



NAC 586 Workshop Minutes from 12/09/2024

Division of Plant Health and Compliance

MEETING MINUTES

Of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 586 Workshop of the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA)

LCB File No. R186-24P

The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) held a public meeting on December 12th, 2024, beginning at 9:00 am at the following location(s):

Nevada Department of Agriculture
405 S. 21st Street
Sparks, NV 89431
Phone: (775) 353-3601

Video conference to:

Nevada Department of Agriculture
2300 E. St. Louis Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89104
Phone: (702) 668-4590

Nevada Department of Agriculture
4780 E. Idaho Street
Elko, NV 89445
Phone: (775) 738-8076

Phone and/or video conference via:

Microsoft Teams for all interested parties
Meeting Number: 265 694 254 475
Access code: jo2imj

Persons in attendance:

- Meghan Brown, Administrator, NDA Division of Plant Health and Compliance
- Raymond P. Saliga, Deputy Administrator, NDA Division of Plant Health and Compliance
- Bret Allen, Environmental Scientist IV, NDA Division of Plant Health and Compliance
- Dyan Reece, Administrative Assistant III, NDA Division of Plant Health and Compliance
- Anna Thomas
- Patricia Kopta-Lamont
- S. Burton, Teleos Ag
- Dana DiCapo
- Susan Feeser
- George Sabbagh
- David Ruf

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Administrator Meghan Brown. Administrator Meghan Brown noted that the workshop was being held in person at the Nevada Department of Agriculture headquarters in Sparks, and the Las Vegas and Elko offices. As well as virtually via Teams.

The workshop/hearing had been properly noticed and was being recorded as required by Nevada Open Meeting Law.

Administrator Meghan Brown stated that this public meeting was being held to review the proposed language and seek feedback from the public on NAC Chapter 586 regarding the proposed increase of pesticide registration fees from \$125 to \$281. A review of the agenda and instructions to participants connecting virtually or via phone as to how to engage in the meeting using the online platform was provided. It was requested that all persons identify themselves by name and any affiliation for the record when providing comment.

II. Public Comment (1st period):

Administrator Meghan Brown asked if anyone from the public sought to make a comment on the proposed regulations.

No Comments were provided

III. Review and Discussion of Proposed Regulations

Meghan Brown outlined the Nevada Administrative Code Chapters 586 for proposed amendment.

- The proposed change increases pesticide registration fees from \$125 to \$281, and increases the amount deposited into a separate account for pesticide monitoring and disposal, protection of groundwater and surface water from pesticides, and eradication and control of noxious weeds from \$40 to \$80.
- The current fee was adopted in 2013 Per LCB file R070-13A and established with industry in 2014
- The proposed fee increase will help to stabilize revenues in budget account 4545
- The NDA has conducted an evaluation of its pesticide registration fee through an assessment of merging budget accounts 4545 and 4552 and the additional funding available through various grants and projections rate of personnel costs, equipment replacement and maintenance service agreements for a chemistry lab.
- The Department distributed a small business impact survey for industry input, compiled the results, and prepared a small business impact statement which was included in the workshop notice
- The purpose of the workshop is to review proposed changes and receive public comment to help shape the final proposed language. Comments may be submitted after the workshop, and the NDA may hold additional workshops for input.
- Following the workshops, and after the Legislative Council Bureau has provided input and approval, a Hearing and Intent to Adopt Proposed Regulations will be scheduled

and noticed. Public comment may be provided before, during, and for a specified period after the hearing.

- After the hearing, the draft language will be adopted by the NDA and submitted for review and approval by the Legislative Council Bureau
- After approval by the Legislative Commission or Subcommittee to Review Regulations, the Legislative Council Bureau will file the regulation with the Secretary of State, at this point the regulation will become effective

The following comments and questions were provided by attendees during this discussion period:

David Ruf, Greenhouse Garden Center, Carson City NV

The cost registrations in our neighboring states are shown here:

California, its \$1520, Colorado \$165, Hawaii \$330, Idaho \$160, Montana \$223, North Dakota \$350, Oregon \$320 and Utah \$195. I have mentioned the possibly if a sliding cost that deals with the gallons or pounds as well as organic versus synthetic. It may take more effort upfront, but the manufacturers know how much goes where. Special or new items that might only have one or two buyers in the state are limited as to the cost pressures placed on the manufacturers, as you well know.

A possible starting point might be as follows:

Twenty gallons or under a \$100

Twenty gallons to 250 gallons \$250

Over 250 gallons \$400

Organic products might have only 50% of the fee.

On the dry side of materials, it might be as follows:

Ten pounds and under

Ten to 250 pounds

Over 250 pounds

This might be an issue on fertilizers as pesticide control, but I don't foresee one.

Thank you for considering my input,

David

IV. Public Comment (2nd period):

Administrator Meghan Brown asked if anyone from the public sought to make a comment on the proposed regulations.

- No Comments were provided

V. Adjourn

Administrator Meghan Brown thanked the workshop/hearing attendees for their participation and adjourned the public meeting at 9:20 am.