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MEMORANDUM

TO: Speaker Gregory H. Hughes, Chair
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FROM: Sen. David Hinkins, Co-Chair
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Rep. Kay Christofferson, House Vice-Chair
Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee

DATE: June 14, 2016

RE: Approval of Interim Meetings of the Natural Resource, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee

The Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee requests authorization to have an extra meeting on September 23, 2016 in conjunction to the previously approved meeting on September 22, 2016 with the purpose to facilitate a tour of the Great Salt Lake.

The preliminary agenda includes the following items:

- Tour of the Great Salt Lake and review of the revenue trends from the brine shrimp harvesting and mineral extraction activities, invasive species treatment and navigation hazards removal projects, and impact of low water level on recreation, tourism, migratory birds, and wildlife.
- In-depth review of fees: compile a table with all fees in NRAEQ and provide details such as a 3-year history of the amounts, justification from the agencies for the amount, who pays the fee, how the funding is used, etc. Stakeholders (agencies, public users, interest groups) could be invited to provide feedback to the subcommittee on some of the fees.
- Utah Association of Conservation Districts (UACD) follow-up: review of process, challenges, and results of bringing UACD employees under the Department of Agriculture; specific goals, performance measures, and plans.
- State Fairpark: discussion of options for better utilization of the property and for sustainability of the fair.
- Office of Energy Development (OED): evaluate the specific, direct contributions OED makes to the State's economy.