

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
AND
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SUBCOMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, NATURAL RESOURCES AND
TRANSPORTATION**

**Seventy-Eighth Session
April 28, 2015**

The meeting of the Subcommittees on Public Safety, Natural Resources and Transportation of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Pete Goicoechea at 8:02 a.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, in Room 2134 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4404B of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. [Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Pete Goicoechea, Chair
Senator Mark A. Lipparelli
Senator David R. Parks

ASSEMBLY SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblyman Chris Edwards, Chair
Assemblyman John Hambrick, Vice Chair
Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton
Assemblywoman Jill Dickman
Assemblyman Michael C. Sprinkle
Assemblywoman Robin L. Titus, M.D.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alex Haartz, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Stephanie Day, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Jeff A. Ferguson, Senior Program Analyst
Leandra Copeland, Program Analyst

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Adam Drost, Program Analyst
Jennifer Gamroth, Program Analyst
Emily Cervi, Committee Assistant
Cynthia Clampitt, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rudy Malfabon, P.E. Director, Department of Transportation
Bob Roper, State Forester, Division of Forestry, State Department of
Conservation and Natural Resources
Dave Prather, Deputy Administrator, Division of Forestry, State Department of
Conservation and Natural Resources
Kat Miller, U.S. Army Colonel, Ret., Executive Director, Department of
Veterans Services
Tony Wasley, Director, Department of Wildlife
Patrick Cates, Deputy Director, Department of Wildlife

Chair Goicoechea:

We will open the hearing with budget account (B/A) 201-4660, Transportation Administration.

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NDOT - Transportation Administration — Budget Page NDOT-17 (Volume III)
Budget Account 201-4660

Rudy Malfabon, P.E. (Director, Department of Transportation):

I have provided the Subcommittees with my written testimony ([Exhibit C](#)). A significant budget amendment is necessary for compliance with the Clean Water Act of 1972.

The Act establishes the basic structure for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to regulate pollutants into U.S. waterways. It mandates the requirement for entities like the Department of Transportation (NDOT) to obtain

a permit allowing stormwater to discharge outside of our right-of-way. The NDOT was issued a permit by the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) in 2004 and again in 2010.

The NDOT is classified as a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). The MS4 Program encompasses six minimum control measures:

- Public education and outreach on stormwater outputs
- Public involvement and participation
- Illicit discharge detection and elimination
- Construction site runoff control
- Post-construction stormwater management in new development and redevelopment
- Pollution prevention and good housekeeping

The NDOT was the last Western Region entity to be reviewed. An audit report was received from the EPA noting deficiencies in May 2012. In response to the audit, NDOT hired a consultant to improve elements of its Stormwater Program. Improvements undertaken included:

- Repurposed six vacant positions
- Provided training to more than 900 NDOT employees
- Provided training to contractors
- Developed facilities pollution prevention plans
- Developed capital improvement program (CIP) projects to improve water quality along highways
- Started mapping the drainage system along 5,393 miles of State-maintained highways

A confidential draft consent decree was recently received from the EPA. The NDOT and NDEP assessed the necessary staffing levels to address each element of the consent decree in ongoing confidential negotiations.

At the time of the March 17 presentation to these Subcommittees, the budget amendment needs were unknown. The budget amendment was developed in

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April, and NDOT reduced the number of administrative positions requested based on what existing staff could accomplish.

Maintenance positions were added in each of the three districts. Equipment was added for proper maintenance of permanent and temporary devices that improve water quality. The Agency strongly supports the budget requests for additional positions to meet compliance requirements.

The MS4 permit must be renewed by the NDEP on July 1. Our goal is to address each item of the final consent decree and avoid fines for noncompliance with the Clean Water Act. The draft consent decree, while not final, states specific activities to be accomplished within a certain time period or the Agency will face substantial fines for each deficiency.

The Hawaii DOT negotiated a \$52 million settlement with the EPA. It was recently reported Missouri DOT was fined \$750,000 for deficiencies noted on two construction projects.

Based on input from the EPA and NDEP, NDOT seeks approval of Budget Amendment No. A150744660 and A150814660 for \$15.7 million, which is conservative, but would provide the resources necessary to meet federal and State requirements.

I have provided the Subcommittees a PowerPoint presentation detailing the budget amendment ([Exhibit D](#)) titled, "State of Nevada, Department of Transportation, 2015-2017 Budget Amendment," dated April 28, 2015.

The additional personnel and associated travel, operating and information technology (IT) expenses are estimated at approximately \$8 million over the biennium.

The expense for additional equipment is approximately \$7.6 million over the biennium. Additional equipment for maintenance and water quality staff includes 9 "PM-10" sweepers to sweep highways preventing particulates from contaminating the stormwater; 3 culvert-flusher trucks to clean pipe culverts; 3 radio-controlled track loaders to clean concrete box culverts; 3 camera trucks

to check for blockages, illicit discharge connections and damage to culverts and 20 trucks and 2 cars for maintenance and stormwater program staff.

The NDOT currently owns 55 PM-10 sweepers and all of those are eligible for replacement; however, replacement has been deferred due to the Great Recession. The PM-10 sweepers are classified by the size of the particulates they sweep, in this case 10 microns. Some sweeping services are contracted in District 1. More frequent sweeping operations will reduce pollutants in the storm drain system. The other equipment will assist NDOT in managing illicit discharges and inspecting and cleaning drainage pipes and box culverts more regularly.

Fifty-nine new positions are requested in the areas of executive administration, IT management and mapping, program development, administrative services staff, headquarters enforcement staff and field support.

Senate Bill (S.B.) 324 requests NDOT be authorized to address illicit discharges occurring within the NDOT right-of-way.

SENATE BILL 324 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions concerning the Department of Transportation. (BDR 35-23)

The EPA holds NDOT responsible for the development and implementation of an effective program to prohibit illicit discharges from entering its right-of-way. The budget amendment funds, and S.B. 324 includes, a new deputy director position for the NDOT environmental program. Currently, there are two deputy director positions and the deputy director located in Carson City has spent considerable time on the issue of Stormwater Program implementation.

The Stormwater Program is a cross-functional program that involves the Divisions of Administration, Planning, Operations and Engineering. The 59 additional positions requested would be effective July 1, 2015. It is necessary to demonstrate to the EPA that Nevada is ramping up enhancement of its Clean Water Act compliance.

No CIP projects will be deferred in the next biennium to fund this budget amendment. Revenue projections for the 2015-2017 biennium were recently

released indicating approximately a 1 percent increase, or \$14.5 million in additional State Highway Fund revenue, compared to the DMV projections released in December 2014.

Traditionally, NDOT receives approximately \$5.8 million annually from the Federal Highway Administration in aggregate unexpended Highways Funds from all states.

The anticipated State Highway Fund balances at the end of fiscal year (FY) 2016 and FY 2017 are \$160 million and \$124 million, respectively.

I will now review the justification for new positions.

In addition to the deputy director and administration staff, a new division chief is requested for the Environmental Services Division.

The larger pipe systems must be mapped. We need to know which bodies of water the pipes are draining into and manage large amounts of data. Six new staff are requested as detailed on page 6 of [Exhibit D](#).

The elements of the Stormwater Program must be established, encompassing development of manuals, procedures and policies and assisting in design of additional projects. Details of the Program Development Section enhancements are shown on page 8 of [Exhibit D](#). Ten new staff are requested.

The Administrative Services Section enhancements are detailed on page 9 of [Exhibit D](#). All costs associated with the Program must be captured and analyzed. Public outreach regarding stormwater and illegal discharge must be enhanced. Enhanced staff training is also necessary. Six new staff and three existing staff are requested for this purpose.

The Enforcement Section is also requesting four new staff and six existing staff positions for this Program. These are the “boots on the ground” positions for enforcement.

The Field Support Section request is detailed on page 11 of [Exhibit D](#) consisting of 30 new staff and 3 existing staff positions. We considered reduction of

administrative positions and increasing the number of maintenance positions. The additional maintenance positions are necessary to maintain pipe culverts and any drainage systems that convey stormwater.

The NDOT requests approval of Budget Amendment Nos. A15074460 and A150814660 to meet the federal and State requirements for water quality. Not only is it the law; it is the right thing to do to ensure we are doing our part to keep Nevada's lakes and rivers pristine for future generations.

Assemblyman Sprinkle:

You stated, "... this is the right thing to do," but this law has been in effect since 1972, yet we are not considering it until after an audit reveals we are not meeting the requirements of a federal mandate in place since 1972. Why is this only being brought forward toward the end of this Legislative Session? Was it not the right thing to do 2 months ago?

Mr. Malfabon:

The NDOT received a permit and submitted an annual report to NDEP. According to those annual reports, Nevada complied with permit requirements. In approximately early 2003, the EPA implemented Phase 2 of the Clean Water Act. We tried to address those six elements using existing staff; however, the six repurposed positions were not in place until about 1 year ago. The program has evolved and additional requirements were put in place without NDOT meeting the additional requirements. We assumed we were in compliance through acceptance of the annual reports to NDEP.

The EPA issued its final audit report in May 2012, after which they met with NDOT in late 2014 and early 2015, and identified deficiencies item-by-item.

Assemblyman Sprinkle:

If the budget amendment is not approved, what will be the impact of the fines?

Mr. Malfabon:

If the amendment is not approved, including the additional staff and program enhancements, NDOT will be subject to fines from the EPA.

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In the examples I gave of Hawaii and Missouri, Hawaii's \$52 million settlement was an extreme case because they have responsibility for harbors, other structures and significantly more rainfall. In Missouri, the \$750,000 fine was only related to two projects. Nevada could be subject to fines if we do not meet the requirements of the consent decree.

Assemblyman Sprinkle:

Do we know the specific amount of the fines?

Mr. Malfabon:

We do not know the amount. It is important to have the budget amendment approved and hire staff to be in a good position to negotiate the final consent decree with the EPA.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

Is there a copy of the EPA audit the Subcommittees can review?

Mr. Malfabon:

We can provide a copy of the audit. It is posted on the NDOT Web site under the water quality program section.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

I see a request for one piece of equipment for each district. The southern Nevada district is huge. Does the budget amendment simply cover the bare minimum so that Nevada is not fined, or will we actually get the job done?

Mr. Malfabon:

The equipment requests will allow the districts to meet the requirements. The EPA does not require everything to be done at one time. They look to see that a program is in place and a regular schedule for maintenance of the culverts and the drainage system is established.

We outsource sweeping activities in Las Vegas and rent vector trucks. We still have that ability.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

Just receiving the exhibit last night is disturbing. The Subcommittees should at least have been given a "heads up" along the way and had time for due diligence.

Assemblywoman Titus:

I have concerns about the broad reach and cost of this equipment. I would also like to view the audit. We are currently in a serious drought, the equipment is expensive and you stated you have the ability to rent some of this equipment. Do we need to purchase all this equipment? What has already been done? Is this mitigation plan a requirement of the EPA or a NDOT plan? Why would we not contract the necessary positions rather than hire additional staff?

Mr. Malfabon:

We have deferred equipment replacement of the sweepers for years. They met the requirements for replacement and we are having difficulty keeping the equipment operational. The equipment is necessary to maintain the storm drain system at a proper level.

In response to whether we can contract for either staff or equipment, there is a Legislative requirement that any equipment costing more than \$50,000. Has to be approved by our Board of Directors In addition, it is often more feasible to purchase this large equipment rather than lease..

In response to whether these services could be contracted, NDOT feels it is best to be in control of our own destiny with staff that would be trained to address all these elements. It is not only maintaining the pipes, it is establishing proof of compliance and collection of data. Another important element is the illicit discharge onto our right-of-way and enforcement of laws and regulations. The NDOT reviewed the NDEP conceptual organizational chart sfor staff and adjusted approximately one-third of the positions to "boots on the ground" personnel.

Assemblywoman Dickman:

It appears there are approximately 35 positions that have not been filled for more than 6 months of which 17 have been vacant for more than 1 year. How

will you fill 59 additional positions? Could vacant positions be filled or could other staff be reclassified to fill these positions?

Mr. Malfabon:

The challenges in northern Nevada include competition with the mining companies that hire NDOT-trained employees for maintenance and construction. Recruitment in Las Vegas is also becoming problematic. Private industry lures staff with higher salaries than the State can offer. Some positions have been reclassified with some of them being supervisory positions and other vacant positions under their authority. We chose to fill the supervisory positions first so that supervisors could build their own teams. There are a variety of recruitment tools available. In addition, by beginning recruitment in July instead of October, we will be ahead of the traditional effective date for new positions.

Chair Goicoechea:

Filling 59 new positions within 60 days is clearly a challenge. It is also clear that Nevada is under a mandate for compliance. I travel extensively in the State and see many of the culverts. There is a large number of culverts in approximately 5,400 miles of roadway.

Chair Edwards:

The issues of filling current positions is one of the better reasons to contract for these services. It would provide a bigger pool of labor performing the same duties and NDOT would not have to fill positions. Why is that not viable?

Mr. Malfabon:

Traditionally, hiring and training our own employees is much more effective. For example, chip seals are a surface treatment for roadways we perform. When the economy adversely affected the construction industry, we contracted that work. We did not receive comparable quality because of the low-bid system. An agency can set specifications, have an inspector onsite and still not receive the same quality work.

Chair Edwards:

I have done government contracting. If the contract is well written, the problems you are describing can be avoided. It is a matter of performance measures and deliverables. What is the cost difference between hiring 59 staff

and purchasing \$8 million of equipment versus hiring a contractor who has the equipment and staff necessary to operate it, especially if this is so urgent? What are our options?

Mr. Malfabon:

Contracting will continue, especially with some of the maintenance efforts. With the additional equipment, our maintenance staff can perform some of the functions. It is best to fill the compliance and enforcement segment in-house.

I agree that contracts can be written to include certain safeguards, but the expertise needs to be built in-house to ensure success.

Assemblyman Sprinkle:

If all these problems have been ongoing and we are considering an allocation of approximately \$16 million, what oversight will the Legislature have for this expenditure? Will NDOT report back as to how we are meeting the audit requirements?

Mr. Malfabon:

The EPA also requires performance reports and we can make those available to the Subcommittees and the Legislature. It will be well documented and include performance measures. The EPA, NDOT and the Legislature have the same goals to ensure funding is spent in effective ways to improve water quality.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

I just found the online report of permit violations. It indicates NDOT failed to implement the 2005 Stormwater Management Program. Therefore, for the record, "we're talking about issues from 2005, 10 years ago." This is not new. This is something that should have been brought to the attention of the Legislature a long time ago. Yet, it is not brought to our attention until 35 days from the closure of this Legislative Session.

Chair Goicoechea:

We are more and more susceptible to stormwater damage with climate change. There was an incident in Las Vegas in the summer of 2014. We are not receiving the typical annual rainfall, but we are experiencing some major storm occurrences that cause damage.

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What is the actual plan? You mention chip seal efforts. Is it required to sweep the chip seal or is it still acceptable to use a traction broom and shove them off the edge of the road? What exactly are the new requirements?

Mr. Malfabon:

When sweeping chip seals, we must consider where the stormwater is draining. We need to know whether it is going to a river or maybe Lake Tahoe. That is why we need more staff for mapping to document continuous updates and improvements to our highways.

In response to the comments made about the deficiencies, we submit an annual report as required by our permit. The EPA has systematically investigated each state DOT to identify where permit or program requirements are not being met. Nevada submitted its annual report and received no feedback indicating noncompliance until the EPA audit. The audits are showing significant findings in all states. It is not unique to Nevada.

Our eyes are open now and we know what we need to do to be successful and meet the Clean Water Act requirements.

Chair Goicoechea:

If S.B. 324 does not pass, how will you address the illicit discharge enforcement requirements?

Mr. Malfabon:

Enforcement authority was a critical element of the EPA audit. Having the authority to control what happens in our right-of-way gives us the ability to act quickly to hold polluters accountable. The NDOT is ultimately accountable to NDEP and the EPA. It is important to demonstrate to the EPA that NDOT is asking for everything it needs. The needs include new positions, equipment and enforcement authority.

Chair Goicoechea:

I understand the need, but I am concerned with how we fund the ongoing compliance requirements. I agree with Assemblywoman Carlton, that the budget amendment should have been brought forward early in this Session.

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Assemblywoman Titus:

I cannot support the requested budget amendment without reviewing the audit report. It is premature to pass this budget without further review.

Chair Goicoechea:

The audit is one concern, as is the plan of how to address findings that need repair. This budget should be closed next week.

Assemblywoman Dickman:

Also, include the amount of fines that would be levied if Nevada does not fund the amendment at this time.

Mr. Malfabon:

Other consent decrees are online and we could provide examples of those assessments. Many states are working under similar consent decrees. The project-related fines vary depending on the severity of the incident.

Assemblywoman Dickman:

Examples of fines for programs and projects similar to Nevada's audit findings would be good.

Mr. Malfabon:

We are not saying Nevada will be fined for specific projects. We want to establish the procedures and programs so this does not occur in Nevada. There are deficiencies that must be addressed and the requested staff and equipment are necessary to address those deficiencies.

Chair Edwards:

Since we do not yet know the outcome, please provide the cost to contract some of this work. Provide the difference in cost for each year of the biennium between contracts and the budget amendment requests.

Senator Parks:

I notice most of the correspondence is dated approximately May of 2012. Have there been correspondence and continued discussions in the time since May 2012?

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Mr. Malfabon:

There were meetings with the EPA after the audit. Not many written documents were submitted. The federal representatives came out in early November 2014 and looked at certain sites in Reno and at Lake Tahoe. There were additional meetings in early December 2014 and in January 2015. The draft consent decree was sent to NDOT in late February. The draft consent decree is in confidential legal negotiations. Elements of the requirements are a part of the explanation provided in [Exhibit D](#).

Chair Goicoechea:

I am concerned. We will never have funding to lay another mile of asphalt if we have to address this issue first.

Chair Edwards:

I understand the idea for confidentiality, but I am not comfortable with approving this amount of funding without knowing the specific needs. Why would a report on culverts be confidential?

Mr. Malfabon:

We provided a lot of information today. We can provide the position justification descriptions. We cannot release the draft consent decree, but we did provide the activities for which NDOT is responsible and what the EPA is requesting. The draft consent decree must be confidential until it is finalized.

Chair Edwards:

How long will it be before it is finalized?

Mr. Malfabon:

The negotiations will occur after our budget is approved. At that time, we will be in a better position to inform the EPA which timelines we can meet.

Chair Edwards:

I would like to meet with you privately to discuss this further.

Mr. Malfabon:

We will arrange a meeting with your staff.

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Chair Goicoechea:

We will now hear closing recommendations as noted in the document titled, "Public Safety, Natural Resources and Transportation Joint Subcommittee Closing List #3" ([Exhibit E](#)) dated April 28, 2015, beginning with B/A 101-4198, DCNR's Division of Forestry (NDF) Forestry Conservation Camps.

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DCNR - Forestry Conservation Camps — Budget Page DCNR-98 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4198

Jennifer Gamroth (Program Analyst):

The NDF Conservation Camp Program coordinates and supervises labor-intensive work projects performed by inmates from the Department of Corrections. This account is funded primarily with General Fund appropriations and with additional revenue generated from projects.

There are two major closing issues in B/A 101-4198. The first is included in Governor Brian Sandoval's Sagebrush Ecosystem Program Major Budget Initiative. It includes position upgrades for the conservation crew supervisor positions. The Governor is recommending General Fund appropriations of \$413,421 in FY 2017 to reclassify 74 conservation crew supervisor positions. The recommended reclassifications would increase the starting grade level by two grades, approximately a 10 percent salary increase. The Governor's recommendation would start the conservation crew supervisor series at a Grade 29 with progression to a Grade 31 and ultimately to a Grade 33. The progression of grades would be based on performance and upon completion of additional fire and forestry resource training. The current procedure is an automatic progression of two grades each year.

The Division indicates the two-grade increase would help in retention of existing staff and the recruitment of qualified applicants. The NDF indicates 70 out of 76 conservation crew supervisor positions have had vacancies during the past 5 years. The NDF indicates the retention issues have had an impact on the number of crews available for project work and for fighting wildland fires. The qualifications for a conservation crew supervisor to become a crew boss can

take between 2 or 3 years to obtain. Further, the Agency indicates only 40 percent of the conservation crew supervisors qualify as crew bosses and are able to supervise an inmate crew on a wildland fire.

The Agency inadvertently excluded two conservation crew supervisor positions in decision unit E-813. Therefore, only 74 of the 76 positions are included for reclassification in this decision unit.

E-813 Position Upgrades — Page DCNR-101

The two positions that were excluded are included in transfer decision unit E-900. The two positions are recommended to be transferred to the Forestry budget. If the Subcommittees do not approve the transfer of the two conservation crew supervisor positions from those recommended in decision unit E-900, Fiscal staff will need to make a technical adjustment to add the two positions to decision unit E-813 in B/A 101-4198.

E-900 Transfer from B/A 4198 to B/A 4195 — Page DCNR-102

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the recommendation of General Fund appropriations of \$413,421 in FY 2017 to reclassify 74 conservation crew supervisor positions in B/A 101-4198, effective in the second year of the 2015-2017 biennium?

Chair Goicoechea:

We have 74 positions of which 10 are vacant and only 40 percent of those are qualified to be crew bosses on a wildland fire. I strongly support this enhancement.

Assemblyman Sprinkle:

I concur. These supervisors perform life/safety measures for the crews they supervise.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

I understand the Chair and Mr. Sprinkle's positions; however, we are approving step upgrades for certain groups of people, but other position classifications are being left behind. We are picking winners and losers of our State employees as

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to who is eligible for a raise and who will be left behind. I have to oppose this budget item until we have the global discussion, after the last 6 years of abusing State employees.

Chair Goicoechea:

At present, we probably have fewer than 30 supervisors that can take an honor camp crew to a fire. There are 800 or 900 inmates on work crews, but only about 300 could be sent to a fire. This work helps the State recover some of the costs for incarceration of the inmates.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-813 IN B/A 101-4198 FOR 74 POSITION RECLASSIFICATIONS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON VOTED NO.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR PARKS VOTED NO.)

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Ms. Gamroth:

In major closing item 2, decision unit E-900, on page 4 of [Exhibit E](#), the Governor recommends the transfer of two conservation crew supervisor positions from the B/A 101-4198, to B/A 101-4195, Forestry Conservation Camp budget to the Forestry budget with no change in the funding source. The Division indicates the duties of the two positions are directly related to the Helitack Air Operations Program, which is managed in the Forestry budget. The Agency indicates the duties assigned to the two conservation crew supervisors recommended for transfer to the Helitack Program will only differ during fire season. During fire season, the two positions would act as crew bosses supervising seasonal firefighters assigned to a Helitack crew. The Agency indicates during off-fire season, the two positions would continue to supervise

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inmate crews and generate revenues from camp projects. The Agency indicates camp revenues should not be affected by the recommended transfer.

E-900 Transfer From B/A 4198 To B/A 4195 — Page DCNR-91

DCNR - Forestry — Budget Page DCNR-79 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4195

As noted previously, Fiscal staff indicates these two positions were inadvertently excluded under decision unit E-813. Fiscal staff has included a technical adjustment to add decision unit E-813 in B/A 101-4195 to reflect the upgrade as recommended for the 74 conservation crew supervisor positions remaining in B/A 101-4198.

Based on information provided by the Agency, it does not appear to staff that Agency has sufficiently justified the need to transfer the two conservation crew supervisor positions to B/A 101-4195 since the two would continue to supervise inmate crews during the nonfire season. However, the Agency indicates it would be more efficient for the Division if the supervision of the two positions were under the management of the air operations manager.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation to transfer two conservation crew supervisor positions from B/A 101-4198 to B/A 101-4195 with no change in funding source?

Chair Goicoechea:

It makes sense to transfer the two positions to the air operations so they are not transferred back and forth for the 4 months of fire season.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION E-900, IN B/A 101-4198 TO TRANSFER TWO SUPERVISOR POSITIONS TO THE FORESTRY BUDGET, B/A 101-4195 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Gamroth:

Other closing items on pages 5 and 6 of [Exhibit E](#) include technical adjustments for the adjusted Base Budget.

In other closing item 2, decision unit M-425, the Governor is recommending a General Fund appropriation of \$266,504 in FY 2017 for deferred maintenance projects, with emphasis on life and safety issues. This is a statewide recommendation for all conservation camps.

M-425 Deferred Facilities Maintenance — Page DCNR-100

Other closing item 3, decision units E-710 and E-711, is for replacement equipment with General Fund appropriations totaling \$1.2 million over the 2015-2017 biennium for the statewide budget.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page DCNR-101

E-711 Equipment Replacement — Page DCNR-101

Staff recommends that all other closing items be closed as recommended by the Governor with technical adjustments noted by staff and the authority to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE ALL OTHER CLOSING ITEMS IN B/A 101-4198 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AND AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR LIPPARELLI SECONDED THE MOTION.

Chair Edwards:

Does staff concur with specific equipment replacement requests?

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Ms. Gamroth:

Yes, staff has reviewed the replacement requests and the vehicle replacement meets established guidelines. The mobile kitchens are approximately 20-years old and those items appear reasonable. All other replacements items appear reasonable as well.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Gamroth:

Next is B/A 101-4195, Forestry.

This is the primary budget account for NDF. The NDF is responsible for supervising, managing and coordinating all forestry, fire and watershed work on State and privately owned lands within Nevada. The Division also responds to natural disasters including floods and earthquakes. The Division provides assistance to county and local fire districts and adopts and enforces fire prevention regulations. Those include fire retardant roofing and defensible space.

This budget is funded with General Fund appropriations and various federal grant funds, fire reimbursements and budgetary transfers. There are three major closing issues in this budget.

The first major closing issue is related to the Sagebrush Ecosystem Program Major Budget Initiative. This includes a funding source change for a forester position in decision unit E-852, which was approved to be funded by a transfer from the Division of Minerals. It was 75 percent funded with this non-General Fund source. The Governor is recommending funding the position 100 percent through General Fund appropriations totaling \$137,626 for the 2015-2017 biennium. The forester position represents the NDF as part of the five-member Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team. The Department indicates the funding source from the Division of Minerals is not sustainable for this position beyond the 2013-2015 biennium.

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E-852 Special Projects — Page DCNR-90

The Subcommittees have previously approved the funding source changes for the other four members of the Technical Team. This position was recently upgraded to a conservation staff specialist and Fiscal staff has made a technical adjustment for the 5 percent increase.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation to change the funding source for the Sagebrush Ecosystem forester position from 75 percent non-General Fund sources to a 100 percent General Fund appropriation of \$137,626 for the biennium?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-852 IN B/A 101-4195 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYMAN HAMBRICK SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Gamroth:

Major closing issue 2 on pages 9 and 10 of [Exhibit E](#) requests new positions under decision units E-225, E-226 and E-228. The Governor recommends General Fund appropriations of \$485,323 over the 2015-2017 biennium for three new positions and associated operating costs. The positions include one operations chief/deputy administrator to manage and coordinate the Wildland Fire Protection Program, the Conservation Camp Program, the Aviation Program and the Natural Resources Program. The second position is a business process manager to manage the Division's Geospatial Information Services for the programs mentioned under the first new position. The final new position is for one equipment mechanic to assist with the maintenance and repair of the Division's vehicles and heavy equipment statewide.

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E-226 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page DCNR-85

E-228 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page DCNR-85

The Agency indicates that with the combination of a large fleet of aging vehicles and equipment, it is becoming difficult for the current equipment mechanics to keep up with necessary maintenance and repairs.

The operations chief/deputy administrator is technically not a new position for the 2015-2017 biennium. During the 2013-2015 biennium, the Agency's operations chief/deputy administrator was funded with a transfer from the Forestry Intergovernmental Agreement budget, B/A 101-4227. However, B/A 101-4227 and the funding for this position have been recommended for elimination. These Subcommittees have approved the elimination of that budget account.

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That decision also affects decision unit E-490 of B/A 101-4195 eliminating funding for other positions.

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Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation to fund three new positions including the operations chief/deputy administrator, one business process manager position and one equipment mechanic position and associated operating costs with General Fund appropriations totaling \$485,323 over the 2015-2017 biennium?

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNITS E-225, E-226 AND E-228 IN B/A 101-4195 FOR THREE NEW POSITIONS FUNDED WITH GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$485,323 OVER THE 2015-2017 BIENNIUM.

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ASSEMBLYMAN HAMBRICK SECONDED THE MOTION.

Chair Edwards:

I will be voting no on this item. I am not convinced that these positions are necessary at this time.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

I approve these positions. We have not done our job over the last 6 to 8 years in ensuring positions are in place to accomplish the tasks set. Nevada is known for having the smallest State government and numbers of staff compared to the amount of responsibilities and population.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS VOTED NO.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Gamroth:

Major closing item 3 on page 10 of [Exhibit E](#), decision units E-230, E-231 and E-350, addresses a funding source change and funding for seasonal salaries and vehicle operations. The Governor recommends General Fund appropriations totaling \$706,374 for the 2015-2017 biennium to replace federal funding received by the NDF from the U. S. Forest Service (USFS) for the salaries and associated operating costs of seasonal firefighters and three forester positions. The NDF indicates the federal fund that currently funds seasonal firefighters will not be available beyond the current biennium. The funds will only be available to fund the three forester positions through FY 2016.

E-230 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page DCNR-86

E-231 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page DCNR-86

E-350 Safe and Livable Communities — Page DCNR-87

In addition, the General Fund appropriation recommended by the Governor replaces the funding transferred from the NDF's B/A 101-4227, for administrative services provided by staff in B/A 101-4195. The

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Intergovernmental Agreement All-Risk Fire Management Program funded by participating counties via a county assessment is currently being phased out, with the final county transitioning out by June 30, 2015.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation to replace federal funding received by NDF from the USFS with General Fund appropriations totaling \$706,374 for the 2015-2017 for the salaries and associated operating costs of seasonal firefighters and three forester positions?

Chair Goicoechea:

This item is beyond our control. The USFS is expending its own funds and does not have the capacity to fund these positions.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNITS E-230, E-231 AND E-350 IN B/A 101-4195 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH A GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION OF \$706,374 FOR THE 2015-2017 BIENNIUM.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

Assemblyman Sprinkle:

My notes indicate the Agency had concerns with the methodology initially used for calculating the salaries of these positions. Has that concern been resolved?

Ms. Gamroth:

Some adjustments have been made for the salaries of the seasonal positions.

Chair Edwards:

Is the amount being approved for vehicle purchases approximately \$61,000 of the \$706,374 total appropriation?

Ms. Gamroth:

That is a part of decision unit E-350 that will be discussed next.

Chair Edwards:

Is that not a part of \$706,374?

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Ms. Gamroth:

No, the \$706,374 is strictly the portion of the budget that is for the funding source change. The \$61,000 for the vehicles is a result of vehicles that were transitioned back to the State with the elimination of the 473 fire protection districts. As a result, there is an increase in General Fund support for the cost of maintaining and operating those vehicles.

Chair Edwards:

Is there a funding source change for the salaries and for vehicle operations?

Ms. Gamroth:

The funding source change is strictly for the cost of the seasonal firefighters and three forester positions. There were also transfers of county assessments for certain positions that will now be funded with General Fund appropriations.

Chair Goicoechea:

The current item under discussion is the funding source change of \$706,374. The next budget items will discuss how the funds will be spent.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Gamroth:

In addition to the funding source changes, decision unit E-230 funds seasonal salaries. The Executive Budget recommends \$124,518 for FY 2016 and \$129,828 for FY 2017 to fund seasonal salaries for six seasonal positions. Each position is funded for 5 months of each fiscal year. These positions were previously funded with federal funds from the USFS for Humboldt and Toiyabe National Forests. It is an enhancement unit because the NDF did not receive the federal funding for these positions in time to fill them in the 2014 base year. The Agency indicates the funding for these seasonal positions is critical to ensure sufficient staffing for wildland fire suppression during fire season.

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The decision unit includes retirement costs for these temporary seasonal positions; however, these positions are exempt from retirement benefits if the assignment in the intermittent position does not exceed 6 months. Staff has included a technical adjustment to reduce this decision unit by \$11,244 in FY 2016 and \$12,852 in FY 2017.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation to fund the seasonal salaries for the six positions, each position funded for 5 months of each fiscal year with General Fund appropriations totaling \$113,274 for FY 2016 and \$116,976 for FY 2017, which includes the technical adjustments noted by staff?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-230 IN B/A 101-4195 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT DESCRIBED BY STAFF.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Gamroth:

The next item is the vehicle operating and maintenance costs in decision unit E-350 of B/A 101-4195. This is in addition to the transfer from the All-Risk Fire Management Budget. The Governor recommends General Fund appropriations of \$61,060 for each year of the 2015-2017 biennium for the NDF to maintain and operate heavy equipment and vehicles retained by the State with the phaseout of the All-Risk Fire Management Program.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation to fund vehicle operating and maintenance costs with General Fund appropriations of \$61,060 in each year of the 2015-2017 biennium?

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SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-350 IN B/A 101-4195 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$61,060 OVER THE 2015-2017 BIENNIUM FOR VEHICLE OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE COSTS.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Gamroth:

Staff has made technical adjustments to other closing item 1 in the adjusted Base Budget. This includes adjustments to seasonal salaries reducing the retirement funding.

There are also adjustments to the DCNR Director's Office cost allocations based on the agreed upon modifications methodology by the DCNR and the Budget Office.

Other closing item 3 on page 13 of [Exhibit E](#) includes deferred maintenance in decision unit M-425. The Governor recommends a General Fund appropriation totaling \$382,650 in FY 2017 for deferred maintenance projects with emphasis on life/safety issues.

M-425 Deferred Facilities Maintenance — Page DCNR-83

Other closing item 4 includes increased funding for training in decision unit E-235. The Executive Budget recommends General Fund appropriations of \$25,000 for FY 2016 and \$50,000 for FY 2017 to fund training needs to meet the National Wildland Coordinating Group standards for wildland fires.

E-235 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page DCNR-87

Other closing item 5 includes maintenance costs for an in-stream gauge located at Mount Charleston under decision unit E-351.

E-351 Safe and Livable Communities — Page DCNR-88

Other closing item 6 includes the elimination of six positions in decision unit E-490. The Governor recommends the elimination of the Division's All-Risk Fire Management Program. The elimination includes three administrative assistants, one deputy State forester that was added back into the budget through the item discussed under major closing items and one forestry program manager. The appropriation also includes associated operating costs for the 2015-2017 biennium funded by a transfer totaling \$789,378 by the county assessments.

E-490 Expiring Grant/Program — Page DCNR-88

Other closing item 7 includes replacement equipment under decision units E-710 and E-711. Staff has made a few technical adjustments decreasing the General Fund appropriation based on recent equipment cost quotations.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page DCNR-89

E-711 Equipment Replacement — Page DCNR-90

Other closing item 8 on page 14 of [Exhibit E](#) includes the transfer in of the two conservation camp supervisor positions discussed and approved by the Subcommittees in B/A 101-4198. Staff has included a technical adjustment to add new decision unit E-813 in FY 2017 to include an upgrade for the two conservation crew supervisor positions that were recommended to be transferred to this budget. This would align with the recommendation in the Executive Budget to upgrade all 76 conservation crew supervisor positions.

Since the Subcommittees approved the upgrade in B/A 101-4198, the technical adjustment in B/A 101-4195 should be approved as well.

Staff recommends other closing items be closed as recommended by the Governor with technical adjustments as noted and with authority for staff to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8 FOR B/A 101-4195, AS DESCRIBED ON PAGES 11-14 OF [EXHIBIT E](#), AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS NOTED BY STAFF AND WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Gamroth:

Next is B/A 101-4194, the Forestry Wildland Fire Protection Program. This was a new budget account established during the 2013 Legislative Session.

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The Program was established during the 2013-2015 biennium as a voluntary cooperative arrangement between the NDF and local governments. The Program was developed to provide a statewide comprehensive wildland fire protection program to educate and prepare landowners to reduce the threat of wildfire, to provide a well-trained and equipped wildland fire suppression force and to rehabilitate damaged lands after a fire.

The Program is funded through fees paid by participating local jurisdictions and General Fund appropriations for its air operations included in this budget account. There are two major closing items for B/A 101-4194.

The first major closing item is in decision unit E-240 including one new pilot position and two new contracted seasonal positions. The Governor recommends General Fund appropriations of \$167,616 in FY 2016 and \$193,790 in FY 2017

to fund the pilot position with associated operating costs and two seasonal drivers for the wildland fire protection aviation operations.

E-240 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page DCNR-110

According to the Division, the wildland fire protection program operates three helicopters for fire suppression and personnel and cargo transport. The Division currently has two full-time equivalent (FTE) pilots and two seasonal pilot positions that are shared for a total time frame of 6 months each year. The Agency indicates the addition of one new pilot would maximize aviation ability and provide greater wildland fire protection by allowing the Division to fly two helicopters 7 days a week during fire season when the seasonal positions are filled.

Staff notes the operating costs recommended for FY 2016 totaling \$9,000 include funding for an entire year; however, the new pilot position is not recommended to start until October 1, 2015. Therefore, a technical adjustment has been made to decrease the operating costs by \$2,250 in FY 2016 with a corresponding decrease in General Fund appropriations for the new pilot position. The Division concurs with this adjustment.

The position description for the new pilot position indicates the pilot would fly missions for the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), similar to the pilots in the Forestry budget. A revenue source should be included in the Wildlife Fire Protection Program in NDOW to reimburse the Program when flying missions for NDOW with the pilot position recommended in decision unit E-240 and the existing pilots.

The Division testified at the budget hearing on February 24 that the pilot requested here could fly missions for NDOW. Fiscal staff requests authority to make technical adjustments to include a revenue line item in this budget to receive reimbursements from NDOW for the cost of a pilot's salary and fringe benefits. Fiscal staff will work with the Division to determine the appropriate amount, which would offset General Fund appropriations.

At its February 17 meeting, the Clark County Commission approved a resolution to reorganize the Mount Charleston Fire Protection District from a

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 473 fire protection district to a NRS 474 county fire protection district on July 1, 2015. However, at this time Clark County has not made a commitment to join the Wildland Fire Protection Program. At the February 24 budget hearing, the Division testified the need for the new pilot position requested in this decision unit would be contingent upon Clark County's participation in the Wildland Fire Protection Program.

If the Subcommittees recommend approval of the new pilot position, Fiscal staff recommends transfer of the Division's air operations program costs and the General Fund appropriations for this cost be transferred from B/A 101-4194 to B/A 101-4195. A program is not typically split between two budget accounts. To provide better transparency, all program costs are included in a single budget unless there are specific reasons or circumstances to diverge from this practice. When staff asked the Division why the Program was split between the two budgets, it indicated the pilot and air operations supervisor positions and associated costs were included in the Wildland Fire Protection budget to demonstrate the State's commitment to the participating counties. Staff believes that, if the positions were transferred into the primary NDF budget, the Agency could still demonstrate those costs and the commitment to this Program.

The Subcommittees may wish to consider the following options for the new FTE pilot position:

- A. Approve the Governor's recommendation to fund a new pilot position and associated costs totaling \$167,616 in FY 2016 and \$193,790 in FY 2017 including the technical adjustments noted by staff
- B. Approve the Governor's recommendation with the same amounts, including the authority for Fiscal staff to transfer the pilot position and associated costs to B/A 101-4195 to consolidate the total cost of air operations for the Division, including the technical adjustments made by staff
- C. Not approve the Governor's recommendation to fund a new pilot position until Clark County joins the Wildland Fire Protection Program

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO NOT APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND A NEW PILOT POSITION AS STATED UNDER OPTION C FOR B/A 101-4194 ON PAGE 3 OF [EXHIBIT E](#).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

Chair Goicoechea:

Are these helicopters equipped with retardant or are they the kind that hauls water buckets?

Bob Roper (State Forester, Division of Forestry, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources):

All three helicopters are bucket equipped; they do not have belly tanks.

Chair Goicoechea:

If they are equipped with buckets, they can be filled on the fire scene.

Assemblyman Sprinkle:

I understand the cost concerns related to Clark County, but this Program was established 2 years ago. A big part of fire suppression is the initial attack phase and helicopters are a large part of that effort. Whether or not Clark County participates, the Program is necessary. I will be voting against this motion.

Chair Goicoechea:

I would prefer that Option B were chosen for this budget item. The costs should be consolidated into B/A 101-4195, but it should not be made contingent on whether Clark County joins the coalition. That could jeopardize the whole Program. If Clark County does not transition until July, it is possible we will not have the answer until fall 2015.

Assemblywoman Titus:

The Program has already been approved with two pilots in place. The addition of the third pilot was conveyed as being contingent on Clark County when the budget was presented.

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Chair Goicoechea:

That is correct. However, if Clark County does not transition until July 1, we will be well into the fire season before we have an answer. If we are going to utilize and maintain the helicopters, we will need the 24-hour, 7-day a week (24/7) coverage, which requires three pilots.

Assemblywoman Titus:

I understood the new pilot would not be authorized until October 1. Is that still true?

Dave Prather (Deputy Administrator, Division of Forestry, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources):

Assemblywoman Titus is correct. Nevada budgets are built with new positions authorized as of October 1. It would have to be a special case to have the date moved to July 1.

Assemblywoman Titus:

If the position will not be authorized until October, there is plenty of time to determine whether Clark County will participate.

Chair Goicoechea:

That is correct, but what happens if Clark County does not join the coalition? We would not have the 24/7 capability until 2 years from now.

Senator Lipparelli:

What is the distribution of work for the third pilot? Will they predominantly work in the northern part of the State, or is the pilot associated with Clark County activities?

Mr. Prather:

Pilots are not designated to work in specific regions. The purpose of the request is to take NDF to full-time capability for two helicopters. Currently, we can staff one helicopter with a crew 7 days a week. The other one is only available to perform water bucket duties 5 days a week.

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Senator Lipparelli:

So, whether or not Clark County joins the coalition, the usage capabilities would not be affected.

Mr. Prather:

The capacity would be utilized on a statewide basis. It would not be exclusive to Clark County.

Chair Edwards:

If we currently needed a third helicopter, would we contract for that service?

Mr. Prather:

The resource would be contracted from another agency such as USFS, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or a private resource that the State would pay for. The Division is the most cost-effective air operation on fire scenes. Our rates are almost half of what federal agencies charge for the same resource.

Chair Edwards:

What has that cost been for a fire season, historically?

Mr. Prather:

The fire season costs vary; therefore, the usage varies. It depends on how many single trees versus extended attack fires are necessary. There are a number of variables.

Chair Edwards:

If we have used contracted services in the past, even with the variables, is it a difference between \$60,000 to \$300,000 or \$100,000 to \$200,000?

Mr. Prather:

It would depend on the fire season.

Chair Goicoechea:

What is the hourly contract rate for a helicopter and a bucket on a fire scene?

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Mr. Prather:

The NDF rate is approximately \$1,300 per hour. The rate for a contracted helicopter may be \$2,500 to \$10,000 depending on the nature of the helicopter.

Chair Goicoechea:

Using comparable ships, the cost is nearly double that for contracted services. It does not take long on a fire scene, over 4 or 5 days, to recover \$167,000. If the helicopters are on the ground, they will cost money.

A motion and second have been made to approve Option C.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION FAILED. (ASSEMBLYMEN EDWARDS, HAMBRICK, SPRINKLE AND CARLTON VOTED NO.)

SENATE: THE MOTION FAILED (SENATORS LIPPARELLI, PARKS AND GOICOECHEA VOTED NO.)

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SENATOR LIPPARELLI MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE OPTION B FOR B/A 101-4194.

ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED (ASSEMBLYWOMEN DICKMAN AND TITUS VOTED NO.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Gamroth:

Additionally, the recommended funding in E-240 supports a new \$70,000 contract each year of the 2015-2017 biennium for two seasonal truck drivers, with hazardous materials (HAZMAT) certifications, to drive the Division's two aviation fuel trucks during fire season. The Division indicates

seasonal firefighters currently perform this function reducing the number of firefighters that are available to suppress fires.

By hiring contract truck drivers, the seasonal firefighters would be available for the fire line and safety would be improved with professional drivers transporting aviation fuel.

The Subcommittees may wish to approve the Governor's recommendation to fund \$70,000 in each year of the biennium with General Fund appropriations for two seasonal truck drivers having HAZMAT certifications to drive the two aviation fuel trucks during fire season for the Helitack Program. Fiscal staff recommends transferring the costs associated with the contract for the Helitack Program to B/A 101-4195, similar to the budget item just approved.

The Governor also recommends transfer of two conservation camp crew supervisor positions from B/A 101-4198 to B/A 101-4195 for the Helitack Program. The Agency does not concur with this transfer.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation of General Fund appropriations totaling \$70,000 in each year of the 2015-2017 biennium to fund a contract for two seasonal truck drivers with HAZMAT certifications to drive the Division's two aviation fuel trucks during fire season for the Helitack Program and include staff's recommendation to transfer the cost of the contract for the Helitack Program to B/A 101-4195?

Chair Goicoechea:

Does the Agency not concur with staff's recommendation to consolidate the Program into the Forestry budget?

Mr. Prather:

The Agency has discussed this with the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Fiscal staff and we now concur with the recommendation.

Assemblywoman Titus:

The advantage of having the positions as firefighters is that they can perform other duties when not driving the trucks. What are duties of the drivers when they are not driving the fuel trucks?

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Mr. Roper:

The fuel truck drivers will move the fuel trucks to and from the incident, often at a helispot in remote areas. When they are not actively fueling the equipment, they perform maintenance of the helicopters that are on the ground, assisting the onsite mechanics.

Assemblywoman Titus:

Are the individuals cross certified as equipment mechanics?

Mr. Roper:

No, they are helpers for the equipment mechanics.

Chair Goicoechea:

These are necessary seasonal contract positions.

Assemblywoman Titus:

I agree. That is why I was hoping they were also trained as firefighters.

Chair Edwards:

Is this like an indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contract where if the truck is not being used, no payment is required?

Mr. Prather:

The Agency has not explored that possibility. The Agency intent was to request seasonal positions that would be available for the full length of the fire season.

Chair Edwards:

That might be a method to save some money.

Chair Goicoechea:

The Agency owns the trucks, but drivers need to be available.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-240 IN B/A 101-4194 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$70,000 IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2015-2017 BIENNIUM TO CONTRACT FOR TWO SEASONAL TRUCK DRIVERS WITH

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HAZMAT CERTIFICATION TO DRIVE THE DIVISION'S AVIATION FUEL TRUCKS DURING FIRE SEASON, INCLUDING STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO TRANSFER THE COSTS OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE HELITACK PROGRAM TO B/A 101-4195.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Gamroth:

Major closing item 2 concerns the Division of Forestry's Air Operations Program. As previously discussed, staff is recommending the entire air operations program be transferred from B/A 101-4194 to B/A 101-4195. Pages 18 and 19 of [Exhibit E](#) states that in addition to the new pilot and the contract for the fuel truck drivers, staff also recommends that the existing pilot and helitack supervisor, funded by a General Fund appropriation, be transferred to B/A 101-4195.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve staff's recommendation to consolidate all air operations program costs funded with General Fund appropriations from the B/A 101-4194 to B/A 101-4195?

Chair Goicoechea:

Did the Agency originally oppose this proposal, but is now in support?

Mr. Prather:

That is correct.

Chair Goicoechea:

From a legislative perspective, it is cleaner to have all the funding in one account.

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ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO CONSOLIDATE ALL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE AIR OPERATIONS PROGRAM FROM B/A 101-4194 TO B/A 101-4195.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Gamroth:

Staff has made a technical adjustment to the adjusted Base Budget and recommendations in the Executive Budget concerning retirement benefits for seasonal employees for positions hired for 6 months or less. With the adjustment, seasonal salaries would be reduced by \$51,596 in FY 2016 and \$58,945 in FY 2017 with a corresponding increase to reserves. These positions are funded by county assessments. This item appears reasonable with the technical adjustment noted.

Staff recommends that all other closing items be closed as recommended by the Governor with the technical adjustments noted by staff and with authority for staff to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO CLOSE ALL OTHER CLOSING ITEMS IN B/A 101-4194 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE BASE BUDGET AS NOTED BY STAFF AND AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Gamroth:

The final Forestry budget is B/A 101-4196, Forest Fire Suppression.

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This budget account provides funding to protect public and private land, property and resources from fires, floods and other disasters and emergencies. The budget is funded at \$2.5 million annually through General Fund appropriations, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds, Fire Management Assistance Grants and reimbursements for firefighting and emergency response provided on lands outside of the State's jurisdiction.

In heavy fire years, when authorized funds are insufficient to meet the State's obligations, the Agency may request additional funding from the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) Contingency Account, the Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account or the Disaster Relief Account. There are no positions funded in this account.

The major closing item on page 22 of [Exhibit E](#) is the Governor's recommendation to fund prior year fire bills from federal agencies. The Governor recommends appropriations from the General Fund of \$5.4 million and \$4.5 million from FEMA fire assistance grants for a total of \$9.9 million in FY 2016 to fund prior year fire billings from federal agencies under decision unit E-226. Fire billings from federal agencies result when federal agencies assist the State on wildland fires occurring on State lands for which the State would be required to reimburse the federal entity. These are typically the USFS or the BLM.

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Federal fire assistance may be required when the State resources to suppress a wildland fire are insufficient or unavailable. If the wildland fire occurs on State

land or if it is considered a multijurisdictional fire where both State and federal lands are involved, a cost-share agreement would be negotiated.

According to the Division, the Agency is waiting for fire billing payments from both the USFS and the BLM for multiple incidents during the 2013 and 2014 fire seasons totaling \$5.4 million. Subgrants of \$900,000 are from FY 2014 that would be funded through the FEMA fire assistance grant.

Larger wildland fires that require many resources including contracted resources for both air and ground support take time to process all the payments and cross check against resource order numbers for the many wildland fires that occur each year across the United States. The federal agencies typically have centralized billing centers, which also contribute to billing delays. Since preparing [Exhibit E](#), staff has received updated information from the Division on outstanding fire billings that are owed.

Staff has included technical adjustments to decrease the amount of General Fund appropriations by \$900,000 for subgrants that will be funded by the FEMA fire assistance grant, inadvertently included in the amount recommended as a General Fund appropriation.

Additionally, staff has a total of \$258,560 in fire billings which they can pay from prior year reimbursements the State has received from federal agencies. Based on the most recent fire report, in addition to the \$1 million staff has included in a technical adjustment to reduce the amount of General Fund appropriations, staff is requesting permission from the Subcommittees to decrease that amount by another \$423,585. The total amount to be reduced, based on the most recent fire billing report provided by the Agency will be \$1.4 million from the amount of General Fund appropriation included in the Executive Budget for FY 2016.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation, inclusive of the technical adjustment noted by staff, to fund the prior year fire billings from federal agencies with General Fund appropriations of \$4 million reduced from the \$5.4 million recommended in the Executive Budget for FY 2016 and funding from the FEMA fire assistance grant totaling \$2.3 million?

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Chair Goicoechea:

What is the purpose of the \$5.4 million allocation?

Ms. Gamroth:

The adjusted amount would go from the Governor's recommendation of \$5.4 million to \$4 million. The funding for the FEMA fire assistance grant is recommended at \$4.5 million and that will be reduced to \$2.3 million.

Chair Goicoechea:

This is a significant adjustment. With the transition away from All-Risk status, does the Agency anticipate it will bill larger amounts to the federal government with less financial exposure for Nevada over the next 5 years?

Mr. Roper:

I anticipate approximately the same split as under the 473 Program and the All-Risk Program. The same basic provisions will be offered under the 473 Program as were offered under the All-Risk Program.

The Agency has administrative staff that goes to the fires and work out the cost share agreements with like entities on the federal level.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN DECISION UNIT E-226 OF B/A 101-4196 WITH THE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT BY STAFF TO ADJUST THE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION TO \$4 MILLION AND \$2.3 FROM THE FEMA FIRE ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT AND ALLOWING STAFF TO MAKE ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Gamroth:

Under other closing items 1 and 2 on page 23 and 24 of [Exhibit E](#), Fiscal staff has included some minor technical adjustments. With those technical adjustments, the adjusted Base Budget appears reasonable. Staff recommends that all other closing items be closed as recommended by the Governor with the technical adjustments noted by staff and the authority for staff to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO CLOSE ALL OTHER CLOSING ITEMS IN B/A 101-4196 AS DISCUSSED ON PAGES 22 AND 23 OF [EXHIBIT E](#), AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Goicoechea:

We will now consider budgets of the NDOW.

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Jeff Ferguson (Senior Program Analyst):

The first budget account to consider is B/A 101-4460.

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Budget Account 101-4460

The first major closing issue described on pages 25-27 of [Exhibit E](#) is the request for two new management analyst positions in decision unit E-227. The request is \$49,779 in FY 2016 and \$129,551 in FY 2017. These positions would be in the Fiscal Services Section. One would begin in October 2015 and

the other would begin in July 2016. Funding for the positions is from cost allocation contributions from other budgets within the Agency.

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Testimony during the budget hearing indicated issues had occurred with audit exceptions. The Department was reorganized in 2012, which has increased the demand on existing staff.

Page 26 of [Exhibit E](#) lists some of the issues that have been identified. The Division needs assistance with contract management, accounting, cost accounting budget account monitoring and subgrants.

The position that would begin in October would be assigned to contract management activities. The second position would focus on cost accounting, indirect cost rates and subgrants.

The Subcommittees requested workload data to support the position request and the table on page 27 of [Exhibit E](#) details that information. Increases in workload are shown between FY 2010 and FY 2014.

The Agency indicates the staffing level has been the same since 2010. The unit consists of 11 positions including 5 professional and 6 clerical staff. There are no fiscal positions in any of the other budget accounts. The positions are being requested as management analysts. If the Subcommittees approve this request, it would be submitted to the Department of Administration, Division of Human Resource Management who would have final authority on the classification of the positions.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's request for two new management analyst positions for NDOW, one beginning in FY 2016 and one in FY 2017? They would be funded by cost-allocation transfers from the Department's other budgets.

Chair Goicoechea:

Audit recommendations were made approximately 2 years ago and NDOW is simply requesting the manpower to correct those audit findings.

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ASSEMBLYMAN HAMBRICK MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-227 IN B/A 101-4460, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, FUNDED BY COST ALLOCATIONS TO OTHER NDOW BUDGETS.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS SECONDED THE MOTION.

Chair Edwards:

I am not convinced these are necessary positions; therefore, I will be voting no.

Chair Goicoechea:

Most of the funding is through fees and very little is a General Fund appropriation.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS VOTED NO.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Ferguson:

The second major closing item in B/A 101-4460 is decision unit E-228, requesting flexible training. The Governor recommends \$25,000 of Sportsmen Revenue in each year of the biennium to enhance Department training opportunities for staff. Currently, slightly more than \$17,000 is budgeted for training. However, that is earmarked for annual conferences for supervisors and staff.

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Discussion occurred during the budget hearing that the Department did not have specific training identified. The Subcommittees asked for details regarding which training would be provided for \$25,000. Information regarding proposed training is located on page 28 of [Exhibit E](#). Some proposals are for extensive training lasting 9 months, while others are online training courses. There is also training requested to enhance skills and for safety, particularly aviation safety.

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The Agency indicates it has a leadership team consisting of the Director's Office, Agency administrators and assistants from the Department's personnel office. That team will develop a training plan and select training opportunities and attendees who would offer the greatest impact to NDOW in terms of management and leadership.

The \$25,000 equates to approximately \$100 per FTE position for the Department of nearly 250 FTE positions. This training would demonstrate an investment in the Department's workforce, which has seen substantial turnover for advancement in other agencies.

SENATOR LIPPARELLI MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-228 IN B/A 101-4460 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYMAN HAMBRICK SECONDED THE MOTION.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

I have concerns with Harvard's Kennedy School of Government training. I agree with many of the other proposals, especially the safety training. Unless we can exclude the Harvard option, I will be voting no.

Chair Goicoechea:

We will ask for clarification. I believe these proposals are a sampling of some of the options. This is a broad proposal at \$100 per employee.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

The requested \$25,000 would only send four employees to the Harvard course.

Assemblyman Sprinkle:

A training budget of \$50,000 over the biennium is a considerable investment. I might be able to vote yes for the option to cut funding by half.

Chair Edwards:

I believe in training. I do not necessarily agree with the options being presented. I will be voting no.

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Chair Goicoechea:

When spread over 250 employees, \$25,000 is not much for training. There will be benefits for the Agency.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

My concern is not the amount of funding, it is the fact that probably only four or five employees would benefit, depending on how it is allocated.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION FAILED. (ASSEMBLYMEN CARLTON, DICKMAN EDWARDS, SPRINKLE, AND TITUS VOTED NO.)

SENATE: THE MOTION FAILED. (SENATORS GOICOECHEA AND PARKS VOTED NO.)

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Assemblywoman Carlton:

I would support the amount requested if the Harvard training proposal were eliminated.

Chair Goicoechea:

I disagree. Other agencies are requesting training that would be \$3,000 per person.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

I believe in training.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE \$25,000 IN FY 2016 AND \$25,000 IN FY 2017 FOR TRAINING NEEDS TO BE DETERMINED LATER, SPECIFIC TO THE ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES, THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO, CONTINUING AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AND SAFETY TRAINING FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES WITH A LETTER OF INTENT TO FOCUS ON THOSE AREAS OF STUDY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

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ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMEN EDWARDS AND SPRINKLE VOTED NO.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Ferguson:

There is one last other closing item for cost-allocation adjustments under decision unit E-800, which appears reasonable to staff.

E-800 Cost Allocation — Page WILDLIFE-13

Do the Subcommittees wish to close other closing items as recommended by the Governor with authority for staff to make technical adjustments?

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS, INCLUDING DECISION UNIT E-800 IN B/A 101-4460 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NEEDED.

SENATOR LIPPARELLI SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Ferguson:

Next is B/A 101-4461.

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Budget Account 101-4461

There are four major closing issues in this budget account. The first item, on page 31 of [Exhibit E](#), is the request to create mobile versions of NDOW Web sites in decision unit E-225. A transfer of Application Fee Revenue of \$105,040 in FY 2016 from the Wildlife Fund would be used to convert the Application Hunt Web site and the Nevada Wildlife Data System Web site to consumer-friendly applications that could be utilized on a cell phone or electronic tablet. This request would require a contract as those two sites are currently supported through contract service.

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The primary NDOW Web site would undergo similar modifications, but it is maintained and modified by NDOW staff. The Agency indicated the request would help it stay relevant and reachable to its customers. The other Western states are making similar modifications.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation of \$105,040 in FY 2016 for contracts to develop mobile-friendly versions of the NDOW Web sites?

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-225, IN B/A 101-4461 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, FUNDING \$105,040 IN FY 2016 FOR CONTRACTS TO DEVELOP MOBILE-FRIENDLY VERSIONS OF THE NDOW WEB SITES.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Ferguson:

The second major issue in B/A 101-4461, described on pages 32 and 33 of [Exhibit E](#), is the colocation of headquarters staff in decision unit E-226. The

Governor recommends using Sportsmen Revenue funds of \$301,138 in FY 2016 and \$231,301 in FY 2017 to move headquarters staff from their various locations at Valley Road in Reno to leased space on Kietzke Lane in Reno.

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During the budget hearing, testimony indicated reasons the colocation was necessary. It will move all personnel who work together on a daily basis into the same space in a contemporary office environment. It would decrease demands on the Valley Road facility, where the Western Regional office staff would remain.

At the time of the hearing, the Agency had identified a location, but it did not have details for costs. Subsequently, Budget Amendment No. A150734461 has been received. It would add Sportsmen Revenue of \$221,526 in FY 2016 and \$207,188 in FY 2017 for a building of almost 8,000 square feet larger costing 20 cents per square foot more than the original request in the Executive Budget. The Agency has indicated it is currently working with the State Public Works Division (SPWD) of the Department of Administration and is in final stages of negotiations for a 10-year lease. The location is at Sierra Center Parkway in Reno. The lease would offer 26,584 square feet of space for 8 months of FY 2016.

A space justification spreadsheet has been provided through the SPWD's Buildings and Grounds Section. It indicates that 93 employees with amenities included, would require approximately 23,000 square feet of space. The proposed site is approximately 3,000 square feet larger than the justified space due to the configuration of the existing building with numerous lengthy hallways.

The Agency indicates 80 staff would initially be moved into the new space with the capacity for 13 additional staff.

With the amendment, \$522,664 of Sportsmen Revenue funds is recommended for FY 2016 and \$438,489 is recommended for FY 2017 to move the headquarters to the new location. The building rent will be \$289,126 in

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FY 2016 and \$433,690 in FY 2017. One-time costs for moving and equipment would be approximately \$230,000. The ongoing costs would be \$541,906 annually.

Lease costs for the new headquarters would be allocated to the other NDOW budget accounts in future biennia with approximately one-half charged to federal grants and one-half charged to Sportsmen Revenue. This cannot occur for the 2015-2017 biennium because indirect cost rates approved by the federal government are based on costs from a base year 2 years previous.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's amended recommendation to provide Sportsmen Revenue totaling \$522,664 in FY 2016 and \$438,489 in FY 2017 for rent and one-time costs to move headquarters staff from the current location in the Valley Road facility to leased common space on Kietzke Lane in south Reno?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-226 IN B/A 101-4461 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A150734461 TO PROVIDE \$522,664 IN FY 2016 AND \$438,489 IN FY 2017 FOR RENT AND ONE-TIME COSTS TO MOVE TO NEW HEADQUARTERS IN THE SIERRA CORPORATE CENTER.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

Chair Edwards:

We discussed this budget last night and wondered why the NDOW wants to move into a building, with all the related expenses. Yet, a few pages later in [Exhibit E](#) it indicates they are requesting \$140,000 to make another move. It would be better if they made one move to endure 20 to 40 years. That is my recommendation so that the initial costs are not incurred twice.

Assemblyman Sprinkle:

I concur with Chair Edwards' comments. I am not sure why they are moving twice. The proposal in decision unit E-226 ties the State into a 10-year lease, yet the Agency also requests funding for a State-owned structure.

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Chair Goicoechea:

We will also consider the portion of the budget requesting \$140,000 for long-term plans. If we spend \$500,000 in temporary space, it does not make sense to build a new building shortly after that kind of expense.

Chair Edwards:

I propose we disapprove this request for the \$500,000 and the \$140,000 request and direct the Agency to return with a solid plan to make a smart decision that expends funds one time.

Assemblywoman Dickman:

I believe testimony indicated it would take 10 years for a new building to be built. Perhaps we should approve this request and deny the request for a new building at this time. The Valley Road location is in significant disrepair.

Chair Goicoechea:

The NDOW already has a rental on Kietzke Lane as well as ownership of the Valley Road location. They are presently in two locations and approval of decision unit E-226 would allow the Agency to colocate its offices.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS VOTED NO.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR LIPPARELLI VOTED NO.)

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Mr. Ferguson:

The third major issue in B/A 101-4461 is advanced planning for two new facilities utilizing Sportsmen Revenue from the Wildlife Fund and federal funds of \$206,579 in decision unit E-850. The first would be the construction of a new State-owned facility for headquarters as previously mentioned. Second is the construction of a new operations, maintenance and storage facility at the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area (MVWMA) in Yerington.

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Staff has made a technical adjustment as reflected on page 34 of [Exhibit E](#) to align costs with the estimates that reduce the use of Sportsmen Revenue by approximately \$65,000 and federal grants by approximately \$33,000.

Staff has separated the costs for the headquarters facility and the MVWMA. The cost for headquarters is \$142,000 to fund advanced planning for the conceptual design of a State-owned facility to house NDOW headquarters in the future. The Agency clarified this would be spent to locate land suitable for new buildings for headquarters and the Western Regional Office in two separate locations. This would be a CIP project and the proposed 10-year lease of space would give ample time to select an appropriate site.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation for \$142,000 to advance plan for the two locations?

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO NOT APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-850 IN B/A 101-4461, FOR ADVANCE PLANNING OF A NEW NDOW HEADQUARTERS FACILITY.

ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Ferguson:

The second consideration under decision unit E-850 is for the advance planning costs of \$70,841 for the MVWMA facility new operations and maintenance building including a covered canopy for equipment storage. This plan would evaluate the best option of either adding onto the existing hatchery space located in the area or construction of a new building. The current facility consists of old ranch buildings in significant stages of disrepair.

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If this item is approved, the Agency indicates it would move forward as quickly as possible.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation for advance planning costs for the MVWMA facility?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE ADVANCED PLANNING OF A FACILITY FOR THE MVWMA UNDER DECISION UNIT E-850 IN B/A 101-4461, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Ferguson:

The final major closing item in B/A 101-4461 is decision unit E-900 to transfer the Air Operations unit to the Game Management budget.

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This item was historically placed in B/A 101-4464. Approval of this decision unit would reestablish the Air Operations in that budget. This move would provide more streamlined management and oversight. The Governor recommends replacing Sportsmen Revenue of \$795,362 in B/A 101-4464, decision unit E-500 with federal Wildlife Restoration grant funds, which will be addressed later in the meeting.

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Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation to transfer Air Operations from B/A 101-4461 to B/A 101-4464?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-900 IN B/A 101-4461, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND REPLACE \$795,362 OF SPORTSMEN REVENUE WITH FEDERAL WILDLIFE RESTORATION GRANT FUNDS.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Ferguson:

There are some operating costs for the two new management analyst positions that have been approved in other closing items for B/A 101-4461 in decision unit E-227, replacement equipment in decision unit E-712 and cost allocation adjustments in decision unit E-800. All appear reasonable with the authority for staff to make all other necessary technical adjustments.

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E-712 Equipment Replacement — Page WILDLIFE-19

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNITS E-227, E-712 AND E-800 IN B/A 101-4461 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Goicoechea:

We will now consider B/A 101-2560, Office of Veterans Services. I would like to welcome all the veterans who have joined us this morning.

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Budget Account 101-2560

Leannandra Copeland (Program Analyst):

My presentation begins on page 55 of [Exhibit E](#) with major closing item 1 concerning the revenue projections. During the budget hearing, the Agency indicated they would like to reproject their revenue. This decreased the amount of cemetery and interment fee revenue by approximately \$1.5 million over the 2015-2017 biennium. A decrease in cemetery and interment fees must be offset by reductions in expenditures or by an increase in General Fund appropriations.

Fiscal staff received Budget Amendment No. A150672560, which delays one ground maintenance worker to begin in FY 2017 instead of FY 2016. It eliminates the Northern Nevada Veterans Cemetery water project and new equipment purchases for the cemeteries. It also increases General Fund appropriations by approximately \$223,678 over the biennium. Fiscal staff notes the revenue projections for FY 2016 and FY 2017 are in line with historical growth.

Do the Subcommittees wish to accept Budget Amendment No. A150672560, which decreases cemetery/interment fee revenue by \$1.5 million and increases General Fund appropriations by \$223,678 over the 2015-2017 biennium to allow for cemetery and interment fee rejections?

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A150672560 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, IN B/A 101-2560, DECREASING CEMETERY/INTERMENT FEE REVENUE BY \$1.5 MILLION AND INCREASING GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$223,678 OVER THE 2015-2017 BIENNIUM TO MEET THE REPROJECTIONS.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Copeland:

The next major closing issue on page 56 of [Exhibit E](#) is the request for eight new positions in decision unit E-230 through E-235. First for consideration is the addition of one deputy director in the Department of Veterans Services in E-230. The duties would be split. The incumbent deputy director would have responsibility for education and employment and the new deputy director would have a wellness focus.

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The cost is approximately \$197,000 over the biennium of which \$95,000 would be General Fund. This decision unit is dependent on [Assembly Bill 471](#), which will add a new deputy director to the Department

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ASSEMBLY BILL 471: Revises provisions governing the Department of Veterans Services. (BDR 37-1158)

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation to provide funding for a new deputy director totaling approximately \$197,000 over the 2015-2017 biennium, of which \$103,000 would be General Fund appropriations? This includes an adjustment related to the budget amendment.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

Will both of these positions be located in northern Nevada?

Chair Goicoechea:

It was my understanding one of the positions would be placed in southern Nevada along with an administrative assistant.

Kat Miller U.S. Army Colonel, Ret. (Executive Director, Department of Veterans Services):

One deputy director would be in northern Nevada and the other would be in southern Nevada.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

Where will the public information officer (PIO) be located?

Colonel Miller:

My intent is to pursue talent. Wherever the best candidate is located is where that individual will be placed. The position can function anywhere within the State.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE FUNDING IN B/A 101-2560, DECISION UNIT E-230 FOR A NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR POSITION WITH THE ADJUSTMENTS INCLUDED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A150672560.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Copeland:

The next position for consideration is the PIO in decision unit E-231. The Agency indicated it has a public information program funded through the License Plate Gift account. Therefore, if this position is approved the draw on the gift account would be eliminated. The Agency indicates that NRS 317.090 requires the Department to serve as a clearinghouse and disseminate information related to veterans' benefits.

E-231 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page VETERANS-9

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation to provide funding for a new PIO position totaling \$113,416 over the biennium, of which \$58,976 would be General Fund appropriations, including adjustments related to the budget amendment.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-231 IN B/A 101-2560, WITH BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A150672560 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

SENATOR LIPPARELLI SECONDED THE MOTION.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

Currently, the PIO position is a contract position paid from the license plate funds to the Gift Account for Veterans and this proposal would change it to a permanent position. What portion of the cost is General Fund?

Chair Goicoechea:

The General Fund appropriation would be approximately \$59,000.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

Would the remaining cost be allocated from the Gift Account? Would this save money in the Gift Account?

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Ms. Copeland:

This position would be funded 52 percent from the General Fund and 48 percent from the cemetery/interment fees.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

What will the allocation be from the Gift Account funds?

Ms. Copeland:

It will remain in the Gift Account for outreach purposes.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

We just changed the cemetery/interment fee appropriations. What are the plans for the license plate Gift Account funds?

Colonel Miller:

The Veterans' Gift Fund Account receives approximately \$550,000 each year from the sale of veterans license plates. I have a detailed plan for FY 2016 and FY 2017 for use of those funds. Examples include plans for the Vietnam War 50th commemoration, information system projects such as the Green Zone Initiative, Always Lost, Rural Outreach to send veteran services officers to rural Nevada, support for Catholic War veterans' housing and American Legion programs. I will provide a detailed report for use of those funds.

If the PIO position is funded from other than Gift Account funds, it extends our ability to use these funds for services and programs to support veterans throughout Nevada.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

All the provisions of the budgets of the Agency will support veterans in some way. We need to decide what funds should address which needs. I have some concerns over the movement of funds within these budgets.

Colonel Miller:

There are restrictions on how funding can be used. The license plate Gift Account funds can only be used for veterans' services and programs. I have the detailed plans with me today.

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Assemblywoman Carlton:

I am not comfortable with this provision.

Chair Edwards:

Is it correct that by switching some of the funds to the General Fund, it gives the Agency greater flexibility to use the remaining funds in the Gift Account?

Colonel Miller:

That is correct.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON VOTED NO.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Assemblywoman Carlton:

I am concerned about the lack of legislative oversight for the license plate Gift Account funds.

Ms. Copeland:

The next request in B/A 101-2560, decision unit E-234, is for an administrative assistant position located in Elko. It is recommended to support two veterans' services representatives (VSR) in that area. The administrative assistant duties are being accomplished with a 20-hour per week contract funded with revenue from the License Plate Gift Account. The Agency indicated that if this position is approved, the current VSR appointment wait time of 4 weeks could be reduced by about 50 percent.

E-234 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page VETERANS-11

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-2560, DECISION UNIT E-234 TO ADD ONE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION IN ELKO AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

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SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Copeland:

The next position request is for another administrative assistant in decision unit E-232. This position will support the incumbent deputy director. Therefore, the position will be located in southern Nevada. It would also have duties remotely supporting the other deputy director in northern Nevada.

E-232 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page VETERANS-10

This position was slightly affected by Budget Amendment No. A150672560 in the amount of \$4.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation to provide funding for a new administrative assistant totaling \$80,914 over the biennium, of which \$42,075 would be General Fund appropriations with the adjustments included in the budget amendment?

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IN LAS VEGAS, IN B/A 101-2560, DECISION UNIT E-232, WITH THE ADJUSTMENT IN BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A150672560.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Copeland:

The next decision unit to consider is E-233 requesting three positions for the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery. They include one maintenance repair worker and two grounds maintenance workers. One of the grounds maintenance workers was identified in the budget amendment to start in October 2016 instead of October 2015. The Agency indicates the cemetery has doubled in size while the staff has increased by one position.

E-233 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page VETERANS-10

The Agency requests a facility irrigation system specialist as one of the grounds maintenance workers. They also request a maintenance repair worker to work on the cemetery's fleet, which has increased corresponding to the increase in acreage.

Personnel records indicate there is no maintenance repair worker at the cemetery in southern Nevada. This decision unit was also impacted by the budget amendment. The budget amendment shows a decrease in General Fund appropriations of approximately \$22,000 due to a delay in the start date for the position.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation to provide funding for one maintenance repair worker and two ground maintenance workers, including the delay in funding adjustments for one ground maintenance worker until FY 2017 at a cost of \$220,000 over the biennium of which \$114,000 would be General Fund appropriations?

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-233 IN B/A 101-2560 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR \$219,918 OVER THE BIENNIUM TO FUND THREE POSITIONS AT THE SOUTHERN NEVADA VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY, OF WHICH ABOUT \$114,000 WOULD BE GENERAL FUNDS.

SENATOR LIPPARELLI SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Copeland:

The next position request is for an IT manager in decision unit E-235. The Governor recommends \$142,028 over the biennium for one IT manager located in Reno.

E-235 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page VETERANS-11

The Agency indicates the IT workload has increased significantly, but the IT staff has not. They have provided a list of duties and projects that have not been accomplished. Additionally, the IT staff has been unable to participate in the planning meetings for the Northern Nevada Veterans Home, which has resulted in delay of identifying technology requirements. There has been a 2.5-year delay in implementation of the national veterans information system and the grant funding is at risk due to these delays.

The Agency requests a cost allocation, which would include this requested position. Fifty percent of funding for the position would be from the Veterans Home Account that is independent of the General Fund. This IT position would oversee the two IT positions in the Veterans Home Account budget, B/A 101-2561.

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Budget Account 101-2561

This decision unit is impacted by Budget Amendment No. A150672560, increasing General Fund appropriations by approximately \$5,700.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation to provide funding for one IT manager totaling \$142,028 over the 2015-2017 biennium of which, \$73,855 would be General Fund appropriations with the adjustment included in Budget Amendment No. A150672560?

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ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-2560, DECISION UNIT E-235, FOR ONE IT MANAGER AT A GENERAL FUND COST OF \$73,855 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A150672560.

SENATOR LIPPARELLI SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Copeland:

The third major issue for B/A 101-2560 is described on page 62 of [Exhibit E](#). Due to the cemetery fee reprojections, this project was removed through Budget Amendment No. A150672560.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the elimination of the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery Water Project in decision unit E-240, which would reallocate General Fund appropriations of \$1.2 million over the 2015-2017 biennium, to be used to offset the reduced revenue in this budget due to the revenue reprojections?

E-240 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page VETERANS-12

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO REMOVE DECISION UNIT E-240 IN B/A 101-2560, WHICH WILL REALLOCATE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$1.2 MILLION OVER THE 2015-2017 BIENNIUM DUE TO REVENUE REPROJECTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A150672560 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Copeland:

We will now discuss the other closing items for B/A 101-2560 on pages 62 through 64 in [Exhibit E](#). First is the establishment of a cost allocation in decision unit E-250.

E-250 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page VETERANS-12

Second is equipment replacement under decision unit E-710.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page VETERANS-13

Third are new equipment requests under decision unit E-720.

E-720 New Equipment — Page VETERANS-13

Position reclassifications are requested in decision units E-805 and E-807.

E-805 Classified Position Reclassifications — Page VETERANS-14

E-807 Classified Position Reclassifications — Page VETERANS-14

Finally, there are some technical adjustments due to the budget amendment. These recommendations appear reasonable to staff.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve all of the closing items as recommended by the Governor, including the adjustments noted in Budget Amendment No. A15072560, with authority for staff to make technical adjustments as necessary?

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE ALL OTHER CLOSING ITEMS IN B/A 101-2560 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, INCLUDING THE ADJUSTMENT IN BUDGET AMENDMENT A150672560 AND WITH

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AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS
AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Copeland:

The next budget is B/A 101-2561.

The first major closing item is the reserve growth. The Executive Budget projects the reserve balance to be \$7 million in FY 2016 and \$7.7 million in FY 2017. The Agency has indicated that 65 days of operating costs would be optimal, equaling a reserve of level of approximately \$3 million. They also indicated \$2 million would be set aside for the Northern Nevada Veterans Home leaving a reserve balance of \$5.7 million or 123 days of operating costs.

The Agency noted the remaining reserves could be used to fund future maintenance projects. They would use approximately \$1.2 million of the reserves in FY 2016 for deferred maintenance projects instead of accessing the CIP process. Additional reserves would be used for planning additional veteran medical and health care housing in southern Nevada.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation for the reserve levels of \$7 million in FY 2016 and \$7.7 million in FY 2017 as represented in the Executive Budget? If so, the Subcommittees may wish to issue a letter of intent to the Agency to report at the June 2016 IFC meeting concerning the current and projected reserve levels in this budget and its plan to adjust the reserve level if necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL
COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION
FOR THE RESERVE LEVELS IN B/A 101-2561, BUT WITH A LETTER OF

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INTENT FOR THE AGENCY TO REPORT TO THE IFC IN JUNE 2016
CONCERNING RESERVE-LEVEL ADJUSTMENTS.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.

Assemblyman Sprinkle:

I had concerns during the budget hearing, but I can support the motion with the letter of intent directing the Agency to report to the IFC.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Copeland:

The next major closing item in B/A 101-2561 is the maintenance of buildings and grounds in decision units E-730, E-731 and E-734. The proposed projects are listed on page 67 and 68 of [Exhibit E](#). The projects total approximately \$197,000 over the biennium including a number of remodels.

E-730 Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds — Page VETERANS-30

E-731 Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds — Page VETERANS-30

E-734 Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds — Page VETERANS-31

A technical adjustment was made to remove a project that is no longer needed. Other projects include, reflooring, parking lot maintenance and raising office cubicle heights.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation to complete three projects in the physical therapy room, one project to add storage space in residents' bedrooms, one project to slurry seal and paint the guest and staff parking lot, five projects to upgrade hallways, reflooring of numerous areas and raise the height of administration office cubicles totaling \$196,801 over the 2015-2015 biennium with technical adjustments to remove funding for a project no longer needed and to correct minor budgeting errors?

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Chair Goicoechea:

Would the funding for these projects come from the reserve fund?

Ms. Copeland:

That is correct.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE MAINTENANCE PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE RESERVE FUND AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, REMOVING ONE PROJECT AND MAKING OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NOTED.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Copeland:

The third major issue on page 69 of [Exhibit E](#) is a request for replacement vehicles under decision unit E-712. The Executive Budget recommends replacement of a four-door sedan and the rental of two vans from fleet services. Staff notes, if this item is approved, General Fund appropriations of approximately \$117,000 would be designated for the fleet services budget to fund the purchase of the two vans and a bus. Initially, the Nevada Department of Veterans Services considered funding the vans in the Veterans Home account, which is independent of the General Fund.

E-712 Equipment Replacement — Page VETERANS-20

If the Subcommittees wish to approve three replacement vehicles, it could consider the following options:

A. Approve the Governor's recommendation of fees totaling \$36,548 over the 2015-2017 biennium to replace a 4-door sedan and rent a small, Americans

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with Disabilities Act (ADA) wheelchair-compliant van and an ADA-compliant shuttle bus from fleet services.

B. Approve fees and reserve reductions totaling \$134,882 in FY 2016 to fund the purchase of the 4-door sedan, a small ADA-compliant wheelchair-capable van and an ADA-compliant shuttle bus from the Veterans Home budget. If this option were approved, a technical adjustment to decrease General Fund appropriations by \$117,471 would be made in the fleet services budget, which closed on April 20 in the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means.

Chair Goicoechea:

There would be a General Fund savings if Option B is selected. It would also ensure the vehicles would be available to serve veterans if the vehicles were owned by the NDVS.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE OPTION B FOR DECISION UNIT E-712 IN B/A 101-2560.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

Assemblyman Hambrick:

I will vote for Option B reluctantly. I would prefer Option A because if the vehicles were rented, someone else would be responsible for the maintenance.

Chair Goicoechea:

I concur. However, that option requires a considerable General Fund appropriation regardless. My thought was that it might be better for the Agency if it owned the vehicles, rather than depending on availability through fleet services.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Copeland:

The first of the other closing items on pages 69 and 70 of [Exhibit E](#) is deferred maintenance in decision unit M-425. The request would replace a boiler and water heater, building sealing, parking lot lighting and interior door hardware replacements.

M-425 Deferred Facilities Maintenance — Page VETERANS-18

The second other closing item is in decision unit E-250 for establishment of a cost allocation, a companion to the Office of Veterans Services budget.

E-250 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page VETERANS-19

The third request is for equipment replacement under decision units E-710 and E-713 through E-719. A number of replacement items are listed in the table on pages 70 and 71 of [Exhibit E](#).

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page VETERANS-20
E-713 Equipment Replacement — Page VETERANS-21
E-714 Equipment Replacement — Page VETERANS-21
E-715 Equipment Replacement — Page VETERANS-22
E-716 Equipment Replacement — Page VETERANS-22
E-717 Equipment Replacement — Page VETERANS-23
E-718 Equipment Replacement — Page VETERANS-24
E-719 Equipment Replacement — Page VETERANS-24

Other closing item 4 is a request for new equipment as listed on pages 71 and 72 of [Exhibit E](#) under decision units E-720 through E-729.

E-720 New Equipment — Page VETERANS-25
E-721 New Equipment — Page VETERANS-25
E-722 New Equipment — Page VETERANS-26
E-723 New Equipment — Page VETERANS-26
E-724 New Equipment — Page VETERANS-27
E-725 New Equipment — Page VETERANS-27
E-726 New Equipment — Page VETERANS-28
E-727 New Equipment — Page VETERANS-28

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E-728 New Equipment — Page VETERANS-29
E-729 New Equipment — Page VETERANS-29

Technical adjustments have been noted by staff for removal of equipment that is no longer necessary.

The last other closing item is for a position reclassification request under decision unit E-805.

E-805 Classified Position Reclassifications — Page VETERANS-31

These recommendations appear reasonable. Staff recommends all other closing items be closed as recommended by the Governor with the technical adjustment noted by staff and a request for authority to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO CLOSE ALL OTHER CLOSING ITEMS IN B/A 101-2561 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT MADE BY STAFF AND THE AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR LIPPARELLI SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Goicoechea:

We will now return to the budgets of the NDOW on page 37 of [Exhibit E](#). First is B/A 101-4462.

Wildlife - Conservation Education — Budget Page WILDLIFE-23 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4462

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Mr. Ferguson:

The first major issue in B/A 101-4462 is the General Fund appropriation for Urban Wildlife Management in decision unit E-350. The Governor recommends \$450,000 of General Funds to address these issues.

E-350 Safe and Livable Communities — Page WILDLIFE-26

The funds would be utilized for education outreach, staff time spent on urban wildlife issues and equipment and supplies. The funds are spread between the NDOW budgets of Conservation Education, Law Enforcement, Game Management and Diversity. Those fund splits are listed in the table on pages 38 and 39 of [Exhibit E](#). Significant discussion centered on the need for a General Fund allocation. Historically, the funding had been in this budget account; however, it was removed due to budget reductions. Currently, Sportsmen Revenue funds are being utilized for this line item, which reduces the availability of matching federal grants at a 3:1 ratio. The General Fund appropriation requested in B/A 101-4462 is \$96,089 in each year of the 2015-2017 biennium. The funding would be utilized for two seasonal positions with advertising campaigns regarding bears and coyotes.

Assemblywoman Titus:

Is there funding for predator management in these fees? I see a game management biologist located in Carson City. I am concerned that we are using Sportsmen Revenue for urban management.

Mr. Ferguson:

This would not use Sportsmen Revenue. The Sportsmen Revenue would be replaced with a General Fund appropriation for urban management. The northern Nevada position is allocated to contend with urban bear issues.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

All I see allocated for urban southern Nevada is advertising and outreach funds. Where is the real protection funding? Approximately \$450,000 of General Fund revenue is being requested, but I do not see much benefit for my constituents.

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Tony Wasley (Director, Department of Wildlife):

The breakout of positions is cumbersome. In the case of southern Nevada, the programs are spread throughout three or four divisions. The funding will provide your constituents a contact person. The public has expressed frustration over not having a single point of contact.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

What will happen once that contact is made?

Mr. Wasley:

Additionally, there will be individuals in the field who can respond. Control options are limited in certain congested area. There are city and county ordinances regarding use of firearms, trapping and drugs often cannot be used. Each situation will have to be evaluated. The educational component is a small, significant part informing the public of their options as to who they can contact.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

Who will show up when a call is made?

Mr. Wasley:

The NDOW is seeking two additional positions. It is likely two staff will be stationed in Las Vegas with this responsibility, one in Reno and nobody in Elko or Winnemucca.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

With that information on the record, I will support approval of this budget item.

Chair Goicoechea:

Are these seasonal positions? For what season will they be hired?

Patrick Cates (Deputy Director, Department of Wildlife):

Yes, they are seasonal positions.

Mr. Wasley:

It is thought there are an inadequate number of nuisance wildlife incidents to go from having no one responsible, to keeping one person busy. The thought was: The person could be available when incidents occur, but they would be assigned

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other duties for the balance of their time. Therefore, it would not be a peak season position, but a portion of their overall duties.

Chair Goicoechea:

It is a problem and needs to be dealt with. This is not significant funding to address the concerns.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-350 IN B/A 101-4462, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR A GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION OF \$96,089 TO ADDRESS COYOTE AND BEAR PREDATORS WITH TWO ADDITIONAL SEASONAL POSITIONS.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYWOMEN DICKMAN AND TITUS VOTED NO.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Ferguson:

The second major issue in B/A 101-4462 is a request for Sportsmen Revenue of \$43,200 in each year of the 2015-2017 biennium for costs of a videography program in decision unit E-275. The funds would be used in public education and outreach.

E-275 Educated and Healthy Citizenry — Page WILDLIFE-25

Page 41 of [Exhibit E](#) lists examples of the types of videos that would be produced. The Agency indicated the videography program would provide content for existing and new digital outreach efforts.

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Assemblywoman Titus:

"I want to go on record as highly opposing using sportsmen's funds for Spanish outreach programs and some of these things we just okayed when we were on the urban mitigation. I just think this is an inappropriate use of our funds."

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-275 IN B/A 101-4462, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

SENATOR LIPPARELLI SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION FAILED. (ASSEMBLYMEN DICKMAN, EDWARDS, HAMBRICK AND TITUS VOTED NO.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Ferguson:

The third major issue in B/A 101-4462 is a request for Sportsmen Revenue of \$55,452 in FY 2016 and \$51,663 in FY 2017 for contract services to provide Spanish language translation and outreach in decision unit E-276. It would provide advertising on Spanish radio stations in Reno and Las Vegas, Spanish translation of press releases and signage throughout the State.

E-276 Educated and Healthy Citizenry — Page WILDLIFE-25

Assemblywoman Titus:

When we voted on the item for urban mitigation, some of that funding was specified for public information. Perhaps a portion of that can be used for the large Hispanic population that may not understand the need for urban intervention. That was a General Fund appropriation and this request would use Sportsmen Revenue. I object to using sportsmen funds for Spanish outreach.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

Hispanic individuals hunt and fish in this State as well. If they are required to file all the documents, then having forms in their native language so they

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understand is important. Making a blanket statement that Spanish is out is not good policy.

Chair Goicoechea:

We will move back to the budget item before us.

Assemblywoman Titus:

I would like a point of clarification. Are all folks who take the required hunters' safety training given the opportunity to take a course in Spanish?

Mr. Wasley:

The courses are given in English.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO NOT APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-276 IN B/A 101-4462 FOR SPANISH LANGUAGE OUTREACH FROM SPORTSMEN REVENUE FUNDS OF \$55,452 IN FY 2016 AND \$51,663 IN FY 2017.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN CARLTON AND SPRINKLE VOTED NO.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Ferguson:

Other closing items in this budget on page 42 of [Exhibit E](#) include replacement equipment under decision unit E-711, new equipment under E-720, training for the mobile-friendly interfaces in E-225 and cost allocation adjustments in E-800.

E-711 Equipment Replacement — Page WILDLIFE-27

E-720 New Equipment — Page WILDLIFE-27

E-225 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page WILDLIFE-25

E-800 Cost Allocation — Page WILDLIFE-27

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Those items all appear reasonable to staff. Do the Subcommittees wish to approve all other closing items as recommended by the Governor with the authority for staff to make any necessary technical adjustments?

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNITS E-711, E-720, E-225 AND E-800 IN B/A 101-4462 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Goicoechea:

We will now consider B/A 101-4463.

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Budget Account 101-4463

Mr. Ferguson:

The only major issue in this budget account is decision unit E-350, similar to the one discussed for urban wildlife management. The request is for a General Fund appropriation of \$61,879 in FY 2016 and \$54,012 in FY 2017 to fund existing personnel costs of nearly \$53,000 in each year of the biennium instead of Sportsmen Revenue. It would also fund some equipment. The Governor's recommended budget originally included a bear dog puppy. Staff has made an adjustment of \$4,500 to remove the bear dog, which will be purchased with gift funds.

E-350 Safe and Livable Communities — Page WILDLIFE-32

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-350 IN B/A 101-4463 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT MADE BY STAFF.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Ferguson:

Other closing items in B/A 101-4463 include protective law enforcement equipment in decision unit E-710, replacement vehicles in decision unit E-711, new equipment in E-720 and cost allocation adjustments in E-800.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page WILDLIFE-33

E-711 Equipment Replacement — Page WILDLIFE-33

E-720 New Equipment — Page WILDLIFE-33

E-800 Cost Allocation — Page WILDLIFE-34

These recommendations appear reasonable to staff with the authority to make technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNITS E-710, E-711, E-720 AND E-800 IN B/A 101-4463, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Ferguson:

The next budget account is B/A 101-4464, Wildlife, Game Management, which was mentioned earlier. There are three major issues in this budget account. The first is a contract for scientific database design in decision E-229. This is a request for federal funds of \$36,750 and Sportsmen Revenue of \$12,250 in FY 2016 to create a new unified scientific database. Data is stored in multiple forms and this would standardize the databases. During the budget hearing, the Agency testified that there would be no additional costs in future biennia. This amount would hire a contractor to perform one-time efforts to establish the database; then Agency staff could maintain and update the database going forward.

E-229 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page WILDLIFE-38

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-229 IN B/A 101-4464, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Ferguson:

The second major issue is a request for General Fund appropriations of \$71,404 in FY 2016 and \$68,607 in FY 2017 in decision unit E-350 for wildlife management efforts in this budget account. This item was discussed in more detail earlier in this hearing.

E-350 Safe and Livable Communities — Page WILDLIFE-39

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION IN DECISION UNIT E-350 OF B/A 101-4464.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Ferguson:

The third major issue is the transfer of air operations in decision unit E-500. The Subcommittees already approved that item in B/A 101-4461. There is a technical adjustment in the E-500 decision unit in B/A 101-4464. Staff recommends approval with the technical adjustment.

E-500 Adjustments to Transfer in E900 — Page WILDLIFE-39

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-500 IN B/A 101-4464, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR THE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS MADE BY STAFF.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Ferguson:

Other closing items in B/A 101-4464 include replacement equipment in decision unit E-711, new equipment in decision unit E-720, new global positioning

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system deer collars in decision unit E-721 and cost allocation adjustments in decision unit E-800.

E-711 Equipment Replacement — Page WILDLIFE-40
E-720 New Equipment — Page WILDLIFE-40
E-721 New Equipment — Page WILDLIFE-41
E-800 Cost Allocation — Page WILDLIFE-41

Those all appear reasonable to staff. Do the Subcommittees wish to approve all other closing items as recommended by the Governor with authority for staff to make other technical adjustments as necessary?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE ALL OTHER CLOSING ITEMS IN B/A 101-4464 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND OUTLINED BY STAFF WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Ferguson:

The next budget is B/A 101-4465.

Wildlife - Fisheries Management — Budget Page WILDLIFE-45 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4465

There are no major closing issues in this account. Other closing items include replacement equipment in decision unit E-710, replacement vehicles in decision unit E-711 and new equipment in decision unit E-720. These were all discussed in the budget hearing. Based on information provided by the Agency, this recommendation appears reasonable to staff.

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E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page WILDLIFE-48
E-711 Equipment Replacement — Page WILDLIFE-48
E-720 New Equipment — Page WILDLIFE-49

There are also cost allocations in decision unit E-800 and a technical adjustment was made to the Base Budget to change the contract for Aquatic Invasive Species Program from the DCNR, Division of State Parks to a contract with an outside vendor.

E-800 Cost Allocation — Page WILDLIFE-49

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve all other closing items as recommended by the Governor including the technical adjustment made by staff?

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE ALL OTHER CLOSING ITEMS IN B/A 101-4465 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT MADE BY STAFF AND AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Ferguson:

The final budget account for this meeting is B/A 101-4467.

Wildlife - Habitat — Budget Page WILDLIFE-58 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4467

There are no major closing items in this budget account.

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Other closing item recommendations include out-of-State travel in decision unit E-245, replacement farm equipment in decision unit E-710, replacement vehicles in decision unit E-711, new equipment in decision unit E-720 and cost allocation adjustments in decision unit E-800.

E-245 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page WILDLIFE-60
E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page WILDLIFE-61
E-711 Equipment Replacement — Page WILDLIFE-61
E-720 New Equipment — Page WILDLIFE-62
E-800 Cost Allocation — Page WILDLIFE-62

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve B/A 101-4467 as recommended by the Governor with authority for staff to make technical adjustments as necessary?

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-4467 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Goicoechea:

Seeing no further business or public comment before the Subcommittees, we are adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Cynthia Clampitt,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Pete Goicoechea, Chair

DATE: _____

Assemblyman Chris Edwards, Chair

DATE: _____

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