



STATE OF NEVADA
STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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Wednesday, March 29, 2017, beginning at 11:00 a.m.
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Bryan Building, 2nd Floor, Tahoe Room
901 S Stewart Street,
Carson City, Nevada

Notice is hereby given that the Nevada State Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on March 29, 2017, 11:00 a.m., at the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bryan Building, 901 S Stewart Street, 2nd Floor, Tahoe Room, Carson City, Nevada. This meeting will also be available telephonically by calling 888-363-4734, and then enter code 6201512 to participate.

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.

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 not already on the agenda. At the discretion of the Chair, public comment may be received prior to action on individual agenda items.

III. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of minutes from November 14, 2016 meeting.

IV. BRIEF UPDATE ON CONSERVATION DISTRICTS PROGRAM - *FOR DISCUSSION ONLY*

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

V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEVADA CONSERVATION RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE (NCRMI), ORIGINALLY STARTED AS THE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE'S (NRCS) RESOURCE CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (RCPP) APPLICATION SUBMISSION - * FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. The Commission will discuss NCRMI and provide direction to staff on how they would like to proceed with implementation.

VI. REVIEW, RANKING AND DETERMINATION OF FUNDING OF APPLICATIONS FROM CONSERVATION DISTRICTS FOR THE SAGE-GROUSE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. The Commission's staff has received applications from various Districts for grant funding of projects providing improvement for sage-grouse or their habitat. Staff has conducted an initial screening of applications, had those projects reviewed and approved by the Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team (SETT) as being beneficial to sage-grouse or their habitat, and ranked those projects for the Commission's review and discussion. The Commission will review, possibly rank, and then grant funds to the projects they would like to see implemented.

B. The Commission may authorize funding be released in specific amounts, to particular Conservation Districts, for applications they choose to fund.

C. The Commission will consider authorizing Tim Rubald, serving as their Secretary, to negotiate with each funded Conservation District any funding issues, project monitor reporting, and any changes the Commission stipulates in a specific Funding Agreement, and to sign the agreement with successful Districts on the Commission's behalf.

VII. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE HUMBOLDT RIVER BASIN NETWORK'S REQUEST FOR THE COMMISSION TO BECOME THE LEAD ENTITY FOR FUTURE WORK AS YET TO BE DETERMINED, IN THE HUMBOLDT RIVER BASIN - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Discussion and consideration of the State Conservation Commission becoming the lead agency for the Humboldt River Basin Network.

VIII. AGENCY UPDATES - *FOR DISCUSSION ONLY*

A. Nevada Department of Agriculture – *Meghan Brown, Plant Industry Division*

B. UNR-College of Agriculture Biotechnology and Natural Resources – *Dr. Sherm Swanson, Range and Riparian Extension State Specialist for University of Nevada Cooperative Extension and Scientist for Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station.*

C. Natural Resources Conservation Service – *Ray Dotson, State Conservationist*

- D. Nevada Department of Wildlife – *Connie Lee, Landowner Incentive Programs*
- E. Nevada Association of Conservation Districts – *Maggie Orr, President*
- F. Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team – *Kelly McGowan, Program Manager*
- G. Others - Participating agencies and partners may report items of importance or urgency as necessary at this time.

IX. COMMISSIONER ITEMS - *FOR DISCUSSION ONLY*

A. Commissioners will provide comments and any reports they would like to provide the Commission.

X. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING - * FOR POSSIBLE ACTION *

- A. Agenda items for future consideration.
- B. Date, time and location of next meeting.
 - 1. To be determined.

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XII. ADJOURNMENT - * FOR POSSIBLE ACTION *

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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
Nevada Department of Agriculture 405 S 21st St Sparks, Nevada 89431

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

NRCS State Office, 1365 Corporate Blvd, Reno, Nevada 89502
Las Vegas Springs Preserve, 333 S Valley View Blvd, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

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

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

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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.