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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE: August 9, 2016**

**DATE:** August 6, 2016  
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**SUBJECT:** Presentation, update, and possible direction to staff on the Washoe County Economic and Conservation Act. (Washoe County Federal Lands Bill).  
Manager (All Commission Districts)

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### SUMMARY

Presentation, update, and possible direction to staff on the Washoe County Economic and Conservation Act. (Washoe County Federal Lands Bill).

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Stewardship of our Community.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

**February 16, 2016** The Board held a discussion and adopted a Resolution of Support from the Washoe County Commission in support of comprehensive federal public lands legislation.

**December 17, 2013** The Board held a discussion and gave direction to staff regarding the identification of federal lands in the County that may have a future public purpose or economic development potential to satisfy requirements of the Nevada Public Land Management Task Force that the county was participating in at that time.

### BACKGROUND

Washoe County's involvement with the idea of a public lands bill began approximately 15 years ago. Then Senators Ensign and Reid were interested in possibly sponsoring a Washoe County bill. Since that time there have been other bill versions and other members of our Congressional delegation that have expressed interest in a bill. The one constant has been that any bill would include both federal lands that were appropriate to

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transfer out of federal ownership for various economic and civic purposes along with a conservation component that would designate certain lands in the County with special designations such as wilderness

Per Board direction staff has continued to work with Senator Reid and other members of the Congressional delegation on a Washoe County Lands Bill. The Washoe County Economic and Conservation Act continues to be drafted to include requests from other local stakeholders and jurisdictions towards final introduction. A presentation will be provided providing a brief overview and potential mapping of identified impacted areas and requests of other jurisdictions within Washoe County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact known at this time.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners acknowledge the presentation, update, and provide possible direction to staff on the Washoe County Economic and Conservation Act. (Washoe County Federal Lands Bill).

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to acknowledge the presentation, update, and provide possible direction to staff on the Washoe County Economic and Conservation Act. (Washoe County Federal Lands Bill)."