



STATE OF NEVADA  
**STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
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**Tuesday, December 15, 2015, beginning at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**  
**Water Hearing Room, Second Floor**  
**901 South Stewart Street,**  
**Carson City, Nevada**

Notice is hereby given that the Nevada State Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on December 15, 2015 at the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 901 South Stewart Street, Water Hearing Room – Second Floor, in Carson City, 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 November 2, 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. PRESENTATION BY MR. LEE TURNER, NDOW, REGARDING THE “PARTNERS FOR CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM” (PCD). DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMISSION ON HOW THE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS CAN BECOME MORE INVOLVED WITH THE PCD, AND DEVELOP A MORE COLLABORATIVE PROCESS BETWEEN PCD, THE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, THE COMMISSION, THE NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS (NvACD), AND THE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS PROGRAM. - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\***

A. The Commission will discuss with Mr. Turner methods for the Conservation Districts to become better partners for his Program in a collaborative way. The Commission may take action regarding the various issues developed from this conversation.

**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 (LCB R093-15) and possibly receive an update on the process and any changes to the proposed regulations since the Commission’s November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The Commission may make recommendations for the Department of Agriculture to consider.

**VII. DISCUSSION OF NRCS LETTER REGARDING REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (RCPP) GRANT SUBMISSION - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\***

A. The Commission will discuss the above referenced letter and determine if any further action is necessary at this time.

**VIII. DISCUSSION, POSSIBLE CHANGES, APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN AND SEND A LETTER TO BLM REGARDING WILD HORSE BROCHURES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\***

A. At a previous meeting the Commission directed staff to draft a letter to the State Director of BLM regarding some of the current tourism related brochures regarding Wild Horses and Burros being distributed in District and Field BLM Offices. Staff has drafted a letter that will be discussed, possibly edited and considered for submission by the Commission.

**IX. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE NvACD TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS (NACD) REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION OF PINYON-JUNIPER WOODLANDS - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\***

A. At their recent Annual Meeting, the NvACD approved a resolution entitled “Expansion and Overstocked-established Woodland Management and Economic Utilization.” The Association has submitted adopted resolution to the Commission and asked for their support, approval, and endorsement. The Commission will discuss and consider the resolution for action, endorsement and submission to the NACD.

**X. RECESS FOR ATTENDANCE AT REGULATION PUBLIC HEARING - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\***

**At 1:00pm the State Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing to receive input on proposed language changes to the Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 548, as follows:**

A. **LCB File No. R113-15** will provide changes and standards for the Conservation Districts, effectively creating a Competitive Sage-grouse Habitat Grant Program, prescribing qualifications and eligibility processes.

**XI. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\***

**XII. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF PERMANENT REGULATIONS AND CHANGES TO NAC CHAPTER 548 - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\***

A. **LCB File No. R113-15**, provides that those Conservation Districts in good standing, and meeting other requirements, have a competitive process to qualify for monies from the Competitive Sage-grouse Habitat Grant Fund, and describing a duty to account for grant funds to the Commission, and other related matters.

**XIII. 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.

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

- A. Sagebrush Ecosystem Program – *Kacey KC, Program Manager*
- B. Nevada Department of Agriculture – *Robert Little, Plant Industry Division*
- C. 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.*
- D. Natural Resources Conservation Service – *Ray Dotson, State Conservationist*
- E. Farm Services Administration – *Clint Koble, State Executive Director*
- F. Nevada Department of Wildlife – *Connie Lee, Landowner Incentive Programs*
- G. Nevada Association of Conservation Districts – *Jake Tibbitts, President*
- H. Others - Participating agencies and partners may report items of importance or urgency as necessary at this time.

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

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

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

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

**XVII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**XVIII. 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 21<sup>st</sup> St Sparks, Nevada 89431

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

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

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