



STATE OF NEVADA
STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
2nd Floor "Water Hearing Room"
901 South Stewart Street,
Carson City, Nevada

Notice is hereby given that the Nevada State Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on October 7, 2014 at the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 901 South Stewart Street, 2nd Floor Water Hearing Room, in Carson City, Nevada, and by teleconference. Please call (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 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 May 16, 2014 meeting.

B. Approval of minutes from June 25, 2014 meeting.

IV. BRIEF UPDATE ON CONSERVATION DISTRICTS PROGRAM - *NOT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Tim Rubald, program manager, will provide the Commission with a brief update on Program activities and status of staff situations.

V. REVIEW OF CONSERVATION DISTRICT REPORTS - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Review and consideration of all Conservation Districts' Proposed Budgets, Annual Work Plans, Final Financial Reports, and Annual Reports pursuant to NAC 548.110.

1. Comments on District Reports

B. Review and consideration of tracking logs for all Conservation Districts' Submissions of Minutes and Agendas pursuant to NRS 548.330 and NAC 548.110.

1. Comments on tracking logs for District Minutes and Agendas

VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DETERMINATION OF DISTRICTS' 'IN GOOD STANDING' STATUS FOR 2013-2014 FUNDING PURPOSES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Discussion and possible determination of those Districts that meet the criteria to be eligible for funding from the Commission for FY 2014-15.

NOTE: Some Districts may still qualify subsequent to this determination.

VII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSED LETTER TO BLM AND USFS REGARDING ACTION ON MEDUSAHEAD - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding draft letter about federal action on lands managed by BLM and USFS and control of Medusahead.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DRAFT OFFICIAL COMMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGARDING THEIR PROPOSED RULE – Definition of “Waters of the United States” Under the Clean Water Act - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. The Commission will discuss the issues surrounding the proposed Rule, and consider changes to draft comments prepared by staff, and possible submission of comments on the Rule.

IX. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REVIEW OF THE CURRENT COMMISSION STRATEGIC PLAN - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Discussion and possible workshop actively reviewing the Commission's strategic plan. Goals and objectives, strategies, and a review of the Commissioner's comments from their Districts per the review passed at the May 16th meeting.

X. AGENCY UPDATES - *NOT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Nevada Department of Agriculture – *Robert Little, Noxious Weeds Coordinator*

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, Landowner Incentive Programs*
- F. Nevada Association of Conservation Districts – *Jake Tibbitts, President*
- G. Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Program – *TBD, Program Manager*
- H. Others - Participating agencies and partners may report items of importance or urgency as necessary at this time.

XI. COMMISSIONER ITEMS - *NOT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

- A. Comments and Reports

XII. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING - * FOR POSSIBLE ACTION *

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

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XIV. 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

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

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

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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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