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MINUTES
STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Wednesday, October 2, 2013, 4:30 p.m.
Director's Office Conference Room, 1st Floor, Richard H. Bryan Building
901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701

The Nevada State Conservation Commission held a public telephonic meeting on October 2, 2013, in the Director's Office Conference Room, 1st Floor, at the Richard H. Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV, 89701. The State Conservation Commission considered and acted on the following items on October 2, 2013.

Board Members Present by Phone: Chairman Joe Sicking, Paradise/Sonoma CD, Eric Rieman, Carson Valley CD, Maggie Orr, Lincoln County CD, and Dr. Sherm Swanson, CABNR-NAES. Board Members Absent: Leland Wallace, Esmeralda County CD, Vance Vesco, Big Meadow CD, Kathy Mort, Stillwater CD, and Ed Foster NV Dept. of Agriculture. The Southern Nevada CD position is vacant at this time.

Others Present: Joe Locurto, Conservation Districts Program Coordinator, Sandy Quilici, DCNR Director's Office, and by phone Rebecca Elkins, Tonopah Conservation District, and Kevin Benson, Senior Deputy Attorney General.

I. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Chairman Sicking called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. A quorum was established with members: Chairman Joe Sicking, Commissioner Eric Rieman, Commissioner Maggie Orr, and Commissioner Dr. Sherm Swanson.

Approval of the agenda ***ACTION TAKEN*** Commissioner Rieman made a motion to approve the agenda, Commissioner Orr seconded the motion. There was a vote and the agenda was approved unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT There was no public comment.

III. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT REGULATIONS - *ACTION*****

A. Chairman Sicking asked for comments regarding the draft regulations for the Sage Grouse Habitat Competitive Grant Fund. Commissioner Orr said in c. 1 a. and b. on the second page: item a. says "one" main project and item b. says "multiple" projects which is conflicting. She suggested dropping item a. and in item b. changing "by a single" Conservation District to "from any eligible" Conservation District. Commissioner Swanson suggested in item b. after "to be ranked" add "by the submitting districts". Chairman Sicking asked for a motion to make the changes; Commissioner Orr made the first motion, Commissioner Swanson seconded the motion. There was a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Commissioner Swanson said in c. 2 on the second page a "form" is mentioned and will need to be developed and it also mentions a "form" in f. 3. Deputy A.G. Kevin Benson said the form can require basic information such as name, address, project information etc. Chairman Sicking and Commissioner Swanson asked if Joe Locurto could draft a preliminary form before the next meeting. Joe said he would draft an application form and a

reporting form. Commissioner Orr asked if Joe would email the draft forms to the members before the next meeting and Joe said he will.

- C. Commissioner Swanson pointed out a spelling error on the second page under f. 1.; the word “grand” was used instead of grant. Joe Locurto will make the change.
- D. Commissioner Orr said on the second page under d. 1. where it says “undergone technical review” she would like to add “by the Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team”. Commissioner Orr made a motion to make the change, Chairman Sicking made the second, there was a vote and the motion passed unanimously.
- E. Chairman Sicking said on the second page under d. 1. where it says “or for project equipment” he would like that removed because a district could use all their money on one piece of equipment. Commissioner Orr made the motion to remove, Commissioner Swanson made the second, there was a vote and the motion passed unanimously.
- F. Commissioner Swanson suggested adding how much of the funds would be used for administrative (bookkeeping, etc.) costs. Chairman Sicking said usually it is no more than 15%. Commissioner Orr said if 15% has been successful to use it here. Chairman Sicking asked for a motion to add “administrative costs not to exceed 15%”. Commissioner Swanson made the motion, Commissioner Orr made the second, there was a vote and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Locurto recommended inserting the addition on the second page under e. as number 4. It will say “Grant administrative costs by the Conservation Districts shall not exceed 15%.” DAG Kevin Benson said you may consider if you have similar projects and one has a lower administrative cost it might get ranked higher. The commissioners agreed. There were no further comments. ***ACTION TAKEN***

IV. COMMISSIONER ITEMS - *NOT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* There were none.

V. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING - *NOT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

Chairman Sicking said there is a meeting scheduled for November 4th at 4:00 p.m. at the Red Lion Hotel and Casino in Elko. Mr. Locurto said historically there has been a meeting after the State Association Meeting to discuss any resolutions that may have come up. He would like to schedule that meeting at the conclusion of the State Association Meeting on November 6th at approximately 2:00 p.m. The commissioners agreed.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT There was no public comment.

VII. ADJOURNMENT Commissioner Swanson made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Rieman made the second, there was a vote and the meeting was adjourned.