



NEVADA LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS
(Nevada Revised Statutes 218.5363)

SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT

The first meeting of the Nevada Legislature's Legislative Committee on Public Lands was held on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, at 9 a.m. in Room 2135 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4412 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, 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 www.leg.state.nv.us/74th/Interim. In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (e-mail: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775/684-6835).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN CARSON CITY:

Senator Dean A. Rhoads, Chairman
Assemblyman John W. Marvel, Vice Chairman
Senator Mark E. Amodei
Senator Terry Care
Assemblywoman Debbie Smith
Tom Fransway, Humboldt County Commissioner

COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS:

Assemblyman Jerry D. Claborn

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Michael J. Stewart, Supervising Principal Research Analyst, Research Division
J. Randall Stephenson, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division
Matthew Nichols, Senior Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division
Gayle Nadeau, Principal Research Secretary, Research Division
Susan M. Loflin, Senior Administrative Assistant, Research Division

OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

This agenda item was taken out of its posted order.

Senator Dean A. Rhoads opened the meeting with Committee and staff introductions.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Michael J. Stewart, Supervising Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), opened the nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman.

- The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:**

ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN W. MARVEL NOMINATED SENATOR DEAN A. RHOADS TO SERVE AS THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN. THE NOMINATION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR MARK E. AMODEI AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATOR TERRY CARE NOMINATED ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN W. MARVEL TO SERVE AS THE COMMITTEE'S VICE CHAIRMAN. THE NOMINATION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TOM FRANSWAY AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF THE "SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT" OF THE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 24, 2006, IN ELY, NEVADA

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

ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN W. MARVEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE "SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT" OF THE AUGUST 24, 2006, MEETING HELD IN ELY, NEVADA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE STATIONERY AND BUSINESS CARDS

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

ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN W. MARVEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF COMMITTEE STATIONERY AND BUSINESS CARDS FOR SENATOR MARK E. AMODEI AND ASSEMBLYWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE BUDGET AND PROPOSED WORK PLAN AND DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES IN NEVADA AND WASHINGTON, D.C., DURING THE 2007-2008 LEGISLATIVE INTERIM

- Michael J. Stewart, previously identified, reviewed the Committee's budget and work plan, as well as the Committee's 2007-2008 Interim schedule of meetings. (Please see [Exhibit B.](#))

UPDATE OF PUBLIC LANDS ISSUES IN WESTERN NEVADA

Update of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Planning Efforts and Activities in Western Nevada

- Don Hicks, Carson City Field Manager, BLM, United States Department of the Interior (DOI), provided an update of BLM planning efforts and activities in western Nevada. Mr. Hicks reported on the following items: (1) fire suppression operations; (2) fuel management projects on 912 acres in the wildland-urban interface; (3) county lands bills that will transfer up to 5,300 acres of public land managed by the BLM to Carson City ownership; (4) Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 conservation easement acquisitions in Douglas County; (5) geothermal management regarding changes to regulations concerning geothermal leasing, permitting, and operational requirements for geothermal exploration, drilling, and utilization operations; (6) wind energy management development; (7) rangeland monitoring; (8) wild horse management; (9) the Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment—Denton-Rawhide Mine; (10) Pine Nut Mountain RMP Amendment; (11) the Yerington Mine; (12) the Sand Mountain Recreation Management Area; and (13) the move to a three-tier organizational structure for Nevada BLM offices in Fiscal Year (FY) 2008. (Please see [Exhibit C.](#))

Update of U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Activities and Planning Efforts in Western Nevada

- Dave Marlow, Acting District Ranger, Carson Ranger District, USFS, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), reported on the activities of the Carson Ranger District, which included: (1) hazardous fuels reduction with the North Washoe Biomass, the Old Clear Creek Road fuels reduction project, the Whites Creek commercial fuelwood, the Whites Creek pile burning, the North Washoe mastication, and the North Washoe Stewardship sale; (2) timber stand improvements including the Dog Valley thinning contract, the Turtle Rock brush and tree mastication contract, and the Crystal area thinning contract; (3) a comprehensive fuels plan; (4) reforestation; (5) vegetation management utilizing Christmas trees, personal use fuelwood, and the sheep grazing fuels reduction project; (6) recreation areas such as Spooner Summit and the Galena Visitor Center; (7) the Martis travel management and motorized vehicle use map; (8) abandoned car

removal; and (9) the three significant fires during the 2007 season. (Please see [Exhibit D.](#))

- Cheryl Probert, District Ranger, Bridgeport Ranger District, USFS, USDA, discussed: (1) domestic sheep grazing in the Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep habitat; (2) the Rosachi Ranch restoration; (3) vegetation management; (4) private land access; (5) the livestock grazing management program; and (6) travel management to comply with the Service-Wide Travel Management Rule. (Please see [Exhibit E.](#))
- Jerry Ingersoll, Deputy Forest Supervisor, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, USFS, noted that Ms. Probert has sought advice and guidance of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the livestock permit holders on bighorn sheep grazing allotments. Mr. Ingersoll also noted private land access challenges for off-highway vehicles can be lessened if information on appropriate use is made available.

Review of Public Lands and Natural Resource Issues in Carson City

- Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager, Carson City, provided an update on Carson City's most recent activities and interactions with the federal government. The items discussed included: (1) the proposed Carson City Federal Lands Bill, which focuses on the elimination of the checkerboard pattern of ownership to enable Carson City to manage the lands directly located in the urban interface for recreation, access, and fire fuels management; (2) the Waterfall Fire rehabilitation grant, which Carson City used to assess the watersheds in the fire-affected areas; (3) U.S. Forest Service projects, which were incorporated in a part of Carson City's master plan; and (4) BLM projects, which include two acquisitions within the Carson River corridor. (Please see [Exhibit F-1](#), [Exhibit F-2](#), [Exhibit F-3](#), [Exhibit F-4](#), [Exhibit F-5](#), and [Exhibit F-6](#).)

A discussion ensued between Chairman Rhoads and Mr. Guzman regarding the sale of public land for private use. Commissioner Fransway and Mr. Guzman also discussed the amount of BLM land that was targeted for disposal.

Subsequent to the meeting, Mr. Stewart, identified previously, received a letter ([Exhibit F-7](#)) from Mr. Guzman in which he stressed:

. . . the Legislature should be aware that purchasing lands with Question-1 funds may in the future hamper the ability of local jurisdictions to trade those lands with the federal government in order to work towards the overall goal of alleviating the checkerboard pattern.

Overview of Public Lands and Natural Resource Issues in Washoe County

- Doug Doolittle, Director, Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space, Washoe County, introduced the issues to be presented and his colleagues.
- Bill Whitney, Open Space Planner, Department of Community Development, Washoe County, discussed the four field offices that manage the majority of the BLM land in Washoe County and the activities within those offices. Mr. Whitney provided an update on the regional open space plan for Washoe County. Mr. Whitney mentioned that a resource management component was added to the open space plan. When the open space plan is finished, Washoe County will be able to determine if a federal public lands bill is appropriate.
- Lynda Nelson, Planning Manager, Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space, Washoe County, addressed: (1) the ongoing vegetation management in Washoe County for natural resource issues; and (2) the Hawken Fire. Ms. Nelson reported that the fire affected approximately 70 percent of USFS land and 30 percent of Washoe County land, with rehabilitation efforts just beginning for the Caughlin Ranch Homeowners Association. Washoe County partnered with Nevada Land Conservancy to raise approximately \$450,000 for the recovery efforts on the Hawken Fire. Ms. Nelson outlined invasive species management and grants and motorized recreation and education issues.

There was a discussion regarding the overall fire rehabilitation for the Hawken Fire relative to the experiences in other counties. Senator Amodei queried the Washoe County representatives about any Nevada Association of Counties involvement to establish a streamlined process for rehabilitation. Ms. Nelson affirmed there has been significant cooperation with other agencies and counties.

Senator Amodei suggested the 2009 Nevada Legislature address the issue of a streamlined fire rehabilitation process to determine the extent of post-fire coordination efforts in Nevada between the federal government and the State.

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT (CWSD)

Chairman Rhoads announced that this agenda item would be taken out of its posted order.

- Edwin James, General Manager, CWSD, provided an overview of the programs and activities of the District, which included: (1) the CWSD history with its duties and purpose; (2) the structure of the CWSD; (3) the Carson River watershed; (4) balancing water resources among agricultural, domestic, and environmental demands; (5) current CWSD programs; (6) the Carson River Coalition and its working groups; (7) the floodplain management plan; (8) regional water system issues

and action plan; (9) the Churchill Groundwater Basin case study. (Please see [Exhibit G](#), [Exhibit H-1](#), and [Exhibit H-2](#).)

A discussion ensued between Mr. James and Assemblyman Marvel regarding upstream storage, claims to flood water, and mercury in the Carson River.

Review of Public Lands and Natural Resource Issues in Douglas County

Chairman Rhoads announced that this agenda item would be taken out of its posted order.

- Daniel C. Holler, County Manager, Douglas County, outlined the majority of the public lands issues with BLM and USFS properties; Bureau of Indian Affairs properties; Washoe Tribal lands; and other smaller State and government properties within Douglas County. Mr. Holler highlighted the following primary issues for the County: (1) fire management, maintenance, and protection; (2) public access issues and use of public lands; (3) recreation management and the level of public activity; (4) resource management; and (5) bear activity management.
- Jim Lawrence, Deputy Administrator, Nevada's Division of State Lands, commented on the remaining voter-approved Question-1 funds. He noted that a large part of the \$65.5 million funded various projects for local governments and nonprofit organizations. The remaining funds are targeted for other categories, such as land acquisitions and recreational trails.

There was a discussion among Committee members and Mr. Lawrence about the acquisitions and whether funds from other categories could be applied to acquisitions. Mr. Lawrence surmised that borrowing money would require revisiting legislation because the law was very specific regarding how the Question-1 money was to be allocated.

Further discussion ensued between Mr. Holler and Commissioner Fransway regarding illegal dumping and enforcement. Mr. Holler noted that there is code enforcement, but violators are difficult to track. He shared that volunteer groups clean up the trash from illegal dumping.

Update of Public Lands and Natural Resource Issues in Lyon County

Chairman Rhoads announced that this agenda item would be addressed at a future meeting.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT (TCID)

- Ernest C. Schank, President, Board of Directors, TCID, summarized the history of the Newlands project. Mr. Schank expounded on images in his slide presentation to include: (1) the watershed; (2) a tour of the Truckee River; (3) the Lahontan Reservoir and Dam;

(4) the V-Line structures; (5) the Tahoe and Derby Dams; and (6) TCID hydro generation. (Please see [Exhibit I.](#))

- Dave Overvold, Project Manager, TCID, discussed: (1) water conservation program requirements; (2) installation of eight ramp flumes during 2006 and 2007; (3) flow measurement implementation; (4) total acreage irrigated; (5) reservoir releases; (6) water year statistics for variations with the Carson River near Fort Churchill; (7) the east-west Carson River flow with the east and west fork of the Carson River; (8) Carson Valley depletions; and (9) the 2007 season time table for releases. (Please see [Exhibit I.](#))

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF VARIOUS WATER ISSUES AND THE ROLE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

- Tracy Taylor, P.E., State Engineer, Division of Water Resources, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (SDCNR) discussed the following issues: (1) water ownership in the State of Nevada; (2) water law in Nevada; (3) the duties of the State Engineer; (4) the appropriation process for water permits; (5) the number of applications filed since 1997; (6) criteria for approval or denial of water rights; (7) statistics on protested applications; (8) water issues in the State; (9) surface water; (10) ground water; (11) the perennial yield concept definition; (12) the importance of interbasin transfers; (13) additional criteria when considering interbasin transfers; (14) the Las Vegas Valley Water District; (15) a summary of applications in specific basins; (16) the Spring Valley ruling; (17) the interbasin transfers in certain areas; (18) western Nevada water importation projects; (19) the protest of all groundwater applications in Carson Valley and Dayton Valley; (20) Walker Lake issues; and (21) a summary of 2007 Legislation regarding water issues. (Please see [Exhibit J.](#))

A discussion ensued among Committee members and Mr. Taylor regarding pumping of more than 40,000 acre-feet of water for houses after 10 years. Mr. Taylor noted that he has the ability to control the amount of water pumped depending on the effect that the amount of water available has on the area and sources.

In conclusion, Chairman Rhoads discussed with Mr. Taylor the need for a statewide inventory of the basins. Senator Rhoads noted that Nevada Governor Jim Gibbons has addressed the issue of needing an inventory and that this is something the Committee will be reviewing.

REVIEW OF 2007 FIRE SEASON AND FIREFIGHTING ACTIVITIES IN NEVADA

- Mike Dondero, Fire Program Coordinator, Nevada's Division of Forestry, SDCNR, presented an overview of Nevada's 2007 wildland fire season, highlights included: (1) severe fire season prediction, which began early and was ruthless; (2) above

normal temperatures during the summer months; (3) the importance of preseason fire awareness; (4) support from various states' governors after the Angora Fire at Lake Tahoe; (5) the declaration of a state of emergency by Governor Gibbons; (6) the major fires of 2007; and (7) fire rehabilitation and emergency stabilization. (Please see [Exhibit K.](#))

- Doran Sanchez, Chief, Office of Communications, BLM, Nevada, addressed several points, which included: (1) the impacts of the 2007 wildfire season in Nevada; (2) the BLM Fire Recovery Management Strategy; (3) details of the extensive emergency stabilization and rehabilitation efforts; and (4) the outlook for the 2008 wildfire season. (Please see [Exhibit L.](#))
- Mike Wilde, Deputy Fire Staff Officer, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, USFS, discussed interagency cooperation among the various federal and state agencies during the 2007 fire season.
- Guy E. LeFever, Chief, Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District, provided an overview of the fuels program in the Tahoe Basin. In 2003 the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency made a significant change in how participation of the fire districts was viewed. An aggressive program emerged modeled after progress in Incline Village, Nevada. Mr. LeFever noted there are seven fire district chapters that obtain grant funding to support the hand crews.

UPDATE OF PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (SDA)

- Donna Rise, Director, SDA, discussed several items identified in audit results from a recent LCB audit and an audit from the State Division of Internal Audits:
 - ◆ State Board of Agriculture statutory authority;
 - ◆ Accounting issues;
 - ◆ Grants management;
 - ◆ Medical marijuana; and
 - ◆ Virginia Range Estray Program.

Ms. Rise further testified regarding: (1) the SDA's Animal Industry Division; (2) livestock identification successes and related issues; (3) communication of the breadth and scope of the programs and activities of the SDA; and (4) issues the SDA has addressed during recent months. (Please see [Exhibit M.](#))

UPDATE OF PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES RELATING TO WILD HORSES AND BURROS IN NEVADA

Overview of the BLM Wild Horse and Burro Program and Related Activities in Nevada

- Doran Sanchez, previously identified, reported on the wild horse and burro program. Highlights of his testimony included: (1) establishing appropriate management levels (AML); (2) achieving AML on the range; (3) status of FY 2007 gathers; (4) the effect of the drought and fire emergencies on wild horses and burros; (5) the wild horse population census; (6) changes in 2007 summer gathers; (7) the loss of 71 wild horses in the Nevada wild horse range; (8) the temporary closure of the Palomino Valley Center; (9) the proposed gathers for 2008; (10) adoptions target and actual number of adopted horses during FY 2007; and (11) fertility control of the animals on the range. (Please see [Exhibit N-1](#) and [Exhibit N-2](#).)

Review of the Activities of and Issues Monitored by Nevada's Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses, SDCNR

- Cathy Barcomb, Administrator, Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses, SDCNR, provided a synopsis of the 2007 Extreme Mustang Makeover, which highlighted the positive aspects of United States wild horses' trainability and versatility. Ms. Barcomb also commented on the prison horse training program and its success. Additionally, Ms. Barcomb presented a table listing funding for the program from 1996 through 2007. (Please see [Exhibit O](#) and [Exhibit P](#).)

There was a discussion between Ms. Barcomb and Committee members regarding a State of Wyoming lawsuit with the BLM. Wyoming prevailed in the verdict to obtain court order requiring the BLM to fund the wild horse and burro program to keep the animals at or below AML. She stressed that Congress has requested that funding include caring for wild horses in emergency situations to keep them alive. Ms. Barcomb stated Nevada's Wild Horse Commission is considering similar litigation with the State of Nevada. (Please see [Exhibit Q-1](#) and [Exhibit Q-2](#).)

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF STATE PUBLIC LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCE-RELATED LEGISLATION APPROVED DURING THE 2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND PERTINENT FEDERAL LEGISLATION CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE 110TH UNITED STATES CONGRESS

- Michael J. Stewart, previously identified, briefed the Committee on related legislation from the 2007 Nevada Legislative Session and also natural resources legislation at the federal level. (Please see [Exhibit R](#) and [Exhibit S](#).)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Sheri Eklund-Brown, Commissioner, Elko County, commented on the 2007 Mining Law activities in the U.S. House of Representatives and requested the Committee oppose H.R. 2262 in its current form prior to and during its visits to Washington, D.C. She declared the proposed legislation is opposed by Nevada's Congressional Delegation. (Please see [Exhibit T-1](#), [Exhibit T-2](#), and [Exhibit T-3](#).)
- David E. Pulliam, Jr., Chief, Habitat Division, Nevada's Department of Wildlife (NDOW), commented on the degraded habitats of wild horse and burros, and he noted similar observations have been made by hunters in Nevada. Mr. Pulliam opined that the impact on wildlife due to territorial exclusion of the few remaining springs by the wild horses has not been adequately settled through AMLs set by the BLM. Mr. Pulliam stressed that NDOW supports the recommendation of Nevada's Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses to follow through with BLM litigation to acquire needed resources for wild horse management. (Please see [Exhibit U-1](#), [Exhibit U-2](#), [Exhibit U-3](#), and [Exhibit U-4](#).)

During a discussion with Mr. Pulliam, Commissioner Fransway encouraged NDOW to write the Secretary of the DOI and the Director of the BLM expressing NDOW's concerns about wild horse and burro management. Additionally, Commissioner Fransway suggested that NDOW offer to give a presentation on the wild horse and burro situation to local Nevada government bodies as Mr. Pulliam presented to the Public Lands Committee.

- Cathy Barcomb, previously identified, commented further on the wild horse and burro management by BLM and the ability to relocate wild horses for genetic viability.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Loflin
Senior Administrative Assistant

Michael J. Stewart
Supervising Principal Research Analyst

APPROVED BY:

Senator Dean A. Rhoads, Chairman

Date: _____

LIST OF EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the “Meeting Notice and Agenda” provided by Michael J. Stewart, Supervising Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), Carson City.

[Exhibit B](#) is a document titled “Nevada’s Legislative Committee on Public Lands Approved Budget and Proposed Work Plan, July 1, 2007, through December 31, 2008,” provided by Michael J. Stewart, Supervising Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB, Carson City.

[Exhibit C](#) is a document dated October 24, 2007, and titled “Field Manager’s Report,” presented by Don Hicks, Carson City Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI).

[Exhibit D](#) is a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled “Resource Management Activities 2007,” presented by Dave Marlow, Acting District Ranger, Carson Ranger District, U.S. Forest Service (USFS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

[Exhibit E](#) is the written testimony of Cheryl Probert, District Ranger, Bridgeport Ranger District, USFS, USDA, and a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled “Bridgeport Ranger District, 2007 Accomplishments,” provided by Ms. Probert.

[Exhibit F-1](#) is the written testimony of Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager, Carson City, an accompanying letter dated September 6, 2007, to U.S. Senator Harry Reid from Marv Teixeira, Mayor of Carson City, and a memorandum to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors of Carson City from Linda Ritter, City Manager, Carson City, provided by Mr. Guzman.

[Exhibit F-2](#) is a spiral bound booklet titled “Proposed Carson City Lands Bills,” provided by Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager, Carson City.

[Exhibit F-3](#) is a pamphlet titled “Post-Fire Watershed Critical Needs Assessment,” dated April 2007, submitted by Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager, Carson City.

[Exhibit F-4](#) is a document titled “Environment Assessment,” dated October 2005, submitted by Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager, Carson City.

[Exhibit F-5](#) is a document titled “Meeting Notes Silver Saddle Ranch Planning/Design Charrette Meeting,” dated August 16, 2007, submitted by Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager, Carson City.

[Exhibit F-6](#) is a packet of information regarding the Chinese Museum project, provided by Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager, Carson City.

[Exhibit F-7](#) is a letter dated November 13, 2007, to Michael J. Stewart, Supervising Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB, Carson City, regarding Carson City's presentation to the Legislative Committee on Public Lands, submitted by Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager, Carson City.

[Exhibit G](#) is a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled "Legislative Committee on Public Lands," presented by Edwin James, General Manager, Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD).

[Exhibit H-1](#) is a pamphlet titled "The Carson River Watershed Map," provided by Edwin James, General Manager, CWSD.

[Exhibit H-2](#) is a pamphlet titled "Carson Water Subconservancy District," provided by Edwin James, General Manager, CWSD.

[Exhibit I](#) is a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled "Truckee-Carson Irrigation District," presented by Dave Overvold, Project Manager, Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID), and Ernest C. Schank, President, Board of Directors, TCID.

[Exhibit J](#) is a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled "Water Law, An Overview and Related Issues," offered by Tracy Taylor, P.E., State Engineer, Division of Water Resources, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (SDCNR).

[Exhibit K](#) is a spiral bound document titled "Nevada's 2007 Wildland Fire Season Overview," submitted by Mike Dondero, Fire Program Coordinator, Nevada's Division of Forestry, SDCNR.

[Exhibit L](#) is the written testimony of Doran Sanchez, Chief, Office of Communications, BLM, Nevada.

[Exhibit M](#) is the written testimony of Donna Rise, Director, State Department of Agriculture.

[Exhibit N-1](#) is the written testimony of Doran Sanchez, Chief, Office of Communications, BLM, Nevada.

[Exhibit N-2](#) is a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled "Wild Horse and Burro Program," offered by Doran Sanchez, Chief, Office of Communications, BLM, Nevada.

[Exhibit O](#) is a copy of a magazine article titled "In from the Wild," submitted by Cathy Barcomb, Administrator, Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses, SDCNR.

[Exhibit P](#) is a chart titled "Bureau of Land Management Wild Horse & Burro Funding & Nevada State Funding," offered by Cathy Barcomb, Administrator, Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses, SDCNR.

[Exhibit Q-1](#) is a letter dated October 22, 2007, to Wyoming Governor Dave Freudental, regarding wild horse round ups, submitted by Cathy Barcomb, Administrator, Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses, SDCNR.

[Exhibit Q-2](#) is a letter dated October 22, 2007, to Bob Bennett, Director, BLM, Wyoming, in response to correspondence regarding wild horse gathers, submitted by Cathy Barcomb, Administrator, Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses, SDCNR.

[Exhibit R](#) is a document titled “Select Public Lands and Natural Resources Legislation, 2007 Nevada Legislative Session,” provided by Michael J. Stewart, Supervising Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB, Carson City.

[Exhibit S](#) is a document titled “Listing of Major Public Lands Legislation Currently Under Consideration in the 110th Congress as of October 23, 2007,” provided by Michael J. Stewart, Supervising Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB, Carson City.

[Exhibit T-1](#) is a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled “Mining Law Update,” offered by Sheri Eklund-Brown, Commissioner, Elko County.

[Exhibit T-2](#) is a packet of information submitted by Sheri Eklund-Brown, Commissioner, Elko County, which includes: (1) a document titled “Problems with HR 2262 Title III (Environmental Title);” (2) a document titled “H.R. 2262: Threatens the Future of Mineral Exploration and Mining on Public Lands Which Will Hurt Nevada and Increase the Nation’s Reliance on Foreign Sources of Minerals;” (3) a document titled “H.R. 2262: An Act to Increase the Nation’s Reliance on Foreign Sources of Strategic, Infrastructure, and Energy Minerals and Hurt Rural Mining Communities;” and (4) a document titled “The Rahall Mining Law Bill Jeopardizes Development of the Mount Hope Mine.”

[Exhibit T-3](#) is a technical report titled “An Analysis of the Economic Impact of the Hard Rock Mining Sector in the Elko Micropolitan Statistical Area,” provided by Sheri Eklund-Brown, Commissioner, Elko County.

[Exhibit U-1](#) is the written testimony of David E. Pulliam, Jr., Chief, Habitat Division, Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW).

[Exhibit U-2](#) is a letter dated August 5, 2004, to Kathleen Clarke, Director, DOI, regarding concerns to attain management control of the wild horse population, provided by Kim Jolly, MPA, Management Analyst 3, NDOW.

[Exhibit U-3](#) is a letter dated October 18, 2004, to Bob Abbey, Director, BLM, Nevada, regarding the wild horses in Nevada, provided by Kim Jolly, MPA, Management Analyst 3, NDOW.

[Exhibit U-4](#) is a letter dated July, 27, 2007, to Gerald M. Smith, Field Manager, Battle Mountain Field Office, BLM, and Steve Williams, District Ranger, Austin-Tonopah Ranger District, USFS,

USDA, regarding the struggle to attain management control of feral horse and burro populations in Nevada, provided by Kim Jolly, MPA, Management Analyst 3, NDOW.

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