

NEVADA LEGISLATURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS

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SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT

The fifth meeting of the Nevada Legislature's Legislative Committee on Public Lands was held on Friday, August 1, 2014, at 9 a.m. in the Main Room of the Bristlecone Convention Center and Visitors Bureau, 150 Sixth Street, Ely, Nevada. A copy of this set of "Summary Minutes and Action Report," including the "Meeting Notice and Agenda" (Exhibit A) and other substantive exhibits, is available on the Nevada Legislature's website at http://www.leg.state.nv.us/interim/77th2013/committee/. In addition, copies of the audio or video record are available through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (e-mail: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775/684-6835).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN ELY:

Assemblyman Paul Aizley, Chair Senator Aaron D. Ford Senator Pete Goicoechea Senator Donald G. Gustavson Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton Assemblyman John C. Ellison Assemblyman Ira Hansen Tom Collins, Clark County Commissioner

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

Senator David R. Parks, Vice Chair

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Jered M. McDonald, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division
J. Randall Stephenson, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division
Natalie J. Pieretti, Senior Research Secretary, Research Division
Chuck Anderson, A/V Technical Assistant, Broadcast and Production Services
Don Glaze, A/V Technical Assistant, Broadcast and Production Services
Kenneth Hewlett, Officer, Legislative Police
James Warne, Officer, Legislative Police

OPENING REMARKS

• Chair Aizley called the fifth meeting of the Legislative Committee on Public Lands to order and provided preliminary comments. He informed the audience public comment would be limited to three minutes for each testifier.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON MARCH 24, 2014, IN WINNEMUCCA, NEVADA AND APRIL 24, 2014, IN TONOPAH, NEVADA

• The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION**:

COMMISSIONER COLLINS MOVED TO APPROVE THE "SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT" OF THE MARCH 24, 2014, MEETING HELD IN WINNEMUCCA, NEVADA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR GUSTAVSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

• The Committee APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE "SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT" OF THE APRIL 24, 2014, MEETING HELD IN TONOPAH NEVADA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR FORD AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

UPDATE FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON NEEDS AND PRIORITIES RELATED TO PUBLIC LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- Laurie Carson, Vice Chair, Board of County Commissioners, White Pine County, provided a brief history and overview of the following activities: (Please see Exhibit B and Exhibit B-1.)
 - Conservation, recreation, and development;
 - Greater Sage-grouse;
 - Groundwater resources;
 - Infrastructure assets;
 - Mining assets;
 - Renewable energy assets;
 - Tourism:
 - Transfer of public lands; and
 - Wild horses and burros.
- Jim Garza, Director, Community and Economic Development, White Pine County, described the growth and utilization of biomass, the development of diesel fuel additive development, and the importance of hydraulic fracturing to the community.

Upon the request of Senator Goicoechea, Mr. Garza updated the Committee on the railroad improvements, noting resources are being sought to provide match money for the grants.

- Commissioner Collins voiced concern over impacts to wilderness areas, the potential endangered species listing of the sage-grouse, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency taking over Nevada's water resources.
- Laurie Carson noted that negative impacts and mitigation efforts would be monumental to White Pine County if the sage-grouse is listed.

In response to Chair Aizley's inquiry how mastication is balanced with the biomass material, Mr. Garza explained biomass comes from the stem of the tree, and through processing, is subsequently mixed with different chemicals, which produces an end product that is burnable as a diesel fuel additive.

Responding to Assemblyman Ellison's request for updates on the airport and grants, Ms. Carson replied due to lack of air traffic, the federal government does not allow commercial flights. She stated a solar plan has been reviewed and other avenues have been pursued in an effort to reopen the airport, noting that gliders from all over the world fly in to the Ely airport.

• Mr. Garza reported the county is seeking self-sufficiency with a 1,800 acre master plan for the airport, as well as utilizing over 1,000 acres for a solar farm, which could generate \$1 million per year in revenues.

In response to Commissioner Collins inquiry regarding funding requirements to complete the railroad, Mr. Garza said the weight of the rail will determine the amount needed to complete the railroad.

There was discussion between Committee members and Ms. Carson regarding the need for commercial air service between rural and urban locations within the State.

PUBLIC COMMENT

• Chair Aizley called for public comment; however, no testimony was presented.

OVERVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NEVADA DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES, NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

(As directed by Chair Aizley, this agenda item was taken out of order.)

• Jason King, P.E., State Engineer, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (SDCNR), reported four out of seven listening sessions have been held by the State Engineer's Office to address public concerns and provide information on water issues in the State including adjudications, cloud seeding, the drought, hydraulic fracturing, inner basin transfers, mining, pit lakes, surface water/groundwater interaction, and water metering.

Mr. King testified the State Engineer's Office is working on groundwater management plans with water right holders in Diamond Valley and Pahrump Valley. He voiced concern with the U.S. Forest Service's (USFS's) proposed directive on groundwater management.

Continuing, he discussed two bill draft requests (BDRs) the State Engineer's Office has submitted for the upcoming 78th Legislative Session.

Responding to Assemblywoman Carlton's question concerning the budget, Mr. King commented the five adjudication positions received during the 2013 Legislative Session have been filled and have benefitted the State Engineer's Office, bringing in \$3.4 million in fees. Assemblywoman Carlton requested information on the current budget be provided to her.

There was discussion between Commissioner Collins and Mr. King on the issue of water diversion.

In response to Assemblyman Ellison's inquiry, Mr. King noted the dates, times, and locations for the remaining listening sessions.

Discussion ensued among members and Mr. King regarding the submission of a completed report in time for the Committee's work session detailing the concerns expressed during the listening sessions.

There was follow-up discussion between Senator Goicoechea and Mr. King regarding the proposed BDRs and over-appropriated water basins.

• Mr. King agreed with Senator Goicoechea's comments pertaining to the need for a General Fund component to the State Engineer's Office in order to protect and manage the State's water resources.

Discussion ensued between Chair Aizley and Mr. King regarding the role of the State Engineer's Office's in connection with hydraulic fracturing, wastewater, and the use of water. Mr. King stated appropriation or change applications for water rights will be processed through the State Engineer's Office.

Responding to Senator Goicoechea's question, Mr. King confirmed vested water rights will be included in his report to the Committee.

REVIEW OF THE FUNDING STRUCTURE FOR FIREFIGHTING EFFORTS ON PUBLIC LANDS IN NEVADA

- Mary Wilde, Incident Business Specialist, Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF), SDCNR, discussed costs involved in fighting wildland fires in Nevada, including cost share agreements with various agencies. (Please see Exhibit C.)
- Chair Aizley asked whether there are standard accounting procedures for adjudicating wildland fires as opposed to negotiating each incident.
- Rex McKnight, Fire Management Officer, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), United States Department of the Interior, answered a standard operating procedure is utilized to determine what may be negotiated; however, each incident is different based upon land ownership.

In response to Commissioner Collins's request regarding consideration for breakdown costs for air and ground support when calculating the cost of a wildland fire, Ms. Wilde replied, depending on where air and ground support come from that costs will differ. She stated an average for air and ground support is used when costs for an incident are estimated.

There was discussion between Assemblywoman Carlton and Ms. Wilde regarding wildland fire costs. Ms. Wilde offered to provide an example of an adjudicated wildland fire. Assemblywoman Carlton expressed concern over the State's responsibility in the event of a public land transfer. She wondered what the State's responsibility is on a wildland fire. Ms. Wilde said wildland fires vary and offered to make available an example that includes a wildland protection plan. There was continuing discussion between Assemblywoman Carlton and Ms. Wilde regarding the shared costs, and how the costs are divided among the responding agencies.

In response to Chair Aizley's inquiry regarding insurance, Ms. Wilde gave the example of the Caughlin Ranch and Washoe Drive wildland fires that destroyed private land and homes. She said fire insurance was involved in the adjudication process.

• Mr. McKnight offered to provide data showing the total costs for wildland fires over the last ten years.

Discussion continued between Assemblywoman Carlton and Mr. McKnight.

• Commissioner Collins asked that information from the time of notification of a wildland fire to the time of response be included along with the data provided to the Committee.

Responding to Senator Goicoechea's request for clarification, Ms. Wilde described incidents that do not go into a unified command, and stated there are incident commanders from various agencies that order necessities through their independent contractors.

There was discussion between Senator Goicoechea and Ms. Wilde over shared costs.

• Rex McKnight, previously identified, provided background information on budgeting through the BLM. He reported that President Obama has proposed to make the fire suppression fund more of a disaster fund.

In response to Assemblywoman Carlton's question, Mr. McKnight clarified this proposal would reclassify wildland fires as a natural disaster, and funding would be similar to that received under the Federal Emergency Management Act of 1979. He testified 70 percent of funding will include suppression funding and 30 percent would be moved into preparedness funding.

Responding to Commission Collins's question on how much of the preparedness is prevention, Mr. McKnight replied it varies by state, but is usually less than 1 percent.

Continuing with his testimony, Mr. McKnight testified the BLM preparedness budget, which is part of the non-suppression piece, is \$159 million. He discussed rehabilitation funding and fuels projects.

In response to Commissioner Collins's question whether grazing is being utilized for the removal of cheatgrass, Mr. McKnight said the BLM has not yet begun that program.

- Mr. McKnight offered to provide data on how many wildland fires have occurred over the last 30 years as requested by Assemblyman Ellison.
- Mr. McKnight stated the sage-grouse is the number one natural resource priority for fire suppression. He said that Nevada has the largest wildland fire management program in the lower 48 states, and that only Alaska's is larger.
- Senator Ford asked for the cumulative amount spent on suppression of wildland fires for the current year, and a breakdown of the expenditures by federal, State, and local governments.
- Mr. McKnight responded the BLM has expended \$8.2 million for suppression for 2014, and offered to provide more information on the breakdown of costs.

Continuing his testimony, Mr. McKnight discussed the BLM's preparedness budget of \$14.1 million in 2013 and \$14.8 million in 2014, with an additional \$1.1 million for sage-

grouse habitat protection. Concluding, he provided an overview of the hazard fuels program.

• Responding to Commissioner Collins's request regarding the budget amount for the last five years for fighting wildland fires, Mr. McKnight said the range is \$26 million to \$38 million yearly statewide.

PRESENTATION ON THE FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE NEVADA LAND MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE

- Demar Dahl, Chair, Nevada Land Management Task Force (NLMTF), discussed the recommendations and proposed joint resolution by the NLMTF. (Please see Exhibit D and Exhibit D-1.)
- Senator Goicoechea asked once the land transfer to the State occurs, does the NLMTF envision these lands to be transferred to the local governments.
- Mr. Dahl affirmed there would be transfers to the local jurisdictions.

Discussion ensued between Assemblywoman Carlton and Mike L. Baughman, Ph.D., CEcD, President, Intertech Services Corporation, concerning the beneficiaries and the 10 percent allocation from the proceeds of the sale of the transferred land.

- Assemblywoman Carlton discussed the funds going to the State General Fund and being subsequently disbursed.
- Senator Ford addressed his concerns regarding earmarks. He asked if consideration had been given to the fact that a transfer will not happen with the current administration in Congress. Senator Ford wondered how much would it cost for the State to purchase the land.
- Mr. Dahl agreed that the transfer would most likely not occur with the current administration. He reported on legislation passed by other states working toward a transfer of public lands.

There was discussion between Senator Ford and Mr. Dahl regarding the number of states that have sought land transfers from Congress.

- Mr. Baughman provided information on holding land in trust.
- Chair Aizley inquired if there was a limitation on how much trust land can be sold, and Mr. Baughman said he has not seen any statutory or constitutional limitation on how much land can be sold per year. He stated the NLMTF is proposing to sell up to 30,000 acres in year one.

- Randy Stephenson, Legal Counsel, Legislative Counsel Bureau, asked that he be provided a citation for the Hawaii decision, and for an example of state enabling contracts.
- Mr. Dahl offered to provide the citation to Mr. Stephenson, and spoke on the issue of enabling contracts.

Discussion was held between Assemblyman Ellison and Mr. Baughman regarding the checkerboard lands.

- Assemblyman Hansen complimented the NLMTF and addressed the public comment section contained in the report. He asked about the reaction of the residents of the other states that have sought land transfers.
- Mr. Dahl explained that residents who deal primarily with state and federal governments are generally in the livestock business and, as an example, in Arizona, find it preferable, but more expensive, to operate on state land rather than federal land.
- Mr. Dahl stated the BLM has been unsuccessful in selling land that should be sold. He said that as far as access to public lands, the NLMTF agreed that everything that is being done on public lands today will continue after a transfer.

There was discussion between Senator Ford and Mr. Baughman regarding the enabling act, and how land can be transferred to the State of Nevada. Senator Ford suggested a legal analysis be placed in the report discussing the issue of transferring the lands to the State.

- Senator Gustavson expressed gratitude to the NLMTF and agreed that a legal analysis clarifying the enabling act should be included within the report.
- Chair Aizley voiced his appreciation to the NLMTF.

UPDATE AND OVERVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM PROGRAM, SDCNR

- J. J. Goicoechea, Chair, Sagebrush Ecosystem Council (SEC), SDCNR, delivered introductory comments.
- Tim Rubald, Program Manager, Sagebrush Ecosystem Program (SEP), SDCNR, provided testimony pertaining to the formation of the council, its functions, and projects of the SEP. (Please see Exhibit E.)
- Mr. Goicoechea, previously identified, presented the Greater Sage-grouse listing decision timeline. He stated threats by wildfire and invasive species to the Greater Sage-grouse habitat were addressed by the SEC. Mr. Goicoechea reported the BLM's environmental impact statement (EIS) did not contain the State Plan as a

preferred alternative. He said the SEC focused on certain aspects of the State Plan that the SEC wanted to be included in the EIS, which is scheduled to be released by the BLM in September 2014. (Please see Exhibit F.)

Mr. Goicoechea touched briefly on the Conservation Credit System, noting that critical habitat should be set aside for the sage-grouse.

In response to Senator Goicoechea's inquiry, Mr. Goicoechea reported population estimates of 80,000 to 100,000 Greater Sage-grouse.

- Senator Goicoechea asked whether an appropriation of funds should be considered in the 2015 Legislative Session.
- Mr. Goicoechea conceded it would be very diligent of the State to begin looking financially at the direction of the Greater Sage-grouse issue, including litigation concerning the potential endangered species listing.
- Chair Aizley mentioned the lack of discussion pertaining to the Ravens. He asked if the population of the sage-grouse drops below a certain number, will it be listed as an endangered species.
- Mr. Goicoechea replied the endangered species listing decision will be based on the sage-grouse habitat contained in 11 western states. He noted as long as the numbers stay below a 10 percent take of sage-grouse, hunting will not have any adverse effect on the population and reproduction. Mr. Goicoechea reported the SEC has a robust predator section in the State Plan, and advised the Raven is protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918.

Discussion ensued between members, Mr. Goicoechea, and Mr. Rubald regarding the federal government oversight of the Greater Sage-grouse habitat and the predatory issue.

Responding to Senator Goicoechea's question regarding a survey recently conducted on sage-grouse predators, Mr. Goicoechea answered the survey was focused exclusively on coyotes.

REVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

David Gaskin, P.E., Deputy Administrator, Nevada's Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), SDCNR, testified on issues pertaining to NDEP, including:

 (1) Air;
 (2) Corrective Actions;
 (3) Federal Facilities;
 (4) Mining;
 (5) Waste Management;
 (6) Water. He discussed hydraulic fracturing and the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS).
 (Please see Exhibit G.)

There was discussion between Senator Goicoechea and Mr. Gaskin regarding hydraulic fracturing.

In response to Chair Aizley's question whether the wells are up to standard, Mr. Gaskin replied the primary emphasis was on well bore integrity, ensuring that the well casings and method of construction were able to withstand the pressures involved. He stated wastewater that is produced is regulated through NDEP.

Responding to Assemblyman Ellison's inquiry regarding Nevada's hydraulic fracturing regulations, Mr. Gaskin said after performing comparisons with other states producing oil and gas, it was determined that Nevada has a stringent level of regulation.

- Pertaining to hydraulic fracturing, Assemblyman Hansen asked about the economic feasibility and the cost involved for a 10,000 foot deep well.
- Mr. Gaskin commented of the two wells being drilled by Noble Energy, Inc., one is producing oil. He said the investment for drilling various wells in Nevada is purportedly near \$300 million.

Discussion ensued between Senator Ford and Mr. Gaskin regarding the collaboration between Nevada's Division of Minerals and NDEP for hydraulic fracturing, as well as what concerns NDEP gives credence to from those who are opposed to hydraulic fracturing.

Responding to Assemblyman Ellison's question, Mr. Gaskin confirmed the permits issued for drilling are for private land, not BLM land.

Mr. Gaskin addressed the proposed rule to modify the definition of WOTUS under the Clean Water Act of 1972 (EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0880).

In response to Chair Aizley's inquiry, Mr. Gaskin identified the waters that are included, and what the changes to the waters are in the proposed WOTUS definition rule.

- Assemblywoman Carlton cautioned to proceed carefully on the WOTUS.
- Commissioner Collins expressed agreement with Assemblywoman Carlton's comments.
- Assemblyman Ellison opined a delay in processing permits is detrimental to the rural counties.

UPDATE AND OVERVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES RELATED TO HABITAT MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE

• Alan Jenne, Administrator, Habitat Division, Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), highlighted NDOW programs including technical review, water development, and wildlife management areas. (Please see Exhibit H.)

There was discussion between Senator Goicoechea and Mr. Jenne regarding water development and management.

Mr. Jenne continued his presentation on the topics of fire rehabilitation, habitat restoration, and mining (Exhibit H).

- Commissioner Collins inquired on the success of reseeding.
- Mr. Jenne replied the success of reseeding varies, depending on the site and techniques used. He stated data is currently being gathered on reseeding.

Responding to Assemblyman Hansen's question regarding the Ruby Pipeline mitigation funds, Mr. Jenne said the fund was initially established at \$8.8 million, with \$3.3 million remaining. Assemblyman Hansen requested a copy of the studies performed, and Mr. Jenne offered to add Assemblyman Hansen's name to the mailing list.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chair Aizley called for public comment, and reminded testifiers that a three-minute time limit would apply.
- Jake Tibbitts, Natural Resources Manager, Department of Natural Resources, Eureka County, spoke on the misuse of the Drought Monitor and justifying grazing restrictions from federal land management agencies. He presented recommendations for the Committee's consideration. (Please see Exhibit I.)
- Chair Aizley asked how California's drought situation compares to that of Nevada's.
- Mr. Tibbitts responded with well-timed rainfall events, vegetation is not exhibiting the effects of a drought. He opined a drought can occur that impacts water supplies for communities and springs and groundwater recharge, but as far as rangeland health, vegetation relies on spring rains.
- Assemblywoman Carlton related that during the 2011 Interim, the topic of the flexibility of livestock grazing and how it is addressed was discussed. She commented that decisions concerning grazing are made so far in advance, that the Committee cannot effectively address the issue.

- J. J. Goicoechea, previously identified, thanked Assemblywoman Carlton for her comments and encouraged flexibility and adaptive management that the federal partners prescribe to for sage-grouse, fire suppression, and native vegetation.
- Jered M. McDonald, Senior Research Analyst, LCB, discussed an update provided by the BLM Ely District Office for the record. (Please see Exhibit J.)

Subsequent to the meeting, Jason King, previously identified, provided a report on listening sessions conducted by the State Engineer's Office. (Please see Exhibit K.)

Subsequent to the meeting, Pete Anderson, State Forester Firewarden, NDF, SDCNR, provided information requested by Committee members. (Please see Exhibit L.)

Subsequent to the meeting, information requested by Assemblywoman Carlton was provided by Pete Anderson, previously identified. (Please see Exhibit M and Exhibit M-1.)

Subsequent to the meeting, information requested by Assemblyman Ellison was provided by Pete Anderson, previously identified. (Please see Exhibit N.)

Subsequent to the meeting, information requested by Commissioner Collins was provided by Pete Anderson, previously identified. (Please see Exhibit O.)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no	further business	to come	before the	e Committee,	the meeting	was adjo	ourned
at 2:13 p.m.							

	Respectfully submitted,		
	Natalie J. Pieretti Senior Research Secretary		
APPROVED BY:	Jered M. McDonald Senior Research Analyst		
Senator David R. Parks, Vice Chair			
Date:			

LIST OF EXHIBITS

<u>Exhibit A</u> is the "Meeting Notice and Agenda" provided by Jered M. McDonald, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB).

<u>Exhibit B</u> is a document titled "2013-2014 Interim Legislative Committee on Public Lands: White Pine County Update August 1st, 2014," offered by Laurie Carson, Vice Chair, Board of County Commissioners, White Pine County.

Exhibit B-1 is a document titled "Is It Time for a Nevada Water Future Discussion and Strategy?" by Central Nevada Regional Water Authority April 2014, provided by Laurie Carson, Vice Chair, Board of County Commissioners, White Pine County.

<u>Exhibit C</u> is a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled "Funding Wildland Fire in Nevada," given by Mary Wilde, Incident Business Specialist, Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF), State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (SDCNR).

Exhibit D is a letter dated August 1, 2014, from Demar Dahl, Elko County Commissioner, Chair, Nevada Land Management Task Force (NLMTF), to Chairman Aizley and Committee Members, regarding "Final Submission of the Nevada Land Management Task Force Report."

Exhibit D-1 is a document titled "A Report of the Nevada Land Management Task Force to the Nevada Interim Legislative Committee on Public Lands: Congressional Transfer of Public Lands to the State of Nevada," dated July 18, 2014, presented by Demar Dahl, Elko County Commissioner, Chair, NLMTF.

<u>Exhibit E</u> is a document titled "Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Program Structure, given by Tim Rubald, Program Manager, Sagebrush Ecosystem Program, SDCNR.

Exhibit F is a document titled "Greater Sage-Grouse Listing Decision Timeline," provided by J. J. Goicoechea, Chair, Sagebrush Ecosystem Council, SDCNR.

<u>Exhibit G</u> is the written testimony of David Gaskin, P.E., Deputy Administrator, Nevada's Division of Environmental Protection, SDCNR.

Exhibit H is a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled "Nevada Department of Wildlife Update and Overview of Activities Related to Habitat Management," dated August 1, 2014, given by Alan Jenne, Administrator, Habitat Division, Nevada Department of Wildlife.

<u>Exhibit I</u> is the written testimony of Jake Tibbitts, Natural Resources Manager, Department of Natural Resources, Eureka County.

Exhibit J is a document titled "Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Ely District Update," submitted by Chris Hanefeld, Public Affairs Specialist, Ely District Office, Bureau of Land Management.

<u>Exhibit K</u> is a document titled "Report to the Public Lands Committee on Listening Sessions," by Jason King, P.E., State Engineer, SDCNR.

Exhibit L is a letter dated August 22, 2014, from Pete Anderson, State Forester Firewarden, Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF), SDCNR, to Jered McDonald, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB.

<u>Exhibit M</u> is a document dated January 10, 2014, titled "Bill for Collection Draft," submitted by Pete Anderson, State Forester Firewarden, NDF, SDCNR.

<u>Exhibit M-1</u> is a document dated May 8, 2014, titled "Bill for Collection," provided by Pete Anderson, State Forester Firewarden, NDF, SDCNR.

<u>Exhibit N</u> is a graph titled "Wildfire Acres Burned in Nevada," offered by Pete Anderson, State Forester Firewarden, NDF, SDCNR.

<u>Exhibit O</u> is a graph titled "Nevada Division of Forestry Average Response Time All Incidents," furnished by Pete Anderson, State Forester Firewarden, NDF, SDCNR.

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