

March 4, 2020 Director's Board Report

Director's Office



Internal

- State veterinarian position update
- Introduction of new executive assistant

Industry/External

- Held agriculture roundtable discussions in Las Vegas, Pahrump, Reno, Winnemucca, Yerington, Fallon, Elko and Ely with industry representatives in order to learn more about challenges and successes in the agriculture sector throughout the state
- Met with Reno/Sparks Livestock Event Center (RSLEC) management to discuss the event space and future agriculture industry events for northern Nevada
- Met with legislators to discuss general agriculture in Nevada
- Met with the operation manager for Block Chains to discuss feral horses on the Virginia Range
- Participated in a filmed interview with the American Wild Horse Campaign (AWHC) to provide comment on Virginia Range feral horses and the NDA's cooperative agreement with AWHC
- Toured Desert Oasis Teff & Grain in Fallon with Governor Sisolak
- Met with Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada leadership to discuss partnership opportunities
- Met with Nevada Industry Excellence to discuss food manufacturing in Nevada
- Participated in several phone calls with the Las Vegas Raiders to discuss a \$500,000 donation to help pay off school lunch debt in Nevada
- Toured the Nectartek hemp refinery in Las Vegas and met with a delegation from Thailand to discuss trade opportunities
- Attended the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Winter Policy Conference in Washington DC
- Met with western state colleagues at the Western United States Agriculture Trade Association meeting in Washington DC
- Met with federal agency leadership in the areas of hemp, feral horses, food and nutrition programs

Partner Coordination

- Attended the December meeting of the Pershing County Commissioners
- Met with the director of the Nevada Natural Resources Conservation Service to discuss areas of possible collaboration
- Attended meetings with the Department of Education Superintendent Jhone Ebert to discuss the school wellness policy and student achievement
- Met with UNR/CABNR staff to discuss economic reporting mechanisms on agriculture

Executive

- Sagebrush Ecosystem Council meeting
- Fallon Range Training Complex meetings



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- Governor's Council on Food Security meeting
- Meetings with Governor's Office advisors
- Governor's Cabinet meeting
- Governor's Subcabinet on Vibrant and Healthy Communities meeting

Legislative

- Presented about noxious weeds in the state to the Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concern Wildfires