

**STATE LAND USE PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

August 14, 2017

**SPECIAL CALL-IN MEETING PHYSICAL LOCATION:**

**Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Division of State Lands 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
901 South Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701**

**Members Present on Conference Call**

Eleanor Lockwood, Churchill County  
Nancy Amundsen, Clark County  
Delmo Andreozzi, Elko County  
Ralph Keyes, Esmeralda County  
Jake Tibbitts, Eureka County (Chair)  
Varlin Higbee, Lincoln County  
Lorinda Wichman, Nye County (Vice Chair)  
Austin Osborne, Storey County  
Jeanne Herman, Washoe County  
Laurie Carson, White Pine County  
Tori Sundheim, NACO

**Members Absent**

Lee Plemel, Carson City  
Nancy McDermid, Douglas County  
Jim French, Humboldt County  
Art Clark, Lander County  
Harold Ritter, Lyon County  
Jerrie Tipton, Mineral County  
Roger Mancebo, Pershing County

**Others Present on Conference Call**

Wayne Howle, Nevada Attorney General Office  
Lori Story, Nevada Attorney General Office  
Charlie Donohue, Administrator, Nevada Division of State Lands  
Skip Canfield, NDSL, State Land Use Planning Agency

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:32pm. **Skip Canfield** conducted a voice roll call and verified that there was a quorum of the members on the conference call, thereby allowing for actions to be taken by the Council.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**BLM'S DIRECTIVE TO STREAMLINE THE NEPA AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROCESSES**

A discussion was had regarding the March 27, 2017 action whereby President Trump signed H.J. Resolution 44, immediately nullified BLM's proposed rule "*Planning 2.0*". Subsequently, the Secretary of Interior issued a directive to BLM to "*begin a focused effort to identify and implement results-oriented improvements to its land use planning and NEPA processes*". The directive requires a BLM report to the Secretary by September 27, 2017.

The discussion resulted in a comment letter from SLUPAC that was included in the official State of Nevada comments being submitted to the BLM's Washington D.C. office in coordination with the Nevada Association of Counties, who were also submitting a feedback. **Skip Canfield** had prepared a draft letter that the members received prior to the call in meeting. A discussion ensued on the conference call whereby different members provided suggestions on grammatical corrections, format changes and rearrangement of the placement of two comments bullets for better readability. Some members stressed the importance of choosing a term other than "planning assessment", so that there would not be confusion with terminology used in the now-defunct Planning 2.0. Other members stressed the need to highlight the benefits of using current authorities that work, such as Categorical Exclusions. The usefulness of a "science panel" being designated early on in the planning process was discussed. There were questions on who would pay for such a panel and how the panel would be appointed. A motion was made by **Lorinda Wichman**, seconded by **Jeanne Herman**, all in favor, directing **Skip Canfield** to finalize the letter for **Jake Tibbitt's** signature based on the discussion and distribute to the appropriate BLM contacts and others, as part of the official State of Nevada comment packet. That letter is attached to these Minutes.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm, motion by **Delmo Andreozzi**, seconded by **Laurie Carson**, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Skip Canfield

/s/

Meeting Recorder

Please note that minutes should be considered draft minutes pending their approval at a future meeting of the State Land Use Planning Advisory Council. Corrections and changes could be made before approval.

The meeting was digitally recorded. Anyone wishing to receive or review the recording may call (775) 684-2723. The recording will be retained for three years.