

## December 4, 2019 Director's Board Report

### Director's Office

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#### Internal

- State veterinarian position update
- Wildlife Services contract update
- Field day with Wildlife Services supervisor in Ely
- Strategic plan
- Ride along with Food and Nutrition staff to observe the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations in Nixon

#### Industry/External

- Met with Reno/Sparks Livestock Event Center (RSLEC) management to discuss the event space and future agriculture industry events for northern Nevada
- Met with legislators to discuss general agriculture in Nevada

#### Partner Coordination

- Shared stewardship leadership meeting with Bureau of Land Management (BLM), United States Forest Service (USFS), Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), and the Governor's Office to discuss collaboration on a shared stewardship agreement
- Attended the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture annual meeting. NASDA's policy on agriculture resiliency and climate adaptation was amended. Action was approved for support of the western weed action plan for the sagebrush biome. Action on FDA and EPA adoption of regulatory framework for hemp and hemp products. Action to increase the funding amount of farm to school grants.
- Meeting with the City of Reno to discuss Virginia Range Estray horses to provide historical background and current status update
- Meeting with Nevada Department of Education Superintendent to discuss school wellness policies and the NDA's role in development and implementation
- Meeting with Three Square Food Bank to discuss budget priorities and ideas for next biennium
- Meeting with the Food Bank of Northern Nevada to discuss child nutrition in rural communities
- BLM cooperating agency meeting to discuss a memorandum of agreement for targeted and prescriptive grazing of annual grasses in great basin ecosystems in Nevada
- Sat on the panel for Wildfire Planning workshop, a collaboration between BLM, USFS, DCNR, NDOW and the Governor's Office to develop a long-term strategy for mitigation of wildfire, response and rehabilitation
- Attended annual Nevada Farm Bureau meeting and met with leadership and members to encourage increasing Nevada's presence at a national level in the hemp sector to better align with new USDA guidance
- Attended the annual Nevada Cattleman's Association conference in Elko and presented at the Animal Health and Livestock committee meeting

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### Executive

- State Environmental Council meeting
- Sagebrush Ecosystem Council meeting
- Fallon Range Training Complex meeting
- Governor's Council on Food Security meeting
- Meetings with Governor's Office advisors
- Governor's Cabinet meeting
- Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions update

### Legislative

- Bill status and implementation
  - AB 504 – Request for spending authority has been approved and staff have begun placing orders for laboratory equipment and law enforcement vehicles.
  - SB 390 – Amended the language in NRS 583, authorizing the State Quarantine Officer to adopt regulations regarding mobile poultry processing units. NAC is currently under review to align language and begin accepting applications for processing entities.
  - SB 417 – the Board of Agriculture approved, during the September 2019 meeting, NDA staff to proceed with regulation amendments for implementation of SB417, relating to livestock auctions. Staff will begin to move forward with the workshop and hearing process to implement the regulatory amendments.
  - SB 347 – NDA staff have implemented changes to the hemp program as described in 2019 SB347, which were established to ensure NDA has a program that aligns with USDA's hemp program requirements as described in the 2018 Farm Bill. Guidance from USDA was released in November and NDA is working through the comment period for the new federal regulations.