



STATE OF NEVADA  
**STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
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Monday, November 2, 2015, beginning at 5:30 p.m.  
Bristlecone Convention Center  
150 6<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Ely, Nevada

Notice is hereby given that the Nevada State Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on November 2, 2015 at the Bristlecone Convention Center, 150 Sixth Street, Ely, Nevada. This meeting will also be available telephonically by calling 888-808-6929, and then enter code 3499573 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 September 17, 2015 meeting.

B. Approval of minutes from October 5, 2015 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 and status of staff.

**V. DISCUSSION, REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF THE COMMISSION'S STRATEGIC PLAN - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\***

A. The Commission met in a workshop format January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> this year and worked on developing a strategic plan. Staff has drafted the results of that workshop into a document which the Commission will discuss. The Commission may update or modify the draft document, and may vote to adopt it for future use.

**VI. DISCUSSION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO NAC 555 BY THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\***

A. The Commission will discuss the change to regulations currently being proposed by the Nevada Department of Agriculture and receive an update on the process and any changes to the proposed regulations since the Commission's October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Commission may make recommendations for the Department to consider.

**VII. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED REGULATION R113-15; WHICH WILL POSSIBLY BE PROPOSED FOR ADOPTION BY THE COMMISSION AT A LATER DATE - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\***

A. The Commission will review changes made by the Legislative Counsel Bureau to R113-15; the proposed regulations for the Competitive Grant Program. The Commission may choose to modify the regulation further and direct staff regarding next steps in the promulgation process.

**VIII. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING EFFORTS TOWARD BETTER COLLABORATION WITH THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE'S (NDOW) PARTNERS FOR CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (NPCD) PROGRAM - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\***

A. Discussion and possible development of questions for a future presentation, providing support and encouragement of a better partnership with NPCD to develop local leadership on current NPDC projects and any projects considered by them in the future.

**IX. AGENCY UPDATES - \*FOR DISCUSSION ONLY\***

- A. Nevada Department of Agriculture – *Robert Little, 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. Farm Services Administration – *Clint Koble, State Executive Director*
- E. Nevada Department of Wildlife – *Connie Lee, Private Lands Coordinator*
- F. Nevada Association of Conservation Districts – *Jake Tibbitts, President*

**G.** Others - Participating agencies and partners may report items of importance or urgency as necessary at this time.

**X. COMMISSIONER ITEMS - \*FOR DISCUSSION ONLY\***

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

**XI. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING - \* FOR POSSIBLE ACTION \***

**A.** Agenda items for future consideration.

**B.** Date, time and location of next meeting.

1. Staff would like to have a Commission meeting for a public hearing and possible adoption of proposed Regulation R113-15 as soon as required 30 day notice has expired.

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**XIII. ADJOURNMENT - \* FOR POSSIBLE ACTION \***

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Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701  
NRCS Office 744 E North Industrial Way Ely, Nevada 89315  
NRCS Office 555 West Silver Street, Suite 101, Elko, Nevada 89801  
Nevada Department of Agriculture 4780 E Idaho St Elko, Nevada 89801  
Bristlecone Convention Center 150 6<sup>th</sup> St Ely, Nevada 89315

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NRCS State Office, 1365 Corporate Blvd, Reno, NV 89502  
Nevada Department of Agriculture 405 S 21<sup>st</sup> St Sparks, Nevada 89431

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