

Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

AGENDA

Tuesday ~ June 20, 2023 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Nevada Department of Wildlife
Conference Room B
1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada

MEMBERS

Matt Melarkey, Chair
Coby Rowe, Vice-Chair
Steven Robinson
Jim Rhea
Ryan Browne

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http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/County_Advisory_Boards/Washoe/

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Time Limits – Public comments are welcomed during the Public Comment periods for all matters, whether listed on the agenda or not, and are limited to three (3) minutes per person. Additionally, public comment specific to the action item of three (3) minutes per person will be heard during individual action items on the agenda. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and/or attend and make comment on that item at the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers.

Forum Restrictions and Orderly Conduct of Business – The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife conducts the business of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners on behalf of Washoe County and its citizens during its meetings. The presiding officer may order the removal of any person whose statement or other conduct disrupts the orderly, efficient or safe conduct of the meeting. Warnings against disruptive comments or behavior may or may not be given prior to removal. The viewpoint of a speaker will not be restricted, but reasonable restrictions may be imposed upon the time, place and manner of speech. Irrelevant and unduly repetitious statements and personal attacks which antagonize or incite others are examples of speech that may be reasonably limited.

Responses to Public Comments – The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife can deliberate or take action only if a matter has been listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. During the Public Comment period, speakers may address matters listed or not listed on the published agenda. The Open Meeting Law does not expressly prohibit responses to public comments by the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. However, responses from Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife to unlisted public comment topics could become deliberation on a matter without notice to the public. On the advice of legal counsel, and to ensure the public has notice of all matters the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife will consider, the Washoe County Advisory Committee to Manage Wildlife may choose not to respond to public comments except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for Washoe County staff action or to ask that a matter be listed on a future Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting agenda. The Washoe County Advisory Committee to Manage Wildlife may do this either during the Public Comment item or during the following item: **“WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE**

WILDLIFE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS” [Non-action item].”

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1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** [Non-action item]
2. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** [Non-action item]
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** [Non-action item] – Comments heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (Board) agenda. The Board will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three (3) minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Board as a whole. Please sign the sign-in sheet.
4. **Approval May 1, 2023 minutes** [For possible action]
5. **Approval of June 20, 2023 AGENDA** [For possible action] – Members of the Board or public may request a consent item (or items) be addressed as a single agenda item rather than within the consent block.
6. **BOARD MEMBER MEETING ASSIGNMENT** [Non-action item] – Discussion and determination of member(s) to attend the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings on: June 23-24, 2023 in Reno, NV
7. **COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES** [Non-action items] – 1) Correspondence (including sportsmen’s concerns) and Announcements; 2) Overview of the May 5, 2023 meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners; and 3) WCABMW discussion of action items for NBWC
8. **FISHERIES INFORMATIONAL UPDATE – TRAVIS HAWKS - NDOW**
9. **CONSENT ITEMS – For Possible Action**
 - 9.a **Fiscal Year 2024 County Advisory Board Budget Requests – For Possible Action**

The Commission may approve an estimated amount of \$36,526 to be added to the reported cash balance on hand for County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, as requested, for Fiscal Year 2024.
 - 9.b **Heritage Funding Reallocation – For Possible Action**

The Commission will review Committee recommendations and may approve reallocation of any unused Heritage funds from previously approved projects to other previously approved projects from the same fiscal year.
 - 9.c **Fiscal Year 2024 Heritage Project Proposals – For Possible Action**

The Commission will hear recommendations from the Committee and may take action to approve up to \$1,540,135.58 for projects submitted for FY 2024 funding from the committee are listed below and may be approved by the Commission.

- FY24 Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Restoration and Management (\$110,000)
- FY24 Wildfire-Related Restoration and Seed Purchase (\$150,000)
- Parrado Partners Community Park and Ponds Land Acquisition (\$100,000)
- Gilbert Creek Fencing and Habitat Restoration (\$50,000)
- Waking Spring Habitat Restoration (\$65,000)
- FY24 Nevada Spring Protection Project (\$100,000)
- Bald Mountain PJ Thinning (\$100,000)
- FY24 Corta Fire Habitat Improvement Phase II (\$60,000)
- FY24 Wildcat Fire Mule Deer Migration Corridor Bitterbrush Planting (\$82,000)
- FY24 Lake Tahoe Fish Management Structure Phase 1 (\$80,000)
- FY24 Nevada Water Developments (\$50,000)
- Bruneau WMA Habitat Improvement (\$31,000)
- Steptoe Valley Wildlife Management Area Water Enhancements (\$117,277.58)
- FY24 Izenhood Mountains Habitat Improvement (\$64,000)
- FY24 Area 6 Toe Jam Mountain Mule Deer Corridor Fence Modification (\$70,000)
- Pole Canyon Fence (\$100,000)
- Success Ward Habitat Improvements (\$50,000)
- FY24 MA13 Mule Deer Collaring (30,000)
- FY24 Warmwater Fisheries Enhancement (\$130,858)

9.d Biennial Small Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 – For Possible Action

The Commission will review and may take action to approve the Department's proposed biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

9.e Duck Stamp Request – For Possible Action

The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$100,000 for projects submitted for FY 2024 funding from the Duck Stamp Account.

- Ducks Unlimited Wetland Conservation Support (\$35,000)
- Carson Valley Conservation District-Carson River Bank Stabilization (\$20,000)
- Fernley WMA Dam Repair and Wetland Habitat Design Plan (\$35,000)
- Mason Valley WMA Wildlife Seed (\$10,000)

9.f Upland Game Bird Stamp Request – Wildlife Staff Specialist Lee Davis – For Possible Action

The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$330,680 for projects submitted for FY 2024 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp Account. The specific Upland Game Bird Stamp projects that may be approved at listed below:

- Corta Fire Habitat Improvement North (\$17,250)
- Corta Fire Habitat Improvement South (\$25,000)

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- Area 6 Toe Jam Mountain Mule Deer Corridor Fence Modification (\$25,000)
- Bruneau WMA Habitat Improvement (\$15,000)
- Argenta WMA Improvements (\$35,000)
- Eastern WMA Complex Weed Control (\$4,500)
- Greater Sage Grouse Monitoring (\$46,330)
- Bi-State Sage Grouse Coordinator (\$10,000)
- Bi-State Sage Grouse Monitoring (\$30,000)
- Mineral Development Effects on Greater Sage Grouse (\$30,000)
- Mason & Smith Valley CD Walker River Region Noxious Weed and PJ Restoration Treatments (\$20,000)
- Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring (\$62,600)
- Mosquito Valley Range Improvements (\$10,000)

End of Consent Items

10. Consent Calendar items pulled for further discussion – For Possible Action

Consent item(s) removed from consent block will be heard.

11. Commission Regulation 22-12 Amendment #1, 2022-2023 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits – For Possible Action

The Commission will establish and may vote to amend regulations for upland game birds and mammals as well as furbearers for the 2023 season. This regulation may also include modifications to the spring wild turkey seasons for 2024.

12. Commission Regulation 23-10, Amendment #1, 2024 Heritage Tag Vendors – Committee Chairman Tom Barnes and Management Analyst Megan Manfredi – For Possible Action

The Commission will review the Wildlife Heritage Committee's recommendations regarding Heritage Tag Vendor Proposals for 2024 and may take action on the proposals.

13. Future Meeting Agenda Items – Informational only- Public Comment Allowed

Members may propose future topics for discussion.

14. Public Comment [Non-action item] – *Comments heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (Board) agenda. The Board will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three (3) minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Board as a whole. Please sign the sign-in sheet.*

15. Adjournment [Non-action item]

IF THE MEETING GOES BEYOND 10:00 P.M., THE WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MAY POSTPONE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS.