

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Today's Date: February 16, 2010

Name of Organization: NEVADA STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Meeting Time: March 2, 2010 @ 8:30 am
March 3, 2010 @ 8:30 am

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

Tony Lesperance, Director

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AGENDA

The following items will be discussed and 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 Alan Perazzo.**
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Introduction of Board members, attendees and guests.

2. **Board Business**

- A. *Approval of minutes from the December 8, 2009 and December 9, 2009 Board meetings. (Foley) **Action**
- B. Sexual harassment training. (Foley) **Information**
- C. Ethics training (Foley) **Information**
- D. Walker River Freedom of Information Request (Morrison) **Information**
- E. Guzzler update. (Morrison) **Information**
- F. Discussion and possible action regarding the recent Supreme Court decision and possible resulting BDR's that will have significant impact on not only the waters of eastern Nevada, potentially all of Nevada. (Baker) **Action**

3. **Director's Report** (Lesperance)

- A. *Director's report **Information**
- B. *Chris Collis – Letter of Resignation **Information**
- C. *Letter to Christine Munro, Sr. Deputy Attorney General re: Brands Department requesting an official opinion. **Information**
- D. *Marvel Dedication **Information**
- E. Nevada Small Farm Conference **Information**
- F. *Brand Inspection Report (Busselman)

Request permission to go to workshop and hearing with proposed changes to NAC 565. **Action**

4. **Plant Industry** (Rafferty)

- A. Presentation by Dawn Rafferty, Administrator for Plant Industry Division. An informational presentation of the Division; its responsibilities and how they are accomplished. **Information**
- B. *EPA first quarter 2010 update (Moses) **Information**
- C. *Request permission to go to workshop and hearing with proposed changes to NAC 555. (Moses) **Action**

- D. Request the Nevada Board of Agriculture to reappoint Sharon Davidson to the Nevada Organic Advisory Council. (Marty) **Action**

5. **Animal Industry**

- A. Animal Health Update (LaRussa) **Information**
- B. USAHA / AAVLD update (Rink) **Information**
 - 1. *Rabies
 - 2. *Bighorn Sheep Working Group
 - 3. Parasitology Committee
 - 4. *Emerging Infectious Diseases

6. **Division of Administration** (Scheid) **Information**

- A. Fiscal update

7. **Resource Protection Division** (Jensen) **Information**

- A. Ramifications of possible budget cuts on predatory animal control.
- B. *Letter from Sierra Club – Toiyabe Chapter to Jeffrey Green, Western Region Director, USDA/APHIS.

8. **Petroleum Technology Bureau** (Striejewske)

- A. Request permission to adopt as permanent, proposed changes to NAC 590.065 (LCB File No. R111-08)
 - 1. A request to remove the prohibition to manganese in gasoline. **Action**
- B. *Update on approved actions at December Board meeting, approved by Legislative Commission. **Information**
 - 1. *Changes to the Gasoline regulations in NAC 590.065 (LCB File No. R111-08).
 - 2. *Changes to the Biodiesel regulations in NAC 590.051 (LCB File No. R209-08).
- C. Update on labs in Reno and Las Vegas. **Information**

9. **Measurement Standards Division** (Beal)

- A. No report.

10. **Livestock Identification Division** (Lesperance)

A. Division Update **Information**

1. Retirements
2. New Hires

B. Special Sales **Information**

C. Livestock Head Tax **Information**

D. Enforcement Activities **Information**

E. Brand Advisory Committee **Information**

F. *Agenda for WSLIA – POST certified mandatory training.

11. **Department employee comments and suggestions to the Board of Agriculture.**
Information

12. **Public Comments** **Information**

Public comment during the Board meeting will be for all matters, both on and off the agenda, and be limited to two minutes per person. Additionally, public comment of two minutes per person will be heard during individual action items on the agenda. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and/or attend and make comment on that agenda item at the Board meeting.

The Chairman and the Board of Agriculture intend that their proceedings should demonstrate the highest levels of decorum, civic responsibility, efficiency and mutual respect between citizens and their government. The Board respects the right of citizens to present differing opinions and views, even criticism, but our democracy cannot function effectively in an environment of personal attacks, slander, threats of violence, and willful disruption. To that end, the Nevada Open Meeting Law provides the authority for the Chair of the public body to maintain the decorum and to declare a recess if needed to remove any person who is disrupting the meeting, and notice is hereby provided of the intent of this body to preserve the decorum and remove anyone who disrupts the proceedings.

The Nevada Board of Agriculture can deliberate or take action only if a matter has been listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. During public comment period, speakers may address matters listed or not listed on the published agenda. The Open Meeting Law does not expressly prohibit responses to public comment by the Board. However, responses from the Board to unlisted public comment topics could become deliberation on a matter without

notice to the public. On the advice of legal counsel and to ensure the public has notice of all matters the Board will consider, Board members may choose not to respond to public comments, except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for staff action, or ask that a matter be listed on a future agenda.

13. Date of next meeting. Action

14. Adjournment Action

Anyone desiring further information or explanation of the above agenda items may call Sandie Foley at (775) 353-3619 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

* Denotes supporting documents in the Board packet.

(ACTION) indicates that the Board needs to take action on an item. **(INFORMATION)** indicates an information item for the Board. Please ensure that ACTION items have accompanying information for the Board members to review.

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