

## June 7, 2017 Board Update

### Animal Industry Division

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#### Personnel

- The recent new hire for the PARC Field Assistant II position resigned after only two weeks, due to personal reasons. We have since interviewed new candidates and hired a new employee for the position that started on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
- Enforcement Officer III, Blaine Northrop, retired on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. We have released the announcement to fill the position and hope to conduct interviews soon.
- Microbiologist Sharon Gard, retired on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. We have released the announcement to fill the position and hope to conduct interviews soon.
- We are in the process of reclassifying a Deputy Brand Inspector position in the Carson City/Reno area as a Deputy Commissioned Brand Inspector. This will be a part time sworn position that will primarily focus on the Virginia Range Estray horses and public safety.
- The Nevada Legislature approved transferring all Brand Inspector positions from state service to Manpower employees. This process will begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
- We have approved and ordered new uniform shirts, outer ballistic vest carriers, and badges for our Ag Enforcement officers. These changes not only offer a more consistent and professional look to our officers, but they are a much more durable uniform material that will last longer and provide more comfort while wearing the ballistic vest.

#### Investigations

- Mustang Monument investigation is still in progress. We have supplied Elko County Sherriff's Office with our evidence and documentation and they will be filing the charges. Due to ongoing investigation, we will hold any information until the investigation charges have been filed.
- An unlawful taking of a horse took place in Las Vegas in late April. Our new Enforcement Officer in Las Vegas took the lead on the investigation and the horse was returned to the legal owner within 4 days. This will now be a civil matter between the two parties.
- Currently investigating two cases of livestock being transported into southern Nevada without brand inspections and health certificates.
- Currently have one herd under hold order as a result of entering Nevada without a valid CVI and permit. This herd will be presented to Enforcement Officers and State Veterinarian this fall for clearance of hold order.
- Currently investigating a possible cattle theft crime in southern Nevada.

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#### Administration

- The internal audit of Animal Industry will be completed once the head tax portion in the brands program is implemented in later this June.
- Electronic brand inspection process is still progressing. As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, we have issued 23 new iPads into the field and the required training for the inspectors has been completed.
- We have identified the Brand Inspectors that are incurring the highest mileage claim reimbursements. We currently have three Brand Inspectors driving state vehicles and will be issuing state vehicles to five more.
- We are in the process of redesigning the current Livestock Movement Permits. They will initially be a redesigned permit printed on a carbon copy paper form, requiring the producer to only write the information for each permit once. The implementation of a digital system is our ultimate desire, but will require more research and planning.

#### State Veterinarian Update

- USDA APHIS cooperative agreement funding was extended until June 30<sup>th</sup>, in order to most efficiently use funding.
- Accreditation classes have been held for newly licensed veterinarians in both Reno and Las Vegas this spring.
- Inspection of new food scrap swine feeding operation was conducted and a license issued.
- ADT roadmap for Nevada updated with USDA APHIS
- Working on changing the permit entry system to an online system married to the brand inspection program. This will allow increased traceability and possibility of afterhours and weekend entry permits (some being done by State Veterinarian now through remote access).