available by telephone conference and the NRCS video conference system at all Nevada NRCS offices. Please call **(888) 808-6929**, and then enter code **3499573** to participate by telephone only.

NOTICE: Items on this agenda may be taken in a different order than listed. Items may be combined for consideration by the Commission. Items may be removed from the agenda at any time.

It is anticipated that at approximately 2:00 p.m. the Commission will recess the meeting for a discussion with Mr. Astor Boozer, Regional Conservationist with NRCS. The teleconference and video conference connections will be maintained during this time period. After Mr. Boozer concludes his remarks and discussion, the Commission will reconvene their meeting and continue with the agenda.

I. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A. Introductions

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment may be made on any issue and any discussion of those items; provided that comment will be limited to areas relevant to and within the authority of the Conservation Commission. Public comments may be limited to 3-5 minutes per person at the discretion of the Chair. **No action will be taken on any items raised in the public comment period that are already not on the agenda.** At the discretion of the Chair, public comment may be received prior to action on individual agenda items.

III. BRIEF UPDATE ON CONSERVATION DISTRICTS PROGRAM - *NOT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Tim Rubald, program manager, will provide the Commission with a brief update on Program activities and status on staff.

IV. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF REQUEST BY THE LANDER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR A REVISION OF THE GRANT RECEIVED JUNE 2014. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. The Lander Conservation District has requested some revisions to the application that was approved by the Commission at their meeting on June 25, 2014. There were some specific conditions placed on the grant at the time of approval, and these, along with the request to make some changes in the project, will be considered.

V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF DRAFT REGULATIONS FOR THE ANTICIPATED CHANGE FROM EQUAL DISTRIBUTION TO A COMPETITIVE GRANT PROCESS FOR SAGE GROUSE HABITAT GRANTS TO DISTRICTS. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. While anticipating the passage and signing of SB 45, the Commission will work on developing requirements and judgment parameters including a scoring system for applications of funding for the Competitive Grant Fund. This development of draft language is for the future promulgation of regulations pertaining to the Competitive Grant Fund. No applications will be accepted, or additional funds released prior to appropriate regulations becoming official.

VI. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE SESSION - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Discussion and review of SB 45, a bill that essentially puts the “competitive” nature into the Commission’s Competitive Grant Program. This was inadvertently left out during the 2013 legislative session.

B. Discussion and review of SB 65, a bill assigned to Senate Government Affairs which provides for the “Modification and clarification of Nevada water law, including adjudications.” This bill was drafted and submitted by the DCNR Division of Water Resources. The bill is still undergoing changes and has been substantially amended to this point.

C. Discussion and review of SB 81, a bill assigned to Senate Government Affairs which “Revises provisions relating to the management and appropriation of water and further defines management areas.” This bill was drafted and submitted by the DCNR Division of Water Resources. The bill is still undergoing changes and has been substantially amended to this point.

D. Possible discussion and review of other Bills appropriate to and possibly affecting the State Conservation Commission or the state’s Conservation Districts.

VII. COMMISSIONER ITEMS - *NOT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Comments and Reports

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING - * FOR POSSIBLE ACTION *

- B. Agenda items for future consideration.
- C. Date, time and location of next meeting.

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IX. ADJOURNMENT - * FOR POSSIBLE ACTION *

Notice of this meeting was posted in the following location:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701

NRCS Office 1200 Winnemucca Blvd East, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445

NRCS Office 555 West Silver Street, Suite 101, Elko, Nevada 89801

Nevada Department of Agriculture 4780 E Idaho St Elko, Nevada 89801

Notice of this meeting was emailed for posting to the following locations:

NRCS State Office, 1365 Corporate Blvd, Reno, NV 89502

Notice of this meeting was also posted on the Internet website at:

<http://dcnr.nv.gov/conservation-district-program/conservation-commission>

And the Nevada Public Notice website <http://notice.nv.gov/>

Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify our office by writing to the Conservation Districts Program, 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 1003, Carson City, NV 89701 or by email at timrubald@dcnr.nv.gov or calling (775) 684-2700 no later than two(2) working days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Please contact Tim Rubald at 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 1003, Carson City, NV 89701; or E-mail timrubald@dcnr.nv.gov; or phone 775-684-2717 to obtain supporting material for the agenda.