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**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

DIVISION OF PLANT INDUSTRY

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

The Nevada Department of Agriculture will hold a public workshop on 08/04/2021 at 10:00am, at:

**Remote Meeting
Information:**

Nevada Department of Agriculture

405 South 21st St.

Sparks, NV 89431

Location: Web-ex meeting:

<https://nevadadepartmentofagriculture.my.webex.com/nevadadepartmentofagriculture.my/j.php?MTID=med4a79a07082e397d45fcb4af364d1ac>

Meeting number (access code): 182 483 9832

Meeting Password: RmHtR2WmH22 (76487296 from phones and video systems)

Join by phone: 1-408-418-9388

Per 2021 AB 253

ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ATTEND THE MEETING MUST ATTEND VIA WEBEX OR TELEPHONICALLY.

- Nevada Revised Statute **Chapter 241** has been amended through [2021 AB 253](#) to allow public meetings to be completed by use of remote technology and without a physical location.

The purpose of the workshop is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding proposed amendments that pertain to chapter 555 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

Public comment will be taken on the intent to adopt a regulation. The purpose is to solicit public comments from interested persons on the following proposed regulation: NAC 555; a regulation relating to establishing minimum fees for plant pathogen and entomology diagnostic testing.

Due to increasing costs associated with the personnel, equipment, and lab supplies used to perform the diagnostic services, the NDA Plant Pathology Lab implements a minimum fee schedule to recover a portion of costs associated with lab supplies and technician's time. The proposed fee is for professional service provided to businesses and citizens in Nevada who may choose to use at their discretion. Surveys were conducted to assess the impact of fee schedule on small business and the general public in 2019. The survey results suggest that the proposed fee to establish a fee-based plant health laboratory service in Nevada has no significant economic impact on the small business and citizens. The fee generated from the services will enhance laboratory capacity and capability, which will provide high quality services to businesses and citizens. Imposing a minimum fee will prioritize agency's limited resources to economically important entities such as businesses, farms and governmental agencies and may deter some of the samples submitted involving minor garden issues.

The proposed amendment can be found on the Nevada Department of Agriculture website at www.agri.nv.gov or by contacting awhitenack@agri.nv.gov.

Persons wishing to comment upon the regulation draft of the Nevada Department of Agriculture may attend virtually to the workshop or may address their comments, in written form, to the address below.

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The text of the proposed regulation is also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the Internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us>.

A copy of all materials relating to the workshop may be obtained by contacting:

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A reasonable fee for copying may be charged.

Reasonable efforts will be made for members of the public who have disabilities and require special accommodations for assistance at the meeting. Please call 775-353-3670.

Notice of this meeting was posted on or before 9:30 a.m. fifteen days before the meeting at the following locations: the Nevada Department of Agriculture website at agri.nv.gov or www.notice.nv.gov. Copies of the agenda, supporting documentation and meeting minutes are available, at no charge, at the Nevada Department of Agriculture website at agri.nv.gov or www.notice.nv.gov or by contacting Allen Whitenack at (775) 353-3670 or awhitenack@agri.nv.gov.