

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CHURCHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406

December 5, 2024

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 8:15 AM on December 5, 2024.

PRESENT:

Commissioner Myles Getto, Chair
Commissioner Justin Heath, Vice-Chair
Comptroller Sherry Wideman
Deputy District Attorney Joseph Sanford
Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery
County Manager Jim Barbee
Deputy Clerk to the Board Pamela D. Moore
Deputy Clerk Crystal Muschetto
Commissioner Harry Scharmann

ABSENT:

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the board and public.

Public Comment:

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Verification of the Posting of the Agenda:

It was verified by Crystal Muschetto, Deputy Clerk, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 26th day of November, 2024, between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 PM at all of the locations listed on the Agenda, in accordance with NRS 241.

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Agenda as submitted or revised:

Deputy Clerk Moore reported that the Agenda had a typo on it, as Item 14, Quarterly Jail Inspection, was withdrawn prior to the meeting but was inadvertently not fully deleted from the Agenda. The Agenda needs to be revised accordingly.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Agenda as revised.

Commissioner Myles Getto seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on:

A- November 7, 2024.

The Minutes of the meeting held on November 7, 2024 are presented for the board's consideration and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on November 7, 2024 as presented. Commissioner Myles Getto seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Appointments:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Appointment of Mattie Serna to the Library Board of Trustees, to serve an unexpired term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2028.

The Churchill County Library Board is a governing board appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, which is authorized and directed to make recommendations and provide oversight and direction to the Churchill County Library per NRS 379. The Library Board is comprised of five (5) members, who serve four (4) year terms. Recently, Jo Petteruti resigned from the board, leaving a vacancy.

The opening was advertised and one application was received. The County Manager and Assistant County Manager interviewed the applicant and the recommendation is being made to appoint Mattie Serna to the Library Board of Trustees, to serve an unexpired term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2028.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

County Manager Jim Barbee made this presentation as outlined above.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to appoint Mattie Serna to the Library Board of Trustees, to serve an unexpired term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2028. Commissioner Myles Getto seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Deputy Clerk Crystal Muschetto administered the Oath of Office to Mattie Serna following the appointment.

B- Presentation by Jeremy Drew, Resource Concepts, Inc., of a Public Lands and Natural Resources Tracking List.

Resource Concepts, Inc. has been monitoring and involved in a host of issues and projects related to public lands and natural resources in Churchill County. This will be an overview and update of those issues.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Jeremy Drew, Principal Resource Specialist with Resource Concepts, Inc., said, with regard to the FRTC, we should get an update in the coming weeks on where we stand with the Modernization Implementation. I can tell you that the pending Cadastral Survey is still underway with BLM. In fact, we had a question this week regarding one of the conveyances we proposed.

There is still a lot of focus on Dixie Valley. Particularly, the purchases of the remaining private property. Regarding B-16, in terms of addressing the grazing issues and finalizing the two roads, I am sure these topics will come up in the next few meetings. As for Lone Tree, Sand Canyon, and Red Mountain, those areas are still quiet for now. I want to thank the Commission for passing the resolution to clarify the designed standards and maintenance requirements for that road. Unfortunately, we have not seen much movement from BLM or the Navy at this point.

The design and NEPA processes are progressing and the chart at the bottom of your materials shows how things are expected to play out over the next fiscal years. I anticipate that this chart will be updated by the time I meet with the Commission again.

Now, regarding DOI and BLM items, it will be interesting to see what happens with the change in administration. You may recall that, during my last visit, you approved me to draft a protest letter on the Final Programmatic EIS for Solar Energy Development. One thing that worked well was carbon copying the Governor's Office on that letter. As a result, NECO facilitated a meeting with the Chief of Staff. In your packet, you will find a copy of the Governor's Consistency Review Letter. If you review it, you will see that it echoes many of the points we raised in our protest letter, including examples from Churchill County. I think this alignment will be very effective, especially given the administrative change and, hopefully, we will see a better outcome.

There is some uncertainty about how this will play out. The new administration might initiate legal proceedings, completely revise the policy, or scrap it altogether and revert to the 2012 framework. Either way, it was great to not only submit our letter but also gain support from the Governor's Office.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none. This item was presented for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

C- Consideration and possible action re: Approval to prepare a Protest to the Bureau of Land Management's Final Environmental Impact Statement for Greater Sage-Grouse Rangewide Planning and Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment.

In 2015, the BLM completed a Nevada Greater Sage-Grouse Plan and Resource Management Plan Amendment that identified habitat categories and associated allocation decisions/management direction for activities within said habitats. In 2019, the BLM completed an update to its Greater Sage-Grouse Plan to more closely align with the State of Nevada's Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan. However, that plan was not implemented due to a

Court Order and change in Presidential Administration. In 2021, the BLM started yet another Greater Sage-Grouse Plan, this time at a “rangewide” scale. At the same time, the USGS and State of Nevada began an update of Sage-Grouse Habitat Mapping.

Churchill County has been engaged in the current planning effort by providing Scoping Comments, participating as a Cooperating Agency, and commenting on the Draft EIS. The Proposed Plan significantly changes Sage-Grouse Habitat mapping in the county, allocations, and exception processes.

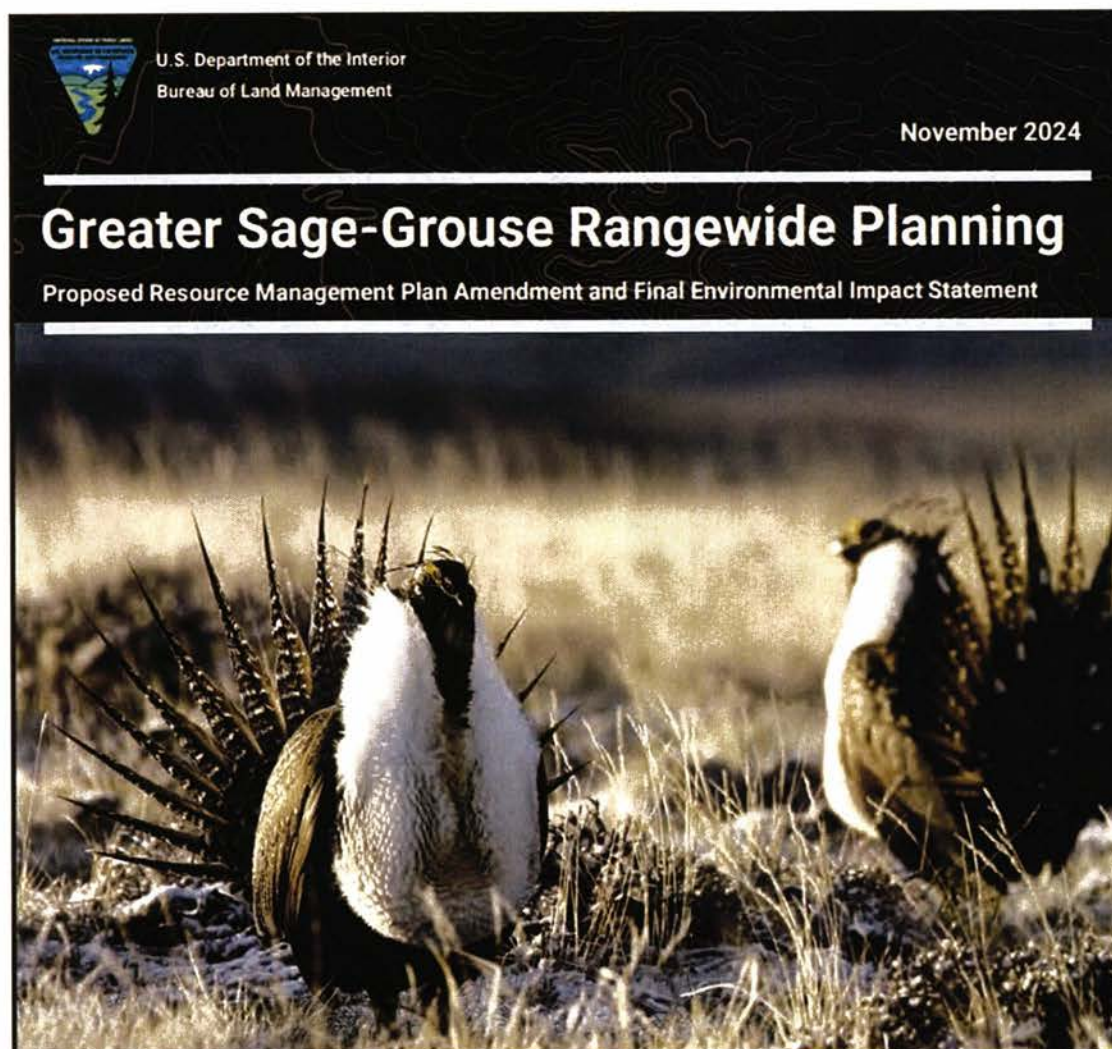
The support material provided herewith includes slides, maps, and the county’s previous comment to the Draft EIS, which would contain the initial points of consideration for a protest.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

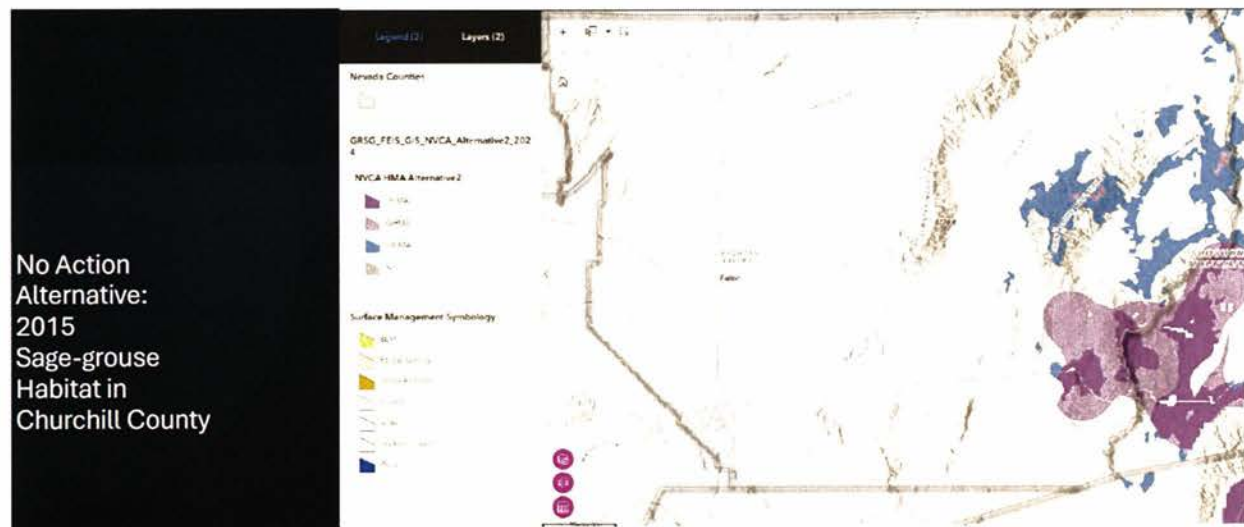


Jeremy Drew, Principal Resource Specialist with Resource Concepts, Inc., said this one was interesting. We heard the final proposed plan for Sage Grouse was going to come out in September, but it was delayed until one week following the election. I think it is pretty clear what is going on here, in terms of this administration trying to get the plan done before their time runs out. I am not sure how it will play out because of the Solar PEIS. The Governor's Consistency Review has 60 days and that will run up against January 14th or 15th.

As far as Churchill County is concerned, really what we have the option to do at this point, now that the final has been presented, is file a protest, as we did with the Solar PEIS. The protest has to be consistent with our previous comments. In your packet, you will see the previous comments we submitted on the Draft EIS.

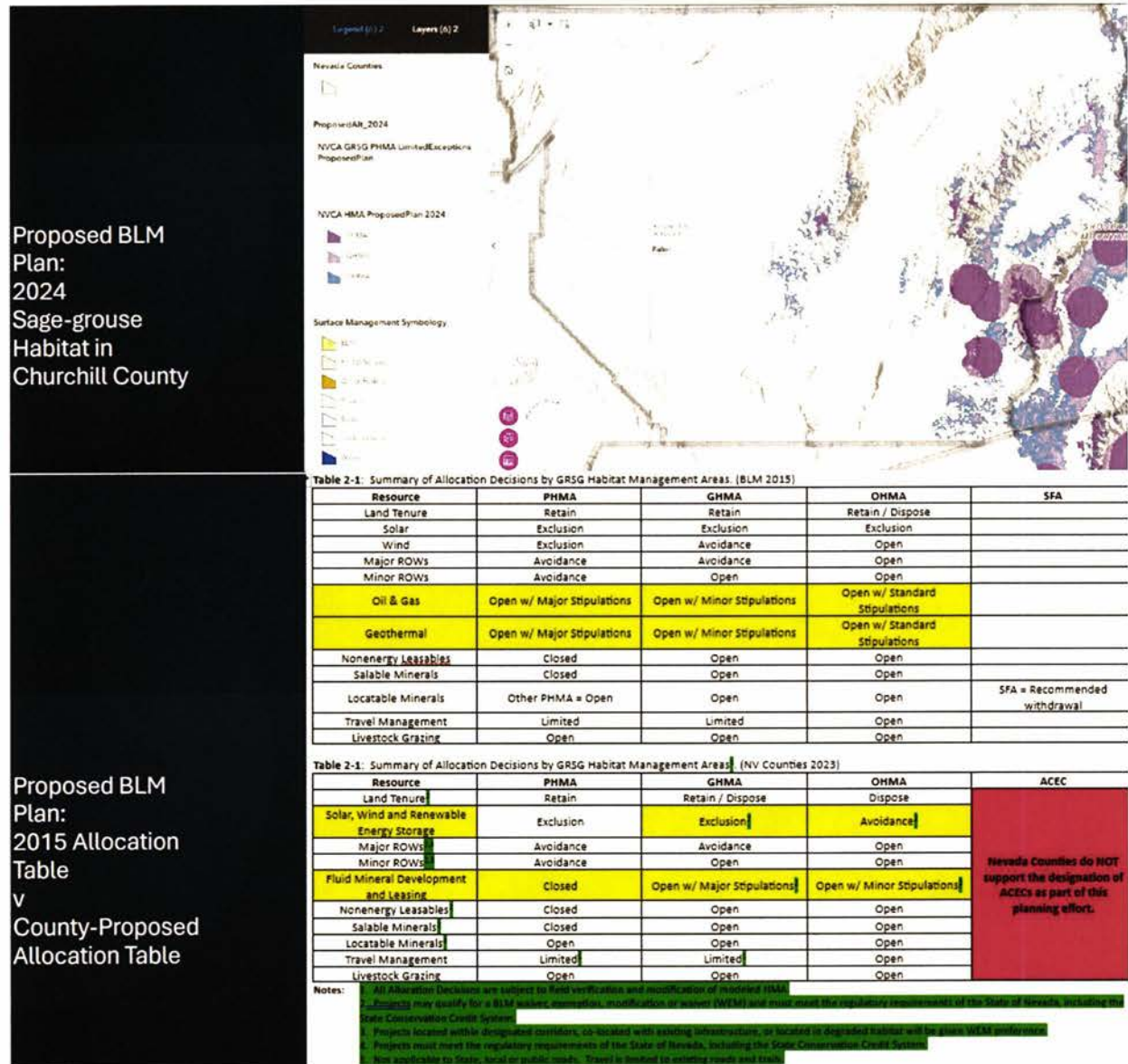
If you will recall, this is a complex document and that is coming from someone who has tracked this through three iterations. What they did is move from state-by-state planning areas to the entire range and they are trying to make everything consistent. That is really hard to do for a bird that is wide-ranging, given the many different threats it faces from state to state and the differing ways each state manages the species

It is my recommendation today to protest because we do not know what is going to happen with the administration change and I think it would be good to be on record in case some legal action is taken. I know there are a handful of other counties that are looking to protest and, again, those protest points would need to align very closely with our previous comments.



I have provided these two slides, one from 2015 and the other from 2024. Of note, there is new mapping in the Stillwater Range that was not previously included. Much of it falls within the newly designated NCA. While I do not think this will have a major effect on current land uses, it is worth noting, especially, that there is a small section of habitat extending closer to Sand Mountain.

If you will recall, we are a Cooperating Agency on this. This map looked much worse in earlier iterations, so for as complex and challenging as this process has been, I think the final map turned out better than it could have, thanks to our Cooperating Agency status.



This next slide shows how that map translates into BLM language regarding various allocations for different land uses. In my initial review of the document, it appears that their allocation table aligns a bit more closely with what the counties wanted compared to BLM's initial proposal.

One area where this is particularly evident is Renewable Energy. BLM had initially tried to ease restrictions for Renewable Energy in Sage Grouse Habitat but it seems they have backed off from that position.

However, one issue I have not seen addressed is the concern we, as a group of Nevada counties, raised about ensuring that any land allocation is based on ground-truthing of data. These maps are modeled, which essentially means they are inaccurate, everyone knows that. It is critical that we actually verify, on the ground, that the map reflects the real conditions in those areas. That is something I will be analyzing. It is something that we will flag and protest, because it does open up the potential for negotiating, to make sure that language is strong, if we need it.

Main Themes of a Protest:

- Concern with Scope of Planning Area (Rangewide) & Complexity:
 - Should be completed through a Statewide RMP
- Mapping:
 - Significant changes between Draft and Final EIS, not thoroughly vetted
- Alternatives:
 - Too many alternatives made the document cumbersome and confusing
- Allocations and Exceptions:
 - Still Analyzing
- Adaptive Management and Disturbance Caps
 - Inconsistent with State of Nevada Sage-grouse Conservation Plan

This last slide outlines what I see as the main themes of our protest. One key concern is the scope of the planning area, it is range-wide, with the plan being signed in Washington, D.C., rather than by the State Director. Additionally, the plan is so complex that it is almost impossible to navigate. If you want to find out what is being proposed in Nevada, you have to look in at least three different places, two of which are buried in appendices. Frankly, that is not an effective way to communicate with the public about what they are trying to do.

On a positive note, the mapping has improved. There was a significant change between the draft and final EIS, but this is an issue that caught them up in 2015 and will likely be a problem again. It is a procedural issue they do not want to acknowledge but I think it is important for us to flag it.

Another issue is the sheer complexity of the document. There are five different alternatives, which only makes it harder to understand. Regarding allocations, as I mentioned earlier, we are still analyzing those, but we will definitely emphasize that all allocation decisions must be based on ground-truth mapping.

Two specific areas remain inconsistent with the State Plan:

1. **Adaptive Management** – In the federal plan, when populations decline, they tend to start shutting down various allocations. That is not how we handle it in the State Plan, which takes a much more collaborative approach.

2. **Disturbance Caps** – The BLM is proposing disturbance caps, which are not explicitly supported in the State Plan.

What I need to know is whether the Commission wants to move forward with the protest. My recommendation is that we do. While a new administration is coming in and this plan will likely be in flux, keeping a foot in the door and staying involved in the process is always a wise move.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to authorize the County Manager, in coordination with RCI, to develop and send a formal Protest to the Bureau of Land Management's Final Environmental Impact Statement for Greater Sage-Grouse Rangewide Planning and Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment. Commissioner Myles Getto seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D- Consideration and possible action re: Approval to prepare a comment letter to the Bureau of Land Management's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Greenlink North 500-kV Transmission Project.

NV Energy has proposed a 500-kV transmission line that would run from the Robinson Summit Substation in White Pine County to the Fort Churchill Power Station in Lyon County, generally parallel to U.S. Highway 50. NV Energy has reported the project provides resiliency and redundancy between northern and southern Nevada, rather than additional capacity to its overall transmission system. Subsequent to the initial scoping period for this project, the BLM discovered that their 2015 Greater Sage-Grouse Plan had altered permitting of certain rights-of-way, requiring transmission lines be located within designated utility corridors. At the time, BLM was proposing a 3-mile-wide utility corridor centered on the proposed Greenlink North alignment.

The project bisects Churchill County, mostly through public lands managed by the BLM, and BLM is responsible for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance for issuance of a right-of-way for the project. The county has been engaged in this project by providing Scoping Comments (twice), participating as a Cooperating Agency, and proposing various alternatives. BLM's Preferred Alternative generally incorporates most of the county's previous recommendations.

The support material provided herewith includes slides, maps, and the county's previous scoping comments, which would direct the major themes of the comment letter to the Draft EIS.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

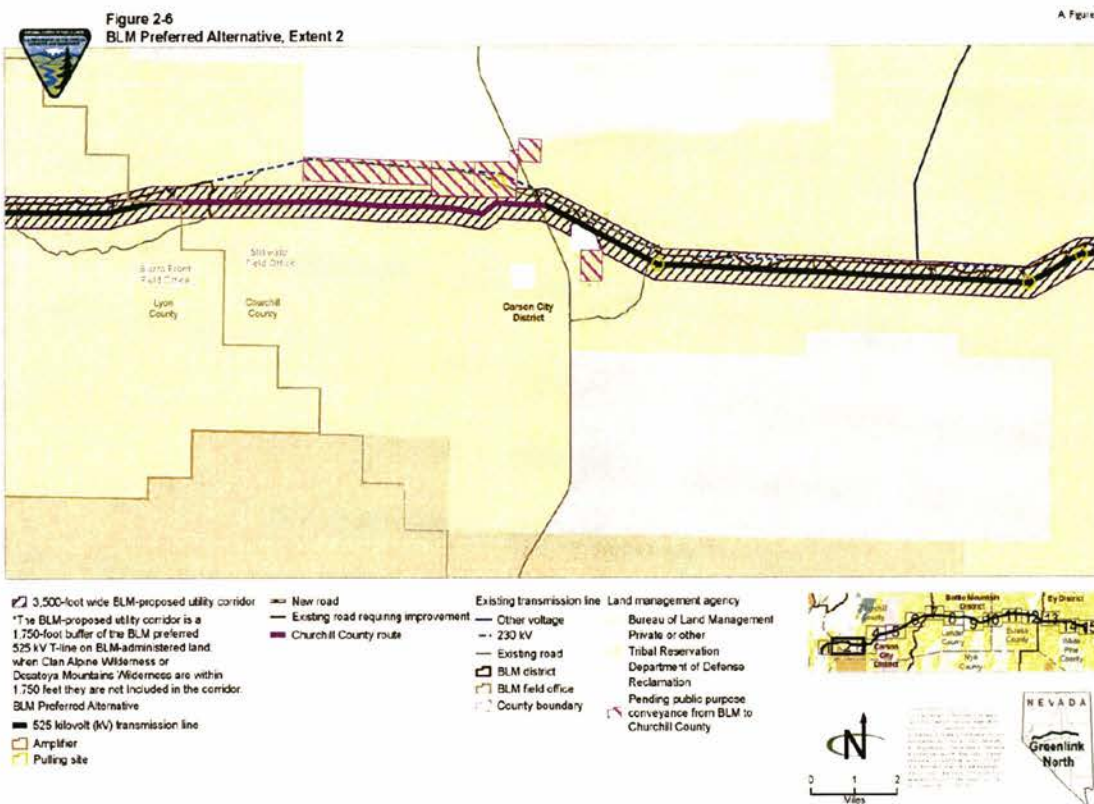
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Jeremy Drew, Principal Resource Specialist with Resource Concepts, Inc., said in your packet of supporting material, you will find the March 28th scoping comments we provided to BLM. I

did not have time to draft a letter specifically for the EIS, but I want to flag one key recommendation we made. We suggested that BLM and NV Energy meet with us to discuss the alignment of the proposed corridor. If you will recall, when we issued that scoping letter, they were proposing a 3-mile-wide corridor, which is quite significant.

Since then, in the Draft, they have reduced that to a 3,500-foot right-of-way. There are two sets of maps in your supporting material: one showing what NV Energy initially proposed and the other showing the new BLM preferred alternative. I am very comfortable with the BLM preferred alternative, which came out of the workshop we requested, not just with us, but also with other affected counties like Lander, Eureka, and White Pine.

As you will see on the map, the original proposal followed the 239 kV line directly through the middle of the RMPP parcels identified for disposal in the Lands Bill. It also went right over the existing Fallon landfill and occupied the entire landfill expansion parcel, which was a major concern. Initially, we had suggested routing the corridor north of those RMPP parcels. Instead, BLM decided to shift the alignment south, which I believe is an acceptable solution.

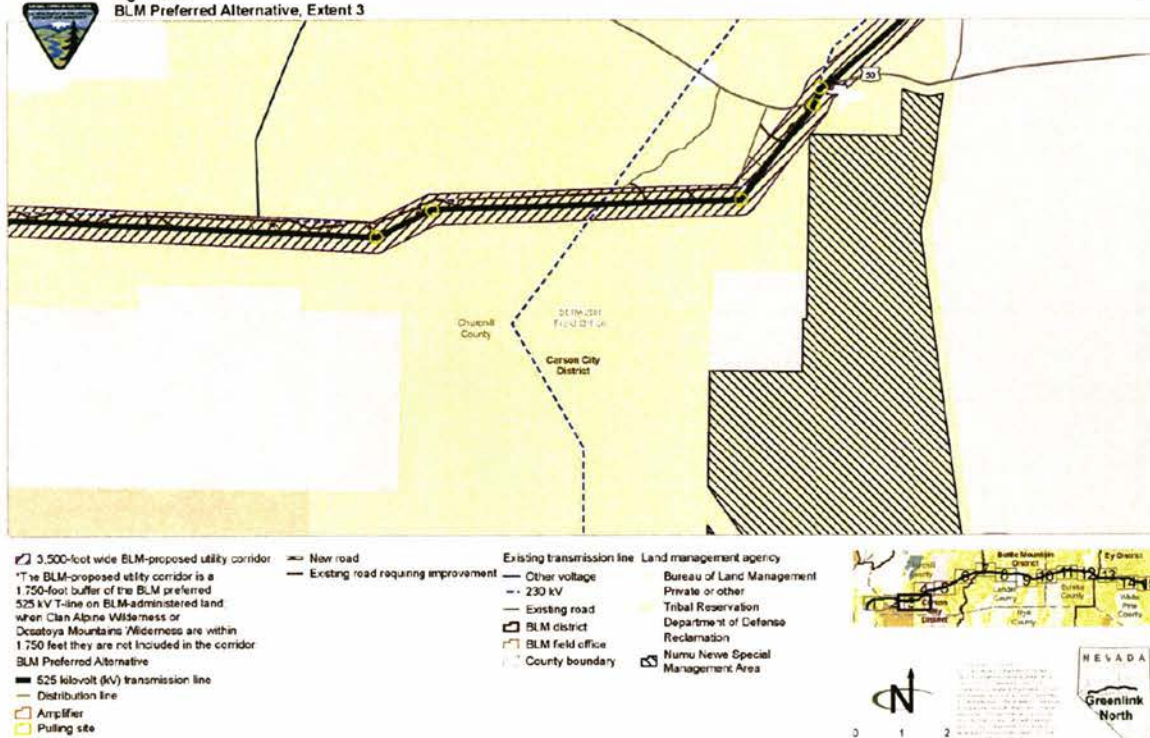


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Figure 2-6
BLM Preferred Alternative, Extent 3

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Figure 2-6
BLM Preferred Alternative, Extent 4

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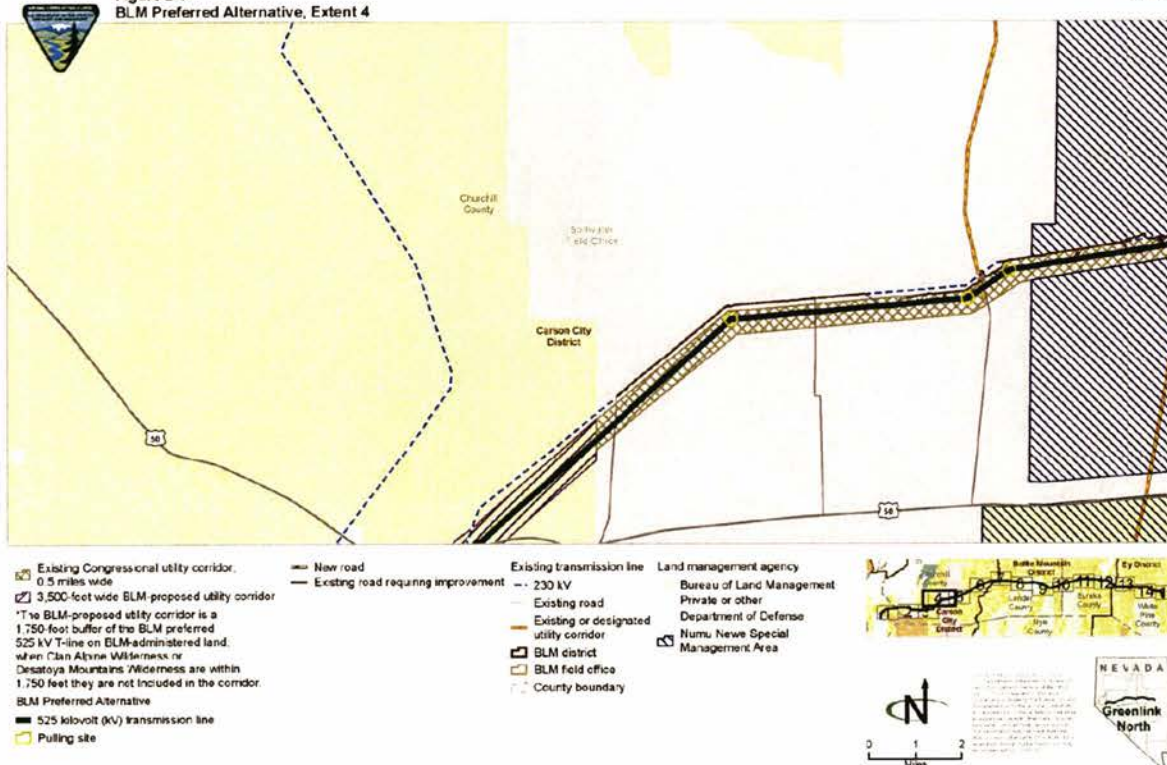
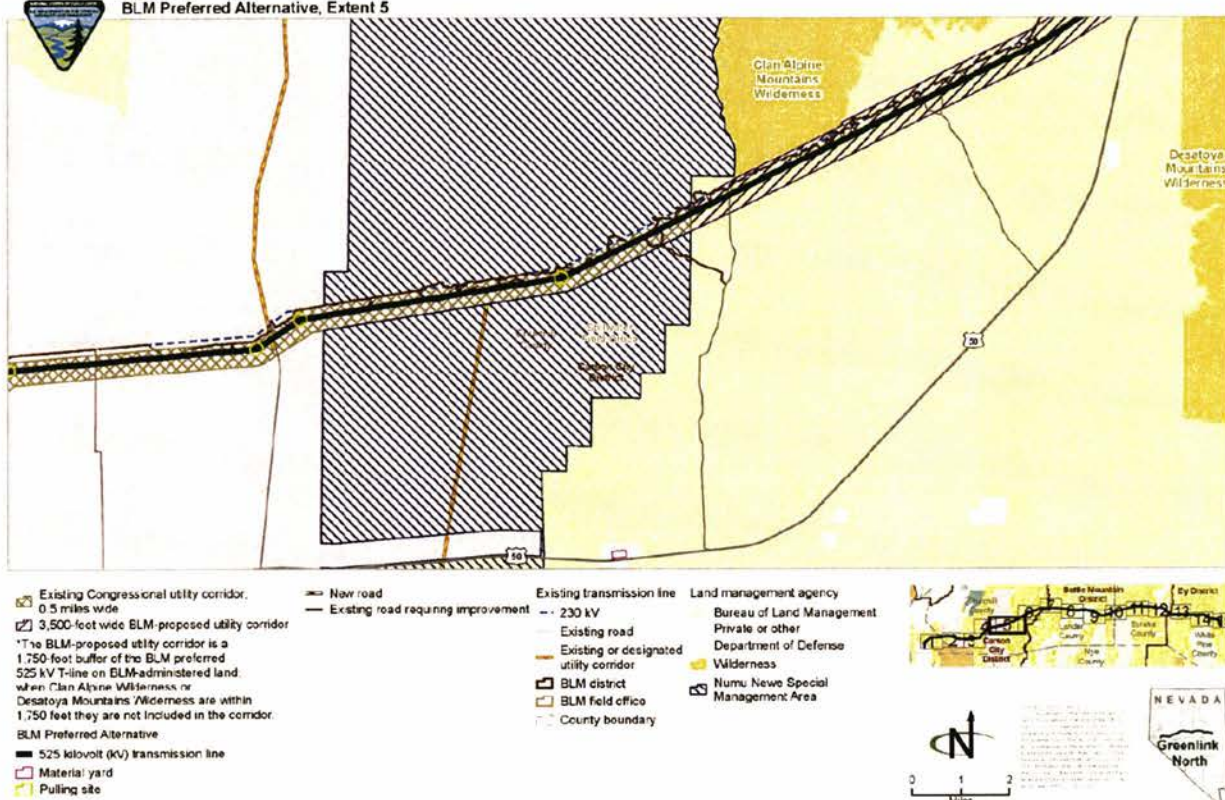


Figure 2-6
BLM Preferred Alternative, Extent 5

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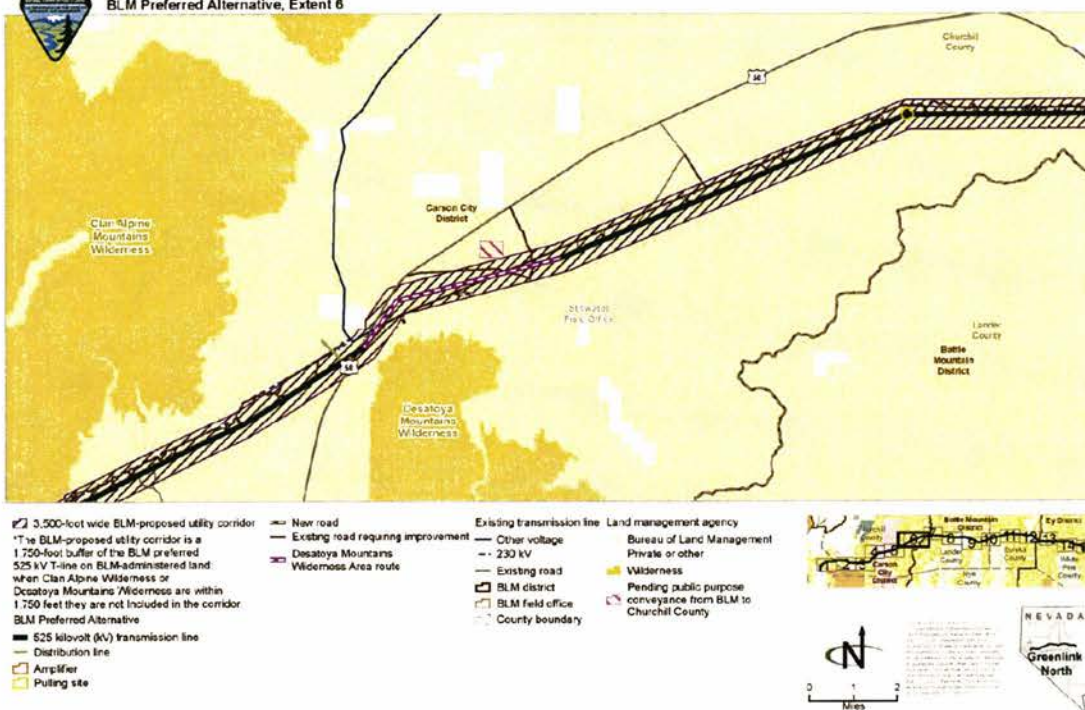
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Greenlink North Transmission Project Draft EIS/Resource Management Plan Amendment

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Figure 2-6
BLM Preferred Alternative, Extent 6



What you will see is that the P-cached area represents the proposed area to be transferred to the county in exchange and the purple highlight shows the new utility corridor. For the most part, the corridor avoids that area entirely. It also avoids the City of Fallon's landfill and I have ensured they are aware of this. Additionally, it completely avoids the landfill expansion area to the south.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to authorize the County Manager, in coordination with RCI, to develop and send a comment letter to the Bureau of Land Management's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Greenlink North 500-kV Transmission Project. Commissioner Myles Getto seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E- Consideration and possible action re: Approval to prepare a comment to the Nevada Department of Transportation regarding the realignment of State Route 361, the Gabbs Highway.

The National Defense Authorization Act that enabled the Fallon Range Training Complex Expansion required a realignment of State Route 361, Gabbs Highway, between Middlegate and Gabbs to accommodate/avoid an expanded Bravo 17 Bombing Range. To meet this requirement, the Nevada Department of Transportation is hosting a virtual and in-person public meeting to discuss potential alignments for the project.

Provided herewith is the meeting announcement and slide deck available through the "virtual" public meeting. Churchill County's comment would be focused on supporting the western alignment and ensuring that connectivity to existing county roads and any other infrastructure is maintained.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Jeremy Drew, Principal Resource Specialist with Resource Concepts, Inc., said, in your support material, you will find the announcement for the public meeting that was held in Gabbs yesterday evening. There is also an online option available for viewing anytime. The second piece of support material is the presentation that was provided at the meeting.

If you recall, when this first came out, NDOT was using the stair-step map issued by the Navy along with the Record of Decision. As you may remember, the NDAA authorized the withdrawal to the curved Weapons Danger Zone Line. There is a significant difference when you compare that with the alignment along the Gabbs Highway. We flagged that for NDOT, and they re-ran the initial Alignment Study. You will see, on the right side of the map, that many of the proposed alignments started to push right up against the Weapons Danger Zone. However, the topography is better in that area and it avoids mineral claims and some biological resource issues.

At this point, NDOT is looking for feedback on the proposed alignments. They have identified two potential options: a western alignment and an eastern alignment. I think we can draft a simple comment letter expressing Churchill County's support for staying as close as possible to the Weapons Danger Zone Line. Additionally, we need to emphasize the importance of maintaining tie-ins with any existing roads, including the portion of State Route 361 that will be decommissioned. Although it will still fall within the Navy withdrawal area, that section is more of a safety zone than an active bombing area. Keeping that road active, either after the withdrawal expires or for controlled-access purposes, will be key.

This is fairly straightforward and I will work with County Manager Barbee on it. Our main points will be supporting the western alignment, staying close to the Weapons Danger Zone Line and ensuring that county road connections are maintained.

Commissioner Heath said most of this is in Nye County, right? This realignment does not go up to Middlegate at all, it is further south? Mr. Drew replied that there is a 13-mile realignment and roughly the northern third of it is in Churchill County. It does not extend all the way to Middlegate but there is a portion, about 5 to 7 miles, that falls within the southern part of Churchill County.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to authorize the County Manager, in coordination with RCI, to develop and send a comment to the Nevada Department of Transportation regarding the State Route 361 Realignment Project. Commissioner Myles Getto seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

F- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of an Agreement between the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public & Behavioral Health, and Churchill County Social Services, in the amount of \$8,192, to provide laboratory subject-matter experts to participate in statewide surveillance and strategic planning specific to wastewater.

The Department of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) has requested the laboratory's participation in the statewide surveillance and investigation strategic planning. Staff will dedicate time to participating in calls to provide feedback about the plan, processes, and needs to carry out the plan to create wastewater collections and reporting.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$8,192.00.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: \$7,692- Personnel; \$500- Operating.

FUNDING SOURCE: State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Shannon Ernst, Social Services Director, made this presentation as outlined above.

Commissioner Heath said is this for well water? Ms. Ernst replied, no, wastewater. Tracking infectious diseases is something that started during the pandemic. As you know, Dr. Pandori

tried to get this launched through the Nevada State Public Fund but it never gained traction. That is why they are putting this out now. This is something positive for the future.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve ratification as presented. Commissioner Myles Getto seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

G- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of an Agreement between the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD), and Churchill County Social Services, in the amount of \$220,491.40, for Fiscal Year 2025 funding to provide Home-Delivered Meal Services to individuals deemed eligible per the ADSD Service Specifications.

Churchill County Social Services is awarded funding to carry out Meals on Wheels through the William N. Pennington Life Center. The funding supports staff time and operations for the program.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$220,491.40.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Personnel-\$218,355.40; Travel-\$2,044.20; Other- \$91.80.

FUNDING SOURCE: State Match, III-C2 FFY24 - 3278.13 / STATEC24, State Match, III-C2 FFY25 - 3278.13 / STATEC25, Administration for Community Living (ACL); Older Americans Act, Title III-C2- 3278.13 / 9304525C.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Shannon Ernst, Social Services Director, made this presentation as outlined above.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to accept and ratify the Agreement as presented. Commissioner Myles Getto seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

H- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of an Agreement between the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD), and Churchill County Social Services, in the amount of \$87,200.67, to provide Congregate Meal Services to individuals deemed eligible per the ADSD Service Specifications.

Churchill County Social Services receives funding to support the dining room meals through the operations at the William N. Pennington Life Center. The funding supports staffing and some operations.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$27,200.67.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Personnel- \$86,917.35; Other \$282.32.

FUNDING SOURCE: State Match, III-C1 FFY24 - 3278.13 / STATEM24, State Match, III-C1 FFY25 - 3278.13 / STATEM25, Administration for Community Living (ACL); Older American Act, Title III-C1 - 3278.13 / 9304525M.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Shannon Ernst, Social Services Director, made this presentation as outlined above.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to accept and ratify the Agreement as presented. Commissioner Myles Getto seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

I- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of an Agreement between Nevada Clinical Services, Inc. and Churchill County Social Services, in the amount of \$115,000, to provide community wrap-around services to disabled residents of Churchill County.

Funding has been awarded to Churchill County Social Services to support the gap transportation program to provide Meals on Wheels outside the five mile previously funded radius and transportation for essential needs for those lacking transportation, with no other alternatives. In addition, the funding supports the Resource Liaison Program to conduct outreach and wrap-around services to vulnerable populations to maintain independent living.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$115,000.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Personnel - \$97,428; Travel - \$517; Operating - \$ 528; Contractual/Consultant - \$6,250; Other Expenses - \$1,758; Indirect - \$ 8,518.

FUNDING SOURCE: Nevada Clinical Services, Inc.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Shannon Ernst, Social Services Director, made this presentation as outlined above.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve and ratify the Agreement as presented. Commissioner Myles Getto seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

J- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Churchill County Administrative Policies and Procedures - Policy 001 implementing purchasing procedures for Churchill County Departments and Elected Officials.

The Churchill County Board of County Commissioners is the public body through which the county government is authorized to expend funds for the benefit of the inhabitants of the county (see NRS 244.1505). Individual Departments and Elected Officials have extremely limited authority to collect and expend funds without explicit authorization of the board. Authorization is typically granted by virtue of the budget process through which a comprehensive plan of expenditures and authorizations is granted.

This policy is designed to affirm the significance of the budget process and provide the specific authorization and signature authorities for departments operating within it. Additionally, this policy is designed to provide definitive procedures for purchases that are not within a budget

line-item, made in response to an emergency situation, or would result in an overage to the budget.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: None.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Joseph Sanford, Chief Civil Deputy District Attorney, made this presentation as outlined above.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Churchill County Administrative Policies and Procedures - Policy 001 as presented. Commissioner Myles Getto seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Letters Received:

A- Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's notification of the Remedial Investigation of Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances at Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) reviewed the Draft Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) for the remedial investigation of per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada. This plan was prepared by CH2M Hill, Inc. for NAVFAC Southwest. The October 18, 2024, Draft SAP outlines the scope of work to investigate PFAS presence and assess associated risks to human health and the environment.

The investigation builds on a 2022 site inspection that identified PFAS at 7 IRP sites and 22 Areas of Concern (AOCs). Sampling will include 63 existing groundwater wells, 62 new wells, and 119 soil borings. Testing will use EPA Method 1633 to analyze 40 PFAS compounds, comparing results to Department of Defense human health and ecological screening levels.

IRP Site 9, the wastewater treatment plant, will not be evaluated in this phase. NDEP generally agrees with the plan but has provided comments requiring a response, included in Attachment A.

Additional details can be found in the notice provided herewith.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

B- Bureau of Land Management's notification of the issuance of a Record of Decision and Plan of Operations Approval for the Robertson Mine Project in Lander County, Nevada.

On November 15, 2024, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) issued a Record of Decision and Plan of Operation Approval for the Robertson Mine Project in Lander County, Nevada. This is available for review at the project's website on the BLM National NEPA Register at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2023088/510>.

Nevada Gold Mines LLC (NGM) has been authorized to construct, operate, reclaim and close a new open pit gold mine in Lander County, Nevada. As proposed, there will be a construction workforce, operations workforce and reclamation workforce. Total annual calendar year direct labor income generated from the project is estimated to be \$26,419,480 per calendar year and total annual calendar year indirect and induced labor income is estimated to be \$5,829,736 per calendar year.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

C- Nevada Department of Transportation's notification about public meetings regarding the State Route 361 Realignment Project.

The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), with lead federal agency Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the United States (U.S.) Navy, invite you to participate in a public information meeting to learn about plans to realign State Route (SR) 361, between Middle Gate in north central Nevada. This meeting will take place both online and in-person. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), NDOT is preparing a study to evaluate and document the proposed project's potential impacts. Decisions made as part of this NEPA study will lead to final design and ultimately construction. This public meeting will inform the traveling public, stakeholders, and residents about the project's purpose, needs, goals, and alternative development process.

In response to the U.S. Department of the Navy's Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization expansion, SR 361 needs to be relocated to the east of the newly expanded training range. NDOT, in cooperation with its federal partners, will be responsible for the realignment of the SR 361 roadway.

The in-person presentation was held on December 3, 2024 at 511 E. Avenue in Gabbs, Nevada, between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. A public meeting will be available 24-hours-a-day via the internet at www.NDOTSR361.com from November 18 through December 22, 2024.

Public comments may be submitted via the website at: www.NDOTSR361.com, at the in-person meeting, or to the project manager.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

D- The Churchill County School District (CCSD) provides notification of its Audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

The Churchill County School District provides notification of its Audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Please see the report for further details.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

E- The Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) provides notification of its Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

The Carson Water Subconservancy District provides notification of its Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Please see the report for further details.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Consent Items:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Report of the condition of each fund in the treasury and the statements of receipts and expenditures pursuant to NRS 251.030 and NRS 354.290.

A Fund Balance Report is attached indicating the beginning balance, receipts, disbursements, and the ending balance of each fund for Churchill County as required by NRS 251.030 and NRS 354.290.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

B- Consideration and possible action re: Transfer of funds to the City of Fallon, in the amount of \$540,000, from Regional Transportation Fund 280 for the 2024 Preventative Maintenance Project

The City of Fallon is requesting a transfer of funds, in the amount of \$540,000, from Regional Transportation Fund 280 for the 2024 Preventative Maintenance Project, which was approved by the Regional Transportation Commission at the November 20, 2024 meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$540,000 from Regional Transportation Fund 280-631-70800 - City road projects.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: As outlined.

FUNDING SOURCE: \$540,000 from Regional Transportation Fund 280-631-70800 - City Road Projects.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

C- Consideration and possible action re: Treasurer's Report for September 2024 showing a total of \$66,965,099.79 in the bank.

Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery provides the Treasurer's Monthly Report for September 2024 showing a balance of \$66,303,885.04 in the account. The bank reconciliation was completed on November 14, 2024. This report is provided for the board's information and acceptance.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

D- Consideration and possible action re: Treasurer's Report for October 2024 showing a total of \$64,319,356.44 in the bank.

Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery provides the Treasurer's Monthly Report for October 2024 showing a balance of \$64,319,356.44 in the account. The bank reconciliation was completed on November 19, 2024. This report is provided for the board's information and acceptance.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Myles Getto seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consider Future Agenda Items:

There were no future Agenda items suggested.

Commissioner and Management Staff Reports:

Chair Getto had nothing to report.

Commissioner Heath had nothing to report.

Commissioner Scharmann had nothing to report

County Manager Barbee reported on the following topics:

- Just a reminder, next Friday we have the employee appreciation dinner and we hope to see everyone there.
- Immediately following this meeting, we have the Budget Tours.

Comptroller Wideman had nothing to report.

Civil Deputy DA Sanford had nothing to report.

Clerk/Treasurer Rothery reported on the following topics:

- I have my staff working on the Delinquent Property Tax cases right now. We will be sending out 1,000 delinquent letters. Hopefully, we will get them out this month but, if not, we will get them out next month.

Sheriff Hickox had nothing to report.

Claims and Payroll Transmittals:

The Claims and Payroll Transmittals were submitted for the board's consideration and approval.

Public Comment:

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Quarterly Jail Inspection:

This item was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 AM.

Departmental Tours:

A- Following the close of the regular meeting, the Board of Churchill County Commissioners will conduct Departmental Tours as follows:

ESTIMATED TIME	DEPARTMENT	ADDRESS
09:15 AM	Assessor	155 N. Taylor St. #200, Fallon, NV
09:55 AM	Clerk/Treasurer	155 N. Taylor St. #110, Fallon, NV
10:35 AM	Recorder	155 N. Taylor St. #131, Fallon, NV
10:55 AM	Comptroller	155 N. Taylor St. #182, Fallon, NV
11:30 AM	Human Resources	155 N. Taylor St. #177, Fallon, NV
12:00 PM	County Manager (lunch provided)	155 N. Taylor St. #153, Fallon, NV
01:00 PM	<i>Adjourn for Highway Commission Meeting</i>	155 N. Taylor St. #145, Fallon, NV

These Departmental Tours are for information-gathering purposes only and no action will

be taken. Times are approximate and will begin at the close of the regular board meeting. The board will move from place to place when individual tours are completed.

Following the close of the regular meeting, the Departmental Tours were conducted as scheduled.

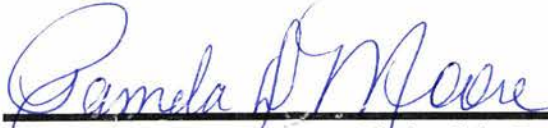
Approved:



Myles Getto, Chairman

ATTEST:

Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer



Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk of the Board