

## MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Name of Organization: Legislative Committee on Public Lands  
(*Nevada Revised Statutes 218.5363*)

Date and Time of Meeting: Friday, March 24, 2006  
9 a.m.

Place of Meeting: El Capitan Hotel and Casino  
Trophy Room, Second Floor  
540 F Street  
Hawthorne, Nevada

**Note: Minutes of this meeting will be produced in summary format. Please provide the secretary with electronic or written copies of testimony and visual presentations if you wish to have complete versions included as exhibits with the minutes.**

### A G E N D A

- I. Opening Remarks and Introductions
- \*II. Approval of the “Summary Minutes and Action Report” of the Meeting Held on January 27, 2006, in Fallon, Nevada
- \*III. Update of Public Lands and Natural Resource Issues in Mineral and Esmeralda Counties and Overview of Natural Resource Issues Impacting the Walker River Paiute Tribe
  - Richard Bryant, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Mineral County
  - Nancy Boland, Member, Board of County Commissioners, Esmeralda County
  - Representative, Walker River Paiute Tribe
- \*IV. Review of Activities and Programs of the Hawthorne Army and Ammunition Depot
  - Florentino (Tiny) Cardenas, Civilian Executive Assistant, Hawthorne Army and Ammunition Depot
- \*V. Review of Domestic Sheep Grazing and the Presence of Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep in West Central Nevada
  - A. Update on the Impact of the Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep on Domestic Sheep Populations at the FIM Corporation’s Ranch Operations
    - Floyd W. Rathbun, Ranch Consultant and Certified Range Management Consultant
    - Fred Fulstone and Marianne Leinassar, FIM Corporation
  - B. Domestic Sheep Grazing Activity on the Bridgeport Ranger District
    - Cheryl Probert, District Ranger, Bridgeport Ranger District, U.S. Forest Service (USFS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- \*VI. Discussion and Updates Concerning Walker River, Walker Lake, and the Walker River Basin
  - A. Overview of the State of Nevada’s Role Concerning Walker Lake and the Walker River System
    - Allen Biaggi, Director, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (SDCNR)
  - B. Update on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Study Concerning the Hydrology of the Walker River Basin
    - Tom Lopes, Project Lead, Walker River Basin Project, USGS, United States Department of the Interior (DOI)

- C. Overview of Federal Activities and Congressional Involvement in Walker River and Walker Lake Issues  
Mary Conelly, State Director, Office of United States Senator Harry Reid
- D. Review of Cultural, Historical, and Current Uses of Walker Lake and the Walker River System by the Walker River Paiute Tribe  
Representative, Walker River Paiute Tribe
- E. Update on the Activities and Programs of the Walker River Irrigation District  
Ken Spooner, Executive Director, Walker River Irrigation District
- F. Overview of the Activities and Programs of the Walker Lake Working Group  
Lou Thompson, Chairman, Walker Lake Working Group
- \*VII. Discussion of Energy Development on Nevada's Public Lands
  - A. Review of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Involvement and Strategies Concerning Energy Development on Public Lands in Nevada  
Rich Hoops, Energy Representative, BLM, Nevada, DOI
  - B. Overview of the Activities and Programs of the Nevada State Energy Office and the Governor's Involvement in Energy Development on Public Lands in Nevada  
Rebecca Wagner, Director, Nevada State Office of Energy and Advisor to Governor Kenny C. Guinn on Energy Issues
- \*VIII. Review of Biomass Programs and Opportunities on Public Lands in Nevada
  - A. Update on Biomass Activity Relative to the Statewide Biomass Coordinating Group  
John McLain, Principal Resource Specialist, Resource Concepts, Inc.
  - B. Review of Biomass Initiatives and Strategies of the Nevada Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Task Force  
Dr. Elwood Miller, Biomass Representative, Nevada Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Task Force
- \*IX. Overview of Activities and Programs of Nevada's Division of Forestry (NDF)  
Pete Anderson, State Forester, NDF, SDCNR
- \*X. Discussion Regarding the Governor's Interaction with the U.S. Forest Service and the "Roadless Designation" Process  
Steve Robinson, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Nevada Governor Kenny C. Guinn
- \*XI. Overview of the Forest Plan Revision Process and Its Relation to "Roadless Designation" and Travel Management Planning by the U.S. Forest Service  
Michael Hampton, Forest Planner, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, USFS, USDA
- \*XII. Review of Proposal to Fund Noxious Weed Control Efforts and Weed Personnel in the State of Nevada  
Ken Thompson, Advisor to the Tonopah Conservation District
- XIII. Public Comments
- \*XIV. Possible Work Session on Preceding Agenda Items and Discussion of Future Meeting and Informational Tour Dates and Activities
- XV. Adjournment

\*Denotes items on which the Committee may take action.

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