

The Nevada Drought Forum will conduct a public meeting on **THURSDAY**, **JUNE 11**, **2015**, beginning at **9 a.m.** at the Nevada State Capitol, 101 North Carson Street, Guinn Room - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Carson City, NV, and video conferenced to Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Ave, Suite 5100, Las Vegas, NV. The public is invited to attend at either location.

## NOTICE

(1) Items may be taken out of order; (2) Two or more items may be combined; (3) Items may be removed from the agenda or delayed at any time; (4) Public comment may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the Chair; comments will not be restricted based on viewpoint; (5) Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically handicapped persons desiring to attend the meeting. Please call (775) 684-5670 in advance so that arrangements for attendance may be made.

# AGENDA

Action may be taken only on those items denoted "For possible action."

- 1. Call to Order & Roll Call For possible action
- 2. Public Comment Discussion

Public comment will be taken at the beginning and end of the meeting, and may be taken at the discretion of the Chair on agenda items listed for possible action. Public comments may be limited to 3 minutes per person at the discretion of the Forum. Comment will not be restricted based on viewpoint. No action will be taken on any matters raised during the public comment period that are not already on the agenda. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record.

- 3. Election of Chair & Vice Chair For possible action
- 4. Review & Consideration of Approval of Agenda For possible action
- 5. Drought Forum Member Introductions Discussion Members of the Forum will provide brief professional introductions and provide information regarding the organization(s) that they represent.

## 6. Current Drought Status & Forecast – For possible action

Dr. Douglas Boyle, Nevada State Climatologist, will provide an update on the most recent drought statistics and forecast; John Entsminger, General Manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority and the Las Vegas Valley Water District will provide an update on drought information related to the Colorado River Basin, Lake Mead and Southern Nevada. Jason King, State Engineer of the Nevada Division of Water Resources will provide information related to the most current groundwater, surface water and other drought related statistics across Nevada.

## 7. Review of Executive Order 2015-03 – For possible action

The Forum will review the mandates, requests and responsibilities set forth in Governor Sandoval's Executive Order 2015-03, "Order Establishing the Nevada Drought Forum." The Forum may take action to assign Forum members or staff with responsibility for deliverables identified in the Executive Order.

## 8. Overview of Nevada Drought Summit – For possible action

The Forum will discuss the format, objectives, potential topics of discussion, next steps and other possible matters related to planning and carrying out the Nevada Drought Summit that will take place in September 2015.

#### 9. Overview of Interim Sector Meetings - For possible action

The Forum will discuss and possibly schedule sector-specific meetings of the Drought Forum that are intended to be held in advance of the September 2015 Nevada Drought Summit.

#### 10. Review of Action Items, Future Meetings & Agenda Items – For possible action The Forum will review items discussed, as well as items acted upon during this meeting, and determine which of those they wish to direct staff to do further work on, as well as which items the Forum wishes to act on that may not have been acted upon during earlier discussion. The Forum may also schedule future meetings at this time.

#### 11. Public Comment - Discussion

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## 12. Adjournment – For action

This notice and agenda has been posted on or before 9 a.m. on the third working day before the meeting at the following locations:

- (1) Nevada State Capitol, 101 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada
- (2) Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada
- (3) Grant Sawyer Building, 2501 Washington Street, Las Vegas, Nevada
- (4) Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada
- (5) Department of Agriculture, 405 South 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Sparks, Nevada
- (6) Department of Wildlife, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada

Notice of this meeting was also posted on the Nevada Drought Forum website at <u>http://drought.nv.gov</u>.

Please contact Cory Hunt at 101 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701, email drought@drought.nv.gov, or phone 775-684-5670 to obtain support material for the agenda. Materials will also be posted at http://drought.nv.gov.