

STATE LAND USE PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2020

Virtual Meeting

This meeting was held virtually pursuant to NRS241.023 and State of Nevada Declaration of
Emergency Directives 006, 026, and 029.

Members Present

Jake Tibbitts, Eureka County (Chair)
Lorinda Wichman, Nye County (Vice Chair)
James Barbee, Churchill County
Kathy Canfield, Storey County
Jim French, Humboldt County
Jeanne Herman, Washoe County
Roger Mancebo, Pershing County
Lee Plemel, Carson City
Sami Real, Clark County
De Winsor, Esmeralda County
Garth Price, Mineral County
Bill Calderwood, White Pine County
Colby Prout, NACO

Members Absent

Delmo Andreozzi, Elko County
Vida Keller, Lyon County
Kevin Phillips, Lincoln County
Art Clark, Lander County
Nancy McDermid, Douglas County

Others Present

Linda Bissett, NV Energy
Carolyn Barbash, NV Energy
Starla Lacy, NV Energy
Adam Godorov, NV Energy
Randy Cagle, NV Energy
Lee Simpkins, NV Energy
Brett Waggoner, Nye County
Jered McDonald, Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau
Jaina Moan, The Nature Conservancy
Jeremy Drew, Resource Concepts Inc
David Pritchett, U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Jordan Hosmer-Henner, Governor Steve Sisolak
Tori Sundheim, Office of Attorney General
Charlie Donohue, Nevada Division of State Lands
Ellery Stahler, Nevada Division of State Lands
Scott Carey, Nevada Division of State Lands

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by **Jake Tibbitts** at 9:04 am. A roll call was held for members of Council and a quorum was established. Introductions were made by others who were present.

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jake Tibbitts called for public comment.

Nevada Division of State Lands
State Land Use Planning Agency
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 5003
Carson City, NV 89701

Telephone: (775) 684-2723
www.lands.nv.gov/land-use-planning

Jaina Moan with the Nature Conservancy provided a general public comment in support of the Smart from the Start Energy Planning concept. Jaina requested that the Council consider a future agenda item for the Nature Conservancy to provide the Council with a presentation on this concept.

Jake Tibbitts called for any additional public comment. There was no additional public comment and the public comment period was closed.

3) REVIEW OF THE AGENDA

Scott Carey with the Nevada Division of State Lands stated that there were no changes needed for the meeting agenda. **Jake Tibbitts** stated that since there were no changes to make, then the Council will proceed with the meeting agenda as submitted.

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeanne Herman made a motion to approve the August 13, 2020 SLUPAC meeting minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by **Lorinda Winchman**. There was no discussion on the motion. There were no objections to the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

5) UPDATE ON SLUPAC LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

Scott Carey with the Nevada Division of State Lands provided the Council with an overview of Bill Draft Request (BDR) 342 which was included as pages 17-22 of the [meeting packet](#). Scott stated that since the last meeting in August, that staff has submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau the conceptual language to change the SLUPAC statutes that was discussed by the Council.

Scott provided an overview of the proposed change to NRS 321.740 (1) and (5) which would add a non-voting representative to the Council from the Nevada League of Cities and the Nevada Indian Commission. He stated that since the last meeting, he had a chance to talk with Jo Walker with the Nevada League of Cities about the BDR. He stated that he confirmed with the Nevada League of Cities their support of the BDR and having a non-voting member representative on the Council.

Scott stated that a question came up recently from the Legislative Counsel Bureau in the drafting process about whether the non-voting representative from the Nevada Indian Commission should be appointed by the Governor rather than by the Nevada Indian Commission as proposed. Scott stated that he had a chance to talk with Stacey Montooth, Executive Director of the Nevada Indian Commission and that it is the Commission's preference that the NIC makes the appointment and not the Governor. He stated staff agrees with the Nevada Indian Commission's position on this issue. He added that staff believes that since this is a non-voting member it would be more efficient for the appointment to come from the Nevada Indian Commission rather than the Governor in order to be consistent with the existing appointment process for the existing representative from the Nevada Association of Counties and the proposed Nevada League of Cities representative.

Jake Tibbitts, Lorinda Winchman, and Jim Barbee each stated that they agree with the Nevada Indian Commission being able to appoint its own non-voting representative to the Council instead of the Governor. There were no objections from the Council on this issue.

Scott Carey with the Nevada Division of State Lands provided an overview of the proposed change in the statute about making an elected officials' term on the Council coincide with their term in office. Scott stated that the intent of this change is to prevent any political conflicts and avoid having someone serving on the Council that the County no longer wants to have as its representative. The proposed change would only apply to elected officials and their term on the Council would coincide with their elected term in office or 3 years. He stated that elected officials would be eligible for reappointment upon re-election through the County nomination and Governor's appointment process. Scott stated that staff believes that the language in the BDR meets the intent of the proposed change and the direction provided by the Council at the last meeting on this issue.

Jake Tibbitts stated that he supports the language in the BDR, and he believes that it meets the intent of what the Council discussed at its last meeting. He stated that he is concerned that the proposed language in the BDR may prohibit a County from nominating a former elected official as its representative on the Council. He added that he would like to see a way for a County, if it wanted to, to have its representative remain on the Council and be able to preempt the expiration of a term without having to go through the formal appointment process.

Scott Carey with the Nevada Division of State Lands stated that staff believes that this proposed change still allows for the County to submit a nomination of a former elected official as its representative on the Council. He added that this proposed change will not prohibit a county from nominating whomever they want as is representative on the Council whether that is an elected official, staff member, or former elected official.

Charlie Donohue with the Nevada Division of State Lands stated that staff will work with the Legislative Counsel Bureau and see if there is a way to allow a county to preempt the formal appointment process. He stated that one way to allow for this is to expand the language in section 6 of the BDR.

Jake Tibbitts stated that at the last meeting there was discussion and direction from the Council to have the BDR state that a term of an elected official on the Council will coincide with their term in office unless the County takes action before the term ends.

Lorinda Wichman stated that she would appreciate the ability for a County to continue to allow its representative to serve on Council without having to go through the formal appointment process with the Governor's office.

Scott Carey with the Nevada Division of State Lands provided an overview of the section 7 in the BDR that authorizes the Council to elect a Vice Chair each year. He provided an overview of the sections that add in the new duty for the Council to take its own position, submit comments, and pass resolutions. He stated that the proposed BDR also reiterates one of the Council's primary responsibilities to resolve land use inconsistencies and to make recommendations in State Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC).

Scott pointed out an error in the BDR which proposes a change to NRS 321.761 that would expand the Council's role in resolving land use inconsistencies when requested. He stated that the proposed language in the BDR would insert the Council in the land use inconsistency review process, wherein the Council itself would receive a land use inconsistency resolution request, review the request, and then forward it to the Executive Council. He stated that staff believes this was a drafting error and the staff does not recall the Council providing direction to make the changes in this section of the statute as reflected in the BDR.

Scott provided the Council with an overview of the conceptual change discussed at the last Council meeting that would remove the 20-day newspaper posting requirement for public hearings regarding State ACEC's. He stated that public hearings to consider a proposed State ACEC would follow the Nevada Open Meeting Law and be noticed accordingly and therefore a 20-day newspaper noticing requirement was not necessary.

Jake Tibbitts stated that believes that the proposes changes look good and will provide the Council with further clarity regarding its duties and authorities.

Jim French asked for clarification under the proposed changes how an appeal or public hearing would work to consider a proposed State ACEC.

Scott Carey with the Nevada Division of State Lands stated that under the existing statute the Governor or Local Government can submit a request for the Council to consider a State ACEC. Scott stated that the request would then be received by staff and brought forth for consideration by the Council who would conduct a public hearing to review the State ACEC request. He stated under the existing statute, the Council would have to publish a notice of a public hearing in a local newspaper 20 days prior to the public hearing where the State ACEC is

being considered. He stated that under the proposed BDR, the 20-day newspaper notice before the public hearing would no longer be required.

Jim French asked for clarification if the proposed change was designed to streamline the State ACEC process. Jim stated that he believes many people within Humboldt County would be concerned that there would not be a newspaper notice published for a public hearing to consider a State ACEC. He stated that in areas of Northern Humboldt County many rely on the newspaper to be informed of upcoming public hearings because a lack of internet coverage in the area.

Scott Carey with the Nevada Division of State Lands stated that the intent of removing the newspaper noticing requirement for State ACEC public hearings is primarily for efficiency and cost. Scott stated that the State Land Use Planning Agency budget currently does not have funding available to cover the cost of newspaper notices for State ACEC public hearings. He stated that since the public hearing would be required to follow the state's Open Meeting Law that the meeting agenda would be posted and noticed accordingly. He stated staff believes that a notice of the public hearing published in the newspaper 20 days in advance of the hearing would not do much. He stated that in addition to public noticing requirements in the Open Meeting Law that agency could send out press releases and inform the public through other outreach avenues as well.

Jim French stated that he understands the intent of the proposed change but that he has a hard time with removing the newspaper noticing requirement due to cost and lack of budget resources. He expressed a concern that removing the newspaper noticing requirement could be selectively excluding rural residents of the state from the State ACEC decision making process.

Jake Tibbitts stated that the proposed change would not alter the responsibility of a State ACEC public hearing to follow the Open Meeting Law. Jake stated that under the Open Meeting Law meeting the agenda would have to be posted in four public places prior to the meeting and be provided to anyone who requested a copy of the meeting agenda. He stated that he can appreciate the concerns about rural residents and that many residents in Eureka County rely on newspaper notices to stay informed of meetings.

Jim French stated that Humboldt County has discussed its noticing practices and has opted to post both a notice of the meeting and its meeting agendas in the newspaper. Jim stated that the reason the county has chosen to continue publishing its meetings in the newspaper is out of a concern for the rural residents who rely on the newspaper for information. He stated that he feels that its important that people are notified well in advance of a public hearing on a State ACEC so they can make arrangements to attend the meeting if needed.

Jake Tibbitts stated that there has never been a State ACEC considered by the Council since the statute was enacted in 1973. He added that the Council could consider a State ACEC in the future and that it would be important for the Council to engage their respective areas of a proposal. He stated that if there was a proposed State ACEC in Eureka County it would be his job to inform all parties who may be impacted by the proposal and make sure they are aware of the public hearing.

Jim French stated that he agrees with Jake on this point. Jim stated that terms on the Council end and that its important that if future State ACEC's are proposed that rural residents without internet are properly informed.

Lorinda Wichman stated that she shares the same concerns with Jim about rural residents. Lorinda stated that she is less concerned than before about relying on digital meetings and ways to access information electronically in Nye County. She stated that as long as a public hearing for a proposed State ACEC follows the Open Meeting Law people will still be able to be informed on the meeting.

Colby Prout asked if it is common within Nevada Revised Statutes to have a 20-day noticing requirement before a public meeting or if it was unique to the Council's statute due to its statewide geographical distribution.

Scott Carey with the Nevada Division of State Lands stated that within the Council's statute this is the only requirement for a newspaper notice. Scott stated that from doing research on the legislative intent behind State ACEC's, the Legislature wanted there to be a collaborative approach and robust public outreach process when planning for and designating State ACEC's.

Tori Sundheim with the Attorney General's Office suggested that the required publication date for a State ACEC public hearing notice be moved to a regulation instead of being within statute. Tori stated that moving the publication requirements to a regulation would allow for changes to the noticing requirements to be made more frequently when compared to being in statute. Tori stated that time period for public hearing noticing requirements varies across Nevada Revised Statutes depending upon the area and issue.

Lee Plemel stated that for land use and zoning entitlement requests in addition to following the Open Meeting Law for the public hearing, local governments are required to send out a notice of the public hearing to affected property owners 10 days prior to the public hearing. Lee stated that the intent behind the 10-day public hearing notification for land use and zoning entitlement requests is to provide the public with more time to review materials before the public hearings. He stated that he believes that in Carson City they are required to post their public hearing notices in the newspaper 10 days prior to the meeting under Nevada Revised Statutes 278.

Jake Tibbitts stated that for the Diamond Valley groundwater management plan, the State Engineer required a notice be published in the newspaper 2 consecutive weeks prior to the public hearing. Jake added that the newspaper in Eureka County is only published once per week. He stated that he would be fine with leaving the 20-day newspaper requirement in the statute, but that he is concerned about the cost to the State to publish these newspaper notices in the future.

Charlie Donohue with the Nevada Division of State Lands stated that he agrees with Jim French and his concerns with removing the newspaper noticing requirements in rural areas. Charlie stated that if the Council feels its important to continue newspaper noticing in the future that the Agency will find the money within the budget. He suggested that the newspaper noticing requirement for a State ACEC public hearing be changed from 20 days to 10 days to match land use and zoning entitlement public hearing requirements.

Jim French stated that in the instance where a county proposed a State ACEC that it would put the issue on the radar of county residents. Jim stated that he is concerned that if the Governor proposed a State ACEC then he believes that there should be a noticing process in place to inform county residents of the action. He stated that a notice in the newspaper 10 days prior to the State ACEC public hearing would work to inform county residents.

Jake Tibbitts stated that he felt the 10-day newspaper notice instead of the 20-day requirement is a good compromise and called on the Council to make a motion to make this change in the BDR.

Lorinda Wichman made a motion to work with the Legislative Counsel Bureau staff on the language in the BDR for the noticing requirement for State ACEC public hearings to match the newspaper noticing requirements in NRS 278. The motion was seconded by **Jeanne Herman**. There were no objections to the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

6) NV ENERGY GREENLINK NORTH AND GREENLINK WEST PROJECTS

Carolyn Barbash with NV Energy, provided the Council with a [presentation](#), about the Greenlink Nevada project. Carolyn stated that the project represents a \$2 billion investment in the future of energy distribution and renewable energy production in Nevada. She stated that NV Energy has filed applications with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUC) in July and October for this project. She stated that the first phase of the project includes a new transmission line across western Nevada from the Harry Allen facility in Clark County to a new substation in Lyon County near Yerington. She stated that the first phase of the project is planned to be in operation in 2026. She stated that the second phase of the phase of the project includes a 235-mile new transmission line that would run from the Ely substation in White Pine County to the new substation in Lyon County near Yerington. She stated that the second phase of the project is planned to be in operation in 2031.

Jim French asked if non-governmental organizations and other land conservation groups in the state are opposed to the Greenlink Nevada project. Jim also asked about the need for additional energy transmission to serve growth in Northern Nevada.

Jaina Moan with the Nature Conservancy stated that their organization is not opposed to this project and that their models indicate that additional energy transmission lines are needed to serve the energy needs of the state and promote renewable energy production. Jaina further stated that their organization wants to make sure that future transmission and energy projects are done in a way to limit the impact on the environment. She stated that they view the Greenlink Nevada project as a model for how the smart from the start energy planning concept could work.

Jim French stated that it would be important for the Nature Conservancy and other similar groups to reach out to County Commissions across the state and have a dialogue about the smart from the start energy planning concept.

David Pritchett with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) stated that they have been coordinating with NV Energy on the Greenlink Nevada projects. David stated that they are anticipating separate Environmental Impact Statements in the future for the west and north projects. He stated that the Greenlink West project is planned to go through one Special Energy Zone (SEZ) and near another SEZ near Lida. He stated that neither of these SEZ areas have generated much interest from renewable energy developers due to a lack of transmission. He stated that each county where both of these projects are located will be invited in the future by the BLM to be a cooperating agency for the project's EIS.

Carolyn Barbash with NV Energy stated that the alignment for both projects does anticipate the development of new substations to serve future renewable energy development.

Jim French stated that he has a concern that counties where the project Greenlink Nevada project is not planned to go across may be impacted by the project but won't have an opportunity to participate in the EIS process. Jim further stated that both projects are going to be very large and asked if there is enough capacity with the BLM to sufficiently process the EIS for both projects.

David Pritchett with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) stated that nearby counties in addition to counties where the Greenlink Nevada project will be invited to participate in the future EIS processes. David stated that the BLM is working with NV Energy to set up a schedule for the EIS process for this project.

Jake Tibbitts asked which phase of the Greenlink Nevada project would be constructed first and why the west project is now proposed to be constructed first.

Carolyn Barbash with NV Energy stated that the original plan was to construct the Ely to Yerington segment first. Carolyn stated that during the discovery process with the PUC, it was determined that the west segment would be less costly to construct and could be permitted in a shorter amount of time. She further stated that the Greenlink west project would have more benefits because it would provide a redundant power connection between northern and southern Nevada and connect into new additional renewable energy resources.

Jake Tibbitts stated that he agrees that the Greenlink west project does have a lot of renewable energy resources available to connect to. Jake stated that the Greenlink north project also has a lot of brownfield sites that have been previously disturbed that would also be suitable for future renewable energy development. He stated that he believes that the Greenlink north project is important for his area of the state and hopes that this segment of the project would be constructed in the future.

7) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS UPDATE

Jered McDonald with the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) provided that Council with a presentation about the work of the Interim Legislative Committee on Public lands which was included as pages 23-24 of the [meeting packet](#). Jered provided the Council with an overview of the history, intent, and composition of the Interim Legislative Committee on Public Lands. Jered provided an overview of the 10 BDR requests that the Interim Legislative Committee on Public lands submitted to the legislature for consideration during the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature.

Jake Tibbitts stated that one of the roles of the Council is provide recommendations and statements of policy on land use plans to the Administrator of State Lands and the State Land Use Planning Agency. Jake stated that the Council through its BDR is looking to be able to issue its own statements of policy and recommendations. He expressed his appreciation to Jered McDonald and all the work that has been done by the Interim Legislative Committee on Public Lands.

Jim French stated that BDR 465 submitted by the Coalition for Healthy Nevada Lands is asking for a resolution from the Legislature to ask Congress to fund many of solutions identified by the U.S. Department of Interior with respect to reducing wild horses and burros on public lands.

8) STATE LAND USE PLANNING AGENCY UPDATE

Scott Carey with the Nevada Division of State Lands provide the Council with an overview of the update for the agency which was included as pages 25-31 of the [meeting packet](#). Scott stated that staff has been working closely with the NDOT and the project team for the update to the State Rail Plan. He stated that the final draft of the plan should be available for review in the next couple of weeks followed by a 30-day public comment period. He stated that NDOT and the project team would like to come to a future Council meeting and provide a presentation on the State Rail Plan and seek input from the Council. He stated that staff has followed up with NDOT and NV Energy about the discussion at the Council meeting about co-locating future energy and rail corridors together.

Scott stated that the State Land Use Planning Agency has been involved in development of the Nevada Climate Strategy and has recently participated in listening session for the plan. He stated that at the September 15th Land Use listening session, staff provided comments about need for better land use planning coordination between Federal, State, Tribal, and Local governments. He stated that comments were also provided that the State Land Use Planning Advisory Council could be a good forum to facilitate those types of discussion in the future. He stated that at the September 17th Transportation listening session, staff discussed the need for better land use planning in order to locate jobs closer to homes. He stated that the Nevada Climate Strategy is expected to be released by the Governor in December and that staff will keep the Council updated on the progress of the plan.

Scott provided the Council with an overview of the various Federal land bills currently being considered in Congress that the agency is tracking. He stated that the Agency is following the development of the National Defense Authorization Act and that this legislation could impact many county lands bills throughout the State. He asked if members of the Council had any updates or had information to share about any Federal lands bills around the State.

Jeremy Drew with Resource Concepts Inc. representing Churchill County stated that the county was appreciative of Congressman Mark Amodei for submitting the Northern Nevada Economic Development and Conservation Act. Jeremy stated that the County felt that this bill was better than the legislation submitted by the Navy for the Fallon Test Range Complex expansion and included much needed mitigation for the county. He stated that Senator Catherine Cortez Masto has submitted a discussion draft of her bill for the proposed expansion and that the county also supports this bill. He stated that Senator Cortez Masto's bill includes new provisions for mitigation for area Tribe's and encouraged counties to look at this bill. He stated that he is not sure how all of these bills will proceed in Congress and that a lot of it will depend on the results of the upcoming election.

Jake Tibbitts stated that Senator Cortez Masto's bill also includes several provisions of the Elko County lands bill and could affect other counties in Northern Nevada.

Lorinda Wichman stated that she has been working with the entire Federal delegation on the various discussion drafts of these bills. Lorinda expressed concern that everything Nye County submitted in Senator Cortez Masto's bill was not included in the discussion draft. She added that she will continue to work with the delegation and others to incorporate components of the Nye County lands bill into the National Defense Authorization Act.

Sami Real stated that the Clark County land bill has been modified by Senator Cortez Masto's office to include new issues that weren't originally a part of the county's proposal. Sami stated that the county continues to work on the new components of the bill and will track its progress through Congress.

Jake Tibbitts stated that there are a lot of public lands bills being considered by Congress right now. Jake stated that he believed the last public lands bill to go through Congress in Nevada was attached to the National Defense Authorization Act.

9) COUNTY PLANNING UPDATES

Kathy Canfield, Storey County

Kathy stated that the county continues to work on and move forward with its water resources plan and a RS 2477 roads plan. Kathy stated that the all of the field work for the RS 2477 plan has been completed and that are working on mapping and looking into other legal issues. She stated that the county is also looking into the drainage improvements and flood plain issues.

Jake Tibbitts, Eureka County:

Jake stated that the Diamond Valley water adjudication continues to move forward and has been submitted to the District Court. Jake stated that the State Engineer has completed his order of determination and that the plan now heads to the District Court to enter into a decree. He stated that the BLM has claimed 66 public water reserves within Diamond Valley and these claims have been rejected by the State Engineer. He stated that this issue is important to follow because whatever happens in the courts could have impacts around the state. He stated that if BLM's 66 public water reserves are ruled to be valid that up to 3,000 acres of land would be withdrawn for a public use, agricultural, and mining use. He added that there are thousands of public water reserves on BLM land throughout the state and that this ruling could have far reaching implications.

Lee Plemel, Carson City:

Lee stated that in terms of planning and development things have been business as usual in Carson City. He stated that homes continue to be built as fast as they can be sold. He stated that he recently talked with a large local home builder and that they are seeing a large exodus of people from California into the area. He stated that July's sales tax revenues for Carson City were up around 20% from the same period last year largely because of building materials and online sales. He stated that fiscal situation for the State of Nevada is different than Carson City and other local jurisdictions around the State. He stated that it will be important to monitor the upcoming Legislative session and see how budget cuts or services changes could impact local governments.

Sami Real, Clark County:

Sami stated that Clark County is also seeing the same amount of planning and development work as they did prior to the pandemic. She added that the County Commission and Planning Commission agendas continue to catch up and get through the planning and development related items that were pushed back because of the pandemic. She stated that home builders continue to come forward with entitlement requests for new development and that the Building Department has seen an influx of new building permits. She stated that the county continues to examine how they will conduct business differently and how best to do business in the future. She stated that many of the changes have been well received by the public and have been an improvement in the way they conduct business overall.

Jim French, Humboldt County:

Jim stated that Humboldt County is the final stages in the development of its water plan and resource management plan. He stated that these plans have been a long time coming and that the county has been working on these updates over the past 5 years. He stated that the County Commission is likely to take action on the water plan by the end of the year. He stated that the county has an RS 2477 access plan and that they have engaged a contractor to look at Federal roads and access issues in the county. He stated that the county

Nevada Division of State Lands
State Land Use Planning Agency
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 5003
Carson City, NV 89701

Telephone: (775) 684-2723
www.lands.nv.gov/land-use-planning

is also seeing an increase in sales tax. He stated that the county had projected a decrease in revenues from the pandemic, but that revenues have come in 15-20% above those projections. He stated that many contractors working on new housing in the county are experiencing supply issues with materials and appliances.

Lorinda Wichman, Nye County:

Lorinda stated that she has been pleasantly surprised over the past year with some of ways the county has conducted its business and that many of these changes will be helpful in the future. She stated that Nye County is also experiencing issues with housing in the northern part of the county. She stated that in Tonopah there is nowhere for people to move into and that every RV spot in town is occupied. She stated the county continues to work on an amendment to its master plan and that she will share information with the Council once this amendment has been reviewed and approved.

Jeanne Herman, Washoe County

Jeanne stated that Washoe County is also experiencing issues with getting building materials to the job site and problems with development delays due to the pandemic. She stated that infrastructure in the county remains way behind the new home and industrial development. She stated that the county has a regional plan but that master planning continues to move forward slowly. She stated that there is no interest within the county on RS 2477 road issues.

Bill Calderwood, White Pine County

Bill stated that there is a housing shortage in White Pine County that is being driven by a labor shortage as opposed to a lack of supplies. He stated that the county is working on jail and courthouse expansion projects and that a majority of the labor force working on these projects is from Southern Utah and the Las Vegas areas. He stated that the county has been unable to fill many seasonal positions because the mines are hiring a lot of new workers. He stated that the county has reduced the number of committee meetings because of the pandemic. He stated that county is working with the BLM on an OHV management policy and they continue to work on wild horse issues as well. He stated that the county's Regional Transportation Commission has received its first payment since the adoption of an increase in the gas tax.

9) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Jake Tibbitts stated that the Council received a request for the Nature Conservancy for a future presentation on the Smart from the State Energy planning concept. He stated that he believes it would be good for the Council to receive a presentation on this topic.

Jim French stated that he agrees and that it would be good for the Council to hear a presentation on this topic.

10) SCHEDULING OF FUTURE SLUPAC MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

Scott Carey with the Nevada Division of State Lands stated that the staff was hoping to finalize a date for the next Council meeting. Scott suggested that the Council set a date for its next meeting within the late February or early March timeframe.

Jake Tibbitts stated that with the Legislature being in session during this timeframe that it would be good for the Council to have a meeting in case it needs to weigh in on a land use planning related bill. He suggested the first week of March for a possible Council meeting.

Jim French stated that the Humboldt County Commission typically holds its meetings on Monday but that this date could work for him.

Lorinda Wichman suggested Monday March 1, 2021 at 9:00 AM as the date for the next Council meeting. The consensus of the Council was that this date would work for its next meeting.

11) PUBLIC COMMENTS
Nevada Division of State Lands
 State Land Use Planning Agency
 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 5003
 Carson City, NV 89701

Telephone: (775) 684-2723
www.lands.nv.gov/land-use-planning

Jake Tibbitts called for public comment. Scott Carey stated that the meeting notice included instructions for how to submit a public comment before the meeting and as of the deadline of October 26, 2020 at 5:00 PM staff did not receive any public comments. **Jake Tibbitts** called for any additional public comment. There was no public comment.

12) ADJOURN

Lorinda Winchman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by **Jeanne Herman** and approved by the Council. The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Carey

/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.