

September 6th, 2017 Board Update

Animal Industry Division



Personnel

- The division is still accepting applications for the vacant Enforcement Officer II position located in Elko and are hopeful to find a suitable candidate soon.
- The Microbiologist IV position for the Sparks lab has been filled. NDA Microbiologist III, Jennifer Riley, interviewed for the position and was selected.
- The announcement to fill the Microbiologist III position has been posted; interviews will be conducted soon.
- Dr. Anette Rink resigned from service with NDA on July 30th, 2017. An active recruitment process to fill the Sparks Laboratory Supervisor position is underway.
- Paperwork has been submitted to Agency HR for the reclassification of 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 2017 Nevada Legislature approved transferring all Brand Inspector positions from state service to Manpower employees. The division is currently working with Agency HR to initiate this process and move these employees to Manpower.
- On August 22nd, Director Barbee, Dr. Goicoechea, and Doug Farris attended the annual Nevada Wildlife Services State Conference in Baker, NV. This provided time to meet with PARC state employees as well as USDA cooperators.

Investigations

- The Mustang Monument investigation is still in progress. NDA has supplied Elko County Sheriff's Office with evidence and documentation so they may proceed with their investigation and filing of charges. Due to ongoing investigation, any information will be withheld until the investigation charges have been filed.
- Currently have one cattle herd under hold order because 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.
- Two cases of animal neglect/abuse are being investigated in eastern Nevada.
- A premise in Douglas County was placed under a livestock quarantine for importing 16 horses from California without required testing and failure to obtain a valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

Administration

- The final required paperwork for the internal audit of Animal Industry was submitted in June, after the head tax portion in the brands program was implemented and fully functioning.
- Electronic brand inspection program is still progressing and we hope to have all Brand Inspectors to the digital system in the near future. As of August 1st, 2017, the division has

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taken delivery on 25 more iPads, printers, and inverters and is currently awaiting the shipment for the iPad protective cases, and will be issuing the iPads as soon as received.

- 3 used NHP vehicles were purchased this summer. One vehicle is a fully marked patrol truck that will be issued to the new enforcement position when filled. The other two vehicles are unmarked and will be issued to Brand Inspectors that are incurring large amounts of mileage reimbursements.
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State Veterinarian Update

- Accreditation classes have been held for newly licensed veterinarians in both Reno and Las Vegas this summer. Two classes in one day in Las Vegas saw 62 veterinarians accredited in Nevada.
- Las Vegas Livestock has been inspected twice and was compliant with the Swine Protection Act and continue to construct new facilities. This facility is processing food scraps and currently feeding over 2500 hogs in Southern Nevada at a new premise.
- A national scrapie review of Nevada's scrapie program was conducted August 1st and 2nd.
- Work continues on the permit entry system. This will allow increased traceability and possibility of afterhours and weekend entry permits (Some currently being done by State Veterinarian through remote access).
- The Pasture to Pasture Permit system has been moved to the Elko office and is being managed by the same staff that operates the regular entry permit system.
- The State Veterinarian provided input on the 2017 Mosquito Abatement Crisis Response Plan. An increase in arbovirus positive mosquito pools has been seen over the summer months. Some avian species, West Nile Virus deaths have been confirmed by the Sparks Animal Disease Lab.
- Dr. Goicoechea presented on One Health at the National Wild Horse and Burro Summit in Salt Lake City August 23rd and 24th and Director Barbee and Doug Farris attended the summit.