

# June 11, 2026 Board Report

Office of the Director



Nevada  
Department  
of Agriculture

## Industry / External

- Attended weekly/monthly calls regarding the New World Screwworm (NWS) detections in northern Mexico and Texas with NASDA, industry leaders, affected state agencies, as well as the following agencies and organizations:
  - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  - National Association of State Animal Health Officials
  - National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA)
  - National Governors Association
  - U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
  - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
  - U.S. CattleTrace
- Attended the following meetings:
  - Council on Food Security
  - Sagebrush Ecosystem Council
  - Western States Federal Rules virtual discussions
  - Monthly coordination meeting with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and the Nevada Department of Wildlife
  - Quarterly meeting with the University of Nevada, Reno College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources
  - Weekly construction coordination meetings with Nevada Western Heritage Center Alliance, Reno Rodeo and other partners regarding the infrastructure project at the Nevada State Fairgrounds
  - Chaired Fallon Range Training Complex Intergovernmental Executive Committee
- Provided remarks at the western region meeting of the Common Ground Coalition meeting in Reno.
- Attended roundtable with Secretary of Interior Burgum, Governor Lombardo, and livestock industry members.
- Attended roundtable listening session related to proposed BLM grazing regulation reform.
- Attended the Sweets and Snacks Expo in Las Vegas and met with representatives of FAS and Deputy Administrator Mark Slupek.
- Attended a Small Business Administration hearing on equine health and economic impacts to Nevada businesses related to overpopulation of wild horses and burros.
- Supported the FFA State Convention by evaluating student performance as a judge for horse team events.

## Partner Coordination

- Finalized negotiations with the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority related to the management responsibilities for the Nevada State Fairgrounds and entered a 14-

month agreement with Reno Rodeo Association for the management of the Nevada State Fairgrounds.

- Regular coordination with the Nevada Western Heritage Center Alliance, Reno Rodeo and other stakeholders on strategic investment needs to revitalize the Fairgrounds, including water, sewer, stormwater and public safety infrastructure upgrades.
- Continued coordination with the Nevada Junior Livestock Show Board, 4-H, FFA, Reno Rodeo, Next Generation Bull Riding and other partners to plan the official State Fair of Nevada, scheduled to return June 11-13 at the Fairgrounds in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes 551.030.

### **Executive**

- Attended Governor Lombardo's Natural Resources Sub-Cabinet meeting.
- Continued work on the Governor's Fuel Resiliency Committee, a statewide advisory board tasked with strengthening Nevada's preparedness and response to potential fuel supply disruptions.
- Held bi-weekly meetings with Cassidy and Associates related to ongoing federal legislative efforts affecting Nevada.
- Presented Bill Draft Request (BDR) Concept to Governor's Office related to creating a new Division of Food Safety.
- Presented two employees from the Las Vegas Office with recognition for being outstanding employees during Employee Appreciation Week in May.

### **Internal**

- In preparation for the 2027 Legislative Session, continued to work on regulatory changes needed for fee structure associated with environmental health inspections and the 2025 legislative mandate to evaluate and ensure the solvency of the program.