



STATE OF NEVADA
STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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Thursday, February 4, 2016, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Nevada Department of Agriculture
Conference Room
405 S 21st Street,
Sparks, Nevada

Notice is hereby given that the Nevada State Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on February 4, 2016 at the Nevada Department of Agriculture, 405 S 21st Street, in Sparks, 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

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 December 15, 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.

V. DISCUSSION, REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF THE COMMISSION'S STRATEGIC PLAN - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. The Commission met in a workshop format January 22nd and 23rd this year and worked on developing a strategic plan. Staff has drafted the results of that workshop into a document which the Commission will discuss. The Commission may update or modify the draft document, and may vote to adopt it for future use.

VI. DISCUSSION, DEVELOPMENT AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF THE 'ACTION PLAN' FOR THE COMMISSION'S STRATEGIC PLAN - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. The Commission will develop the Action Plan for the Strategic Plan and possibly adopt it for implementation.

VII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RESPONSE TO BLM LETTER ON WILD HORSE BROCHURE ISSUE - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. The Commission previously sent a letter to the State Director of the BLM complaining about a widely distributed brochure on Wild Horses and Burros. The Director responded in a letter dated January 21, 2016. The Commission will review the letter and determine if they want to pursue some further action.

VIII. AGENCY UPDATES - *FOR DISCUSSION ONLY*

- A. Sagebrush Ecosystem Program – *Kacey KC, Program Manager*
- B. Nevada Department of Agriculture – *Robert Little, Plant Industry Division*
- C. 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.*
- D. Natural Resources Conservation Service – *Ray Dotson, State Conservationist*
- E. Farm Services Administration – *Clint Koble, State Executive Director*
- F. Nevada Department of Wildlife – *Connie Lee, Landowner Incentive Programs*
- G. Nevada Association of Conservation Districts – *Jake Tibbitts, President*
- H. Others - Participating agencies and partners may report items of importance or urgency as necessary at this time.

IX. COMMISSIONER ITEMS - *FOR DISCUSSION ONLY*

A. Commissioners will provide comments and any reports they would like to provide the Commission.

X. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING - * FOR POSSIBLE ACTION *

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

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XII. ADJOURNMENT - * FOR POSSIBLE ACTION *

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Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701
NRCS Office 3275 Fountain Way, 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
Nevada Department of Agriculture 405 S 21st St Sparks, Nevada 89431

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

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<http://dcur.nv.gov/conservation-district-program/conservation-commission>

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