

HABITAT CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

for the Washington County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)

A **regular** meeting of the Habitat Conservation Advisory Committee (HCAC) was held at the Washington County Administration Building on **July 25, 2023.**

Committee members present were:

Chris Blake, Chairman	Environmental Organization
Chris Hart, Vice Chair	Local Development
Kevin Bunnell	Utah Dept. of Natural Resources (UDNR)
Sonja Dyer (Zoom)	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)
Dawna Ferris-Rowley	Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
Gregg McArthur	Citizen-at-Large
Carmen Clark	Citizen-at-Large

Absent and Excused:

Kress Staheli	Mayors Association
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Also present were:

Cameron Rognan	HCP Administrator
Randee Sanders	Washington County HCP Executive Assistant
Mike Schijf	Washington County HCP Biologist
Ammon Teare	Washington County Edu. & Outreach Cord.
Steven Scott	Washington County Attorney
Eric Clarke	Washington County Attorney
Josh Rasmussen	USFWS
Danielle Costantini (Zoom)	USFWS
Elaine York	The Nature Conservancy
Mori Kessler	St. George News
Alysha Lundgren (Zoom)	St. George News
Zach Valois	Conserve Southwest Utah
Richard Spotts	Citizen
Tiffany Martineau	Washington County Emergency Services
Heber Heyder	FFSL
Derrick Starley	FFSL
Rick Rosenberg	Rosenberg Associates
Cameron Cutler	St. George City
Kent Heideman	Land Owner
Briget Eastep (Zoom)	SUU
Tim O'Brien (Zoom)	
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Reminder to speak directly into the microphones so that Zoom captures all dialog for those attending remotely and comments can be recorded effectively.

Chairman Chris Blake called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. noting that a quorum was present.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the committee for approval. The consent portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any member wishes to remove an item from the consent portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the regular agenda.

a. Approval of Agenda

b. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes

1. May 23, 2023

c. Next Meeting Date

1. September 26, 2023

MOTION by: Chris Hart
Seconded by: Gregg McArthur
Discussion: To approve the Consent Agenda.
Vote was taken: All voted aye.
Motion passed.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Both Dawna Ferris-Rowley and Josh Rasmussen declared that they could not take any action on item 4b of the agenda.

Mayor Chris Hart announced that he will need to leave the meeting early in order to make a required Ivins City commitment.

4. PRESENTATIONS

a. Human impact monitoring report, discussion, & possible action – Briget Eastep

Briget Eastep's monitoring efforts look for desired conditions as defined in the Red Cliffs Recreation Plan, where she looks to see if the trails are being kept in good order so that people stay on them. This year she and her students hiked Upper Red Cliffs and Babylon in October and June, stopping every ¼ mile to collect interval data. They recorded visual disturbance impacts and downloaded their Survey 123 findings into ArcGIS and ArcMap Web. In Zone 6 they identified

trails on Alltrails and traced them in Google Earth Pro, making ¼ mile intervals. They reviewed each interval counting VDs 2X. Her presentation (see *exhibit 4a*) shows more details on their findings.

This year, Zone 6's Bearclaw Poppy Snakepit & Bloomington Micro Loops received red ratings; whereas the Green Valley, Zen and Stucki Spring Loops were yellow.

The 10-year analysis for the Upper Red Cliffs and Babylon areas put Bracken's Loop, Cottonwood Hills, East Reef, Flicker, Historic Babylon, Little Purgatory, Sandstone Mountain, and Spanish Wash at green ratings. Church Rocks and Prospector are at yellow, and Arch and Mine Shaft are at Red.

Middle Red Cliffs' 10-year analysis put Black Knolls, City Creek, Cottontail, Middleton Powerline, Millcreek, Rusty Cliffs, and Sand Hill all at a green rating. Bone Wash, Dino Cliffs, Owen's Loop, Pioneer Hills, Pioneer Rim, and T-Bone were put at yellow; and Brooks Nature Trail, Elephant Arch, and Grapevine were placed at red.

The 10-year analysis for Snow Canyon put Butterfly, Gila, SR-18, Three Ponds, West Canyon, and White Rocks at green. Beck Hill, Gecko, Hidden Pinyon, Padre Canyon, Petrified dunes, Scout Cave, and Whiptail are at yellow. Chuckwalla, Gap, Halfway Wash, Johnson Canyon, Paradise Rim, Pioneer Names, Toe Trail, Turtle Wall, and White Rocks Amphitheater are at red.

Briget said that she is consistently seeing more trails being marked and the signage does help. There are more trail nodes and off-trail impacts than there was 10 years ago, but for the most part, recreation is happening on designated trails. When people go off trail it's to get to views, attractions, shade, etc. Climbing has impacts leading to them from their trails. The ongoing goals are to have pet owners keep their dogs on leash, address boundary fences, signage, and markers, and address human waste and recreational dumping. However, she has noticed a reduction in people dumping in the last 4-5 years.

She concluded that the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve definitely serves Southern Utah through its high quality hiking, mountain biking, and equestrians use trails. High traffic areas have more impacts, and ongoing management is required. Impacts have increased on all trails, but many severity ratings remain stable. Recreation leaves impacts such as social trails, nodes, erosion. Her next steps now are to compare collection methods, meet with Mike and Cameron to review and share files, and publish the data collected over the last 10-years of monitoring.

Cameron Rognan wondered what Briget would recommend as an action to be taken to most benefit an area or trail system? Briget answered that she would recommend looking at the areas in the slides that have been consistently been

prioritized as red. Those trails could use some vertical mulches/barriers to keep people on the path, especially Babylon Arch. Most of the social trails in that area are there because people are lost. Additionally, more restoration work is going to be needed for Brook's Nature Trail and for Elephant Arch, where there is a lot of use and impacts. She also suggested doing some work with GIS to overlay active tortoise habitat with the recreation impacts to make sure that the habitat areas that are most critical are also at the top of the list. SCSP does have full time staff and a really healthy trail volunteer program, so Briget suggested talking to them for their thoughts on trail management.

Dawna shared that BLM has noticed an increase in social trails, post-fire, due to missing shrubs that used to keep recreators on the trails. The Friends of Snow Canyon group has been helping to remediate on public lands between BLM and Snow Canyon. This past winter there was a lot of erosion from really heavy rainstorms in certain areas, and BLM had ACE crews do what they can to remediate erosion down-cutting (and the social trails to get around them). Additionally, at the Red Cliffs Campground, BLM planted and caged 300 cacti, yucca, and other spiny plants to aid in designating a trail where they want people to stay. They even used rebar and strung a hemp rope, like a theatre. So far all of these efforts have been successful.

b. Update on HCP litigation, discussion & possible action – Eric Clarke

Eric Clarke, Washington County Attorney, gave a status update on the Desert Tortoise Take Permit and Northern Corridor Lawsuit.

In 1996, the County received their 20-year Incidental Take Permit (ITP), allowing for private property outside of the Reserve to be developed, while at the same time, setting aside land for the creation of the Reserve. In 2009, Congress created the Red Cliffs and the Beaver Dam Wash NCA's, giving more resources for the management of those lands. The Act also required BLM to do a County-wide Travel Management Plan, and as part of that they worked with St. George City and the County to identify the Northern Corridor. In 2015, the County applied for a renewal, and in 2018 UDOT applied for the Northern Corridor ROW. At that time the regional representative from FWS suggested this was a good time to address the Northern Corridor, so the County decided to move in that direction and include it with the renewal. In 2021 the ITP was renewed for a 25-year term with an amended plan. The State was given the Northern Corridor ROW.

Unbeknownst to the County, two months later a lawsuit was filed by several environmental groups. These groups were suing the Department of Interior. The state and County have since joined the lawsuit as intervenors. The lawsuit is simply a review of the record to make sure the Department of Interior "dotted their i's and crossed their t's". We are 2 years into that lawsuit, the record has been compiled, and those involved are now taking turns filing motions for a summary judgment (which was schedule to conclude by the end of August).

Rather than file an opposition to the environmentalists, a settlement offer, or a summary judgment; the Department of the Interior filed for a motion for remand in May. Basically that means that they have found some red flags in the process and would like the Northern Corridor ROW to be vacated and done away with, and both the ROW decision and the take permit decision to be sent back to FWS and BLM so that they can fix the red flags that they found. They would then re-issue a decision on the ROW. The remand will allow them to change their decision on the ITP, but because it wouldn't be vacated it would stay in place until/unless that were to happen.

The State and County have now responded back and made comments why that is not the best legal course to take. The environmental groups haven't filed theirs yet, but Eric anticipates that they will in the next week or two. It is not super clear if the motion for summary judgment timetable has been put on hold, or if the request for remand has changed the timetable.

Zone 6 was created as part of the renewal, and SITLA offered some of their lands west of Bloomington, where Mojave Desert Tortoises are found in abundance, to offset impacts for the ROW. One of the things the Department of Justice (DOJ) makes clear in their filing is that if the Northern Corridor gets vacated, so does Zone 6 due to it being a changed circumstance that is triggered by the ROW. 15.5 million dollars in the budget were directly tied to Zone 6, so if the DOJ motion is granted, all of that goes away and SITLA can begin development activities the next day. Conservation measures that the County has been moving on ever since the ROW was issued include the establishment of Zone 6, with its take retired, and development protocols implemented. The purchase of 450-acres for \$3.78M. Navajo Drive fencing was completed, with work planned on other sections. Law enforcement officers were hired and are patrolling. The Visitor Center is completed and community education is ongoing. Grazing permits have been retired and grazers have been compensated. Most motorized routes have been closed. The Recreation Plan in the works, fire management is implemented, and drone monitoring in Zone 6 has occurred. Additionally, the Cottonwood Road Culverts currently in process are directly tied to this changed circumstance.

The "red flags" noted in the Motion to Remand was regarding the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and wildland fires. With the NHPA, BLM didn't issue any agreements with tribes or SHPO. Rather than have a signed agreement and nail down what all the mitigation steps will be before its fully planned, they simply committed to having it in place before it the ROW was to be built. The reason for that is because it is difficult to determine how much land will be disturbed so it makes sense to wait and nail those details down once it can be determined. About a month after the ROW was given, the National Advisory Council sent a letter to BLM that shared concerns with them not having a signed agreement, and suggesting they work toward that. The County didn't know about

this until they saw the DOJ's motion two years afterward, but they would have been happy to work towards that.

The fire issue was due to the fires that happened in Zone 3 after NEPA was started, but before the Northern Corridor ROW was given. Eric believes that BLM did a good job and addressing that. DOJ isn't admitting fault, but saying it could be shored up.

c. Fire report and possible action on grant application – Tiffany Martineau

Tiffany Martineau turned the time over to Heber Heyder, who played the Seasonal Outlook video for the committee (which can be viewed at: <https://gacc.nifc.gov/gbcc/outlooks.php>). The monsoon season is delayed. Depending on when it shows up, the active fire season may not occur until September or October of this year.

Derrick Starley reported on a few fuel projects lined up in the County, including those in Browse and Kolob areas. He recently heard that the National Fire Plan Wildland Interface Community Grant is likely not an option for this year due to all the funds already being allocated. However, they are looking into the CWDG grant for possible mowing for the Reserve. The map he shared (*see exhibit 4c*), shows some of the roadways that are planned to be mowed. He invited the committee to share any feedback on any other possible projects that should be considered.

Chris Blake recalled that a few years ago Mayor Bramall was suggesting the county buy their own mowing equipment, and he wondered what happened with that. Tiffany said that the County Roads Dept. has a mower, but they rent the tractor. The equipment is expensive, and requires a lot of manpower as well as a fire truck to follow behind due to the potential that the mowing activities can start a fire. Additionally, it is important to note that areas that have been mowed still burn, but do burn slower to give the fire crews more time to get there and put it out.

Dawna shared that BLM has done herbicide treatments along Cottonwood Springs Road. Tiffany said that most of the mitigation grants will include those types of treatments as part of mitigation, including the CWDG grant. Cameron added that the County has also been treating County, State, and City lands. Mike recommended bringing Brad Winder, the County Noxious Weeds Manager, into those discussions. He has helped with much of the County and Reserve treatments.

Cameron urged that Red Hills Parkway and SR-18 are locations that ought to be mowed sufficiently. Tiffany answered that there are only 300 hours allocated for the fire season for mowing. They are seeing that at times the mowing takes

place, but then it rains and the invasives re-grow after they have run out of hours. She would like to supplement these efforts by using other agencies to get it done.

Cameron noted that they did find two burrows within the 2-acre burn area of a recent fire on Red Hills Parkway. No tortoises were in the burrows, but it just goes to show you that an area being treated/mowed it's still a fire threat.

There are HCP funds budgeted for this year (\$5,000-\$15,000). Cameron is open toward using that funding to go toward some of these efforts and invited the HCAC to make a recommendation.

MOTION by: Kevin Bunnell

Seconded by: Carmen Clark

Discussion: To allow Cameron to use the existing funds to partner with/where opportunities present themselves on fire mitigation.

Vote was taken: All voted aye.

Motion passed.

d. Outreach & education report, discussion & possible action – Ammon Teare

Ammon Teare began his report by introducing the visitor center's newest Mojave Desert Tortoise ambassador, Goliath, who's enclosure is set up in the indoor desertcape under the stairs in the lobby.

In the first two quarters of the year, 130 presentations were given to 3,426 people. These presentations included school visits, homeschool groups, expos, Tonaquint Nature Center field trips, summer story time and crafts, community groups, guided hikes, library visits, and guided tours of the new visitor center. Additionally, the newly opened visitor center has had 6,097 visitors in the last few months, which is more visitors than has ever been received in a single year.

Other outreach efforts included the first annual Bearclaw Poppy Walk in May. Ammon has also taught grade-schoolers from around the County at the Utah Tech and St. George City STEM summer camps, and has worked with media partners in the writing of 8+ articles about Reserve topics. Mike Schijf presented to the Backcountry Horsemen of Utah and to several representatives of the local mountain biking community. Dylan Thomas attended the "Friends of the Claw" event in Zone 6.

Our Facebook page has 346 new "likes", and reached 65,363 people during the first half of the year. Likewise, we gained 225 new followers and our posts reached 9,407 people in the first half of the year.

Thirty-one trail steward volunteers have submitted reports in the first two quarters of the year, spending 881 hours thus far. With Six of them spending 55 hours

assisting with the Raven surveys. The stewards hiked 82 different trails, and recorded 7,767 encounters with recreators during the first half of the year.

There are already a few things lined up for the last half of the year. The official grand opening for the Visitor Center is scheduled for September 8th. Ammon is lined up for a Jr. Ranger Night, Desert Tortoise Week, and a guided hike with Leadership Dixie Academy. He will also continue his educational outreach program with schools and libraries, boosting our social media engagement, and continue to be involved with the recreation management and trail planning for Zone 6.

5. UTILITY AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

a. Sewer easement request, discussion & possible action – Rick Rosenberg

Rick Rosenberg joined the meeting with a sewer easement request in Zone 6 of the Reserve. The exhibits shared (*see exhibit 5a*) can be viewed to see the locations being proposed, etc. St. George City already has a power utility easement at this location, so the idea is to combine a sewer and irrigation easement within the same easement. Cameron said that this is a new alternative superseding the old one. The TC has not analyzed this project yet, as it was on hold until the Burgess family were ready to talk. However, this sewer project is more shovel ready, so Cameron thinks the TC could go ahead and begin working through their analysis form for this request.

MOTION by: Gregg McArthur

Seconded by: Carmen Clarke

Discussion: To move this easement request and the possible road to the TC for further evaluations, given the location identified by Mayor Rick Rosenberg.

Vote was taken: All voted aye.

Motion passed.

b. Grapevine trailhead / substation

Cameron reported that the project hasn't progressed much from the last update, but the site is all fenced in and they should be moving forward with the trailhead and substation infrastructure soon. We may need to do some public notices if the trailhead and/or trail needs to be closed down for this work to be done.

c. St. George City well construction

The City continues to work on drilling on their site off of Cottonwood Rd, and the project is taking longer than they had anticipated due to running into a few different problems. However, the project site is fully fenced in.

d. Other utility projects

None.

6. SURVEYS AND CLEARANCES

a. Black Desert - Ivins

The County is working closely with a developer near the Black Desert Resort, who has a permit application with the Army Corp (making the project have a federal nexus). Even though the project is not in a take area, they are working with the HCP to make sure they have done their due-diligence and no tortoises are found on their private land.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Update on USFWS mitigation policy – Josh Rasmussen

Josh shared that he had reached out to lots of folks to try to understand how the new policy checks in with the recommended ratios of mitigation that we have been using in the area. It seems that most folks agree that the current MOG recommendations fit within the new FWS policy, given that the MOG is value based and there's some assessment of the habitat value and an attempt to replace it. Most people feel like it meshes well with the new policy and doesn't require any additional change or behavior on our part to be in compliance with the new FWS policy. It is important to realize that using the MOG ratio was written into the HCP as well as the Biological Opinion, so those ratios have been codified in our documents. Despite this new policy within FWS, Josh doesn't foresee any change that needs to be changed on our side.

Chis Blake wondered how the quality of the habitat going in versus out ought to be accounted for? Josh replied that the MOG recommendations are that habitat that is being developed/impacted be assessed. There is no requirement for mitigation habitat to be assessed and brought in at the same level formally under the MOG ratios. However, he thought a conversation can be had to decide what's best for the group, for the tortoises, and for the developers to make sure were in a good place on all sides.

Sonja Dyer attended the meeting via zoom, and was given time to introduce herself.

b. Land acquisition subcommittee report – Gregg McArthur

Gregg McArthur began his report talking about the Red Cliffs Warner

Valley Exchange. BLM reported that Transcon is drafting and finalizing items for the EA and some survey reports. The appraisal process is underway. Morgan Drake, from the Water Conservancy District, reported on the scoping meeting was held in late March and had a good turn out by the OHV community. She felt that it was a very good meeting where they were able to settle some concerns. They are now in the development of the EA, and they think they will have it out later this fall or early this winter. The actual land exchange will likely take place in fall of 2024. Morgan does expect an extension of the time period to comment on the EA since it will be over the holidays, but other than that she doesn't foresee any major delays.

The LWCF cycle has ended a few months ago, and it is with the State and headquarters for their review. They won't hear back until January or February.

BLM does have an acquisition of private land that they are looking at in the Cougar Canyon Slaughter Creek Wilderness area. They are working to see if the third party can get grant monies to purchase that land and then donate it to the BLM so it can become part of the wilderness. If they can't get grant monies, they will donate what they can, and then BLM would apply for LWCF funds to acquire the rest of the land. They will know probably by the end of Summer on status of those grants.

In other news, BLM has a state-wide land exchange that has been proposed with SITLA in Congress. SITLA lands in Bear's Ears would transfer ownership to BLM, and then 13,800 acres of BLM lands will transfer to SITLA as an offset. If Congress approves, BLM will have 45-days to complete that exchange. They are not expecting anything to happen until December-January. It is published in the Federal Register and open for public comment.

DNR reported that the Doyle property acquisition using Section 6 funding is pretty much completed. They anticipate they will receive the deed next month.

The Central Valley Preserve, just north of Desert Color along SR-7, is part of the HCP agreement that SITLA will put together a conservation plan for those lands for the Milkvetch located thereon. SITLA is in partnership with Clyde Company to develop those lands, and Clyde Company is about 10 years out on developing it so the timing is further down the road and will likely require an extension. Cameron shared that he has actually already made that request to FWS. Josh said that FWS agrees in principle that the extension can be granted, but we have to work together to talk about the details as we get closer to the deadline to see where we are. This is something FWS is in favor of as to help SITLA have the time to do what

they need to do.

Dawna shared that the check is still in the mail for LWSF, and they have applied for 2025 funds. In other news, if legislation goes forward with the SITLA public land exchange it will bypass NEPA, making it possible to get it done in 45 days. No Reserve lands are being considered for that exchange.

c. TC report – Mike Schijf

Mike Schijf reported that the TC had discussed Cottonwood Road tortoise passages. The TC were able to schedule a field trip to look at potential culvert locations considering quality tortoise habitat, tortoise densities, and areas to help funnel tortoises in certain areas. An overall engineering consideration was also considered. At the regular meeting held that same day, they discuss these locations and assigned each of them a priority (*see exhibit 7c*). The location furthest south (named #1) may overlap with the Northern Corridor project, and as such was rated lower in priority. Otherwise it might be considered a higher priority due to habitat quality and tortoise densities. There was some thought that since the ROW is planned to go through that location, there may be something already in place in the engineering discussions to co-locate the road with some sort of tortoise crossing, but they are not certain about that.

Cameron shared that there is a \$150,000 budget, but grants can be sought for a more comprehensive project. For now, and if the HCAC approves, his next step is to get cost estimates on the locations. Kevin suggested that Cameron also get a cost estimate on location #1. We don't know what the timeline is for the ROW so if we can help those tortoises now, we should.

Mike then reported that the HCAC can expect a report on the raven nest surveys and the techno tortoise decoy stations in the future. Danielle Constantini and Kerry Holcomb with FWS are coordinating to prepare a Raven EA for the Upper Virgin River Unit. They are hopeful that it will be completed by next springtime so action can be taken. Josh wondered if Kevin had anyone with the Division who the FWS could consult with. Kevin answered, that both Danielle Finlayson and Russ Norvell would be good contacts.

d. Discussion and possible action on TC Report / recommendation

MOTION by: Kevin Bunnell

Seconded by: Dawna Ferris-Rowley

Discussion: To move forward with these priority levels, with the exception of location #1 which should be changed to at least a medium priority due to the uncertainty of the Northern Corridor ROW.

Vote was taken: All voted aye.

Motion passed.

e. HCP Administrator's Report

1. Recreation planning for Zone 6

Cameron reported that the County's original plan was to piggyback and work with the BLM and their Travel Management Plan (TMP) for recreation planning in Zone 6. However, the BLM's TMP won't be moving forward in time so the County is proceeding (in close coordination with BLM) with this planning in order to meet the 5-year deadline. The recreation plan will show areas of connectivity, and include a conceptual plan to share with the public (with much of it consisting on State and County lands). He has recently met with the mountain biking community to get their input on Bearclaw Poppy. The County has plans to meet with the equestrian and climbing groups as well. Once all user groups are met with, the county will incorporate their comments/feedback, and then begin the public process for the public-at-large to weigh in. Cameron is hoping to have a public event this fall or winter.

Kevin wondered, given the direct tie that Eric Clarke explained between the Northern Corridor and Zone 6; if the ROW ends up being vacated by the courts, what impact will that have on the Counties activities in Zone 6 (such as this recreation planning)? Cameron answered that he will follow the guidance of Eric, as the County attorney. However, Cameron's guess is that if the judge makes the decision to vacate, the county would likely stop any activities in Zone 6. For now, Cameron is acting on good faith and will keep moving forward.

Dawna recommended adding a legend to Cameron's map (see *exhibit 7e1*) that will inform scale and land status.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

This item is reserved for items not listed on this agenda. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this agenda item (three minutes per person).

Richard Spotts shared that he supports and greatly appreciates the vast majority of the positive work that the County, HCAC, and TC do. However, he shared his opposition to the proposed Warner Valley Exchange. He also shared his concerns with what Eric Clarke said about the pending litigation. Particularly, the second slide that states "2009: Red Cliffs National Conservation Area Created by Congress (Act also approves Northern Corridor)". Mr. Spotts argued that is not true, and that all OPLMA said is that BLM was supposed to identify one or more transportation routes in the County. BLM's Travel Management Plan is now 9 years past the statutory deadline for it to have been completed. Richard further argued that the Department of Justice's motion included sworn affidavits from FWS's Regional Director and BLM's Utah State Director basically admitting that

the decision violated the National Historic Preservation Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, and even though the Northern Corridor ROW would be vacated, they want to still keep it in the mix when they do the NEPA. Eric's presentation stated they may pull the plug on a lot of the positive conservation work if the ROW is vacated, but Richard argued that the fires were a changed circumstance. Mr. Spotts concluded that that when they take another look at the HCP ITP they should recalibrate it because tortoises are still declining.

9. **MEMBER REPORTS & REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Dawna shared a handout (*see exhibit 9*) showing some fencing repairs recently completed along 600 North in Hurricane, as well as on Cottonwood Springs Rd.

Kevin requested that the multi-agency habitat restoration updates be rolled into the next meeting. He will have Gary Bezzant standing in for him at the meeting. Cameron said he would invite Brad Winder, County Weeds Supervisor, to report, and Dawna will invite someone from her office as well.

10. **ADJOURN**

MOTION by: Kevin Bunnell
Seconded by: Gregg McArthur
Discussion: To adjourn the meeting.
Vote was taken: All voted aye.
Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:28 p.m.
Minutes prepared by Randee Sanders.