



STATE OF NEVADA  
Department of Conservation & Natural Resources  
Joe Lombardo, Governor  
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Denise K. Beronio, Administrator

**MINUTES -- MEETING OF THE ADVISORY BOARD ON OUTDOOR RECREATION**

**Date and Time: October 9, 2025**

**1pm-3:30pm PST**

**Physical Location:  
Hoover Dam Spillway Meeting Room,  
75 Hoover Dam Access Rd, Boulder City, NV 89005**

**Meeting recording at [ndor.nv.gov/resources/meeting-information#](https://ndor.nv.gov/resources/meeting-information#)**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** – by Stavros Anthony, Chair at 1pm.

**2. ROLL CALL OF THE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS**

<b>ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>Representation</b>
Lieutenant Governor Stavros Anthony, Chair (Present until 2:51 pm)	Office of Lieutenant Governor
Amy Berry, Vice Chair (Present)	Conservation
Mauricia Baca (Absent)	Education
Alex Baccus for Tom Burns (Absent)	Governor's Office of Economic Development
Alan Jenne (Absent)	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Stacey Montooth for Staci Emm (Present)	Nevada Indian Commission
Robert Mergell (Present)	Nevada Division of State Parks
Greg Juhl (Present)	Public Health
Rafael Villaneuva for Brenda Scolari (Present)	Nevada Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs
James A. Settelmeyer (Present)	Nevada Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources
Debra Strickland (Present)	Nevada Association of Counties
Chad Taylor (Present)	Outdoor Recreation Industry
Cheva Gabor (Absent)	USFS Ex Officio Member
Miles Gurtler (Absent)	BLM Ex Officio Member

Attendance: Denise Beronio, Kendal Scott, Chelsea Kincheloe, Elisabeth Johnson, Kaden Barmore, Jasmina Sekanovich, Jill Lagan, Seth Floyd, Mike Cook, Jaynee Reeves, Ian Rynex, Marco Velotta, Chad Stephens, Dominique Etchegoyhen, Michael Dayton, Brandon Bishop, Nicole Ting, Becky Skouson

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 MEETING \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\***

- Stavros Anthony, Chair

Amy Berry requests the spelling of her name corrected.

Strickland moves to approve with correction. Settelmeyer seconds with correction. Motion passes with correction unanimously.

**4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\*–Stavros Anthony, Chair**

No questions or comments

Settelmeyer moves to approve. Strickland seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jayne Reeves introduces themselves from Pahrump tourism.

**6. ADVISORY BOARD WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND COMMENTS FROM CHAIR \*FOR DISCUSSION\*–Stavros Anthony, Chair**

Anthony: Discusses the bill he introduced in the 2025 legislative session to authorize school boards to design a way for students to get credits for outdoor recreation. His office has been working on helping counties to implement this policy. Lyon County is looking to adopt a policy soon. Anthony visited Spooner Lake State Park.

Berry: State Parks has instituted many new improvements at Spooner.

Anthony: The Boulder City Adventure Center has had its groundbreaking. The Carson City counterpart will have a groundbreaking ceremony next week. For the first time Nevada is providing the US Capital Christmas Tree. Ornaments, skirts, and more have been created. A student was selected through an essay contest to light the tree in Washington DC. The tree will go on tour after it is cut on Oct 25, 2025.

Settelmeyer: A coin was created to commemorate the tree.

**7. DIVISION UPDATES \*FOR DISCUSSION\*–**

Denise Beronio, Administrator: Thanks to the Hoover Dam staff and sponsors and Jill Lagan and Chad Taylor.

Taylor: Discusses the plan for the river float following the meeting.

Beronio: Discusses the Economic Impact Analysis final report. It will be a tool for communities to use to show the importance of outdoor recreation. A summarized version will be available in ~90 days as well. Beronio is also working with UNR and UNLV to keep students in our state to pursue outdoor recreation degrees and fill workforce gaps. UNR has created two new programs, a minor and a specialization. The Christmas tree essay winner was presented with his award in Virginia City.

Chad Stephens: How do we share the winning essay?

Beronio: The essay will be available via USFS social media after the tree lighting.

Anthony: A section of the Economic Impact Analysis highlights the \$14 billion Nevada economy stimulated by outdoor recreation. He thanks ABOR for their service and support of this economy.

Elisabeth Jonhson, Deputy Administrator: The Mountain West trails conference will be in Nevada in 2028 in collaboration with all the mountain west states. No location has been chosen yet, but it will highlight the trails and recreation opportunities in Nevada.

Kendal Scott, Outdoor Education Lead: Kendal gave updates about the Nevada Outdoor Education & Recreation (NOER) grant program. 55 proposals were received requesting \$1.1 million, with \$310,000 to hand out. Training for ABOR to score was sent out. The new Outdoor Education Council is getting set up with governor appointments available for application. Scott has been assisting the Lieutenant Governor's office with AB501 implementation in Lyon County and communicating with the Nevada Outdoor Business Coalition, who is also interested in helping

with implementation.

Chelsea Kincheloe, Program Officer & Comms Lead: Cosmos in the Desert took place in August at Lahontan State Park. It will take place next August as well and hopefully at both a northern Nevada and Southern Nevada location. About 300 people attended. Chelsea has been working to create a dark skies chapter to work on education and outreach. A girl scout has been working on her gold award around Carson City light pollution. Chelsea oversees the Nevada Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure (NORI) grant. There are three projects still open; these should be closed by the end of the year. Carvers Nevada opened their new shooting area using their NORI funding. NORI one-time funding that has not been refunded yet. The BOLT Act was passed to identify 10 long distance biking routes and 10 more to be developed. Nevada submitted a 360-mile route from Ely to Caliente. Truckee Meadows Community College is compiling the curriculum for their trail building certification. Chelsea is working on a Recreation Trails Planning grant application to host a series of trainings for trail building.

Beronio: SB21 took the NOER grant and expanded it to create an infrastructure component rather than renewing the NORI grant, but without funding for this area. Denise also instructs on the Valley of Fire field trip for tomorrow.

Jasmina Sekanovich, GIS Mapping Analyst: SCORP (Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan) data is complete for the upcoming plan. There is an end of October launch date for Nevada Trailfinder Trailside services with new marketing materials. Current badge promotion for Trailfinder includes an equestrian badge. Jasmina met with Pahrump and Nye County officials to verify data and discusses their new trail map.

Strickland discusses how excited they are about the map and new kiosk content.

Sekanovich: The map should be completed by December. We have a new partnership with OnX to verify data with their internal resources. They will in turn promote Nevada Trailfinder and the OHV program on their platform.

Johnson: To remind everyone, Jasmina's position has been grant funded up until now.

Kaden Barmore, OHV Program Manager: OHV is fully staffed again, with Tyler Saunders as our new Management Analyst I. They have focused on cleaning up administrative processes, they closed out the two oldest grants and will be closing out several more this year that are outdated. Next steps are a big marketing push through social media. OHV is looking for OHV photos/videos to share. They have redesigned their handouts about registration and more. A new rack card is being developed and a safety and regulation handout. They would like to handout partner literature as well. The OHV website redesign is done with new Trailfinder map use. They are looking for education materials to add as well. They are building a schedule for outreach next year. Kaden attended a conference in Colorado with other OHV programs and provided some context and perspective on the program. The Off-road Summit was last week in Elko. The OHV Commission has reengaged their ex officio seats. They will be doing a big grant solicitation push. They are looking to switch their grant management software to a new platform. The grant round is currently open for \$750,000 until Oct 26.

Beronio: Notes how proud she is of the team and their impact from a small division.

Mergell: Discusses the tour tomorrow and notes the visitors center is still under construction. November 22 is the planned ribbon cutting.

Anthony: What will happen to the old visitors center?

Mergell: We are looking into best uses, but the future is unsure right now. Water consumption may be a limiting factor.

- 8. PRESENTATION FROM SETH FLOYD \*FOR DISCUSSION\*-** Seth Floyd, Director of Community Development, Las Vegas will discuss outdoor recreation projects and programming to connect communities to outdoor recreation in Las Vegas, as well as opportunities to leverage developed areas to contribute to recreation, conservation, and stewardship.

Floyd: There are many areas for outdoor recreation adjacent to the city of Las Vegas. There has been significant population growth in the last 20 years. Trails were once very hard to locate in the area. BLM was not authorizing trails for access at the time. Summerlin residents were demanding access to trails. In 2022, the BLM issued the blueprint for recreation.

Strickland: When will the city be built out?

Floyd: 3-4 years. Growth has slowed down.

Velotta: The 2050 City Master Plan identifies gaps and guides annexation, zoning, conservation, and parks and recreation. The plan recognizes the importance of outdoor recreation and conservation. They want to ensure there are mechanisms for new recreation opportunities. Protections are in place from a zoning perspective. Connecting federal lands with the city can utilize existing amenities.

Rynex: SNPLMA (Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act) funding may dwindle as boundaries are approached by the city. Several SNPLMA-funded projects are highlighted, including the Springs Preserve trail system expansion, Centennial Hills Park improvements, Freedom Park ball fields, and more. Urban parks are important to this large city in terms of recreation resources.

Berry: How much do youth get outdoors to these areas outside the city?

Floyd: I am not aware of any specific programming for the outdoors. There are not any city parks adjacent to these open areas, but there will be with the planned La Madre Foothills Park.

Velotta: Transit to Trails was funded and may help with this as well.

Rynex: La Madre Foothills Park will be along the Red Rock National Conservation Area. Trailheads and multiuse trails will be accessible there.

Floyd: This park is part of a 500-acre development purchased through land disposal. The developers are helping to design and build this park.

Strickland: Why was the OHV trailhead taken away?

Floyd: The trailhead is being moved further west. This is based on resident feedback wanting this further from housing.

Rynex: The Vegas Valley Rim Trail has hundreds of miles of trail around and throughout the city. Realignments are proposed to get closer to the desert edge and out of the urban centers. The trail will connect various trail systems. Four trailheads are in design or construction.

Strickland: We would like a connection with Pahrump.

Rynex: The Bike Lane Gap study is kicking off and they are investigating how to connect “out there” trails to urban infrastructure like city bike lanes and schools, parks, and other public facilities. Trailheads and planned trails and trailheads are highlighted. The Las Vegas Corporate Challenge occurs throughout the city utilizing various recreational resources. Regional outdoor recreation resources are highlighted as well, like Lee Canyon, Lake Mead, and Death Valley.

- 9. PRESENTATION FROM JILL ROWLAND-LAGAN \*FOR DISCUSSION\*-** Jill Rowland-Lagan, CEO Boulder City Chamber of Commerce will discuss current outdoor recreation and cultural projects  
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in Boulder City, and the status of their Dark Skies project which promotes the preservation of night skies and limits light pollution.

Lagan: The Boulder City Adventure Center is coming from tourism and EDA funding. The travel Nevada magazine and the Boulder City visitor guide highlight Boulder City outdoor recreation and provide great information. At the groundbreaking, marketing materials and swag were passed out with a link to the Adventure Center website. NDOR was key in helping to see the value of this project in Boulder City and in leaning into dark skies. Light fixtures have been purchased to reduce light pollution; they will be testing the impact of this project. This reduction permits astrotourism. A dark skies viewing platform is planned for the Adventure Center. There is value in welcome centers throughout the state. The Railroad Museum is coming together. All of this is diversifying the economy in Southern Nevada. October 20 will be the first time a railbike tourism program is integrated here. The Adventure Center will be a one-stop shop for businesses, guides, and more. 29 new jobs are estimated from this opportunity. Many businesses are interested in the location. Guests will be brought in from locations on the Las Vegas Strip to their outdoor activity. This allows for more tour time for operators. It will cut costs for operators. There has been \$75 million invested in Boulder City from federal, state, county, and private sources. Boulder City also got funds from Travel Nevada to build a mobile podcast studio to take to events, the Best Dam Podcast. A community board was also replaced and new hires were brought on to build capacity.

**10. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING(S) \*FOR DISCUSSION\*- Amy Berry, Vice Chair** – Advisory Board Members may at this time recommend agenda items, dates, and locations to the chair for the next meeting. No deliberation or action will be taken on any information presented until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. **The next ABOR meeting will be the TAC/NOER grant presentations on Nov. 13, 2025, at the DCNR Richard Bryan Building in Carson City.**

No call for items. ABOR members may email Denise Beronio with recommendations for spring and summer meetings next year.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Stacey Montooth: Thanking everyone for their hard work, for focusing on Lahontan, and for the presentations. Cosmos in the Desert included Ben Rupert who provided a presentation on indigenous connections to the stars. Last Friday at the Stewart Indian School there was a screening of a documentary, “Remaining Native”, which has won several awards. It focuses on a young athlete from Yerington and his culture and connection to this place and his athletic talent. It highlights the beauty of Nevada. Montooth will provide upcoming dates for screenings.

**12. ADJOURNMENT \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\*- Amy Berry, Vice Chair**

Settelmeyer moves to adjourn, Strickland seconds. Motion passes and meeting adjourns at 3:00 pm.