



Elko County Natural Resource Management Advisory Commission

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ELKO COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION AGENDA

COUNTY OF ELKO, STATE OF NEVADA,
REGULAR MEETING TO BE HELD AT 6:00 PM, P.S.T.,
SUITE 102 OF THE NANNINI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
LOCATED AT 540 COURT STREET, ELKO, NV.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2011
NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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Breaks and recess actions shall be called for at the pleasure of the Commission rather than by agenda schedule.

(THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE-CHAIRMAN RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA AND IF THE AGENDA IS NOT COMPLETED TO RECESS THE MEETING AND CONTINUE ON ANOTHER SPECIFIED DATE AND TIME).

(“ACTION ITEM” Identifies an action item subject to a vote of the Commission.)

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6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

II. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

September 26, 2011 – Regular Meeting

III. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

NON-ACTION ITEM

Pursuant to N.R.S. 241.020, 2(c)(3), this time is devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised during a period devoted to comments by the general public until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item.

IV. PREDATOR CONTROL:

A. Presentation and information provided by Mr. Pat Laughlin and Mr. Joe Bennett concerning the Predator Control in Nevada.

- 1) Discussion and consideration of advisory or recommendation to the Elko County Board of Commissioners. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- 2) Discussion and consideration of advisory or recommendation to the Elko County Wildlife Advisory Board. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

V. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT:

A. **Presentation of items by BLM Representative:**

- 1) Draft Standards and Guidelines Assessment for the Cotant Seeding and Mexican Field Allotments (Tuscarora Field Office) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- 2) Standards & Guidelines for Achurra Seeding, Browne, Corral Canyon Seeding, Lindsay Creek, Little Porter, Merkley-Zunino Seeding, Mitchell Creek, Pearl Cree, Twin Creek East, Twin Creek North and Twin Creek South. (Tuscarora Field Office) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- 3) Environmental Assessment analyzing the renewal of Livestock Grazing Permits and installation of a watering well for the Ruby #8 and Bennett Field Allotments. (Wells Field Office) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- 4) Environmental Assessment analyzing the renewal of Livestock Grazing Permits on the Badlands and Goshute Mountain Allotments. (Wells Field Office) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- 5) Environmental Assessment for the permit renewal of the Metropolis Seeding Allotment. (Wells Field Office) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- 6) Update and discussion of Clark, Lincoln and White Pine Counties Groundwater Development Project and all matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- 7) Grazing plans for 2.35 million acres of public land in Idaho and Wyoming have been

declared unlawful by a federal judge. Recent ruling pertains to two plans that are test cases, since the lawsuit challenges a total of 16 resource management plans in Idaho, Montana, Utah, California, Wyoming and Nevada. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**VI. BLM – Other Correspondence and Items of Discussion NON-ACTION ITEM
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE:**

A. Presentation of items by USFS Representative:

- 1) Creeks and Communities Pilot Project – October 26th, 2011 Lamoille Rancher Center.
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
- 2) Overland Pass Exploration Project (Sniper) request for comments and concerns.
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

B. USFS – Other Correspondence and Items of Discussion NON-ACTION ITEM

VII. UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE:

A. Presentation of items by USF&WS Representative:

- 1) Presentation by Mr. Chris Jasmine and discussion of the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

VIII. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF A RECOMMENDATION TO THE ELKO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF A DRAFT ORDINANCE FOR AN ADDITION OF TITLE 6 CHAPTER 14 OF THE ELKO COUNTY CODE ENTITLED AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

IX. REVIEW, UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF USFS MOUNTAIN CITY, RUBY MOUNTAINS AND JARBIDGE RANGER DISTRICTS COMBINED TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PROJECT:

A. Staff update and commissioner discussion and consideration of recent action by the USFS and Elko County concerning the Travel management Project.

- 1) Discussion and consideration of advisory or recommendation to the Elko County Board of Commissioners. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**X. ELKO COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE / NDOW:
Commissioner Wellington / Other NON-ACTION ITEM**

XI. CORRESPONDENCE REPORT AND OTHER ITEMS OF DISCUSSION: NON-ACTION ITEMS

A) Mexico's Newest Export to U.S. May Be Water

SAN DIEGO-- Mexico ships televisions, cars, sugar and medical equipment to the United States. Soon, it may be sending water north. Western U.S. states are planning two of North America's largest desalination plants in Playas de Rosarito, about 15 miles south of San Diego. They would produce 150 million gallons a day combined -- enough to supply more than 300,000 homes on both sides of the border. It is one of the latest strategies by both countries to wean themselves from the drought-prone Colorado River. Plans for the desalination plants have sparked concerns that American water interests are simply looking to Mexico to avoid lengthy U.S. environmental reviews and legal challenges. Backers say they expect the new plants will adhere to U.S. environmental standards, including water quality.

XII. NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSIONERS AND COUNTY STAFF COMMENTS: NON-ACTION ITEM

Pursuant to advice from the Nevada Attorney General's Office, this time is devoted to comments by Natural Resource Management Advisory Commissioners and/or County Staff for general information or update purposes. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item.

XIII. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC: NON-ACTION ITEM

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XIV. Discussion and consideration of setting the November meeting date. Possible meeting dates Monday November 21, 2011 or Monday November 28th, 2011

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

XV. ADJOURNMENT

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION