

NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)

Board of Directors' Meeting

May 29, 2020, 9:30 a.m.

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AGENDA

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Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

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 February 21, 2020 NACO Board of Directors Meeting. **For Possible Action**
6. Discussion and Approval of June Meeting Format, Including Previously Planned Strategic Planning Session. **For Possible Action**
7. Approval of NACO's Year-End Financials for 2019, March 2020, and Investment Reports for March 2020. **For Possible Action**
8. Discussion and Possible Approval for NACO Staff to Draft a Letter to the Governor Regarding the State of Nevada FY 20 and FY21 Budgets and Requesting Communication Regarding Impacts of Potential Budget Cuts on Counties. **For Possible Action**
9. Discussion and Update Regarding County and State COVID-19 Response Activities. **For Possible Action**
10. Discussion of the Current status of the Delegation of Public Health Authority to Rural Counties and Update on Coordination of COVID-19 Response Between the Department of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) and Counties, Julia Peek, Administrator, DPBH. **For Possible Action.**
11. Update on the Fund for Hospital Care for Indigent Persons (IAF) and the NACO Study of Medicaid Long Term Care Costs (Assessments) in Nevada. **For Possible Action**

12. Update from the Nevada Department of Indigent Defense, Marcie Ryba, Director.
13. **Update and Possible Action** Regarding Natural Resources and Public Lands and Issues Affecting Counties Including:
 - a. NACO Draft Comments on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Draft Programmatic EIS for Fuel Reduction and Rangeland Restoration
 - b. Waters of the United States (WOTUS)
 - i. Maui County v. Hawaii Wildlife Fund
 - c. Other Updates from the NACO Public Lands and Natural Resources Subcommittee
14. NACO Committee of the Emeritus Update.
15. National Association of Counties and Western Interstate Region Board Member Updates.
16. NACO Board Member Updates.
17. Public Comment. Please Limit Comments to 3 Minutes.

Adjournment.

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Agenda Item 5

NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)

Board of Directors' Meeting
February 21, 2020, 9:30 a.m.
NACO Conference Room
304 S. Minnesota Street
Carson City, NV 89703

UNADOPTED MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: President French, Past President Waits, Douglas County Commissioner Walsh, Elko County Commissioner Dahl, Esmeralda County Commissioner Keyes, Lander County Commissioner Allan, Lincoln County Commissioner Higbee, Lincoln County Commissioner Lister, Pershing County Commissioner Shank, Fiscal Officer Kalt and NACO Staff (Dagny Stapleton, Vinson Guthreau, Colby Prout and Amanda Evans)

REMOTE ATTENDANCE: President Elect Kirkpatrick, Carson City Supervisor Giomi, Churchill County Commissioner Olsen, Eureka County Commissioner Goicoechea, Mineral County Commissioner Price and White Pine County Commissioner Carson

OTHER ATTENDANCE: Travis Brewer LaChappel and Kelly Riddle, Office of Senator Rosen; Dr. Ivory Lyles, Cooperative Extension; Linda Bissett, NV Energy; and Denice Castle, JOIN Inc.

The meeting was called to order by President French at 9:34 a.m.

1. **Public Comment.** None was given.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved on a motion by Commissioner Higbee with second by Commissioner Allan.
3. **NACO President's Report.** President French made note of Commissioner Higbee's attendance at the previous days Hope 4 Prisoner's graduation, during which President Trump spoke, specifically recognizing Commissioner Higbee's chairmanship of the Southern Nevada Workforce Development Committee. President French also chair's Nevada Works and discussed his desire to focus northern efforts on displaced workers and noted that he feels that the focus of workforce development needs to shift to high school graduates who don't plan on attending traditional college and focus funds on alternative post-secondary education.
4. **NACO Executive Director's Report.** Dagny informed the Board of Senator Rosen's upcoming grants workshop in Las Vegas and directed them to the flyer included in the agenda packet. She discussed the upcoming National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference and informed those attending that information on the State dinner, Hill meetings, and other events would be distributed. Dagny also informed the Board that the 2020 NACO Directory update had been completed and that hard copies are available as well as a PDF being located on the website. She gave a brief overview of the Board for the Fund for Accident Care to Indigent People's (IAF) recent decision to repurpose part of the Fund to assist counties with their assessments from the State for Medicaid costs associated with long-term care. Dagny also informed the Board that the Actuarial Study, previously authorized by the Board, regarding the assessments is moving forward and informed the members that in order for the State to disseminate some of the required information that Business Associate Agreements between each of the counties and

NACO needed to be completed. She informed the Board that the agreements had been distributed and that the need to be executed within the next two weeks. Vinson announced that Senator Cortez Masto's office had announced the availability of approximately \$1 Billion in BUILD grants, noting that 50% of those funds were being dedicated to rural areas. He informed the Board that the Delegation is interested in coordinating letters of support and to let staff know if any of the counties would be applying for those funds. He also informed the Board that the SCR3 working group had tasked him with gathering data from the counties on their needs and funding challenges. He informed the Board that a survey had been distributed and requested the completion of the survey as soon as possible as his presentation to the group was scheduled for March 5th.

5. **Approval of Minutes of the January 31, 2020 NACO Board of Directors Meeting.** The minutes were approved on a motion by Commissioner Dahl with second by Commissioner Lister.
6. **Approval of Additional NACO 2020 Associate Members.** Enterprise Fleet Management was approved for Associate Membership on a motion by Past President Waits with second by Commissioner Allan.
7. **Discussion and Possible Approval of Storey County to Host the 2021 NACO Annual Conference, Including Discussion of Conference Dates.** Dagny reminded the Board that the 2020 Annual Conference is scheduled for November in Churchill County. She informed the Board that the request for the approval and location of the 2021 event is since all the available rooms in Virginia City will need to be placed on hold for the conference. The dates (September 28-30) and hosting of the Conference by Storey County were approved on a motion by Commissioner Allan with second by Commissioner Walsh.
8. **Discussion and Possible Approval of a New NACO Investment Advisor.** Dagny reminded the Board of the Investment Policy they previously approved and informed them that she and Fiscal Officer Kalt had developed an RFP for proposals to manage the Association's investment portfolio. She told the Board that several had been received and through a committee comprised of herself, Fiscal Officer Kalt and President Elect Kirkpatrick conducting interviews that their recommendation is to contract with Morton Asset Management. Dagny referenced the proposal from Morton and the detailed recommendation included in the agenda packet. Fiscal Officer Kalt gave an overview of the proposal noting that the firm had the most experience in government investment management, their proposed products are in line with the approved policy and they have the lowest fees. Commissioner Higbee informed the Board that Lincoln County uses the firm and they are very satisfied with their performance. Commissioner Lister inquired as to if the Association is bound to the same investment parameters as the counties and Mr. Kalt informed the group that the Association is allowed to have risk assets as a part of the portfolio under the rules governing its status as a 501(c)4. It was also noted that the firm was recommended by Washoe County. Morton Asset Management was approved as the Association's new investment manager on a motion by Commissioner Lister with second by Commissioner Dahl.
9. **Review and Final Approval of NACO's Draft Federal Policy Priorities for 2020.** Vinson directed the Board's attention to the final draft included in the agenda packet based on feedback given to staff at the January meeting. Commissioner Lister requested the inclusion of an additional sentence in the Public Lands and Natural Resources section that strongly encourages that the agencies consult with counties on any land management decisions. Commissioner Goicoechea noted the inclusion of the language encouraging the spend down of the dollars appropriated for wild horse and burro management. He informed the Board that Eureka County

had recently taken action to send a letter to the BLM encouraging that they send present their report to Congress, as the matter is time sensitive, encouraging other counties to do the same. Dagny informed the group that current policies of the Board allow for the Association to draft a letter to that effect without specific Board approval. It was agreed that Eureka County will share their letter and that the matter would be carried forward during delegation meetings and included in the talking points. Commissioner Lister brought up issues with CDBG restrictions, the Board was informed that those restrictions come at the State level and that staff had recently had a meeting with the Director of GOED on their revamped plan and that the Department had been invited to present to the Board. The document as discussed was approved on a motion by Commissioner Lister with second by Commissioner Dahl. Following the reopening of the item per item 19 the Board discussed an item in the President's proposed budget that would sell some of the nation's power infrastructure to private parties. The inclusion of language opposing the proposal was approved on a motion by Commissioner Goicoechea with second by Commissioners Dahl and Carson.

10. **Update and Discussion Regarding the Board for the Fund for Hospital Care for Indigent Persons (IAF Board) Recent Decision to Allocate Additional Funds to Assist Counties to Pay their Obligation of the Nonfederal Share of Expenditures for Long-Term Care Pursuant to the State Plan for Medicaid.** Dagny gave the Board an overview of the IAF, reminding them that NACO oversees and staffs the Fund and that counties are obligated to provide indigent care. She informed the group that President French is the Chair of the Board of Trustees and noted that the IAF is funded through a 1.5 cent property tax levy in each county. She discussed the complexity of the Fund and its uses, including the federalization of monies within the fund that go to hospitals to help fund indigent care through Medicaid. Dagny informed the Board that since 2014 approximately \$35 million a year had been set aside for the hospitals and that only \$2 million was set aside through the fund to help counties with their long-term care assessments which was awarded by the Board of Trustees through an application process. Because of the drastic increase in county assessments from the State, Dagny informed the Board that IAF Board of trustees voted to increase the amount of money available to counties from the fund by \$6 million bringing the total to \$8 million in 2021, and then to phase in the entirety of the \$1.5 cent property tax assessment within the fund to help defray the costs of the state assessments to counties. Dagny made it clear that those funds must be used to provide indigent services. Comments from the Board included the benefit of the dollars going to private, for profit hospitals and their ability to participate in Medicaid match programs, which they don't. The Board approved the resolution in support of the IAF Board's decision, included in the packet on a motion by Commissioner Higbee with second by Supervisor Giomi.
11. **Update on the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Program, Dr. Ivory Lyles, Director, and Associate Dean for Engagement.** Dr. Lyles directed the Boards attention to the budget enhancement request included in the agenda packet which would be presented to the Board of Regents and noted that his office would be reaching out for people to testify in support of the request. He also gave an overview of the NRS governing Extension and its operations. He informed the Board that the individual budgets for each county are required to be presented to the individual commissions and that they must be adopted by the Commissions prior to any spending. He also noted that the funds collected by the counties through property tax assessments must be spent within the county and that funds contributed by the State can be distributed by the Program Director. President French inquired as to how the individual budgets are developed. Dr. Lyles informed the group that the county Extension Educator receives the projected revenue from the County and then develops a draft budget based on the county's needs. The draft budget then goes to the area director, followed by the Fiscal Officer and then is sent to him. Dr. Lyles will then either approve the draft budget as presented or negotiate it per his review. Once it has received his approval it will be presented to the Commission for their approval. President French inquired as to the spend down of end fund balances and noted that

large end fund balances would need to be addressed by either an increase in programming or a reduction in the county tax assessments. President Elect Kirkpatrick voiced support for the enhancement and stressed the need for the University to work with the counties based upon their budget processes. No action was taken.

- 12. Presentation from the Nevada Airports Association, Jeff Fontaine, Executive Director; Ken Moen, President.** Mr. Moen informed the Board that he is also the General Manager of the Carson City airport. He discussed the fact that the State's priority with regards to transportation as traditionally been the highway system and that aviation needs to be made a part of the larger discussion. He gave the Board an overview of the association and discussed the Federal Aviation Administration's grant programs. Mr. Moen noted the importance of aviation and 'connector hubs' in the future of economic development across the state. Commissioner Dahl noted that the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) does assist with the maintenance of small private air fields in the rural areas because they are frequently used for emergencies and Commissioner Lister noted the proposed military base expansions and noted that they would have large impacts to the aviation industry and encouraged dialogue with the NDOT aviation specialist.
- 13. Discussion and Updates Related to the 2020 U.S. Census.** Dagny reminded the Board of the importance of the Census and referenced the handout included in the agenda packet. She also reminded the Board that the State has grant funding available to assist with outreach efforts related to the Census.
- 14. Update and Discussion Regarding the University Nevada, Reno, Budget Enhancement Proposal for the Cooperative Extension Program, UNR President Marc Johnson.** President Johnson expressed his appreciation for the Board's guidance in the development of the request and thanked the Board for their endorsement of the 2019 proposal. He informed the Board that the 2020 request was developed based upon the largest and most effective support of the 4-H program statewide. He noted that request focuses on K-12 educational priorities based upon the actions of the 2019 Legislature and the Governor's priorities. Dagny informed the Board of the process going forward, noting that it would be presented to the Regents on March 6th, then would be discussed by the Regents in June, an additional meeting would follow that and then the full budget enhancement request for the University would be sent to the Governor by September 1st. Commissioner Lister inquired as to how each county would benefit from the proposal. President Johnson noted that programming is unique to each county and that the plan is to have a dedicated 4-H person in each county. The recent firing of a 4-H volunteer was brought up and the President noted that the situation was rare and unique and that the Program has a statewide volunteer coordinator to address training of volunteers. It was also noted that there are opportunities to address the Program's funding at the legislative level. Support for the budget enhancement request was approved on a motion by Past President Waits with second by Commissioner Dahl.
- 15. Update and Possible Action Regarding Natural Resources and Public Lands and Issues Affecting Counties Including:**
 - a. Review of NACO's Draft Comments on Council for Environmental Quality's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).** Colby reminded the Board that they authorized the submission of comments at their January meeting. He referred to the draft comments included in the agenda packet and noted that they included the priorities approved by the Public Lands and Natural Resources subcommittee. The comments include support for cooperation with counties, the use of county data and recommend amended language to include coordination with local governments in the development of environmental impact statements and to mandate

coordination with cooperating agencies, not only commenters. The comments were approved on a motion by Commissioner Dahl with second by Commissioner Allan.

- b. The U.S. Department of the Navy's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization.** Vinson informed the Board that the FEIS had been published and comments were submitted by the Association in line with previous comments approved by the Board, which were included in the agenda packet. He informed the group that the Governor's office had submitted an official response to the Navy and the Record of Decision is expected on February 24th. Commissioner Dahl inquired as to if compensation for grazers was included and it was noted that it was requested that the Navy defer to the Taylor Grazing Act but that no formula for compensation has been released. Vinson noted that going forward it will be important to communicate with the Delegation and that official requests had been made to adopt the Nevada Consolidated Proposal. No action was taken.
 - c. Other Updates from the NACO Public Lands and Natural Resources Subcommittee.** President French informed the group that the BLM would be updating their grazing regulations and there would be an opportunity for the submission of comments. He also informed the Board that Waters of the US had been removed as a standing agenda item. Other items discussed included Greater and Bi-State Sage Grouse and Wild Horses and Burro's, including the upcoming meeting of the BLM's Advisory Board on April 20th in Reno. Colby informed the Board that the BLM was due to release their Draft Environmental Impact Statement in response to the October 2019 decision out of federal Court in Idaho to enjoin the 2019 plans for Greater Sage Grouse, opening a 45-day comment period. He also informed the Board that the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council would be meeting the following week and Commissioner Goicoechea, who chairs the Council encouraged attendance at the meeting.
- 16. NACO Committee of the Emeritus Update.** Past President Waits reminded the Board that the next workshop on Transparency in Government would take place on April 10th and the next meeting of the Committee would be held in March.
 - 17. National Association of Counties and Western Interstate Region Board Member Updates.** Commissioner Higbee informed the Board that the next meeting of both Boards would take place at the upcoming Legislative Conference in Washington DC. He also informed the Board that he intended to introduce a resolution in a subcommittee regarding federalism and returning some powers to the states.
 - 18. NACO Board Member Updates.** Updates were given by members of the Board on activities within their counties.
 - 19. Public Comment.** Nate Helton from Senator Rosen's office was introduced, and the Board was informed that he would be taking over some rural outreach duties for the Senator. Commissioner Lister brought up CDBG funding and item 9 was reopened on a motion by the Commissioner with second by Commissioner Higbee. The remainder of the discussion and actions taken are addressed in item 9 above.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Agenda Item 7

Nevada Association of Counties
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2019

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash - Bank of America	\$	626,462.57
Money Market		110,785.97
Investments Cash Equivalents		3,321.86
Investments Cash Equivalents		11,261.39
Accounts Receivable		7,934.64
Prepaid Expenses		<u>2,308.78</u>
Total Current Assets		762,075.21
Property and Equipment		
Office Equipment		174,359.50
Building		447,906.18
Land		131,000.00
Building Improvements		90,311.78
Fixed Assets - Vehicle		32,878.25
Accumulated Depreciation		<u>(329,046.58)</u>
Total Property and Equipment		547,409.13
Other Assets		
Investments - RJ Equity		199,839.09
Investments - RJ Securities		449,513.73
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS		<u>191,230.00</u>
Total Other Assets		<u>840,582.82</u>
Total Assets	\$	<u><u>2,150,067.16</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$	16,170.68
Accrued Payroll Benefits		20,860.86
Payable For NACo Conference		489.93
Deferred Revenue		301,411.00
PERS Pension Liability		653,604.00
DEFERRED INFLOWS		<u>47,130.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities		1,039,666.47
Long-Term Liabilities		<u>0.00</u>
Total Long-Term Liabilities		0.00
Total Liabilities		1,039,666.47
Capital		
Retained Earnings		985,988.51
Net Income		<u>124,412.18</u>
Total Capital		<u>1,110,400.69</u>
Total Liabilities & Capital	\$	<u><u>2,150,067.16</u></u>

Nevada Association of Counties
Income Statement/Budget
For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2019

	GL Acct.	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	Y-T-D % Budget
Revenues					
Membership Dues	4500	0.00	361,491.00	361,491.00	100.0%
Public Lands Assessment Dues	4550	0.00	134,936.00	134,936.00	100.0%
Conference Revenues	4501,4502,4:	0.00	73,739.92	35,395.00	208.3%
IAF/Supplemental Funds	4602	0.00	70,000.00	70,000.00	100.0%
Interest Income	4650	1,738.86	18,406.33	15,000.00	122.7%
National Programs	4700	7,595.53	21,170.24	17,000.00	124.5%
Associate Memberships	4702	0.00	22,500.00	18,000.00	125.0%
Unrealized Gain/(Loss)-Investments	4740,4741,7:	4,568.55	38,259.51	0.00	
RCI/Greater Sage Grouse Cont.	4608	(13,204.35)	6,117.65	0.00	
Total Revenues		698.59	746,620.65	651,822.00	114.5%
Expenses					
Salaries	7100	35,230.14	293,779.54	309,419.00	94.9%
Retirement: PERS	7103	14,052.24	78,533.30	86,637.00	90.6%
Employee Health Insurance/Life	7104,7105	2,290.59	19,605.11	39,366.00	49.8%
FICA, ESD, and Medicare Expense	7106,7108	385.50	5,383.78	6,000.00	89.7%
Audit	7305	0.00	8,125.00	8,500.00	95.6%
Board Meetings	7303	471.00	3,661.93	7,500.00	48.8%
Building Operating Expenses	8000-BLD,8	2,301.20	22,119.14	18,403.00	120.2%
Building Capital Projects	8500-BLD	0.00	18,165.00	26,000.00	69.9%
Conference Expenses	7300-01,730	50.00	34,086.15	35,000.00	97.4%
County Leadership Institute	7306	0.00	3,183.73	2,200.00	144.7%
Depreciation Expense	7230	17,116.82	17,116.82	0.00	
Donations/Sponsorships	7234	0.00	75.00	1,500.00	5.0%
Equipment Lease & Maintenance	7202	245.71	3,875.19	8,500.00	45.6%
Equipment Purchases	7205	1,861.07	2,821.96	4,500.00	62.7%
Internet Service	7208	399.00	4,788.00	4,788.00	100.0%
Legislative Expense	7304	0.00	5,518.12	5,000.00	110.4%
Liability & Auto Insurance	7212	676.50	5,614.52	5,500.00	102.1%
Mgmt Consulting & Training	7227	108.24	108.24	0.00	
Member Services	7313	67.46	2,105.71	0.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	7400	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Office Supplies	7204	645.95	3,447.20	3,500.00	98.5%
Postage	7210	6.95	412.51	500.00	82.5%
Printing	7218	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.0%
Professional Fees	7308, 7309	2,282.64	16,506.21	18,388.00	89.8%
PEHB Liability	7109	129.00	1,739.28	1,552.00	112.1%
Publications, Dues, Registrations	7216	742.06	8,972.42	7,743.00	115.9%
Recruiting & Advertising	7319	0.00	821.41	0.00	
Representative Travel	7222	1,660.04	12,438.73	17,000.00	73.2%
RCI/Greater Sage Grouse Cont.	7408	(11,037.68)	0.00	0.00	
Special Studies/Litigation	7409	213.75	11,927.43	15,000.00	79.5%
Staff Travel	7219	2,725.74	15,477.83	20,000.00	77.4%
Telephone	7207	1,151.62	6,435.25	7,000.00	91.9%
Video-Conferencing Host & Warranty	7307	640.87	6,267.37	6,649.00	94.3%
Vehicle Registration Maintenance	7214	0.00	1,064.56	3,000.00	35.5%
WIR Dues	7224	0.00	8,032.03	9,991.00	80.4%
Total Expenses		74,416.41	622,208.47	679,886.00	91.5%
Net Income		(73,717.82)	124,412.18	(28,064.00)	

Nevada Association of Counties
Balance Sheet
March 31, 2020

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash - Bank of America	\$	686,416.17
Money Market		110,794.02
Investments Cash Equivalents		5,261.02
Investments Cash Equivalents		10,961.08
Accounts Receivable		42,619.00
Prepaid Expenses		<u>1,156.78</u>
Total Current Assets		857,208.07
Property and Equipment		
Office Equipment		174,059.50
Building		447,906.18
Land		131,000.00
Building Improvements		90,311.78
Fixed Assets - Vehicle		32,878.25
Accumulated Depreciation		<u>(329,046.58)</u>
Total Property and Equipment		547,109.13
Other Assets		
Investments - RJ Equity		152,505.80
Investments - RJ Securities		461,406.61
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS		<u>191,230.00</u>
Total Other Assets		<u>805,142.41</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>\$ 2,209,459.61</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities		
Accrued Payroll Benefits	\$	20,860.86
Payable for NACo Conference		489.93
Deferred Income		5,000.00
PERS Pension Liability		653,604.00
DEFERRED INFLOWS		<u>47,130.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities		727,084.79
Long-Term Liabilities		
Total Long-Term Liabilities		<u>0.00</u>
Total Liabilities		727,084.79
Capital		
Retained Earnings		1,110,400.69
Net Income		<u>371,974.13</u>
Total Capital		<u>1,482,374.82</u>
Total Liabilities & Capital		<u><u>\$ 2,209,459.61</u></u>

Nevada Association of Counties
Income Statement/Budget
For the Three Months Ending March 31, 2020

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	Y-T-D % Budget
Revenues				
Membership Dues	0.00	368,788.00	368,788.00	100.0%
Public Lands Assessment Dues	0.00	136,249.00	136,250.00	100.0%
Conference Revenues	0.00	0.00	88,000.00	0.0%
IAF/Supplemental Funds	0.00	35,000.00	70,000.00	50.0%
Interest Income	2,148.17	4,990.78	15,000.00	33.3%
National Programs	0.00	0.00	6,978.00	0.0%
Associate Memberships	1,500.00	16,500.00	22,000.00	75.0%
Unrealized Gain/(Loss)-Investments	(23,114.56)	(38,766.52)	0.00	
RCI/Greater Sage Grouse Cont.	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Revenues	(19,466.39)	522,761.26	707,016.00	73.9%
Expenses				
Salaries	24,999.94	86,330.24	324,825.00	26.6%
Retirement: PERS	7,312.48	17,939.11	95,823.00	18.7%
Employee Health Insurance/Life	2,306.29	7,471.97	39,366.00	19.0%
FICA, ESD, and Medicare Expense	616.44	2,219.73	6,000.00	37.0%
Audit	0.00	0.00	11,625.00	0.0%
Board Meetings	593.54	593.54	10,000.00	5.9%
Building Capital Projects	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	0.0%
Building Operating Expenses	1,718.31	3,220.30	19,000.00	16.9%
Conference Expenses	0.00	0.00	45,000.00	0.0%
County Leadership Institute	0.00	0.00	3,200.00	0.0%
Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00		
Donations/Sponsorships	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%
Equipmnet Lease & Maintenance	245.71	768.34	4,500.00	17.1%
Equipment Purchases	0.00	198.00	4,500.00	4.4%
IT Support	0.00	478.75	2,500.00	19.2%
Internet Service	399.00	1,197.00	4,788.00	25.0%
Legislative Expense	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.0%
Liability & Auto Insurance	384.00	1,152.00	5,500.00	20.9%
Member Services	84.40	84.40	3,000.00	2.8%
Office Supplies	1,175.69	1,385.73	3,500.00	39.6%
PEHB Liability	129.00	387.00	1,700.00	22.8%
Postage	58.20	58.20	500.00	11.6%
Printing	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Professional Fees	2,603.47	4,266.40	15,500.00	27.5%
Publications, Dues, Registrations	940.43	2,561.86	3,660.00	70.0%
Recruiting & Advertising	0.00	0.00		
Representative Travel	2,206.38	4,064.84	17,000.00	23.9%
RCI/Greater Sage Grouse Cont.	2,023.53	2,023.53		
Special Studies/Litigation	(2,023.53)	(1,148.53)	15,000.00	-7.7%
Staff Travel	3,329.58	5,857.62	20,000.00	29.3%
Telephone	720.90	1,341.45	6,000.00	22.4%
Vehicle Registration Maintenance	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.0%
Web-based Hosting & Subscription Software	111.19	193.59	5,000.00	
WIR Dues	0.00	8,142.06	9,991.00	81.5%
Total Expenses	49,934.95	150,787.13	697,478.00	21.6%
Net Income	(69,401.34)	371,974.13	9,538.00	

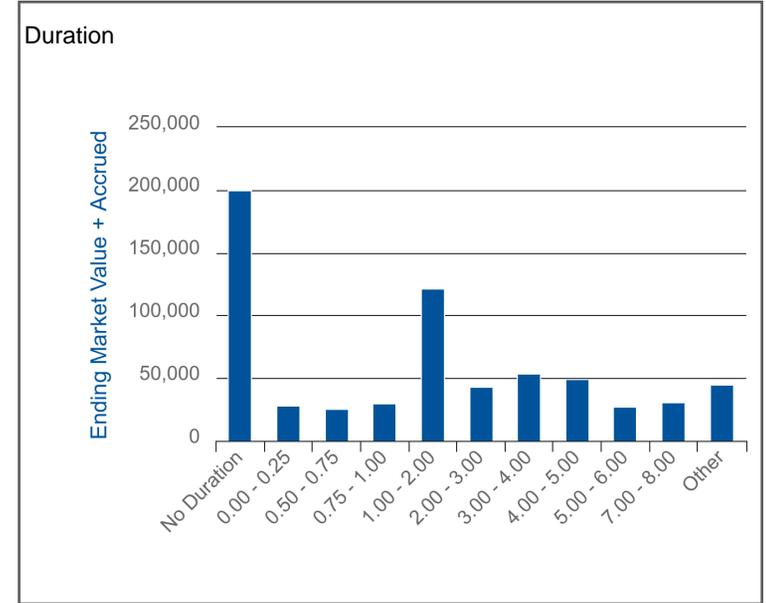
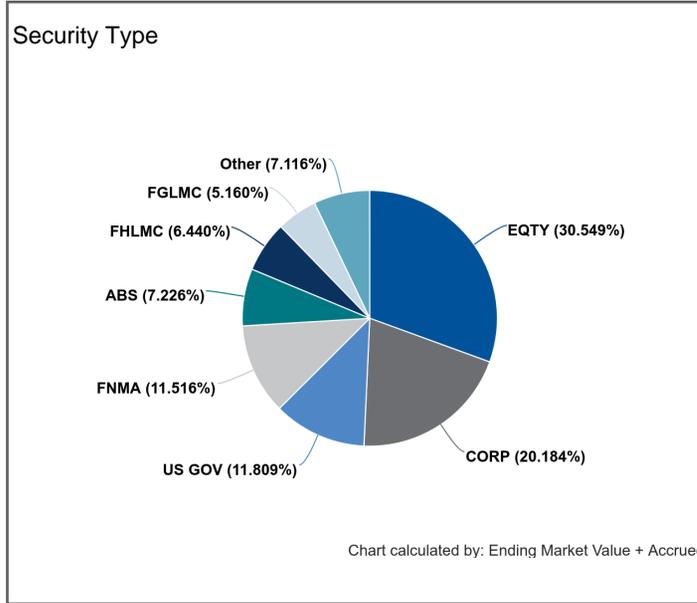
Account Review

05/01/2020 - 05/21/2020

Moreton-NACO

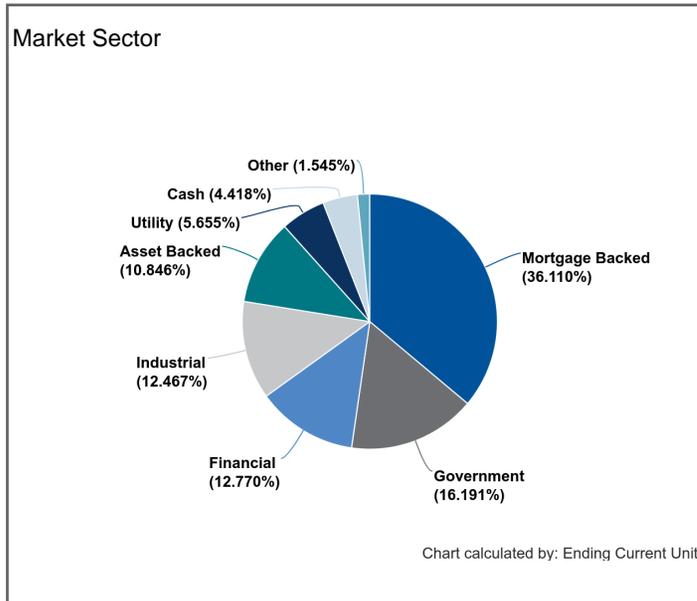
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Balance Sheet	
Book Value + Accrued	597,845.83
Net Unrealized Gain/Loss	57,081.40
Market Value + Accrued	654,927.23



Cash and Fixed Income Summary

Risk Metric	Value
Cash	3,398.05
MMFund	15,430.57
Fixed Income	436,025.22
Duration	2.900
Convexity	-1.503
WAL	3.810
Years to Final Maturity	5.797
Years to Effective Maturity	3.808
Yield	0.873
Book Yield	2.439
Avg Credit Rating	AA/Aa2/AA



Issuer Concentration

Issuer	% of Market Value + Accrued
Other	53.467%
Freddie Mac	14.533%
United States Department of The Treasury	11.809%
Federal National Mortgage Association	11.516%
Private Export Funding Corporation	2.486%
First American Funds, Inc. - Government Obligations Fund	2.356%
The Home Depot, Inc.	2.107%
Honda Auto Receivables 2019-1 Owner Trust	1.725%
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Footnotes: 1,2

GAAP Financials

04/01/2020 - 04/30/2020

Moreton-NACO

Dated: 05/22/2020

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Balance Sheet		Moreton-NACO	
		As of:	03/31/2020
Book Value		0.00	651,148.79
Accrued Balance		0.00	2,066.66
Book Value + Accrued		0.00	653,215.45
Net Unrealized Gain/Loss		0.00	1,472.82
Market Value + Accrued		0.00	654,688.27

Income Statement		Moreton-NACO	
		Begin Date	04/01/2020
		End Date	04/30/2020
Net Amortization/Accretion Income			88.38
Interest Income		35.21	
Dividend Income		56.93	
Foreign Tax Withheld Expense		0.00	
Misc Income		85.50	
Allowance Expense		0.00	
Income Subtotal			177.64
Net Realized Gain/Loss		0.00	
Net Holding Gain/Loss		0.00	
Impairment Loss		0.00	
Net Gain/Loss			0.00
Expense		-250.00	
Net Income			16.03
Transfers In/Out			653,199.42
Change in Unrealized Gain/Loss			1,472.82

Statement of Cash Flows		Moreton-NACO	
		Begin Date	04/01/2020
		End Date	04/30/2020
Net Income			16.03
Amortization/Accretion on MS		-88.38	
Change in Accrued on MS		-34.63	
Net Gain/Loss on MS		0.00	
Change in Unrealized G/L on CE		0.00	
Subtotal			-123.02
Purchase of MS		0.00	
Purchased Accrued of MS		0.00	
Sales of MS		0.00	
Sold Accrued of MS		0.00	
Maturities of MS		0.00	
Net Purchases/Sales			0.00
Transfers of Cash & CE			9,965.31
Total Change in Cash & CE			9,858.32
Beginning Cash & CE			0.00
Ending Cash & CE			9,858.32

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<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/NRS-441A.html#NRS441ASec150>

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-439.html#NRS439Sec280>

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Nevada Department of Indigent Defense Services FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

1. Name and Address																												
2. Report Period From: To:																												
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Total	\$	-																										
4. Remarks/Explanations																												
5. Certification: I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief this report is correct and complete and that all expenditures are for the purposes of indigent defense services as defined in NRS 180.004.																												
Authorizing Signature	Date																											
Position	Email																											
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RE: Nevada Association of Counties Comment on the Bureau of Land Management's Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Fuel Reduction and Rangeland Restoration in the Great Basin. Federal Register 85 FR 19018.

Dear Mr. Wilhelm:

As the state association for all 17 of Nevada's counties, the Nevada Association of Counties ("NACO") appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on the Bureau of Land Management's ("BLMs") Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DPEIS) for Fuel Reduction and Rangeland Restoration in the Great Basin. NACO provides comments as the collective voice on behalf of all of Nevada's counties, but defers to individual counties that have provided county-specific information or positions that may be in conflict with NACO's position.

Introduction

NACO is pleased to see the BLM taking a comprehensive approach to improving fire resistance and resiliency of rangelands in the Great Basin. This DPEIS, along with BLM's recent Fuel Break PEIS, and the CX for Pinyon Juniper management should create a suite of tools for the BLM to utilize to help reduce the frequency and intensity of fires across the great basin.

NACO urges the BLM to cooperate and coordinate with county governments when conducting restoration and enhancement activities when such activities do not require site specific NEPA analysis. For many Nevada communities, resource-based industries that are tied to public lands are their lifeblood. And in all counties, staying apprised of and involved in federal land management planning and conservation efforts is critical, as federal agency decisions are inextricably tied to counties' ability to effectively plan for the future and provide mandated services. Aside from the knowledge and

expertise counties provide, Nevada's counties also bear the most immediate and long-lasting socioeconomic impacts from wildfires in the Great Basin, fires that threaten lives and livelihoods.

a. Cooperation and Coordination with Local Governments

Under FLPMA, the BLM must coordinate its land use inventory, and management activities with "States and local governments within which the lands are located."¹ This coordination requirement reflects that FLPMA recognizes that states and local government share land management responsibilities with the BLM. Integrated land management efforts which include close cooperative relationships with partners and local communities are key to successful land management planning.

NACO hopes that a programmatic approach to rangeland restoration and fuel reduction projects will enable the BLM to more quickly conduct needed measures to achieve stated goals. NACO works with county governments to adopt and maintain local, regional, state and national cooperation to cultivate effective policy and land management planning. In general, NACO supports land management practices that are expedient and adaptable. For example, our recent comments on the proposed categorical exclusion for pinyon-juniper removal were generally supportive because of the likelihood that PJ treatment would provide needed benefits for rangeland ecosystem health and reduce fuel for wildfire without lengthy site-specific NEPA analysis.

However, it is important the BLM cooperates and coordinates with county governments to ensure that actions not-requiring site-specific NEPA analysis are consistent with local land use plans and local weed control programs to balance the need for expedient treatment with local knowledge and local priorities. NACO would like to see consistency of language within the PEIS when discussing cooperation with local government. For instance, on page 1-2 language should be adjusted for clarity as follows:

"The BLM will continue cooperating and coordinating with other federal, Tribal, state, and local ~~governments agencies~~ governments consistent with applicable laws and regulations pertaining to planning and implementing vegetation treatments within the analysis area."

NACO would appreciate consistency to ensure that BLM local and regional offices have clear guidance on when to defer to local plans and consult local government.

b. Native and Nonnative Seed

The spread of noxious and invasive plants in the Great Basin is connected to the prevalence of rangeland fires. Where ecosystems have suffered fire-caused disturbance, invasive fuel-laden species such as cheatgrass, propagate.

The rate of encroachment of annual invasive grasses and the ever-increasing probability of wildfire is simply too serious of a problem to insist on idealized management options that are unlikely to produce ideal outcomes. Insufficient rangeland restoration results in proliferation of fire-conductive invasive species.

¹ 43 U.S.C. 1712 (c).



BLM refers to its native plant policy in Handbook 1740-2 to guide its policy for when to use natives or non-natives across the project area in the PEIS. However, the strong preference for native seeds is misguided here, where the stated “need” of this PEIS includes “restoration treatments such as fuels reduction and revegetation...to retain and increase intact sagebrush communities and improve their ability to resist annual grass invasion and recover from disturbance such as wildfire.”

Specifically, BLM’s policy for use of nonnatives is too restrictive. Native species are expensive, often difficult to obtain, and do not always compete well with non-desirable invasive species, particularly in marginal areas. Strict insistence on the use of natives can limit the size and effectiveness of rangeland restoration. Desirable non-native species that are more readily available, more cost effective and more competitive with non-native annual grass species (medusahead and cheatgrass) and provide similar ecological functionality should also be encouraged for use.

NACO therefore suggests that the BLM, to better fit the purpose and need of *this* PEIS, not adopt its nonnative seed policy from H1740-2 verbatim, but modify it as follows (proposed language underlined):

“Using nonnative seeds as part of a seeding mixture is appropriate ~~only~~ if it is done under the following circumstances: 1. suitable native plant material is not readily available, 2. the natural biological diversity of the proposed management area would not be diminished, 3. exotic and naturalized species can be confined in the proposed management area, 4. analysis of ecological site inventory information indicates that a site would not support reestablishment of a species that historically was part of the natural environment, or the reestablishment of that species is unlikely and 5. resource management objectives cannot be met in the near-term with native species. For example, nonnative plant material may potentially be used in areas with low resistance and resilience that are invaded by invasive annual grasses.”

c. Livestock Grazing

NACO supports the inclusion of targeted grazing as a fuel reduction and rangeland restoration tool. NACO worries that the PEIS does not fully address the need for consultation and coordination with permittees whose existing permit could be affected by a restoration or fuel reduction project. Section 2.2.4 of the PEIS should be modified to state as follows:

“Any changes to permitted grazing would be in accordance with 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 4110, 43 CFR 4120, and 43 CFR 4130 (2005). However, the BLM ~~may~~ must work with permittees through voluntary agreements or coordination within the authorized permitted use to temporarily modify grazing to increase the success of vegetation restoration projects.”

Elsewhere, in Chapter 3, the PEIS includes a footnote that states:

“If permitted livestock grazing is to be affected, the permittee will be consulted and coordinated with prior to the implementation of the restoration activity. The preferred option is to plan the restoration activity to occur within the authorized permitted rotation. If that is not feasible, an agreement will be completed with the affected permittee that provides for the necessary protections for the restoration treatment (i.e., seeding).”



NACO supports this latter statement and would urge the BLM to clarify these two statements and more clearly describe the process the BLM will follow when a permittee's grazing is to be "affected." NACO has always emphasized the importance of cooperative and collaborative conservation and land management approaches that rely on voluntarily partnership with stakeholders rather than on top-down regulation centered approaches. To that end NACO would urge the BLM to include a clear statement that no permit will be modified without consultation and coordination with the affected permittee, and that modification will be the result of a voluntary agreement between the BLM and the affected permittee for the purpose of effectuating restoration and enhancement projects.

d. Socioeconomic Data

FLPMA, NEPA, and their implementing regulations require BLM, to the maximum extent possible, align with and mitigate impacts to State and local government planning needs, with the understanding that "socioeconomic impacts are usually indirect and largely fall on communities and local government institutions."

The PEIS states only that the Socioeconomic Baseline Report information is "available on the website for this project." While it may not be feasible to include the socio-economic baseline data for individual affected counties across the project area in this PEIS, NACO encourages the BLM to incorporate the report by reference or to include the Socioeconomic Baseline Report as an appendix. Inclusion of the Socioeconomic Baseline Report in the PEIS will benefit affected parties, cooperating agencies, and the BLM itself by informing the project participants of the impacts of restoration and enhancement projects. NACO encourages the BLM to consult the Nevada Economic Assessment Project (NEAP) which creates socioeconomic baseline data for all counties in Nevada and is being done in cooperation with the BLM, University of Nevada, and the U.S. Forest Service.²

Conclusion

We would like to thank the BLM for their consideration of the input and recommendations of Nevada's counties. Any changes to public land management in Nevada effects our residents, county functions, and the ability for counties to serve their citizens' basic needs. We look forward to continued engagement on this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at dstapleton@nvnaco.org, or by phone at (775) 883-7863.

Respectfully,

Dagny Stapleton
Executive Director

² <https://extension.unr.edu/neap/>



Nevada Association of Counties' (NACO) Document Specific Comments to BLM's Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Fuel Reduction and Rangeland Restoration in the Great Basin (DPEIS) Appendix D (proposed language underlined)

App. D	3.	GEN	NACO appreciates that the BLM will defer to local knowledge such as the state or local BLM when there is a conflict between guidance and the PEIS. However, NACO would appreciate clarification as to whether local government, land use plans, or weed management programs will also receive deference.
App. D	15.	FW, LG, SD, SOIL, SSS, VEG	<p>This design feature should be modified to read as follows:</p> <p>Before targeted grazing begins, complete a targeted grazing plan in <u>cooperation with the permittee</u> that optimizes successful reduction or control of the target nonnative species, while avoiding damaging native desired plants. The plan would include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Objectives that specify target nonnative species, grazing duration, intensity, stocking level, type of livestock, and measurable outcomes ● A monitoring plan ● Stipulations, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – To minimize the risk of introducing or spreading invasive plant species through livestock manure, a quarantine period may be needed before livestock are turned out into an area for targeted grazing and when they are removed from such an area. – <u>Required</u> coordination with applicable permittees, state agencies, or other landowners in advance of targeted grazing treatment. This is to identify and minimize any potential conflicts of targeted grazing with regularly permitted livestock grazing. In case-specific situations, rest from regularly permitted grazing may be necessary in order to accomplish targeted grazing objectives (Hendrickson and Olson 2006)....
App. D	19	CULT, FW, SD, SSS, VEG	NACO supports BLM's decision to monitor noxious weeds and invasives and to take corrective action in accordance with local weed programs.
App. D	21	SD, VEG, VIS	<p>This design feature should be modified to read as follows:</p> <p>If revegetation is necessary, apply an appropriate mixture of locally adapted or genetically appropriate forbs and grass seed (adapted to the site) <u>as well as desirable nonnative seeds or plant material</u> at jackpot burn sites and pile burn sites to facilitate vegetation establishment.</p>



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https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/19pdf/18-260_5i36.pdf