



June 4, 2024, Board Report

Office of the Director

Industry / External

- Attending multiple calls per week regarding the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) detections in Dairy Cows with industry leaders, affected state agencies, as well as the following agencies:
 - National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA)
 - United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
 - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 - National Assembly of State Animal Health Officials (NASAHO)
- Attending calls with the agencies listed below regarding Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) being found in Grade A Milk.
 - Federal Drug Administration (FDA)
 - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
 - NASDA
- Interviewed with KTNV regarding the shortage of veterinarians.
- Judged multiple competitions at the annual FFA Convention and participated in a speaking engagement with Governor Lombardo during the final session.
- Submitted comments to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the Solar Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- Participated in the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Environmental Stewardship Award Program (ESAP) Selection Committee in Pennsylvania.
- Attended the NCBA ESAP Ceremony in Washington, D.C.
 - While in Washington, D.C. met with the following groups/delegates:
 - USDA/APHIS
 - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
 - Department of the Interior/BLM
 - Public Lands Council
 - Congressman Mark Amodei
 - Senator Jackie Rosen
 - Senator Catherine Cortez Masto
 - Representative Susie Lee (staff only)
- Attended the Rural and Natural Resources Subcommittee Meeting.
- Attended the NCBA Policy Division Update Meeting.
- Attended the NASDA all-member monthly call that included an update on the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).
- Attended the BLM and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Workshop on the Science and Management of Pinyon-Juniper as well as submitted comments.
- Assisted Dr. Keith Forbes with the veterinary animal check-ins for the Nevada Junior Livestock Show.
- Attended the Shared Stewardship Overview to the Nevada Legislature.
- Attended and presented in a USDA Webinar on Grazing Public Lands: Guidance and Resources in a Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) Outbreak.
- Participated in Western States Federal Rules Discussion with other western states.

- Participated in multiple cooperator meetings with BLM regarding section 368 Energy Corridors Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA)/EIS.
- Attended a meeting with Agency Human Resources (HR) regarding an update on State Job Classifications and a Compensation Study.
- Attended the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council (SEC) Meeting.
- Hosted and Chaired the Intergovernmental Executive Committee (IEC) Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Meeting.
- Attended State Environmental Commission as a commissioner.

Partner Coordination

- Cooperative meeting to coordinate logistics for the Virginia Range Fence Project.
 - BLM Carson City District
 - Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT)
 - Washoe County
 - City of Reno
 - Wild Horse Connection
- Quarterly Meetings
 - Three Square and Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN)
 - BLM
 - College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources (CABNR)
 - Wildlife Services (WS)
- Monthly Meetings
 - Nevada Cattlemen’s Executive Committee
 - The Path Forward
- Dairy Council of Nevada
 - Filmed a commercial with the Dairy Council of Nevada to promote the Summer Food Service Program.

Executive

- Working with Governor’s Office and Interim Finance Committee to secure the purchase of a Warehouse for the Food and Nutrition Division in Las Vegas.
- Hosted Lt. Governor Stavros Anthony for a tour of Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) Headquarters.

Internal

- The NDA’s Information Technology Services (ITS) Team was honored by the Governor and recognized at an Employee Appreciation Ceremony at the Capital.
- Searching for Deputy Administrator for Plant Health and Compliance and Ag Literacy Coordinator.