

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

LCB File No. R147-16

DIVISION OF PLANT INDUSTRY

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION And NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS

The Nevada Department of Agriculture will hold a public hearing on Monday October 17, 2016, at 9:00am, at Agriculture Headquarters, 405 South 21st Street, Sparks, NV 89431; Phone: (775) 353-3601. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the Amendment of regulations that pertain to chapter 588, of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposal has been designated as File No. R147-16, by the Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

The purpose is to solicit public comments from interested persons on the following proposed regulation: NAC 588; *a regulation relating to commercial fertilizers and agricultural minerals; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.*

1. The need for and the purpose of the proposed regulation or amendment
 - The purpose of the proposed amendment to NAC 588 is to simplify tonnage reporting to make it more uniform and accountable.
2. Either the terms or the substance of the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed, or a description of the subjects and issues involved.
 - This proposed amendment will make the quarterly tonnage fees for commercial fertilizers and agricultural minerals uniform which has historically been difficult to decipher and has been disproportionate to the two types of producers. It will also allow for our internal accountability to become more efficient in regards to companies who do not owe quarterly fees on tonnage but are required to send in a report.
3. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public.
 - This regulation is in line with neighboring states and imposes little net economic impact on small business.
4. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.
 - No additional cost is projected for enforcement.
5. A description of and citation to any regulations of other state or local governmental agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining

why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the notice must include the name of the regulating federal agency.

- Does not apply
6. If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, a citation and description of the federal law.
 - Does not apply
 7. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.
 - Does not apply
 8. Whether the proposed regulation establishes a new fee or increases an existing fee.
 - This regulation proposes a new fee for quarterly sales or distribution of commercial fertilizers or agricultural minerals in quantities smaller than 20 tons. It also proposes fee increases for product registration, tonnage reports submitted 15 days after due date and makes quarterly sales or distributions of commercial fertilizers and agricultural minerals sales over 20 tons the same.

A concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses. Division administration staff determined that this regulation change will have little effect on small businesses.

The LCB approved revision can be found on the Nevada Department of Agriculture website at www.agri.nv.gov.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Nevada Department of Agriculture may appear at the scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views, or arguments, in written form, to the address below.

Nevada Department of Agriculture
405 S. 21st Street
Sparks, NV 89431
ATTN: Robert Little Division Administrator
(775) 353-3729
rlittle@agri.nv.gov

Written submissions must be received by the Nevada Department of Agriculture on or before 5:00 pm, October 12, 2016. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Nevada Department of Agriculture may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the regulation to be amended will be on file at the State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulation to be amended will be available at:

Nevada Department of Agriculture
405 South 21st Street
Sparks, NV 89431

Nevada Department of Agriculture
2300 E. St Louis Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89104

Nevada Department of Agriculture
4780 E. Idaho Street
Elko, NV 89445

And in all counties in which an office of the agency is not maintained, at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the Internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us>. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

NRS 233B.064(2) provides: Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

This notice of hearing has been posted at the following locations:

The Nevada State Library in Carson City, and all Nevada county libraries. The Department of Agriculture offices in Sparks, Las Vegas or Elko during the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Clark County Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Douglas County Library, 1625 Library Lane, Minden, NV 89423
Elko County Library, 720 Court Street, Elko, NV 89801
Esmeralda County Library, Corner of Crook & 4th Streets, Goldfield, NV 89013
Eureka Branch Library, 10190 Monroe Street, P.O. Box 293, Eureka, NV 89316
Humboldt County Library, 85 East 5th Street, Winnemucca, NV 89445
Lander County Library, 625 South Broad Street, Battle Mountain, NV 89820
Lincoln County Library, 63 Main Street, Pioche, NV 89043
Lyon County Library, 20 Nevin Way, Yerington, NV 89447
Mineral County Public Library, 110 1st Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415
Pershing County Library, 1125 Central Avenue, Lovelock, NV 89419
Storey County Public Library, 95 South R Street, Virginia City, NV 89440
Tonopah Public Library, 167 Central Street, Tonopah, NV 89049
Washoe County Library, 301 South Center Street, Reno, NV 89501
White Pine County Library, 950 Campton Street, Ely, NV 89301
Nevada State Legislature Website: www.leg.state.nv.us

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Public Hearing

Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation

LOCATION: Nevada Department of Agriculture
405 S. 21st Street
Sparks, NV 89431
Phone: 775-353-3601

Video-conference to: Nevada Department of Agriculture
2300 E. St Louis Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89104
Phone: 702-668-4590

Nevada Department of Agriculture
4780 E. Idaho Street
Elko, NV 89801
Phone: 775-738-8076

DATE AND TIME: Monday October 17, 2016, at 9:00a,

Public comment will be taken on the intent to adopt a regulation. The purpose is to solicit public comments from interested persons on the following proposed regulation: NAC 588; *a regulation relating to commercial fertilizers and agricultural minerals; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.*

Note: We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify The Dept. of Agriculture in writing at 405 S. 21st Street, Sparks, NV 89431 or contact Jerri Conrad at 775-353-3619.

Copies of both the State of Nevada Board of Agriculture Agenda with supporting documentation and Open Meeting Minutes are available, at no charge, for inspection at the Dept. of Agriculture 405 S. 21st Street, Sparks, NV, 89431 or Dept. of Agriculture website at www.agri.nv.gov. For additional information contact Jerri Conrad at 775-353-3619.

Notice of this meeting was posted on or before 9:00 a.m. on the third working day before the meeting at the following locations: Nevada Department of Agriculture, 405 S. 21st Street, Sparks, NV 89431, Nevada Department of Agriculture, 2150 Frazer Ave., Sparks, NV 89431, Nevada Department of Agriculture, 4780 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801, Nevada Department of Agriculture, 2300 E. St Louis Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104, State of Nevada Capital Building, Carson City NV, State Library and Archives, Carson City.