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STATE OF NEVADA
STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Dear Interested Party:

The Nevada State Conservation Commission would like to invite you to talk with us about your perspectives on issues facing the Humboldt River Basin, including drought, fire, invasives, habitats, riparian and rangeland functions/health, water quantity/quality/timing, access, upstream/downstream interactions, etc. The NV State Conservation Commission (SCC) has recently initiated the Humboldt River Basin Network (HRBN) to provide an opportunity to bring representatives from the various stakeholder groups within the basin together, up-front, to engage in productive communication, collaboration, and education and in an attempt to reach agreement on a workable roadmap for addressing the myriad of challenges facing this watershed. (Please see attached HRBN fact-sheet for more information.)

The HRBN has decided that the logical first step in this process is to complete a situation assessment. The purpose is to meet face-to-face with individual community members and stakeholders to learn more about the various perspectives, concerns, and potential opportunities regarding the existing situation; and help shape HRBN next steps. A report will be completed and distributed to all participants summarizing the information and insights gathered during the assessment, and providing recommendations regarding possible next steps. Follow-up meetings to review the situation assessment findings will also be scheduled as needed.

The HRBN has requested assistance from the BLM National Riparian Service Team (NRST) to complete the situation assessment and engage in follow-up meetings to review results. The NRST was requested because of their long history working with communities to collaboratively address riparian related issues. The HRBN and NRST applied for and received funding from the BLM's Collaborative Action and Dispute Resolution program (CADR) to complete this endeavor.

Laura Van Riper and Mike Lunn will complete the on-site assessment between December 5-14, 2017, with one-day meetings held at central locations in various towns within or near and relevant to the Basin. The tentative schedule is below; however, it may change depending on the response to this initial outreach. Updated meeting location information has been listed below:

Tuesday, December 5th - Sparks

Nevada Farm Bureau

Address: 2165 Green Vista Dr., Suite 205
Sparks, Nevada 89431

Wednesday, December 6th - Lovelock

Pershing County Community Center

Address: 820 6th Street
Lovelock, NV 89419

Thursday, December 7th - Winnemucca

Humboldt County Cooperative Extension

Address: 1085 Fairgrounds Rd
Winnemucca NV 89445

Friday, December 8th - Battle Mountain

Battle Mountain Super 8

Address: 825 Super 8 Drive
Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Saturday, December 9th – Elko

Northeastern Nevada Museum

Address: 1515 Idaho Street
Elko, NV 89801

Sunday, December 10th – Wells

Wells Rural Electric Company

Address: 1451 Humboldt Avenue
Wells, Nevada 89835

Monday, December 11th – Eureka

Eureka County Extension Office

Address: 701 S. Main Street
Eureka, NV 89316-0613

Tuesday, December 12th – Austin

Lander County Courthouse

Address: 122 Main St.
Austin, NV 89310

Wednesday, December 13th – Fallon

Churchill County Extension Office

Address: 111 Sheckler Road
Fallon, NV 89406

Thursday, December 14th - Sparks

Nevada Farm Bureau

Address: 2165 Green Vista Dr., Suite 205
Sparks, Nevada 89431

If you would prefer to meet at a different site (i.e., residence, restaurant, etc.), we may be able to accommodate that depending on availability of time and number of discussions in a given community. Each individual will be given a one hour time slot. Group discussions can also be accommodated with 1.5 hour time slots allocated for groups of 1-3 people and 2 hours for groups of 3 or more. Opportunities to visit with Laura and/or Mike by phone will also be available.

If you are interested and available to meet with Laura and Mike, we would greatly appreciate your participation. Please contact Mike (541-480-7970 or mlunn1128@hotmail.com) if you have questions or would like to schedule a meeting time.

Thank you for your interest and cooperation in the understanding and management of the Humboldt River Basin. Please feel free to share this information with other people who might be interested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bettina Scherer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bettina" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Scherer".

Bettina Scherer
Nevada Conservation Districts Program Manager &
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