

**Nevada Board of Agriculture**  
Meeting minutes  
*Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 9 a.m.*



**Meeting location:** Nevada Department of Agriculture  
405 South 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Sparks, NV 89431  
775-353-3601

**Video conference:** Nevada Department of Agriculture Nevada Department of Agriculture  
2300 East St. Louis Avenue 4780 East Idaho Street  
Las Vegas, NV 89104 Elko, NV 89801  
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## **Agenda**

### **1. Open meeting-call meeting to order by Chair Paul Anderson**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll call

Sparks board: Jim Snyder, Dave Stix, Jr., Paul Anderson, Heather Lackey, Charlie Frey, Woody Worthington, Pete Paris, Tim Duffurena, Paul Noe, Boyd Spratling. Sparks Staff: Jerri Conrad, Dennis Belcourt, Alora Bartosz, Ashley White, Doug Farris, Cadence Matijeich, Debra Crowley, Homa Anooshehpour, Jennifer Ott, Chris Miller, Shawn McFalls. Elko board: None. Elko staff: Lori Elliot. Las Vegas board: Dave Coon. Las Vegas staff: Elaine Allen.

### **2. Public Comment**

General public comment was given by individuals interested in the management of the Virginia Range Estray horses – please see attached. General public comment was also given by Madison Seeley for the amendment of language to NAC 571 – please see attached. Written public comment also attached.

### **3. Minutes**

- A. \*Approve April 25, 2018 meeting minutes (*for possible action*)

Boyd Spratling made the motion to approve the April 25, 2018 meeting minutes. Paul Noe seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **4. Director's Report**

- A. Report – Jerri Conrad, Interim Director (*for information*)
- B. Director recruitment progress report – Jerri Conrad, Interim Director (*for information*)

### **5. Administration**

- A. \*Department uniform policy revision approval – Debra Crowley, Fiscal Administrator (*for possible action*)

Woody Worthington made the motion to approve changes to the department uniform policy. Charlie Frey seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Board update – Debra Crowley, Fiscal Administrator (*for information*)
- C. Board update – Rebecca Allured, Public Information Officer II (*for information*)

## **6. Animal Industry**

- A. Board update – Doug Farris, Administrator (*for information*)
- B. Update on ongoing training for brand inspectors – Doug Farris, Administrator (*for information*)

## **7. Consumer Equitability**

- A. Board update – Cadence Matijevec, Administrator (*for information*)
- B. \*Presentation on the fiscal and operational status of the Division of Consumer Equitability and request for Board input on possible amendment(s) to NAC 581 revising the device classification description(s) and amount of the fee(s) for the annual licensing of commercial weighing and measuring devices; revising the date by which the Division of Consumer Equitability must send notices for renewal of annual licenses for commercial weighing and measuring devices; revising the date by which payment for the renewal of annual licenses for commercial weighing and measuring devices is due; revising the device classification description(s) and amount of the fees for certain tests and services; revising the amount of additional fees for special tests; and revising provisions related to the late fees imposed by the Division of Consumer Equitability for failure to pay a required fee. Director's Authority. – Cadence Matijevec, Administrator (*for possible action*)

Public comment: Public comment was taken before the board vote. Two members of the public commented, Neena Laxalt in Sparks, NV representing the Nevada Propane Dealer's Association voiced interest in looking at the feasibility of reexamining fee structures. Brian Walker, in Las Vegas, NV also spoke to voice concerns and to encourage this discussion to move forward.

Dave Stix, Jr. made the motion for the board to recommend that the Director have the Consumer Equitability administrator move forward with looking at the feasibility of fee increases through workshop and hearing and to continue to dialogue with the industry as the process moves along. Woody Worthington seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **8. Food & Nutrition**

- A. Board update – Homa Anooshehpour, Administrator (*for information*)

## **9. Plant Industry**

- A. Board update – Jennifer Ott, Administrator (*for information*)
- B. \*Request for recommendation from the board to adopt amendments to NAC Chapter 555.010 (LCB File No. R152-17), an update to the noxious weeds list, by authority of the Director. The previously approved workshop and hearing were conducted to gather public comment on the list. Due to public response, one weed was removed from the list – Jennifer Ott, Administrator (*for possible action*)

Dave Stix, Jr. moved that the board recommend the Director to adopt amendments to NAC Chapter 555.010 (LCB File No. R152-17). Woody Worthington seconded this motion. The motion passed with 9 yays and 1 nay.

C. Noxious weed presentation – Sean Gephardt, Agriculturist 4 (*for information*)

**10. Board Presentations**

A. Open meeting law training – Dennis Belcourt, Deputy Attorney General (*for information*)

**11. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**12. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

## Alora Bartosz

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### Public Comment Form

Field	Value
Name	Kelly Hyatt
Organization	self ,
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Physical_address	355 taurus circle
City	reno
State	nv
Zip code	89521
agenda_number	6
agenda_letter	A
Favor, Opposition, Neutral	Neutral
Wish to Speak	Yes
Comment	Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I will be speaking about the wild horses on the Virginia Range and the good work that has been done by working WITH the Dept of AG, and I believe my comments will be quite different from what you are used to hearing.

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**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: Fred Thompson Today's date: 6-6-18

Organization: Tahoe Reno Industrial Center

Email address: kptompson2011@yahoo

Agenda item you are speaking on: Public Comment

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

Do you wish to speak?

- Yes
- No

Comments: Preserve the Wild Horses!



**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: LOUISE MARTIN Today's date: 6-10

Organization: Wild Horse Connection

Email address: LOUISE3750@CSBCGLOBAL.NET

Agenda item you are speaking on: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

Do you wish to speak?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

- Yes
- No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: Anthony Nelson Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: causo

Agenda item you are speaking on: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

Do you wish to speak?

- Yes
- No

Comments: Our way of life itself

is a false - now

healthy / free - fine danger

feeding grass -





**Public comment**  
All divisions

First and last name: Elaine Carrick Today's date: 6-6-18

Organization: Self

Email address: elaineccarrick@gmail.com

Agenda item you are speaking on: Wild Horses

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

Do you wish to speak?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

- Yes
- No

Comments: I would really like to have the Dept. of Agriculture  
+ the proponents of our wild horses to get together  
to electric fence <sup>managed</sup> horses to remain on the land  
& stay healthy + safe. Thank you.



**Public comment**  
All divisions

First and last name: Deb ARMSTRONG Today's date: 6/16/18

Organization: Virginia Range Sanctuary

Email address: deb.armstrong@yahoo.com

Agenda item you are speaking on: public comment - wild horses

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

Do you wish to speak?

- Yes
- No

Comments: VRS is ready and willing to continue assisting  
the NDA w/ wild horse interaction w/ public.  
Safety - diversionary - welfare

**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: Doni Ugalik Today's date: 6/6/19

Organization: WHP

Email address: ugalikd@ gmail.com

Agenda item you are speaking on: horses final wild - VA Range

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

Do you wish to speak?

- Yes
- No

Comments: State's decision to cancel the humane maint. co-op  
agreements + the failed attempt to give away the VA Range  
horses to a private owner has halted critically important population  
maint and public safety-related activities - there is no reason  
for this as WHP and the community coalition of non-profits  
+ businesses stand by, ready, willing + able to fulfill all aspects  
of the VA Range maint at no cost to NV taxpayers.



**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: NANCY COLE Today's date: 6/6/18

Organization: VIRGINIA Range Sanctuary Non Profit

Email address: nancy@team-cole.com

Agenda item you are speaking on: VIRGINIA Range Wild Horses

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

Do you wish to speak?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

- Yes
- No

Comments: Support NDA, Continue work on range cooperating with NDA

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**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: ANNA M. ORCHARD Today's date: 6-6-18

Organization: VIRGINIA RANGE SANCTUARY

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda item you are speaking on: public comment

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

Do you wish to speak?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

- Yes
- No

Comments: to speak/support NDA

point out the facts against AWHC's attempts at a cooperative agreement



**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: Rick Shepherd Today's date: 6.8.18  
Organization: Rick Shepherd for Congress  
Email address: rick@rickshepherd.com  
Agenda item you are speaking on: Wild Horses

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

Do you wish to speak?

- Yes
- No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: Cari He Kaluza Today's date: 6-6-18

Organization: wild Horse site

Email address: wildhorse site@outlook.com

Agenda item you are speaking on: public comment

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

Do you wish to speak?

- Yes
- No

Comments: I request the Board direct the Dept. to immediately enter into an interim agreement w/ HWHC & the community coalition to resume the best control program & response management activities to protect public safety while a long-term improved management Cooperative Agreement is negotiated.



**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: Tracy Wilson Today's date: 6/6/18

Organization: Hidden Valley Wild Horse Protection Fund

Email address: tdkWilson@gmail.com

Agenda item you are speaking on: Virginia Range stray/feral wild horse

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

Do you wish to speak?

- Yes
- No

Comments: Encourage the board to direct the NDA to negotiate and enter into an agreement with local advocates to humanely manage the Virginia Range horses. Advocates need and do the work at no cost to the state.





**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: Nancy Kilian Today's date: 6/6

Organization: VRWPA

Email address: nankilian@gmail.com

Agenda item you are speaking on: horses - wild

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

Do you wish to speak?

- Yes
- No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: Maureen Daane Today's date: June 6<sup>th</sup> 19

Organization: WVPA

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda item you are speaking on: wild mustangs

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

Do you wish to speak?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

- Yes
- No

Comments: Supporting control

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**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: Tony Phoenix Today's date: 6-6-18

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: tony@LV@yahoo.com

Agenda item you are speaking on: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

Do you wish to speak?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

- Yes
- No

Comments: Over/underpass Financing

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**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: Therese Cline Today's date: 6/6/2018

Organization: Wild Horse Preservation League

Email address: Therese.Cline@gmail.com

Agenda item you are speaking on: Cooperative Agreement

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

Do you wish to speak?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

- Yes
- No

Comments: Please re-instate the Cooperative Agreement with the wild horse advocate groups working with American Wild Horse Campaign. Please do not transfer control of wild horses to any party that might round them up, euthanize, or sterilize them.



**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: Dorothy Nylén Today's date: 6/6/18

Organization: Wild Horse Preservation League

Email address: caliconylen@gmail.com

Agenda item you are speaking on: public comment -

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

Do you wish to speak?

- Yes
- No

Comments: Managing Virginia Range horses.

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**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: Martha Wright Today's date: 6/6/18

Organization: Wild Horse Preservation League

Email address: martye.wright@att.net

Agenda item you are speaking on: wild horses

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

Do you wish to speak?

- Yes
- No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Public comment**  
All divisions

First and last name: Dianne Backlund Today's date: 8/5/18

Organization: WHPZ

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda item you are speaking on: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

Do you wish to speak?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

- Yes
- No

Comments: protect our horses  
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**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: Mike Helms Today's date: 6/6

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda item you are speaking on: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

Do you wish to speak?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

- Yes
- No

Comments: NDA Needs to go ahead with  
the Burt Center  
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**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: Suzanne Roy Today's date: 6-6-18

Organization: American Wild Horse Campaign

Email address: sroy@americanwildhorsecampaign.org

Agenda item you are speaking on: public comment time

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

Do you wish to speak?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

- Yes
- No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: Deb Walker Today's date: 6/6/18

Organization: PNWHA

Email address: walkerdebj@gmail.com

Agenda item you are speaking on: Virginia Range

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

Do you wish to speak?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

- Yes
- No

Comments: Support resumption  
of Cooperative agreement



**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: Julia Lee Today's date: 6-6

Organization: WHPK

Email address: jlee356@att.net

Agenda item you are speaking on: Wild Horses

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

Do you wish to speak?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

- Yes
- No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: Nancy A. Bink Today's date: 6-6-2018

Organization: Nancy's Fight against Aerial Culling

Email address: nancybink2@gmail.com

Agenda item you are speaking on: Virginia Range Mustangs

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

Do you wish to speak?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

- Yes
- No

Comments: I am in favor of the Wild Horses being allowed to Roam Free I'm for the Safety Act. I do not agree with BLM's management or State of Agriculture Gov. It is Unhumane to torture - round up Horses



**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: Forith Young Today's date: 6-6

Organization: WHPL

Email address: Corky2795@gmail.com

Agenda item you are speaking on: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

Do you wish to speak?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

- Yes
- No

Comments: PLEASE sign A COOP AGREEMENT  
with AWHC TO start P2P program  
AGAIN

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**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: Bruce Denney Today's date: 6-6-18

Organization: WHPL

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda item you are speaking on: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

Do you wish to speak?

- Yes
- No

Comments: I think the wild Horses need to be protected and not be taken away by any means

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**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: Evelyn Desanto Today's date: 6-6-18

Organization: WHPZ

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda item you are speaking on: Wild Horse Support

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

Do you wish to speak?

- Yes
- No

Comments: Wild Horses are wonderful.  
They need to stay in their families & be free  
and kept safe

## Alora Bartosz

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### Public Comment Form

Field	Value
Name	Kris Thompson
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State	Nevada
Zip code	89521
agenda_number	11
agenda_letter	A
Favor, Opposition, Neutral	Neutral
Wish to Speak	Yes
Comment	

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## Alora Bartosz

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### Public Comment Form

Field	Value
Name	Madison Seeley
Organization	JEM Equine Services
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City	Reno
State	NV
Zip code	89521
agenda_number	10
agenda_letter	A
Favor, Opposition, Neutral	Neutral
Wish to Speak	Yes
Comment	<p>NRS 233B.100 1. Any interested person may petition an agency requesting the adoption, filing, amendment or repeal of any regulation and shall accompany the petition with relevant data, views and arguments. Each agency shall prescribe by regulation the form for such petitions and the procedure for their submission, consideration and disposition. Upon submission of such a petition, the agency shall within 30 days either deny the petition in writing, stating its reasons, or initiate regulation-making proceedings.</p> <p>March 28, 2018 and May 17, 2018 we emailed with respect to NRS 233B.100 to attempt to begin the public petition for a change to the regulation and NAC.</p> <p>We would like to formally petition to make an addition/amendment to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), specifically NAC: Chapter 571-Diseased Animals which works in conjunction with the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 571-Diseased Animals. Referencing NRS 571.130 "Adoption of rules and regulations of federal Secretary of Agriculture relating to control and suppression of disease in animals. The State Quarantine Officer may adopt rules and regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States relating to the control and suppression of disease in animals, and may cooperate with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Agriculture's officers in the enforcement of such rules and regulations."</p>



**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: Madison Seeley Today's date: 6/6/18

Organization: Public / None

Email address: meseeley@ucdavis.edu

Agenda item you are speaking on: Petition Amendment to NAC

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

Do you wish to speak?

- Yes
- No

Comments: Formally Petition an Amendment to NAC 571-  
Diseased Animals to add Contagious Equine Mepatitis  
to the list of diseases as well as protocols for  
quarantine that follow guidelines in 9 CFR 93.301



**Public comment**

All divisions

First and last name: Neena Lakshmi Today's date: 6/10/18

Organization: New Propane Dealers

Email address: n.lakshmi@msd.com

Agenda item you are speaking on: ?

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

Do you wish to speak?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

- Yes
- No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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FAX: (775) 586-7273

DIRECTOR: Scott Morgan

MAIL: P.O. Box 218, Minden, NV 89423

06/04/2018

To Jenifer Ott,

My name is Jeff Begovich, I have been the Douglas County Weed Control (DCWC) Supervisor for eight years. I have some comments about the addition of new weeds to the noxious weeds list that you are about to have your board vote on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Approximately six years ago DCWC entered into an MOU with Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) to help them with enforcement and implementation of NRS 555. This took about two years to put together. It was explained to DCWC at a board of commissioners meeting, that it was the law to have a program that would be able to accomplish this. As Douglas County already had a very strong weed control program in place I assured the commission that we could do this. I don't remember who the NDA person was at the time, as I have worked with maybe four or five different people in the Noxious Weeds Supervisor position in my eight years working for DCWC. I think Scott Marsh was the contact when I came into my position..

With that being said to my knowledge NDA has not been able to get any other county, including Carson City to agree to help them with NRS 555 or agree to do any weed abatements. Now I am all for weed control as that is what my department does. If NDA has no one else to help them with weed abatements and NDA can not enforce that, it seems adding anything to the list at this time is like putting the cart before the horse. In my mind, if Sean could get some buy in from other government agencies, he could get the ball rolling. Douglas County definitely has a noxious weed problem that we are actively working on. I have recently driven through some really bad areas in Carson City and Washoe. I would recommend starting closer to the NDA headquarters. When Sean put together his committee of "Weed Professionals", I'm wondering why he didn't ask any weed free producers both hay and gravel to be on this committee? It seems like a few people from these should have a seat at the table, as these changes may have an effect on their bottom line. You can put 100 weeds on the list, but with no abatements what good is it? Is NDA going to provide training on new weeds? Is NDA going to talk to my producers to help educate them?

*More than just fun and games!*



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I would like to make a suggestion. If it is legally possible to take the responsibility of the property lean off the counties and somehow put it on the State. This could make other counties work with NDA as this seems to be the hang up for some of them. This is a State law it seems the State could do the property lean. Also if these new weeds are so bad that they need to be listed, maybe cap the list at fifty weeds. You may need to take some off. I am sure you will find some that will never be controlled in the state. I really don't think the bigger the list the better, as we work with ten or twelve with a small army in Douglas County and like I said we still have a noxious weed problem.

I was recently at weed training and Andrea Moe was talking about the new list coming out. I think she said that they can instruct counties to do an abatement and lean on a property if needed seemed kind of misleading.

So in conclusion if NDA can't get other government agency to do more weed control or assist with NRS 555 then it seems pointless to add more weeds to the list.

Jeff Begovich

Douglas County Weed Supervisor

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Dear Governor Sandoval, Acting Director Conrad and Members of the Board of Agriculture:

We the undersigned organizations and individuals are writing to you to urge your immediate short-term and long-term actions to protect the historic Virginia Range horse herd and restore public safety in the 300,000 acre Virginia Range Herd Area

**Short Term Request**

On October 25, 2017, the Nevada Department of Agriculture abruptly terminated two Cooperative Agreements with the American Wild Horse Campaign (AWHC) that provided for the humane management of the Virginia Range horses and facilitated activities designed to reduce public safety issues.

Among other things, the termination put a halt to most range and rescue work that helped ensure the safety of the horses and the public. Relocations of horses out of dangerous areas, among other activities, have been reduced, resulting in escalating public safety concerns around roadways and developments. Furthermore, there are now no current standard operating procedures in effect with respect to responses to horses on highways.

The critically important birth control program, which reduced population growth in the herd by an estimated 27 percent in its first year alone, has also been halted. As a result of that cancellation,

birth control darting activities ceased during the most critical darting period (fall through spring.) Therefore, the opportunity to significantly reduce the 2019 foal crop was missed. If we are again prevented from darting horses beginning this fall, we will also miss the opportunity to impact the 2020 foal crop.

This cancellation has created a serious problem, as the horse population continues to grow in a habitat that continues to shrink as development expands. Reducing the number of foals born on the Virginia Range has obvious benefits for the horses, the habitat and for public safety, as fewer horses born means fewer horse-human interactions on roadways and in neighborhoods. The NDA and the state cannot continue to complain about horse overpopulation while simultaneously turning their backs on a community-based program that can significantly control population growth rates of the Virginia Range herd at no cost to Nevada taxpayers.

No logical reason exists for preventing this program – one implemented by trained and qualified community volunteers at no cost to the state -- from resuming as soon as possible. Now is not the time to delay. The coalition of stakeholders supporting a community based public/private partnership for the humane management of the Virginia Range horses has never been stronger, and includes the business community, local law enforcement officials, as well as numerous advocacy organizations that are the backbone of the program.

***As a result of these and other growing concerns, we are requesting that a short-term, interim contract be put in place to allow for resumption of the birth control program and management response activities related to public safety while an improved longer term solution for the Virginia Range horses is developed.***

To facilitate vision and discussion of a long term community-based solution, we are attaching an outline for a new and improved, comprehensive Cooperative 2.0 for the humane management of the Virginia Range horses and the protection of public safety, at no cost to the state.

We look forward to your prompt response to this critically important request.

Sincerely,

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## Proposal for Virginia Range Horse Cooperative 2.0

### I. OVERVIEW

Since October 25, 2017, when the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) terminated the Virginia Range Horse Cooperative Agreements, the NDA has been exploring the means and methods of managing the Virginia Range Herd ("VRH") in a public/private arrangement. On December 30, 2017, the NDA issued a Request for Proposal seeking a non-profit group's agreement to take ownership of the VRH and assume ongoing management responsibilities. However, there were no proposals and thus the NDA must find a solution to the public health and safety concerns related to the Virginia Range horses.

The circumstances are complicated further by the departure of Jim Barbee as Director of the NDA. The new Director must be approved by the Governor, and with an election pending in November 2018, this may not take place for a significant amount of time. Thus, there is a need for an interim solution to the management of the VRH. That solution may be made permanent or revised once the new Director is in place. The following are the outlines of an interim agreement between NDA and the advocacy community for the management of the VRH, focusing on public safety and population control.

### II. STAKEHOLDERS – PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT

Potential parties to the agreement would include **Government Agencies** (NDA and any other relevant agencies such as law enforcement; fire/rescue departments; Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT)), and **AWHC** as the lead non-governmental organization, but would include other wild horse advocacy and rescue organizations to carry out the specific duties as outlined in the agreement, **Private Landowners and Businesses** including TRI management and businesses and other Nevada businesses, such as tourism-based companies who may have responsibilities under the agreement. The agreement will also be made in conjunction with, and consider the needs of, the public (who strongly supports protecting and humanely managing the horses), and local officials (City Council, County Commissioners, County/City Managers, etc.), although it is not contemplated that the public or officials would be parties to the agreement.

### III. MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

#### A. **NDA Herd Manager** – NDA Employee

- Funded through a grant facilitated by AWHC
- Coordinates all activities related to VR horses and oversees the community-based Cooperative Agreement
- Interacts with and reports to NDA Director and/or others as directed

#### B. **Field Coordinator** – AWHC funded position reporting to the Herd Manager

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- Point of Contact/Lead Cooperator/Dispatch
- Receives calls/requests for management actions<sup>1</sup>
- Directs calls to leads for different management divisions
- Maintains logs of calls and activities
- Collects data and files reports
- Facilitates cooperative coalition communications

C. **Divisions** – Lead local organization assigned for each, directs activities within each “division.” Each will have a contract with AWHC (and/or NDA if that is preferable) coordinated by the AWHC funded Field Coordinator. Each of these Divisions will be provided at no cost to the State. While this list contains the elements of a long term plan, Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 5 are critical to immediate public safety and herd population control, while 6 is currently ongoing.

### 1. RESPONSE DIVISION –

- Responds to emergencies – horses in roadway, horses in need of rescue, etc.
- Handles relocation of horses
- Removes horses in need of medical treatment from the range

### 2. RANGE SAFETY AND RESOURCES DIVISION – Planned activities

- Fencing
- Water improvements
- Cattle guards
- Diversionary feeding

### 3. POPULATION MANAGEMENT DIVISION

- Implements PZP program
- Maintains WHIMS database individually identifying horses, tracking births, deaths, band structure, migration and fertility control application data

### 4. PUBLIC EDUCATION DIVISION

- Leaflets, door hangers, event attendance, outreach to developers – aimed at safe human/horse interaction, deterring feeding, etc.

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<sup>1</sup> This structure is designed to be responsive to NDA’s request for one point of contact. However it can be modified to provide for the NDA herd manager to contact division heads directly, with the Field Coordinator maintaining logs and records of performance under the contract.

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### 5. RESCUE & PLACEMENT DIVISION

- Places horses that have to be removed from the range

### 6. TRAINING DIVISION

- Meets intent of NRS 41.519
- Meets needs of NDA (and other agencies)
- Improves volunteer and professional responder safety
- Available to public safety personnel, stakeholders
- Quality Assurance/Remedial training as needed

## IV. WHAT AWHC OFFERS

### A. Effective Span of Control

- Improved organizational framework is designed to conform to prevailing span of control recommendations
- Improved supervision and field performance consistency
- Faster and more effective resolution of field work anomalies

### B. Infrastructure

- Facilitates NDA's desired one-point-of-contact solution to humane management of VR horses
- Internal protocols for effective and accountable management that can be tailored to accommodate NDA needs and preferences
- SOPs for management activities already negotiated with and accepted by NDA

### C. Partnerships

- Ongoing collaborative relationships with key stakeholders including law enforcement, business and political leaders, and community organizations

### D. Expertise

- Team of trained, certified and experienced staff, consultants and volunteers
- Implemented successful humane birth control program (first year of results yielded a 27% reduction in foaling)

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- Annually darted more wild horses with birth control vaccine than any other project on wild horses anywhere in the world
- Sponsored certification classes for local volunteers for PZP birth control application and Large Animal Rescue Training Certification and MUTCD highway incident safety practices

### **E. Financial Strength**

- Strong history of financial stability, fundraising success and growth
- Ability to facilitate grant funding for NDA Herd Manager Position
- Ability to fund volunteer training of response action teams; implement preventative actions, such as improving fencing & water access; and, resume implementation of humane birth control program