

**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION URGING THE NEVADA DELEGATION TO ADVANCE FEDERAL
LEGISLATION THAT WOULD EXPAND CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC LANDS AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN CLARK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Clark County is comprised of approximately 5.12 million acres of land; and

WHEREAS, 2.9 million acres (57%) of the land in Clark County is administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM); and

WHEREAS, Clark County works well with the BLM and local needs related to conservation and economic development can generally be met through administrative channels that do not necessitate federal legislative action; and

WHEREAS, at times the opportunities envisioned by Clark County and local government agencies for expanded conservation of public lands and economic development can best be achieved through federal legislation; and

WHEREAS, Clark County has a proud and robust history of complying with the Endangered Species Act and has completed more than 500 conservation projects benefitting private and public land totaling more than \$123 million to minimize and mitigate the unintended negative impacts of development on native species, which has resulted in unprecedented conservation outcomes in the Mojave Desert; and

WHEREAS, Clark County wishes to continue this regional approach to habitat conservation planning; and

WHEREAS, Clark County has a strong track record of supporting and championing federal lands legislation that balances economic development opportunities with additional preservation and conservation of public lands.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Clark County, Nevada, that we call upon the Nevada Congressional Delegation to advance federal legislation that achieves the following principles:

1. Designate the portion of Mt. Stirling Wilderness Study Area in Clark County as a Wilderness Area; designate additional wilderness such as contiguous with the existing Muddy Mountains, South McCullough, Eldorado and Ireteba Peaks Wilderness Areas; and
2. Designate additional Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and amend the Clark County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) for mitigation credit; prioritize management of the additional ACECs for protection and conservation of species listed in the MSHCP or its amendment; increase permitted development in the endangered species take permit on an acre for acre basis; and extend the term of the endangered species permit; and
3. Revise the boundary of the Ivanpah ACEC in order to extend a critical tortoise connectivity corridor between Ivanpah Valley, California and Paiute Eldorado, Nevada and decrease potential conflicts with necessary infrastructure for a future supplemental airport; and
4. Designate additional BLM disposal areas throughout Clark County to meet the needs of economic development and infrastructure; remove the Valley West Disposal Area from the BLM's 1998 resource management plan; and
5. Authorize the County to use a concession approach for the development and management of the Southwest Ridge Recreation Area acquired in 2002; and
6. Make minor adjustments to the Red Rock National Conservation Area boundary and Rainbow Gardens ACEC to exclude critical flood control infrastructure; and
7. Transfer BLM Recreation & Public Purpose leased lands, rights-of-ways, and land contracts on which permanent public infrastructure has been built to local units of government and authorize the transfer of current and future reservations; and
8. Convey federal land to the Moapa Band of Paiutes to restore lands that were once part of its Reservation for economic development, housing, and conservation; and
9. Convey federal land to the Moapa Valley Water District for critical water infrastructure projects for rural northeast areas of Clark County; and
10. Convey U.S. Forest Service land known as "Camp Lee Canyon" to Clark County in exchange for the portion of Lee Meadows owned by Clark County; and

11. Convey federal land to Clark County for a Mt. Charleston public safety complex for joint state and local government emergency response facilities; and
12. Authorize the collection of a public safety fee at Red Rock National Conservation Area and transmit the revenues generated from the existing visitor fees to Clark County to offset police and fire emergency response costs; and
13. Directs the Secretary of the Interior to grant right-of-way for the Eastern Nevada Transmission Project to the Southern Nevada Water Authority, in perpetuity and without rental, in order to facilitate a substantial increase in renewable energy production in Southern Nevada; and
14. Directs the Secretary of the Interior to complete the remaining six erosion control structures (weirs) on the lower Las Vegas Wash within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area within the next 8 years, to protect upstream infrastructure and residential community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of this resolution be mailed to the Nevada

Delegation.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Clark County Commission, Nevada, on
this _____ DAY OF _____, 2018.

STEVE SISOLAK, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

ATTEST:

LYNN GOYA, COUNTY CLERK