



STATE OF NEVADA  
**STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
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Thursday, September 17, 2015, beginning at 10:00 a.m.  
Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
5th Floor "Ponderosa Room"  
901 South Stewart Street,  
Carson City, Nevada

Notice is hereby given that the Nevada State Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on September 17, 2015 at the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 901 South Stewart Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Ponderosa Room, 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
- B. Welcome newly appointed and re-appointed Commissioners.

**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 June 8, 2015 meeting.
- B. Approval of minutes from June 9, 2015 meeting.
- C. Approval of minutes from June 15, 2015 meeting.
- D. Approval of minutes from June 25, 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 situations.

**V. ELECTION OF A NEW CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR THE COMMISSION - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\***

A. The Commission will select a Chair and Vice-chair for the current fiscal year.

**VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DETERMINATION OF DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING A RESPONSE TO THE BLM REGARDING WILD HORSE BROCHURES - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\***

A. The Commission will review a letter drafted by Commissioner Orr regarding existing wild horse and burro brochures and determine changes and whether or not to submit the letter to the BLM or others on behalf of the Commission.

**VII. LETTER COMMEMORATING KEVIN BENSON'S SERVICE AS THE COMMISSION'S DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\***

A. The Commission will review a letter drafted by staff and possibly make changes and approve the letter thanking Mr. Benson for his service to the Commission.

**VIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ALLOWING A BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN THE VYA CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE WASHOE-STOREY CONSERVATION DISTRICT - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\***

A. The Commission will review documents from both of the affected Districts and either approve or deny their petitions for a boundary change. If this change is adopted, new legal descriptions for both Districts will be documented reflecting the change, and filed as appropriate.

**IX. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PREVIOUS RESOURCE CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (RCPP) GRANT APPLICATION AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS NRCS PROGRAM - \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\***

A. The Commission will discuss the recent action by NRCS on the RCPP application and possible work with this program in the future.

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

A. Nevada Department of Agriculture – *Robert Little, Plant Industry Division*

- 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 – *Ray Dotson, 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. Others - Participating agencies and partners may report items of importance or urgency as necessary at this time.

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

- 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.
  - 1. The SCC traditionally meets shortly after the final fiscal and annual reports are received on September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. The review and determination of good standing then facilitates the release of the annual stipend grant to the Districts. Staff would recommend meeting sometime the week of October 5<sup>th</sup>.

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**XIV. 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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*Suite 1003, Carson City, NV 89701 or by email at [timrubald@dcnr.nv.gov](mailto:timrubald@dcnr.nv.gov) or calling (775) 684-2700 no later than two(2) working days prior to the scheduled meeting.*

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