

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Today's Date: March 23, 2007

Name of Organization: NEVADA STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Date and Time of Meeting: March 29, 2007 at 8:30 A.M.

Place of Meeting: Washoe County Administration Offices
1001 E. Ninth Street, Building B
Conference Room A - 1st Floor
Reno, NV 89502

AGENDA

The following items may be discussed and/or acted upon, but may be taken in different order to accommodate the interests and time limitations of persons attending.

1. Call to order by Chairman Benny Romero

- A. Introduction of new Department staff by Rick Gimlin—Roger Works, State Veterinarian, Maureen Groach, Administrative Services Officer III and Wendy Stewart, Administrative Assistant IV
- B. Self-Introductions for meeting attendees (Romero)

2. Board Business

- A. * Approval of minutes from December 4th and 5th, 2006 meetings (Foley) **(ACTION)**
- B. * Board goals and objectives. (Romero) **(INFORMATION)**
- C. Update presentation by Joseph Guild, III, representative for the Southern Nevada Water Authority, on the Eastern Nevada water transport project. **(INFORMATION)**
- D. *Discussion and possible action regarding applications for Director's Position. (Romero) **(ACTION)**
- E. *Discussion of letter sent to Board from Governor Gibbons (Romero) **(ACTION)**
- F. Timeline for the scheduling of interviews and/ or appointment of a new director. (Romero) **(ACTION)**

G. Presentations by Gary McCuin, Agriculturist III

1. *Presentation of updated and revised version of the Nevada Rangeland Monitoring Handbook. **(INFORMATION)**
2. *Board consideration and potential approval of a draft resolution in supporting the state wildfire initiative. **(ACTION)**
3. *Board consideration and potential approval of a resolution in support of a national strategy for the management of wild horses and burros. **(ACTION)**
4. *Board consideration and potential approval of a draft letter opposing elimination of Federal rangeland improvement (e.g., 8100 funds) and wild horse and burro management funding. **(ACTION)**

H. *Request to disburse monies pursuant to NRS 562.170 and NRS 567.110 to Predatory Animal and Rodent Control. (Satterthwaite) **(ACTION)**

I. *Board review and consideration of revisions to the 2004 Board policy statement relating to agency communications. (Romero) **(ACTION)**

J. Annual nomination and election of Board Chairman and Vice Chairman. (Romero) **(ACTION)**

3. **Division of Administration (Gimlin) (INFORMATION)**

A. Summary and overview of Department activities

1. 2007-09 biennium budget request
2. Update on 2007 Legislative Session
3. Progress report on implementation of agency corrective action plan for the 2006 Legislative audit.
4. Update on review by the Division of Internal Audits

B. Review of miscellaneous agency correspondence and requests

1. *Letter from USDA Undersecretary on the National Animal ID System
2. *Appreciation letter from Juliet Taylor, Churchill County Economic Development Authority
3. *Condolence letter to the family of Tom Smigel and response
4. *Request and response for administrative review of actions taken by the Nevada Junior Livestock Show Board relating to Broc Badders.

C. Public recognition of Department employees

1. *Department employee of the year award recipient- Ruth Tietjen, Administrative Assistant II, Division of Plant Industry.

4. Measurement Standards Division

A. Weights and Measures (Grabski) **(INFORMATION)**

1. General Update
2. Measurement Standards License and Payment Program update

B. Petroleum Technology (Grabski) **(INFORMATION)**

1. General Update
2. Petroleum volatility study 38th parallel update

C. Capitol Improvement Projects (Grabski) **(INFORMATION)**

1. Sparks headquarters
2. Elko construction

5. Resource Protection Division (Jensen) (INFORMATION)

A. Division Update

6. Plant Industry Division

A. * Request adoption of Temporary Regulation LCB File T 027-06. Rescind European Pine Shoot Moth Quarantine NAC Chapter 554 including two additional Administrative changes. (O'Brien) **(ACTION)**

B. * Request permission to go to workshop and hearing to adopt T 027-06 as a Permanent Regulation after July 1, 2007. (O'Brien) **(ACTION)**

C. * EPA 1st Quarter Report (Moses) **(INFORMATION)**

D. * Groundwater Monitoring Report (Moses) **(INFORMATION)**

E. * Nevada Onion and Garlic Advisory Board (Foster) **(ACTION)**

The Nevada Onion and Garlic Advisory Board at their December 14, 2006 board meeting requested approval for the following item: Continued funding for the research of White Rot to the New Zealand Research Foundation. The amount requested is \$ 10,000.00.

F. * Board update on Marijuana Program (Foster) **(INFORMATION)**

7. **Livestock Identification Division (Connelley) (INFORMATION)**
 - A. Division Update

8. **Animal Industry Division**
 - A. Animal Disease Update (Works) **(INFORMATION)**
 1. TB update
 2. Brucellosis update
 - B. National Animal Identification System (NAIS) (Pecetti) **(INFORMATION)**
 - 1.* Premise registration
 2. *Equine Identification
 - C. *Virginia Range Estray (VRE) (Holmes) **(INFORMATION)**
 - D. Lab Update (Rink) **(INFORMATION)**
 1. Arbovirus testing
 2. Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS)
 3. *Employee Recognition

9. **Department Employee comments and suggestions to the Board of Agriculture (INFORMATION)**
10. **Public Comments (INFORMATION)**
11. **Travel Claims and Salary (INFORMATION)**
12. **Scheduling and Arrangements for next Board Meeting (ACTION)**
13. **Adjournment (ACTION)**

(ACTION) indicates that the Board may take action on an item. **(INFORMATION)** indicates an information item for the Board. * Denotes supporting documents in the Board Packet.

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