



STATE OF NEVADA
STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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Thursday, January 22, 2015, and Friday January 23, 2015, beginning at 9:00 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 two day public meeting on January 22 and 23, 2015 at the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 901 South Stewart Street, 2nd Floor Water Hearing Room, in Carson City, Nevada.

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 October 7, 2014 meeting.

B. Approval of minutes from November 11, 2014 meeting.

C. Approval of minutes from November 13, 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. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF, AS WELL AS AUTHORIZING COMMISSIONERS TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION AT VARIOUS PUBLIC MEETINGS, REGARDING ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE WILD HORSE AND BURRO ACT (WHBA) AND SITUATIONS ENCOMPASSING THE CURRENT MANAGEMENT OF WHBA BY BLM AND US FOREST SERVICE - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Discussion and possible determination of talking points and the Commission's policy position regarding this issue. If policy is adopted by the Commission, then consideration of authorizing all Commissioners to speak on behalf of the Commission, as long as the policy adopted is what will be conveyed at any public meeting.

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

A. In a workshop format with facilitation, a comprehensive review of the Commission's five year strategic plan. Goals, objectives, strategies, and other aspects of a well written strategic plan, will be reviewed and possibly re-written and adopted.

VII. AGENCY UPDATES - *NOT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Nevada Department of Agriculture – *Tina Mudd, Rangeland Ecology*

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 – *Kacey KC, Program Manager*

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

VIII. COMMISSIONER ITEMS - *NOT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Comments and Reports

IX. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING - * FOR POSSIBLE ACTION *

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

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XI. ADJOURNMENT - * FOR POSSIBLE ACTION *

Notice of this meeting was posted in the following location:

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

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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Please contact Tim Rubald at 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 1003, Carson City, NV 89701; or E-mail timrubald@dcnr.nv.gov; or phone 775-684-2717 to obtain supporting material for the agenda.