



STATE OF NEVADA
STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Tahoe Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
901 South Stewart Street
Carson City, Nevada

Notice is hereby given that the Nevada State Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on January 15, 2014 at the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 901 South Stewart Street, Tahoe Hearing Room, 2nd Floor in Carson City, NV.

There will be a telephonic connection available for this meeting. Please call (877) 322-9654, then enter code 397537 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
- B. Introduce Anita Lahey, new Conservation Specialist

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

- A. Approval of Minutes from November 4, 2013 Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes from November 6, 2013 Meeting

IV. REPORTS TO THE COMMISSION - *NOT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

- A. Program Update and General Correspondence – *Joe Locurto*

V. AGENCY UPDATES - *NOT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

- A. Nevada Department of Agriculture – *Ed Foster, Regional Manager/Plant Industry Div.*
- 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 – *Bruce Petersen, State Conservationist*

- D. Farm Services Administration – *Clint Koble, State Executive Director*
- E. Nevada Department of Wildlife – *Connie Lee, Farm Bill Coordinator*
- F. Nevada Association of Conservation Districts – *Jake Tibbitts, President*
- G. Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Program – *Tim Rubald, Program Manager*
- H. Others - Participating agencies and partners may report items of importance or urgency as necessary at this time.

VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DETERMINATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS FOUND NOT 'IN GOOD STANDING' STATUS FOR 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

Discussion and possible determination of those Districts found not “in Good Standing” during the November 4, 2013 meeting. This is a determination of whether the following districts meet the criteria of the Commission, making them eligible for funding for the 2013-14 fiscal year, and direction to staff regarding release of funds.

- a) Quinn River Conservation District
- b) Vya Conservation District
- c) Washoe-Storey Conservation District
- d) Ruby Valley Conservation District

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

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. R139-13 will provide minimum standards for the Conservation Districts related to the Sage Grouse Habitat Competitive Grant Fund, prescribing application processes and eligibility.

VIII. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

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

- A. LCB File No. R139-13, provides that those Conservation Districts in good standing, and meeting other eligibility requirements, have a process to apply for monies from the Sage Grouse Habitat Competitive Grant Fund, providing for the development of an application, meeting required conditions, and describing a duty to account for grant funds to the Commission, and other related matters.

X. COMMISSIONER ITEMS - *NOT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

- A. Comments and Reports

XI. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING - * FOR POSSIBLE ACTION *

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

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Notice of this meeting was posted in the following location:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701
Conservation Districts Program Office, 201 S. Roop Street, Suite 101, Carson City, NV 89701
NRCS Office 1200 Winnemucca Blvd East, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445
NRCS Office 555 West Silver Street, Suite 101, 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://dcur.nv.gov/conservation-district-program/conservation-commission>

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, 201 S. Roop Street, Suite 101, Carson City, NV 89701 or by email at jlocurto@dcur.nv.gov or calling (775) 684-8600 no later than two(2) working days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Please contact Joe Locurto at 201 S. Roop Street, Suite 101, Carson City, NV 89701; or E-mail jlocurto@dcur.nv.gov; or phone 775-684-8600 to obtain supporting material for the agenda.