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1. Public Comment. Please Limit Comments to 3 Minutes.

2. Approval of Agenda. For Possible Action.

3. NACO President’s Report.

4. NACO Executive Director’s Report.

5. Approval of Minutes of the November 16, 2016 NACO Board of Directors Meeting. For Possible Action.

6. Approval of 2017 NACO Board Meeting Dates. For Possible Action.

7. Approval of NACO Resolution 16-01 Thanking Nye County for Hosting the 2016 NACO Annual Conference. For Possible Action.

8. Possible Approval of an Annual Conference Performance Bonus for NACO’s Office Manager. For Possible Action.

9. Approval of NACO’s 2017 Budget. For Possible Action.

10. Approval of a Temporary Transfer of Funds Not to Exceed $100,000 from NACO’s Investment Account to its Checking Account. For Possible Action.

11. Presentation on the Nevada Division of Minerals Abandoned Mine Lands Program.

12. Update and Possible Action regarding Proposed Legislative Measures (Bill Draft Requests and Bills), Budget Requests and NACO Priorities for the 2017 Legislative Session including but Not Limited to:

   a) Recreational Marijuana
   b) NACO’s Bills (AB16, AB43 and SB8)
   c) Appropriation for Construction of a New Courthouse in White Pine County (AB40)
   d) Public Notices
   e) Indigent Legal Defense
   f) Public Guardians
   g) Voting Machines
   h) Motor Vehicle Fuel Taxes
   i) Governor’s Budget
   j) Portable Recording Devices (Body Cameras) for County Peace Officers
   k) Financial Audits

For Possible Action.
13. Discussion and Possible Approval of NACO’s Federal Priorities for Discussion with Nevada’s Congressional Delegation during the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. February 25 to March 1, 2017. **For Possible Action.**

Note: The NACO Board of Directors May Interrupt the Open Meeting and Exclude the Public from the Meeting for the Limited Purpose of Receiving the Information and for Deliberation Relative to Agenda Item #14 (a) through (e) below:

14. Update and Possible Action Regarding Public Lands and Natural Resources Issues Including:

   a) The Bureau of Land Management’s Final 2.0 Planning Regulations. **For Possible Action.**
   b) The Center for Biological Diversity’s Lawsuit against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Seeking to Vacate their Decision not to List the Bi-State Sage Grouse as an Endangered Species and NACO’s Motion to Intervene on behalf of the F&WS. **For Possible Action.**
   c) The BLM’s and U.S. Forest Service’s Greater Sage-Grouse Resource Management Plans including the Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief Filed by the State of Nevada and Seven Nevada Counties, and Recent Implementation Training. **For Possible Action.**
   d) BLM’s Proposed Sagebrush Focal Area Withdrawal Draft Environmental Impact Statement. **For Possible Action.**
   e) NACO’s Efforts Seeking to Compel the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to Comply with the Provisions of the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act. **For Possible Action.**
   g) Discussion and Possible Approval of a NACO Federal Priority List for Public Lands. **For Possible Action.**
   h) Discussion and Possible Approval to Enter Into a Contract with Intertech Services, Corporation to Assist in Developing Bill Draft Language for the Management of Public Lands Transferred to the State of Nevada. **For Possible Action.**

15. NACO Committee of the Emeritus Update.

16. National Association of Counties and Western Interstate Region Board Member Updates.

17. NACO Board Member Updates.

18. Public Comment - Please Limit Comments to 3 Minutes

Adjournment.

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### Holidays, Observances and Events

- **1 January**: New Year's Day
- **16 January**: Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- **20 February**: Washington's Birthday (Presidents' Day)
- **16 April**: Easter
- **29 May**: Memorial Day
- **4 July**: Independence Day
- **11 November**: Veterans Day
- **23 November**: Thanksgiving Day
- **25 December**: Christmas
- **4 September**: Labor Day
- **9 October**: Columbus Day
- **11 November**: Veterans Day
- **23 November**: Thanksgiving Day
- **25 December**: Christmas

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Resolution 16-01
of the Nevada Association of Counties

A RESOLUTION THANKING NYE COUNTY FOR HOSTING NACO’S 2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, NACO holds an annual conference to provide its members with an opportunity to receive training and information on relevant issues, as well as to network with county officials, and private sector partners from across Nevada, and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Annual Conference, provided an outstanding educational, and social experience, and demonstrated the commitment of Nye County to furthering the goals of NACO, and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Annual Conference was very well attended, with nearly 200 participants and representatives from Nevada’s counties, and

WHEREAS, Nye County staff and Commissioners assisted in planning the Conference and provided invaluable services at the event, and

WHEREAS, the hospitality and effort of the Commissioners and staff of Nye County was the key to a successful 2016 Annual Conference, and

WHEREAS, NACO recognizes the importance of Nye County and the contributions they make to our State.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nevada Association of Counties Board of Directors, on behalf of all Nevada Counties, extends its sincere appreciation and thanks to the Commissioners and staff of Nye County for hosting a truly outstanding Annual Conference; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Board of County Commissioners of Nye County.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this 16th day of December, 2016 by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Association of Counties.

Attest:

Laurie Carson                Jeffrey Fontaine
President                  Executive Director
Approval is requested to transfer an amount not to exceed $100,000 from NACO's Investment Account to its Checking Account, if needed, to assure there are sufficient funds to cover expenditures for the first quarter of 2017. NACO membership dues for next year cannot be billed until approved by the Board as part of the 2017 Budget which is also on the agenda for the December 16th meeting and there might not be sufficient current year carry forward funds. All funds transferred from NACO's Investment Account will be returned by March 31, 2017.
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Dear Mr. Fontaine,

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the Nevada Association of Counties on Friday, December 16, 2016.

As requested, I am providing a brief summary/bullet list of the Nevada Broadcasters Association’s proposed Public/Legal Notices legislation for the upcoming 2017 Nevada Legislature.

The NVBA Board of Directors and I are working to pass this important legislation saving Nevada counties up to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In summary, The NVBA Public/Legal Notices legislation is enabling legislation providing an option for anyone required to post public notices.

Currently, Nevada law requires fulfillment of legal advertising to be accomplished solely by placing the notice in a newspaper of general circulation. The Broadcasters of Nevada wish to level the playing field by offering an option, in addition to the current print requirement for Public/Legal Notices.

This Public Notices reform is at the core of one of NACO’s primary objectives, to “optimize the management of county resources...” and “maximize efficiency...” and we are seeking your support.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to seeing you on December 16.

If time permits, I would like to use a power point, along with a short demonstration video showing the features and benefits of the public notices portal.

Thank you again and if you have any questions please don’t hesitate to call or write.

Best Regards,

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Nevada’s Broadcasters will provide a website hosting legal notices as an additional option to the current legal notices print requirements.

Under Nevada law, fulfillment of legal advertising requirements can only be accomplished by placing the notice in a newspaper of general circulation. This antiquated law is outdated, forcing excessive costs on government agencies and anyone required to post legal notices.

Now, the Broadcasters of Nevada are introducing unprecedented policy, ultimately saving thousands in taxpayer dollars.

Why expand Legal Notices legislation to include the new Broadcaster website model?

- **Saves Taxpayer Dollars** – Government agencies save millions with added market competition
- **Allows RFP Process** – “Request for proposal” bidding process ensures fairest, most cost-effective solution
- **Creates Enabling Legislation** – Provides choice for every local agency, organization, person and legal entity
- **Expands Marketplace** – Broadcast solution provides options
- **Competitive marketplace pricing**
- **Freely Accessible by Internet** -  80% of Nevadans have internet service
- **Free computer access at multiple locations**
- **Robust statewide public awareness campaign by Nevada’s radio and television stations**
- **ADA Compliant**

The role of the Nevada Broadcasters Association is to promote and advocate for the Broadcasters of Nevada while serving the public. We are the eyes, ears and voice for our state. We protect, promote enhance and strengthen the broadcasting industry in order to more effectively serve the public. THE NVBA IS PROUD TO ADMINISTER THIS WEBSITE ON BEHALF OF NEVADA’S BROADCASTERS.
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Plan of Action for Public Lands

Top 5 Administrative Changes

1. **Waters of the United States** (WOTUS) (40 CFR 230.3)
   a. Problem: The definition is overbroad, thus giving Environmental Protection Agency and US Army Corps of Engineers jurisdiction over small amounts of water and infringing on state jurisdiction over water.
   b. Possible Solutions:
      i. Redefining WOTUS to limit it to reasonable protection of waterways as intended in the Clean Water Act.
      ii. Defunding implementation of the new WOTUS rule.

2. **BLM Planning 2.0**
   a. Problem: The new process would dilute local government influence, increase NGO influence, possibly move decision making farther away, and shorten response times for local governments.
   b. Possible Solutions: *It is not yet final, but might be by January*
      i. Revoke the new rule.
      ii. Writing definitions of terms like “landscape level” and “deciding official” to emphasize local input and control.

3. **Endangered Species Act** (ESA)
   a. Problem: Implementation of the ESA is burdening local governments with restrictions and regulation that do not aid in the recovery of species.
   b. Possible Solutions: Policies and rules that reflect reality of protecting species, i.e. counting all live members of a species when evaluating recovery.

4. **Federal coordination with local governments**
   a. Problem: federal statutes require coordination, but reality doesn’t reflect true coordination.
      i. FLPMA requires that BLM stay apprised of local plans, consider local plans in their planning process. Resolve inconsistencies between BLM plans and local plans to the extent practicable (legal), and allow meaningful input from local governments. In practice, BLM dismisses local plans as inadequate and allows local governments very little input.
      ii. NFMA requires Forest Service to coordinate land planning efforts with local and state governments. In reality, forest plans are written without much local input.
      iii. NEPA requires federal agencies to describe inconsistencies between federal plans and local plans and how to reconcile those differences. In reality, local plans are being ignored.
   iv. Possible Solutions: Define a process for coordination that (1) places the burden on coordinating on the agencies, and (2) requires coordination throughout planning and implementation.

5. **Roadless Forests**
   i. Problem: The roadless rule prevents access to large swaths of forests. Access is essential for logging, firefighting, hunting, and most types of recreation.
   b. Possible Solutions:
      i. Rule change to undo the roadless rule.
      ii. New rule that establishes net mileage and allows roads to be built and reclaimed within that framework.
Top 4 Legislative Changes

1. **Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA)**
   a. Problem: Environmental groups get wealthy by suing land management agencies and collecting legal fees. The taxpayers are funding both sides of the lawsuits and losing access to land in the process.
   b. Possible Solutions:
      i. Transparency (reporting requirements) to remove the secrecy from “sue and settle”.
      ii. Add strings to funding of public lands EAJA suits. Limit through appropriations.

2. **Antiquities Act**
   a. Problem: Large scale monuments being declared against the wishes of the local population and their elected officials and resulting management that get increasingly restrictive.
   b. Possible Solutions:
      i. Size limit on declarations, or graduated requirements, i.e. monuments over 25k acres require approval of Congress, monuments over 100k acres require Congress + governor.
      ii. Exemptions for states with large acreages already set aside, like Alaska and Wyoming have.
      iii. Require NEPA process prior to declarations.

3. **Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act**
   a. Problem: Overpopulation of wild horses and burros results in degradation of rangeland and starving horses. ESA sets population limits, but Congress repeatedly places restriction on export and euthanasia. Tax payers are paying to keep “wild horses” penned up for life.
   b. Possible Solutions: *all solutions require major PR campaign*
      i. International adoption without restrictions.
      ii. State control of horses without restriction on export or euthanasia.

4. **Rural roads/RS2477/access**
   a. Problem: States and counties are in endless lawsuits to prove rights of way on routes that were granted by the federal government over the course of 110 years and loss of access to public lands.
   b. Possible Solutions:
      i. Legislation defining valid RS2477 roads.
      ii. Administrative rule to establish reasonable process to determine roads.
      iii. Litigation settlement that settles the current lawsuits.

Top 5 New Policies

1. **Rewrite land management agency handbooks and manuals.** Many of the problems with public lands stem from the agency application of statutes, not the statutes themselves. Agency policy needs to emphasize multiple use, not just conservation and preservation.

2. **Protections for sportsmen,** mainly access and the ability to use and carry firearms on public land. Protections can be accomplished administratively without going through the legislature.

3. **Protections for grazing.** The Taylor Grazing Act has protections for grazing, but they are being written out through policy and lawsuits. The grazing industry is always defending itself, it needs affirmative protection. Because of current administrative state, this might require legislation.

4. **Protections for energy;** coal, oil, gas, wind, solar, geothermal, and the corridors and transmission lines to use them. Master leasing plans are eliminating potential energy production areas. Conservation areas are withdrawing energy resources from use.

5. **Wilderness policy** that ends the endless inventory and “non impairment” for potential wilderness. Wilderness study areas, lands with wilderness characteristics, and conservation areas result in de facto wilderness without any congressional declaration.