

December 8, 2023, Board Report

Director's Office



Industry / External

- Attended the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) Annual Meeting in Cheyenne, Wyoming.
- Facilitated the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Coordination Meeting in Fallon with affected permittees, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), and the Navy.
- Met with Thomas Burns, Director of the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) to discuss future trade missions to Japan and South Korea to promote Nevada agricultural products.
- Interviewed with Amy Alonzo, reporter from the Nevada Independent, regarding the Virginia Range Estrays as well as the struggles faced by Nevada's smaller farms.
- Hosted the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council (SEC) meeting.
- Delivered the final address at the Nevada Farm Bureau meeting on behalf of Governor Lombardo in Mesquite, NV.
- Spoke at the Nevada Cattlemen's Association Annual meeting in Winnemucca.
- Participated in regular calls with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regarding the Conservation Rule and Greater Sage-Grouse (GRSG) Planning meetings.
- Participated in regular calls with the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) and the Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team (SETT) regarding GRSG planning.
- Participated in the Western Governors Association (WGA) Sage-Grouse Task Force meetings.
- Participated in the monthly Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)/NASDA calls.
- Participated in meetings with NASDA to include:
 - Animal Health Committee meeting;
 - H2A Visa meeting;
 - Natural Resources and Environmental Committee meeting.
- Attended the quarterly meeting with Three Square and the Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN).
- Participated in the Nevada Shared Stewardship Executive Committee Meeting.
- Participated in the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).
- Hosted the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Intergovernmental Executive Committee meeting.
- Participated in calls with the USDA's Western Regional Office (WRO), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), as well as with the USDA's Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services Deputy Undersecretary Stacy Dean, and Administrator Cindy Long, to address the coming challenges regarding implementation of the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) program.

Partner Coordination

- Partnered with the University of Reno's (UNR) Northern Nevada International Center (NNIC) to host a roundtable meeting with the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA), the Nevada Farm Bureau (NFB), and five delegates from Egypt here via the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP).
- Partnered with the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) and Wildlife Services (WS) in an effort to better coordinate our departments, share research and operational priorities.
- Call with the Taste of the NFL to discuss how the NDA can partner with them to bring in producers and local Nevada products to be featured during their upcoming event at the Super Bowl in February 2024.

Executive

- Participated in a call with Senator Rosen's office regarding Nevada Farm Bill and Sage Grouse Proposal.
- Attended the Governor's Cabinet Meeting.
- Attended the Rural and Natural Resources Sub-Cabinet Meeting.

Internal

- The NDA still has several open positions including the Administrator of Plant Health and Compliance, Deputy Administrator of Animal Industry, and Administrative Services Officer III.