

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Name of Organization: Legislative Committee on Public Lands
(*Nevada Revised Statutes* 218.5363)

Date and Time of Meeting: Monday, July 14, 2008
9 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Eureka Opera House
Grand Hall
31 South Main Street
Eureka, Nevada

Note: Minutes of this meeting will be produced in summary format. Please provide the secretary with electronic or written copies of testimony and visual presentations if you wish to have complete versions included as exhibits with the minutes.

A G E N D A

Note: Items on this agenda may be taken in a different order than listed.

*Denotes items on which the Committee may take action.

- I. Opening Remarks and Introductions
- *II. Approval of the “Summary Minutes and Action Report” of the Meeting Held on June 6, 2008, in Elko, Nevada
- *III. Update of Public Lands, Natural Resources, and Related Planning Activities Under Consideration by Eureka County
 - Lenny Fiorenzi, Member, Board of County Commissioners, Eureka County
 - Jacob Tibbits, Natural Resources Manager, Eureka County
 - Judy Overton, Assistant to the Natural Resources Manager, Eureka County
- *IV. Update of Public Lands, Natural Resources, and Related Planning Activities Under Consideration by Lander County
 - Gene Etcheverry, Executive Director, Lander County
 - Chuck Chapin, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Lander County
- *V. Overview of Public Lands and Related Natural Resource Issues in White Pine County
 - Brent Eldridge, Chair, Board of County Commissioners, White Pine County
- *VI. Update of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Activities and Planning Efforts in Central Nevada
 - Gerald M. Smith, District Manager, Battle Mountain District Office, BLM, United States Department of the Interior (DOI)
 - Doug Furtado, Field Manager, Mount Lewis Field Office, BLM, DOI
- *VII. Update of U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Activities and Planning Efforts in the Austin and Tonopah Ranger Districts
 - Steve Williams, District Ranger, Austin and Tonopah Ranger Districts, USFS, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- *VIII. Discussion of Recommendations Made by the Central Nevada Water Authority for Possible Consideration by the Legislative Committee on Public Lands
 - Joni Eastley, Chair, Central Nevada Water Authority
 - Steve Bradhurst, Executive Director, Central Nevada Water Authority
- *IX. Discussion of Possible Recommendation to the Legislative Committee on Public Lands Concerning the Interbasin Transfer of Water and Evaporation
 - Nancy Boland, Member, Board of County Commissioners, Esmeralda County

- *X. Overview of the Activities of the Legislative Committee to Oversee the Western Regional Water Commission (Senate Bill 487, Chapter 531, *Statutes of Nevada 2007*)
 Senator Mark E. Amodei, Chairman, Legislative Committee to Oversee the Western Regional Water Commission
- *XI. Review of the Activities, Programs, and Initiatives of the Public Lands Institute, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 Margaret N. “Peg” Rees, Ph.D., Executive Director, Public Lands Institute
- *XII. General Discussion and Overview of Matters Concerning Noxious Weeds in Nevada
 - A. Overview and Status Report of Nevada’s Noxious Weed Program
 Scott Marsh, Noxious Weeds Regulatory Specialist, Plant Industry Division, State Department of Agriculture
 - B. Review of BLM Programs and Activities Pertaining to Noxious Weeds in Nevada
 Mike Vermeys, Weed Management Specialist, Battle Mountain District, BLM, DOI
 - C. Report on the USFS Role in and Support of Noxious Weed Abatement and Control in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
 Brett Glover, Noxious Weed Coordinator, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, USFS, USDA
 - D. Overview of Noxious Weed Control Efforts and Outreach by the Nevada Cooperative Extension Service
 Earl Creech, Weed Specialist, Nevada Cooperative Extension Service, University of Nevada, Reno
 - E. Update on the Activities of the “Tri-County Weed Group” and Weed Eradication and Control Efforts in Eastern and Central Nevada and Discussion of Possible Bill Draft Recommendation Concerning Noxious Weeds
 Betsy Macfarlan, Executive Director, Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition
- *XIII. Update on the Programs and Activities of the Nevada Natural Heritage Program
 Jennifer Newmark, Administrator, Nevada Natural Heritage Program, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- *XIV. Overview of the Activities of Nevada’s Commission on Economic Development (NCED) Rural Economic Development and Rural Community Development Programs
 Michael E. Skaggs, Executive Director, NCED
 Joe Locurto, Director, Rural Economic Development, NCED
- *XV. Discussion Concerning Recent Challenge to the Hubbard Vineyard Allotment Multiple Use Decision
 John C. Carpenter, Nevada State Assemblyman, Assembly District No. 33
 Steve Boies, Boies Ranches, Inc.
 Representative(s), Boies Ranches, Inc.
- *XVI. Solicitation of Recommendations From Members of the Public Regarding Public Lands and Natural Resource Topics and Committee Discussion of Possible Recommendations in Advance of the August 22, 2008, Committee Meeting and Work Session
- *XVII. Possible Work Session on Preceding Agenda Items and Discussion of Future Meeting Dates and Informational Tour Details
- XVIII. Public Comment
- IX. Adjournment

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