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 5th 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 Tibbits, 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.

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