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NOTICE OF MEETING

**NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT
INTERIM COMMITTEE**

The committee chairs have scheduled the following meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, September 18, 2002
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Room 303 State Capitol

An agenda follows this notice. If committee members would like to be excused from the meeting, they may call Brian Allred or Joy Miller at 538-1032.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sen. Parley G. Hellewell, Senate Chair
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AGENDA

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE UTAH LEGISLATURE

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1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the June 19, 2002 meeting

2. Update on Drought Conditions in Utah

The Committee will hear a report on drought issues in Utah (e.g. current conditions, trends, federal actions, agricultural impacts, consequences to the endangered species program, wildlife issues including wildlife encroachment on private land, etc.).

- Robert Morgan, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources
- Randy Julander, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Dennis Strong, Deputy Director, Division of Water Resources
- Cary Peterson, Commissioner, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food
- Bill James, Habitat Program Chief, Division of Wildlife Resources

3. Chronic Wasting Disease

The Department of Agriculture and Food will report on Chronic Wasting Disease

- Dr. Earl Rogers, Assistant State Veterinarian, Department of Agriculture and Food

4. School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration Report

2002 General Session Appropriation Act requires the ". . . School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration [to] report on the development of management strategies and on the use of funds appropriated for block management to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee during fall 2002."

- Stephen G. Boyden, Director, School and Institutional Trust Lands

5. Rural Development Fund Grants

The Rural Development Fund Board, created in Title 9, Chapter 14, provides grants to local government entities in Garfield, Kane, Piute, and Wayne counties impacted by the transfer of lands to the control of the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration by the federal government in 1998. The grants are funded by a portion of mineral lease royalties collected in the exchanged lands. Subsection 9-14-106(2) requires the Division of Community Development to ". . . make an annual report to . . . the Legislature's Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee on the number and type of grants made under this chapter."

- Keith J. Burnett, Program Manager, Division of Community Development

6. Rural Electronic Commerce Communications System Fund Grants

The Rural Electronic Commerce and Communications System Fund Board, created in Title 9, Chapter 15, provides grants for programs or projects which preserve or promote communications systems within the rural areas of the state. The grants are funded by a portion of mineral lease royalties collected on land transferred to the control of the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration by the federal government in 1998. The board may also issue revenue bonds to provide financing for eligible projects. Subsection 9-15-106(2) requires the Division of Community Development to ". . . make an annual report to . . . the Legislature's Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee concerning the number and types of grants awarded under this section."

- Keith J. Burnett, Program Manager, Division of Community Development

7. Other Items / Adjourn