

STATE LAND USE PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2021
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)
Hope Sullivan, Carson City
Sami Real, Clark County
James Barbee, Churchill County
Maureen Casey, Douglas County
Wilde Brough, Elko County
De Winsor, Esmeralda County
Jim French, Humboldt County
Wes Henderson, Lyon County
Curtis Schlepp, Mineral County
Roger Mancebo, Pershing County
Kathy Canfield, Storey County
Jeanne Herman, Washoe County
Bill Calderwood, White Pine County
Colby Prout, NACO

Members Absent

Kevin Phillips, Lincoln County
Art Clark, Lander County

Others Present

Meghan Brown, Nevada Department of Agriculture
Andrea Moe, Nevada Department of Agriculture
Jennifer Haley, NAS Fallon
David Pritchett, U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Marla McDade Williams, Strategies 360
Jordan Hosmer-Henner, Governor Steve Sisolak
Bill Thompson, NDOT
Brett Waggoner, Nye County
Shayna Steingard, Defenders of Wildlife
Ryan Shane, Nevada Division of Forestry
Jaina Moan, the Nature Conservancy
Shayna Steingard, Defenders of Wildlife
Rhiannon Scanlon, the Wilderness Society
Helen O'Shea, Natural Resources Defense Council
Rob Rule, NAS Fallon
Cheva Gabor, U.S. Forest Service
Lee Bonner, NDOT
Sondra Rosenberg, NDOT
Stacey Montooth, Nevada Indian Commission
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

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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

Scott Carey with the Nevada Division of State Lands called for public comment. He stated that the meeting notice included instructions for how to submit a public comment before the meeting and as of the deadline of February 26, 2021 at 5:00 PM staff did not receive any public comments.

There was no additional public comment, and the public comment period was closed.

3) ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2021

Scott Carey with the Nevada Division of State Lands stated that the terms for **Jake Tibbitts** as Chair and **Lorinda Wichman** expired on January 17th and that the Council needs to elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the next year. Scott stated that NRS 321.740 and the Council's bylaws outline that the Chair and Vice Chair be elected at the first meeting of the year. Scott stated that the main roles of these positions are to run the meetings, assist staff with the development of meeting agendas, and sign letters of support or comments letter on behalf of the Council. Scott stated that the terms of the new Chair and Vice Chair would run through March 1, 2022 and that Jake Tibbitts and Lorinda Wichman are both eligible to be re-elected if the Council desires.

Sami Real made a motion to elect **Jake Tibbitts** as Chair and **Lorinda Wichman** as Vice Chair, the motion was seconded by **Roger Mancebo**. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote of the Council. **Maureen Casey** abstained from the vote.

4) 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.

5) ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE SLUPAC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Jake Tibbitts provided an overview of the staff memo that was included as page 6 of the [meeting packet](#). Jake added that the Council needs to appoint a new member to the Executive Council to fill the remainder of the term left vacant by Lee Plemel. Jake provided an overview of the duties of the Executive Council and stated that NRS requires to the extent possible that the members of the Executive Council be geographically representative from throughout the State.

Scott Carey with the Nevada Division of State Lands stated that staff recommends that the Council appoint one member to the Executive Council that is from from northwestern Nevada (Washoe County, Storey County, Carson City, Douglas County, Lyon County and Churchill County).

Jake Tibbitts stated that there are a lot of new members to the Council representing counties in Northwestern Nevada. Jake stated that he feels given his experience on the Council that **James Barbee** would make a good representative of the region on the Executive Council.

James Barbee stated that he would be willing to serve on the Executive Council.

Lorinda Wichman made a motion to appoint **James Barbee** to serve on the Executive Council for the remainder of a term ending on May 28, 2022. The motion was seconded by **Jim French**. There was no discussion on the motion. There were no objections to the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

6) UPDATE ON AB 52 AND DIRECTION ON POSSIBLE AMENDMENT TO BILL

Charlie Donohue with the Nevada Division of State Lands provided the Council with an update on its bill AB 52. Charlie stated that on February 1st, the bill was heard by the Assembly Government Affairs Committee and was well received by the Committee. Charlie stated that prior to the hearing, staff heard from Assemblywoman Anderson who had an interest in proposing an amendment to AB 52. During the hearing Assemblywoman Anderson suggesting making the proposed Nevada Indian Commission representative a voting member of the Council as opposed to a non-voting member. Charlie stated that staff recognized this amendment during the hearing but requested that the Committee provide the Council with an opportunity to weigh in on this proposed amendment. Charlie stated that staff is looking for the Council to weigh in the proposed amendment to AB 52 and provide direction to staff on how to proceed with adding the Nevada Indian Commission representative on the Council as a voting member.

Scott Carey with the Nevada Division of State Lands provided the Council with an overview of a conceptual amendment to AB 52 that was included as pages 12-14 of the [meeting packet](#). Scott stated that the conceptual mockup would make the Nevada Indian Commission representative on the Council a voting member. Scott stated that the proposed amendment would increase the number of voting members on the Council to 18 and the Nevada Indian Commission representative would be appointed to the Governor. Scott stated that staff felt that if the Nevada Indian Commission representative is to be voting member, then this representative should be appointed by the Governor like the other voting members on the Council.

Scott stated that during the Assembly Government Affairs Committee hearing, the Committee asked staff to investigate whether the existing Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) representative and proposed Nevada League of Cities & Municipalities representative should be voting members on the Council. Scott stated that he heard back from NACO, and they would prefer that its representative on the Council remain a non-voting member. Scott stated that has not heard back from the Nevada League of Cities & Municipalities staff after the Committee hearing. Scott added that in the past, the Nevada League of Cities & Municipalities have expressed their preference to have their representative to be a non-voting member on the Council.

Charlie Donohue with the Nevada Division of State Lands stated that the conceptual amendment to AB 52 is consistent with what staff had discussed with Assemblywoman Anderson before the Assembly Government Affairs Committee hearing.

Jake Tibbitts suggested that by increasing the voting members on the Council to 18 in section 1(a) of the conceptual mockup, there would not be a need to have section 1(d).

Lorinda Wichman stated that one potential issue with increasing the membership of the Council to 18 is that it would be even number and there could be a situation that arose in the future where a tie vote would need to be broken.

Jake Tibbitts stated that if there were an even split vote in the future, the split vote would represent a non-decision by the Council. Jake added that a non-decision does not preclude the Council from taking future decision, it just means that it would need to work together to render a decision by a majority vote. Jake stated that in his experience, the Council has always tried to work by consensus.

Colby Prout stated that the reason NACO prefers to remain a non-voting member is because as an organization they operate on consensus. Colby stated there could see a situation where there may a difference between two of their members and that they would have to abstain from a vote. Colby stated that NACO had some concern that adding three voting members would impact the quorum requirements for the Council to the conduct business. Colby stated that NACO supports adding a voting representative from the Nevada Indian Commission to the Council.

Charlie Donohue with the Nevada Division of State Lands stated that staff does recognize having an even number of voting members could pose an issue. Charlie stated that the Council has historically conducted its business in a collaborative fashion, and because of this it's likely not going to be an issue.

Jake Tibbitts stated that Eureka County did testify in support of AB 52 during the Assembly Government Affairs Committee meeting. Jake stated that Eureka County fully supports the proposed amendment and adding the Nevada Indian Commission as a voting member on the Council.

Stacey Montooth with the Nevada Indian Commission stated that the Commission is honored and excited to help the Council move forward and that they support AB 52 as written or with the proposed amendment to AB 52.

Wes Henderson made a motion to support the proposed amendment to AB 52 with the removal of section 1(d). The motion was seconded by **Jeanne Herman**. There was no discussion on the motion. There were no objections to the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

7) STATE RAIL PLAN UPDATE AND CONSIDERATION OF A LETTER OF SUPPORT

Scott Carey with the Nevada Division of State Lands provided an overview of the proposed letter which is included on pages 19-20 of the [meeting packet](#). Scott stated that at its last meeting the Council had a good discussion about increasing local rail service and its impact on local government land use plans. The Council also expressed a desire to help make local government planning departments around the state aware of the plan and encourage them to consider the State Rail Plan when updating their master plans.

Scott stated that the Council's proposed letter of support on the draft State Rail Plan provides comments with respect to land use planning and the Council's involvement with Recommendation #14 "Enact effective freight transportation land-use strategies". The Council's letter outlines its general support for this recommendation and offers its support to providing outreach to local governments in implementing this recommendation.

Finally, Scott stated that the proposed letter states that new freight transportation development should be encouraged in areas that are compatible with local government master plans. The letter also recommends that the new freight transportation development and rail improvements should be concentrated in areas where adequate infrastructure exists or is planned. Staff is recommended that the Council review and discuss the proposed letter of support and offer any changes to the letter. If approved, the Chair will be authorized to sign the letter on behalf of the Council and staff will submit it as part of the public comments for the state rail plan.

Lee Bonner with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) stated that they have worked well with the Council on the development of the State Rail Plan and look forward to the Council's comments on the draft plan.

Maureen Casey stated that in section 4 of the draft plan, Region 6 identifies only one active mine in Douglas County when there are two active mines. Maureen stated in addition to the Bing Mine there is another active mine off Johnson Lane that is located on Bureau of Indian Affairs allotment land.

Lee Bonner thanked Maureen Casey for that comment and suggested that she submit that comment directly to NDOT staff. Lee also provided an overview on how active mines were and were not included in the draft State Rail Plan.

Jake Tibbitts thanked NDOT for including both the Council and the State Land Use Planning Agency within the draft State Rail Plan.

Kathy Canfield stated that Storey County is going to abstain for voting on the draft letter as the county is going to provide its own comments to the draft State Rail Plan.

Roger Mancebo made a motion to approve the letter of support for the State Rail Plan and to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter on behalf of the Council. The motion was seconded by **James Barbee**. There was

no discussion on the motion. There were no objections to the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council. **Kathy Canfield** abstained from the vote.

8) SMART-FROM-THE-START PLANNING FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY & TRANSMISSION BUILDOUT PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF LETTER ENDORSING THE CONCEPT

Jaina Moan with the Nature Conservancy, Shayna Steingard with the Defenders of Wildlife, Rhiannon Scanlon with the Wilderness Society and Helen O'Shea with the Natural Resources Defense Council provided the Council with a [presentation](#) about the Smart from the Start renewable energy planning concept.

Jaina Moan with the Nature Conservancy provided an overview of the Council's proposed letter of endorsement of the Smart from the Start energy planning concept which was included as pages 25-27 of the [meeting packet](#).

Maureen Casey expressed a concern about the of creation waste from new renewable energy facilities and asked about what happens when new solar photovoltaic facilities become obsolete.

Jaina Moan with the Nature Conservancy stated that a typical solar photovoltaic array will have a lifespan of about 20 and that they do expect to see more waste become produced in the future. Jaina stated that it will be important in the future to focus on the recycling of solar panels and minerals used in their creation. Jaina also highlighted that co-location of existing facilities can be a driver of future economic development.

Maureen Casey asked about raptor protection from the development of new wind farms.

Jaina Moan with the Nature Conservancy stated that they are working collaboratively as group towards the further development and advancement of the Smart from the Start energy planning concept. Jaina stated that in general they are looking at studies and other measures to mitigate the impacts on wildlife from the development of renewable energy facilities.

Shayna Steingard with the Defenders of Wildlife stated that its important to consider the entire life cycle of a renewable energy production facility. Shayna stated that the Defenders of Wildlife are actively engaged and are looking at all tools available to mitigate the impact on raptors from new wind farms.

Maureen Casey stated that one of her main concerns with pursuing additional nuclear energy is that there is not any consideration on the disposal of nuclear waste. Maureen stated that she would like to see more information on the Smart from the Start planning concept in the future. She further stated that if the Council endorses this concept that it's not left out of the process in the future.

Jaina Moan with the Nature Conservancy stated that they consider the endorsement of the concept to be the first step in the overall implementation of Smart from the Start energy planning concept. Jaina welcomed any additional comments and changes to the proposed letter of endorsement.

Helen O'Shea with the Natural Resources Defense Council stated that there are ongoing discussions for the overall life cycle of solar panels and offered to provide the Council with additional information on this issue.

Jim French stated that baseline determination of what is necessary to remove carbon emissions in Northern Nevada is unknown at this point especially in light of a larger production of energy from the conversion of vehicles to electric motors. Jim stated that without having these numbers available, it is almost impossible for us to determine the footprint and impacts to footprint. Jim stated that in terms of baseload they are not just talking about generating power when the sun is out, or the wind is blowing but also the baseload requirement for industry and other uses when the sun is not out. Jim expressed doubt about the viability of storing energy from renewable energy sources with today's technology. Jim stated from a conservation standpoint, large scale solar panel arrays in the Great Basin have a tremendous impact on wildlife habitat, migration corridors, and neotropical birds & migratory birds in general. Jim stated the presence of these arrays in these landscapes along with new roads and personnel has a tremendous impact. Jim expressed concern about the concept of reusing old mining sites for renewable energy and how it would impact the existing bonding requirements for

mines to reclaim the land for habitat and wildlife. Jim stated that he feels that its important for green energy and in particular solar arrays & wind generation to remain part of the conversation, but nobody should have the impression that we can walk completely away from existing energy production sources.

Jaina Moan with the Nature Conservancy thanked Jim French for his comments and concerns. Jaina stated that may other states have taken measures to increase the production of energy from renewable energy sources along with calculating what the baseload requirements will be for these new sources. Jaina stated that they are asking the Council to support an approach to development that considers other land uses and considers land management as part of energy development.

Jim French stated that in the past he remembers Nevada's role with the Nevada Test Site and cautioned that there is a huge portion of the state is unavailable or able to be used. Jim stated that he does not want Nevada to become the next solution for the country's green energy revolution and does not want the state to become a giant solar array. Jim stated that Nevada has unique habitat, has huge wildlife values and that Nevada is not a wasteland.

David Pritchett with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) stated that last December a new Federal law was enacted to approve 25 gigawatts of new renewable energy generation nationwide by 2025. David stated that where these new projects will go is still to be decided but he feels that Federal public lands in Nevada will see a lot of new projects. David stated that there has been an influx of new projects coming in for permitting and review by the BLM in Southern and Central Nevada. He encouraged all members of the Council to keep an eye out for these projects and get involved in the review process with the BLM.

Sami Real stated that in Clark County they have been seeing an influx of renewable energy projects that are servicing adjacent states and not directly benefitting Nevada. Sami stated that in Clark County there are a lot of large transmission lines that go to other states and that new large solar projects being built in Clark County are sending their electricity to California. Sami stated that as part of the county's update of its comprehensive plan, they are adding a policy that encourages renewable energy built in Clark County to benefit Clark County and not have the electricity go to other states. Sami encouraged the Council to focus on getting renewable energy projects built in Nevada to benefit Nevada instead of using Nevada's public lands for the benefit of other states.

De Winsor stated that he agrees with Sami Real in that renewable energy projects built in Nevada should benefit Nevadans. De asked why geothermal energy has not been further developed in Nevada.

Jaina Moan with the Nature Conservancy stated that they do include geothermal energy development in their planning, and they support geothermal energy to meet the baseload needs of Nevada. Jaina stated that the intent of the Smart from the Start energy planning concept is to encourage new energy projects and transmission lines into areas that are already disturbed and to minimize the impacts of natural working lands.

Scott Carey with the Nevada Division of State Lands provided an overview of the proposed letter of endorsement and the intent behind the concept. Scott stated that from a land use planning perspective, staff believes that the concept of Smart-from-the-Start energy planning can be a beneficial tool for Nevada to use to avoid land use conflicts, reduce land consumption, and conserve natural resources.

Scott also stated that the proposed letter of endorsement is considered to be a statement of policy pursuant to NRS 321.7355 (1). In accordance with NRS 321.750 statements of policy regarding land use planning are to be submitted to the Administrator of the Division of State Lands and to the State Land Use Planning Agency. Scott stated that staff recommends that the Council discuss the proposed letter of endorsement of the concept for Smart-from-the-Start energy planning and authorize the Chair to sign the letter and submit it to the Administrator of the Division of State Lands and to the State Land Use Planning Agency.

Jake Tibbitts suggested on the first page of the letter under the fourth paragraph at the end of the second sentence to add the term "storage". Jake suggested on the second page of the letter under first full paragraph starting with "Good planning policy" with the second sentence to add in the terms "reliably" and "Nevada's communities". Jake suggested on the second page under the first bullet for mine lands under the last sentence to add in "implement favorable land use plans" before deploy. Jake suggested on the second page under the

last paragraph in the last sentence to add the term “mitigate” before land use planning conflicts. In this same sentence Jake also suggested adding “wildlife conflicts” before reduce land consumption and add “address associated waste streams” before conserve natural resources. Jake also suggested in this same paragraph to add at the end of the second to last sentence after concept to add “when done in close coordination with local governments”.

Jim French stated that over 80% of land in the state is owned by the Federal government and that because of this there will be pressure to develop renewable energy projects in Nevada. Jim stated that regardless of whatever the Council says, there is a movement for Nevada to become one large solar panel. Jim stated that he understands the need to mitigate the impacts of this kind of development on wildlife, if possible, He further stated that there are many unanswered questions with regards to the Smart from the Start energy planning policy and its implementation.

Jake Tibbitts stated the intent of the letter and endorsing the Smart from the Start energy planning concept is to avoid land use conflicts and get a head of the planning that is needed to successfully develop new renewable energy projects throughout the state.

Hope Sullivan stated that she agrees with Sami Real in that given the regulatory environment in California they are seeing a lot of the solar industry from that state coming to Nevada. Hope asked in the Nature Conservancy would be open to modifying the letter to address the concerns expressed by the Council today and reconsider the letter at a future meeting.

Jaina Moan with the Nature Conservancy stated that they share the same concerns as the Council and that they feel taking Smart from the Start approach to energy planning will help address land use conflicts. Jaina thanked Jake Tibbitts for his suggested edits and stated that they would certainly be open to modifying the letter.

Wes Henderson asked why COVID-19 was referenced in the proposed letter.

Jaina Moan with the Nature Conservancy stated that COVID-19 was included in the letter because they believe that there will be Federal stimulus packages that will provide investment for energy and other infrastructure projects that that advance the Smart from the Start energy planning concept.

Scott Carey with the Nevada Division of State Lands stated that staff is happy to remove the references to COVID-19 if the Council desires. Scott stated that COVID-19 was included in the letter because the Governor’s Office of Economic Development recently updated the state’s economic development plan to promote economic resiliency in light of the pandemic. Scott stated that the economic development objectives of the Smart from the Start energy planning concept could help advance the state’s new economic development plan.

Jake Tibbitts stated that there are two references to COVID-19 in the letter and that he did not think that these references added much to the letter overall and that they could be taken out if the Council desires.

Jake Tibbitts stated that Council is reviewing whether or not to endorse the concept of Smart from the Start energy planning as a way to address the land use concerns brought up today by the Council. Jake stated that he hoped the revisions he proposed were helpful to address the concerns the Council expressed with the letter. Jake reminded the Council that implementation of this concept in the future is going to fall on the counties with their local land use planning authority.

Maureen Casey asked if the Nature Conservancy would be open to revising the letter to incorporate the comments from the Council and bring the letter back for consideration at a future meeting. Maureen stated that she still had questions with respect to the policy, liked the changes that were proposed at today’s meeting, and would like to see the letter come back for future consideration by the Council.

Jake Tibbitts stated that the proposed letter is only endorsing the concept of Smart from the Start Energy Planning and that approval of the letter is not endorsing any specific organization or presentation.

Jim French stated that he agrees with Maureen Casey and that he still has many questions regarding the proposed letter. Jim stated that if the Council is going to issue a policy statement that will be sent the Governor and the Legislature, that he would like to take a wholistic review of the concept.

Jim French made a motion to continue the proposed letter endorsing the Smart from the Start Energy planning concept to a future Council meeting.

Jake Tibbitts stated that under parliamentary procedure if an item is placed on the table, it can only be brought back for future consideration by the Council if the Council takes action to remove the item off of the table for future discussion. Jake cautioned the Council to not table the proposed letter but instead to take no action and bring back this item for future consideration.

Jim French stated that he would like to see more information on the overall concept before taking action on the proposed letter.

Jake Tibbitts stated that he believes that the intent of the proposed letter is to address the concerns expressed by the Council today and to avoid land use impacts through the Smart from the Start energy planning concept. Jake suggested that staff work with presenters to address the concerns expressed by the Council today and bring back the proposed letter for consideration by the Council at a future meeting.

There was no further discussion from the Council. No action was taken by the Council on this agenda item.

9) NEVADA DIVISION OF FORESTRY PRESENTATION ON ENDANGERED & THREATENED PLANTS

Ryan Shane with the Nevada Division of Forestry provided the council with a [presentation](#) about State's Endangered and Threatened Plants list and permitting process. Ryan also shared with the Council a copy of [additional helpful links](#) from the Nevada Division of Forestry.

Jake Tibbitts stated that there is a nexus between land use planning and the local government entitlement process that should consider the state's Endangered and Threatened Plants list and permitting process.

Jim French asked if the Nevada Division of Forestry has a GIS based map that shows critical habitat and threatened & endangered plants.

Ryan Shane with the Nevada Division of Forestry stated that the Division relies on the Nevada Division of Natural Heritage to maintain the GIS map that shows critical habitat and threatened & endangered plants. Ryan stated that interested parties and developers can submit a footprint of land to the Nevada Division of Natural Heritage and that the Division will issue an inventory of what they have in their database. Ryan stated that there is not a system available right now that will provide a positive or negative confirmation of the presence of an endangered or threatened plant in the state.

Jim French asked if the Nevada Division of Forestry is dovetailing most of the regulatory activity in this area to cooperating agencies or an inventory policy.

Ryan Shane with the Nevada Division of Forestry stated that its important to note that the list he provided in the presentation only covers State listed threatened & endangered plants and that the Federal government maintains its own list.

10) NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NOXIOUS WEED PROGRAM

Meghan Brown and Andrea Moe with the Nevada Department of Agriculture provided the Council with a presentation about the state's [Noxious Weed Program](#).

Jake Tibbitts stated the intent of this presentation today by the Department of Agriculture was to make the Council aware of the noxious weed program. Jake stated that it is good for the Council to be aware of the

requirements in state law with respect to noxious weeds because they can have land use implications at the local government level.

Charlie Donohue with the Nevada Division of State Lands asked how often local governments may impose liens on private property owners who are not treating noxious weeds on their properties in accordance with state law.

Meghan Brown with the Nevada Department of Agriculture stated that she does not have a specific dollar amount available for the liens imposed around the state. Meghan stated that the amount of the liens and how often they are imposed really is a function of how active the local weed district is in that specific area. Meghan stated that some local weed districts may impose 12-25 liens per year while another weed district may only impose 1 lien a year on a property.

Lorinda Wichman thanked the Nevada Department of Agriculture for this presentation. Lorinda stated that she has been involved with the local weed district in northern Nye County since 2010. Lorinda stated that they have repeatedly worked with property owners on compliance and that they are reluctant to impose liens on property owners. Lorinda stated that she believes that they have been successful using this approach in northern Nye County and that they appreciate the support of the state's Noxious Weed Program.

11) STATE LAND USE PLANNING AGENCY UPDATE

Scott Carey with the Nevada Division of State Lands provided an overview of a mockup of conceptual changes to the SLUPAC statute that was included as pages 28-56 in the [meeting packet](#). Scott shared with the Council a copy of the State Land Use Planning Agency's list of bills that the agency is tracking during the 81st Session of Nevada Legislature.

12) COUNTY PLANNING UPDATES

Bill Calderwood, White Pine County

Bill provided the Council with an update on the [White Pine Storage Project](#).

Sami Real, Clark County

Sami stated that Clark County is moving forward with the implementation of its All in Clark County sustainability plan to combat the effects of climate change at the county level. Sami stated that the county is also in the process of updating its comprehensive plan and zoning code.

Maureen Casey, Douglas County

Maureen stated that in December the Board of County Commissioners approved the county's 2016 master plan update. Maureen stated that the updated master plan includes stronger language for open space and agricultural preservation. Maureen stated that the plan also includes a timeline for the creation of a funding mechanism for the acquisition of development rights. Maureen stated that the county's transfer of development rights program was given a 1-to-3-year timeline for a rewrite. Maureen stated that in January the Board of County Commissioners also approved a couple of proposals in cooperation with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) with regards to water resources in the Carson Valley and the quality of water in the alluvial aquifer.

Wilde Brough, Elko County

Wilde stated that marijuana sales are now permitted within West Wendover on the Utah border and in Jackpot on the Idaho border. Wilde stated that the City of West Wendover is in the process of obtaining 6,000 acres from the former bombing range. Wilde stated that the city expects to obtain the new land within the next 2 years and that the Air Force is spending \$9.5 million to clean up the site. Wilde stated that Jackpot seems to be booming with the sales of marijuana, the opening of a new casino, and a new Subway restaurant. Wilde stated

that Montello is getting high speed internet and that they are looking for someone to come in and build a greenhouse for a fish hatchery. Wilde stated that Wells has a new bike trail.

Jake Tibbitts, Eureka County

Jake stated that Eureka County has seen several solar developers begin to work with farmers in Diamond Valley to convert farmland to solar fields. Jake stated that the county is closely following land use planning and natural resource issues at the Nevada Legislature this session. Jake stated that the county continues to work on water quantity issues within the Diamond Valley basin. Jake stated that Eureka continues to experience a mini boom with the expansion of the Bald Mountain mine and mines in White Pine County which are putting a strain on housing in the community. Jake stated that the county recently met with a developer from Las Vegas who is looking to partner with the county to build affordable housing in Eureka.

Jim French, Humboldt County

Jim stated that the Humboldt County is finishing its revision of the county's master plan which includes a comprehensive water management plan. Jim stated that the county is in the beginning for permitting of the Western Lithium mine at Thacker Pass. Jim stated that the county has been told that that largest lithium deposit that has been discovered in North America is in a caldera located north of Winnemucca. Jim stated that the county is preparing for the construction phase and pre-planning for the West Coast Salmon production facility near Winnemucca. Jim stated that with these projects coming on board the county is looking at some critical infrastructure and housing shortages.

Wes Henderson, Lyon County

Wes stated that the County Commission has a standing item on its agenda for the review of its planning and zoning code Title 15. Wes stated that the county is currently undergoing a revision to its master plan.

Curtis Schlepp, Mineral County

Curtis stated that Mineral County is currently reviewing a large solar development that is located near the Lyon County border in the northern part of the county. Curtis stated that there is a lot of highway construction taking place along US 95 right now between Mineral and Churchill counties.

Lorinda Wichman, Nye County

Lorinda stated that roughly 9 years ago the county started working on a groundwater management plan through the county's water district. Lorinda stated that the water district did an excellent job putting together a groundwater management plan for the Pahrump basin that inspired the water district to take action. Lorinda stated that some of the actions by the water district were appealed to the courts and recently the Nevada Supreme Court ruled in favor of the water district and the Nevada Division of Water Resources. Lorinda stated that the court's ruling will allow for the groundwater management plan to be implemented and the Pahrump basin to come into balance.

Roger Mancebo, Pershing County

Roger stated that the county is also reviewing and planning for the construction of the West Coast Salmon production facility in Pershing County.

Jeanne Herman, Washoe County

Jeanne stated that Washoe County has two large scale geothermal projects planned in northern Washoe County.

Colby Prout, Nevada Association of Counties

Colby stated that NACO is busy with the ongoing legislative session tracking bills and keeping members updated on legislation.

13) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Jake Tibbitts stated that it would be good for the Council to hear a presentation from the USGS Nevada Water Science Center to present information on water quality across the State.

Hope Sullivan stated that it would be good for the State Engineer to provide the Council with an update on the progress of the Division of Water Resources statewide water planning efforts.

Wes Henderson asked for an update on the Federal land management agencies.

Scott Carey with the Nevada Division of State Lands stated that staff will take a look at adding a future agenda item for the Council to continue its discussion and consider a letter of endorsement of concept for the Smart from the Start energy planning. Scott stated that another item for the Council to consider at its next meeting would be recap of the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature. Scott stated that another item for the Council to consider at its next meeting would be a presentation on the FHWA Federal Lands Access Study and pilot project.

14) 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 and location for the next Council meeting. Scott suggested that the Council set a date and location for its next meeting towards the middle to end of July or the early part of August.

Jake Tibbitts suggested Friday July 9, 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.

15) PUBLIC COMMENT

Jake Tibbitts called for public comment.

Jordan Hosmer-Henner with the Office of Governor Sisolak thanked the Council for its discussion today and its work on land use planning issues.

Jake Tibbitts called for any additional public comment. There was no public comment.

16) ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Carey

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Meeting Recorder

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