



**NAC 555 Entomology/Plant Pathology Fees Workshop  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 10:00am  
Plant Health and Compliance**

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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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.agri.nv.gov) or by contacting [awhitenack@agri.nv.gov](mailto: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.

**Nevada Department of Agriculture  
405 S. 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Sparks, NV 89431  
ATTN: Allen Whitenack  
(775) 353-3670  
[awhitenack@agri.nv.gov](mailto:awhitenack@agri.nv.gov)**

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](http://agri.nv.gov) or [www.notice.nv.gov](http://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](http://agri.nv.gov) or [www.notice.nv.gov](http://www.notice.nv.gov) or by contacting Allen Whitenack at (775) 353-3670 or [awhitenack@agri.nv.gov](mailto:awhitenack@agri.nv.gov).

Attendees: Ashley Jeppson, Allen Whitenack, Jeff Knight, Shouhua Wang-**Nevada Department of Agriculture**

**Meeting was called to order at 10:04am**

**No public participants**

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:15am due to lack of public representation**

**Comment received via email:  
Jimmie Mckee-S&J Lawn Service**

“So we don’t pay enough for everything we do to be in business, you now want to add additional fees? What exactly are our taxes and fees going for?

Go ahead and impose your fees you will see less and less cooperation from the industry.

Every time you folks need money, the businesses are always attacked.

It just does not pay to be in business in this state. NEVADA IS NOT A BUSINESS FRIENDLY STATE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”