

PAHRUMP TOWN BOARD AGENDA

Harley Kulkin Chair	Bill Dolan Vice-Chair	Tom Waters Clerk	Robert Adams Member	Amy Riches Member
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TOWN OF PAHRUMP MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to balance our history as a rural community with our need to provide appropriate and sustainable services to our citizens and those who visit our community. We will do this by demonstrating honest, responsive leadership and partnering and when appropriate to augment our resources.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

The Pahrump Town Board meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at in the Nye County Building, 2100 E. Walt Williams Drive. Agendas are available at the Town Office (400 Highway 160) on the Thursday prior to each Board meeting and are posted on the Town website at www.pahrumpnv.org. Copies may also be requested from Stephanie Massimino at the Town office at (775) 727-5107. Please find a video of our Pahrump Town Board meetings at the following link - URL **Granicus Instructions:**
http://nyecounty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=3&clip_id=330

BOARD MEMBER	PHONE	EMAIL	TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 31
Harley Kulkin	727-1525	hkulkin@pahrumpnv.org	2014
Bill Dolan	910-1617	bdolan@pahrumpnv.org	2016
Dr. Tom Waters	764-0949	twaters@pahrumpnv.org	2014
Robert Adams	910-1965	radams@pahrumpnv.org	2014
Amy Riches	764-0751	ariches@pahrumpnv.org	2016

A quorum of Advisory Board members may be present at any Town Board meeting, but they will not take any formal action.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Public comment is limited to 3 minutes, unless extended by the Town Board Chair. It is requested that advisory reports and or presentations be kept to 15 minutes.

Any member of the public who is disabled and requires accommodation, assistance or a wireless microphone at this meeting is requested to notify the Pahrump Town Office in writing or call 775-727-5107, prior to the meeting. Assisted listening device is available at Town Board Meetings upon request with 24 hour advance notice.

MEETING CONDUCT:

Audience members and speakers may not use provocative, rude, obnoxious, abusive, inflammatory, slanderous, or offensive comments. Any person who makes such remarks or otherwise disrupts the meeting with loud outbursts, shouting, threats or other disruptive behavior will be warned by the Chair that his or her behavior is unacceptable. If after receiving a warning, any person persists in disrupting the meeting, the Chair shall order that person to leave and may utilize law enforcement to enforce that order. The Town Board shall have the power to prevent, punish and restrain any disorderly conduct. NRS269.215.

**PAHRUMP TOWN BOARD MEETING
NYE COUNTY CENTER
2100 E. Walt Williams Drive
TUESDAY – 6:00 P.M.
June 24, 2014
AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Invocation by Pastor Keith Walker and Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 3. Consideration** to Move the Order of or Deleting an Agenda Item(s).
- 4. Public Comment:** Action may not be taken upon matters considered during this item until specifically included on an agenda for action. – NRS241.020(2)(c)(3). (Non-Action Item).
- 5. Board and Staff Comments:** Action may not be taken upon matters considered during this item until specifically included on an agenda for action. NRS 241.020(2)(c)(3). (Non-Action Item).
- 6. Announcements** (Non-Action Item)
- 7. Consideration to adopt** Consent agenda items: (For Possible Action)
 - a. Action – Approval of Town Vouchers.
 - b. Action – Approval of Town Board meeting minutes for June 10, 2014.
 - c. Action – Approval of Resignation of Elizabeth Weikel from Public Lands Advisory Board.
- 8. Advisory Board Reports** from Advisory Board Chairpersons and/or Town Board Liaisons on the Status of Advisory Boards. (Non-Action Item).
- 9. Presentation** by John Pawlak (Nuclear Waste Advisory Board) regarding Climate Change (Non-Action Item).
- 10. Presentation** by Town Manager concerning revisions to Pahrump Personnel Policies (Non-Action Item).
- 11. Consideration** to approve funding for the installation of a fiber optic cable in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 (For Possible Action).
- 12. Closed Session(s).**

Discussion and Possible Decision regarding a Closed Session, to receive information and advice from the Town Attorney regarding potential or existing litigation pursuant to NRS 241.015(2)(b)(2). (For Possible Action).
- 13. Future Meetings/Workshops: Date, Time and Location:** regular meeting July 8th, 2014. (Non-Action Item)

14. Public/Board/Staff Comment: Action may not be taken upon matters considered during this item until specifically included on an agenda for action. – NRS241.020(2)(c)(3).
(Non-Action Item)

15. Adjournment.

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Any member of the public, who wishes to speak during public comment on any item, will be limited to three (03) minutes. Items may be taken out of order. Items may be combined. Items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time.
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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

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DATE AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED
06/13/2014

DATE OF DESIRED BOARD MEETING
6/24/2014

CIRCLE ONE: Action Item Non-Action Item Presentation

ITEM REQUESTED FOR CONSIDERATION:

Consideration of moving the order of or deleting an Agenda Item(s).

If request for funding is approved by the Town Board, an invoice or letter from the requestor to Town of Pahrump/Accounts Payable is required to receive funding.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEM:

STAFF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

BACKUP ATTACHED: YES NO

NAME OF PRESENTER(S) OF ITEM: Pahrump Town Board

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6/13/2014	6/24/2014

CIRCLE ONE: Action Item Non-Action Item Presentation

ITEM REQUESTED FOR CONSIDERATION:
Town Board/Staff Comments

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEM:

STAFF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

BACKUP ATTACHED: YES NO

NAME OF PRESENTER(S) OF ITEM: Pahrump Town Board & Staff

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CIRCLE ONE: Action Item Non-Action Item Presentation

ITEM REQUESTED FOR CONSIDERATION:
Public Comment

If request for funding is approved by the Town Board, an invoice or letter from the requestor to Town of Pahrump/Accounts Payable is required to receive funding.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEM:

STAFF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

BACKUP ATTACHED: YES NO

NAME OF PRESENTER(S) OF ITEM: Pahrump Citizens, Town Board & Staff

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CIRCLE ONE: Action Item Non-Action Item Presentation

ITEM REQUESTED FOR CONSIDERATION:
Announcements

If request for funding is approved by the Town Board, an invoice or letter from the requestor to Town of Pahrump/Accounts Payable is required to receive funding.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEM:
See attached announcements.

STAFF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

BACKUP ATTACHED: X YES NO

NAME OF PRESENTER(S) OF ITEM: Pahrump Citizens, Town Board & Staff

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Announcements

June 24th, 2014

- The following advisory boards are currently scheduled to meet in the 'A' Room of the Bob Ruud Community Center:

- Public Lands Advisory Board on July 1st at 7:00 pm
- Youth Advisory Board on July 9th at 2:30 pm
- Arena Advisory Board on July 10th at 7:00 pm
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board on at July 16st 6:30 pm
- Veterans' Memorial Advisory Board on July 17th at 6:00 pm
- Events Advisory Board on July 21st, 2014 at 4:00 pm.
- Nuclear Waste and Environmental Board is cancelled for July.
- Convention Center and Civic Center is cancelled for July.

- The following advisory boards are currently scheduled to meet in the 'B' Room of the Bob Ruud Community Center:

- Tourism Advisory Board on July 3rd, 2014 at 8:00 am.

- The Social Security Office meets in Room "B" the last Tuesday of the month at the Bob Ruud Community Center starting at 9:00 am.

-A representative from Steven Horseford's Office is at the Bob Rudd Center every Monday from 8:00 am-Noon in Room A.

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06/13/2014	6/24/2014

CIRCLE ONE: Action Item Non-Action Item Presentation

ITEM REQUESTED FOR CONSIDERATION:
Consideration for possible action of approving Town Vouchers (Consent Agenda Item A)

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEM:

STAFF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

BACKUP ATTACHED: YES NO

NAME OF PRESENTER(S) OF ITEM: Pahrump Town Board

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6/13/2014

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6/24/2014

CIRCLE ONE: Action Item Non-Action Item Presentation

ITEM REQUESTED FOR CONSIDERATION:

Approval of Town Board minutes for June 10, 2014 (Consent Agenda Item B)

If request for funding is approved by the Town Board, an invoice or letter from the requestor to Town of Pahrump/Accounts Payable is required to receive funding.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEM:

See attached minutes

STAFF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

BACKUP ATTACHED: YES NO

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**PAHRUMP TOWN BOARD MEETING
NYE COUNTY CENTER
2100 E. Walt Williams Drive
TUESDAY – 6:00 P.M.
June 10, 2014
AGENDA**

PRESENT:

Town Board:

Harley Kulkin
Bill Dolan
Dr. Tom Waters
Robert Adams
Amy Riches

Staff:

Susan Holecheck, Town Manager
Bret Meich, Legal Counsel
Scott Lewis, Fire Chief
Stephanie Massimino, Executive Assistant
Alexandra Crow, Business License Tech

1. Invocation by Pastor Ron Fairbairn and Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation of the meeting was led by Pastor Ron Fairbairn of the Central Valley Baptist Church.
Dr. Waters led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Call to Order.

Mr. Kulkin called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

3. Consideration to Move the Order of or Deleting an Agenda Item(s).

Mr. Adams moved item 12 to item 9. He also asked to pull consent agenda item 7e.

4. Public Comment: Action may not be taken upon matters considered during this item until specifically included on an agenda for action. – NRS241.020(2)(c)(3).

Public comment was heard.

5. Board and Staff Comments: Action may not be taken upon matters considered during this item until specifically included on an agenda for action. NRS 241.020(2)(c)(3).

Dr. Waters stated that because of the vote of the Commissioners regarding Spring Mountain Raceway water plant, the next step for the Town and the Fairgrounds is water and electricity being brought to the Fairgrounds and he hoped staff would continue to work with the county in that pursuit.

6. Announcements

Dr. Waters read the announcements.

DAV will be having a BBQ June 21st at Ian Duetch from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Mr. Dolan reminded the Town Board that both he and the Town Manager will be in Sparks, NV June 19th and 20th.

Ms. Holecheck announced that the Simpkins Park opening will be June 28th at 9:00 am. She also announced CCA will be having the annual picnic from 12:00 pm-5:00pm at Petrack Park June 14th.

7. Consideration to adopt Consent agenda items:

- a. Action – Approval of Town Vouchers.
- b. Action – Approval of Town Board meeting minutes for May 27, 2014.
- c. Action - Proclamation declaring June 8th- June 15th as ATV Safety Institute Awareness week.
- d. Action – Approval of rescheduling September 23, 2014 meeting to September 22, 2014.
- e. Action – Approval of Brooke Schenberger and Sonny Hinkle to the Public Lands Advisory Board.

Mr. Dolan motioned to approve consent agenda item 7a-7d.

Dr. Waters seconded.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Item 7e had been pulled earlier.

8. Advisory Board Reports from Advisory Board Chairpersons and/or Town Board Liaisons on the Status of Advisory Boards.

Mr. Pawlak updated the board about the members of the NW&EAB. He started to read a document about climate change. It was decided this would be better as a presentation so it was scheduled for the next meeting.

Dr. Waters stated the Youth Advisory Board was having a big announcement tomorrow at their meeting. He also announced the Veterans Advisory Board is working on the Memorial Walk now.

9. Consideration to approve renewal of the Pool Pact agreement

This item was heard after item 11.

Ms. Carol Ingles stated that the renewal premieres went down by over \$12,000 this year. She stated some of the coverage item has gone up to have higher protection; otherwise the cost of these items have basically stayed the same.

Mrs. Riches asked if the Town could legally enter this contract.

Mr. Meich stated yes.

Dr. Waters motioned to approve renewal of the Pool Pact agreement not to exceed \$190,000.

Mr. Dolan seconded.

Motion carried, 5-0.

10. Consideration and discussion of transitional planning and possible suggestions for the Nye County Commissioners

This item was heard after item 9.

Mrs. Riches stated that she had ballot question that was voted on sent to her and would like to distribute it.

Ms. Holecheck stated that after the results from the Supreme Court came in we should work with the county.

Dr. Waters directed staff to prepare a letter to the County regarding the transition and working together.

Mr. Dolan agreed that he felt the County and Town should work together.

Ms. Holecheck stated that she would be willing to submit a letter with the County's intent.

Mr. Kulkin stated that he also agreed that he was most concerned about staff.

11. Consideration to approve waiver of fees at the Bob Ruud Center for Spring Fling Arts and Craft Show

This item was heard after item 8.

Ms. Carol Bird stated that her Spring Fling was the second weekend of May. She stated that the weekend before the Wild West Extravaganza was given the use of the Community Center for free. She stated her proceeds were given to the charities and felt it was only fair to reimburse her.

Dr. Waters stated that he did not approve of the waiving the fees and that he also felt all groups should go through the Events Advisory Board for waivers.

Mr. Adams stated that he also agreed that the fees would only be waived by the advisory board but he would fine with waiving it.

Mrs. Riches stated that the reason the board approved the Wild West Extravaganza waiver was because they partnered with the Town but she would like to work out some way to reimburse the fees because the group was unaware they could ask for waiver.

Mr. Dolan stated this would be for something for the events board. He stated he was torn because of the cost to run the Community Center.

Mr. Kulkin stated that when he considered waiving fees that he looked at mostly how much impact on the town the event had. He stated that the vendor booth fees alone did recoup the use fee.

Ms. Holecheck stated the seller permit fees were waived with the amount of \$150.00 fees, because they were paying the use fee. She stated there are cost regarding the property and the maintenance which was the reason for user fees in the first place.

Public comment was heard.

Mr. Adams motioned to refund 50% of the use fee the Spring Fling Arts and & Crafts May 9 & 10.

Mrs. Riches seconded.

Motion carried, 3-2 with Dr. Waters and Mr. Kulkin voting nay.

12. Closed Session(s).

Discussion and Possible Decision regarding a Closed Session, to receive information and advice from the Town Attorney regarding potential or existing litigation pursuant to NRS 241.015(2)(b)(2).

No closed session.

13. Future Meetings/Workshops: Date, Time and Location: regular meeting June 24, 2014.

14. Public/Board/Staff Comment: Action may not be taken upon matters considered during this item until specifically included on an agenda for action. – NRS241.020(2)(c)(3).

Public comment was heard.

15. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

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DATE AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED	DATE OF DESIRED BOARD MEETING
05/28/2014	06/24/2014

CIRCLE ONE: Action Item Non-Action Item Presentation

ITEM REQUESTED FOR CONSIDERATION:
Consideration to approve resignation of Elizabeth Weikel from Public Lands Advisory Board.

If request for funding is approved by the Town Board, an invoice or letter from the requestor to Town of Pahrump/Accounts Payable is required to receive funding.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEM:

STAFF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:
Staff recommends approval.

BACKUP ATTACHED: YES NO

NAME OF PRESENTER(S) OF ITEM: Susan Holecheck, Town Manager

SPONSORED BY:

Susan Holecheck, Town Manager
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6/13/2014	6/24/2014

CIRCLE ONE: Action Item Non-Action Item Presentation

ITEM REQUESTED FOR CONSIDERATION:
Advisory Board Reports

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEM:

STAFF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

BACKUP ATTACHED: YES NO

NAME OF PRESENTER(S) OF ITEM: Town Board & Advisory Boards

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DATE AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED
6/13/2014

DATE OF DESIRED BOARD MEETING
6/24/2014

CIRCLE ONE: Action Item

Non-Action Item

Presentation

ITEM REQUESTED FOR CONSIDERATION:

Presentation by John Pawlak of the Nuclear Waste and Environmental Advisory Board on Global Warming and drought conditions as they affect the Pahrump Valley.

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEM:

Powerpoint depiction of the topic.

STAFF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

BACKUP ATTACHED: YES NO

NAME OF PRESENTER(S) OF ITEM: Susan Holecheck, Town Manager

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CLIMATE CHANGE

*A white paper by the Nuclear Waste and Environmental Advisory Board to the Town of Pahrump

While 97 percent of climate scientists agree that climate change is occurring and greenhouse gas emissions are the main cause, political will has not been strong enough so far to initiate a massive policy shift away from fossil fuels and toward sustainable forms of energy. Perhaps more extreme weather events such as droughts, wildfires, heat waves and flooding will convince the public to put more pressure on policymakers to act urgently to curb carbon emissions and address this issue before it's too late.

What we Can Do: Our home and transportation could be major sources of greenhouse gas emissions. A home energy audit by Valley Electric can help make our homes more energy efficient. If we commute via biking, walking or public transportation we are doing our part to fight global warming, but if we must own a motor vehicle, consider trading in that gas guzzler for a fuel efficient hybrid or better yet—go electric.

POLLUTION

Air pollution and climate change are closely linked, as the same greenhouse gas emissions that are warming the planet are also creating smoggy conditions in major cities that endanger public health. As an example, we've seen horrifying images of pollution-choked Chinese cities and think the smog is isolated to Beijing or Shanghai. U.S. scientists are finding that Chinese pollution is intensifying storms over the Pacific Ocean and contributing to more erratic weather in the U.S.

Water and soil pollution might not get the media attention that air pollution does, but they are still important public health concerns. According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, dirty water is the world's biggest health risk. While the Clean Water Act did much to make American water safe from harmful pollutants, today there is a new threat to clean water or switch to a lower-emissions vehicle. Switching over to green energy is also coming from the shale gas fracking boom taking place across the country.

Soil contamination is a major issue across the world. In China, nearly 20 percent of arable land has been contaminated by toxic heavy metals. Soil pollution threatens food security and poses health risks to the local population. The use of pesticides and fertilizers are also major factors in soil pollution.

What We Can Do: Many of the solutions to air pollution are similar to those for climate change, though it's important to either make a concerted effort to drive less, or switch to a lower-emissions vehicle. Switching over to green energy if we can, by installing solar or wind on our property, is another option.

DEFORESTATION

Forests are important to mitigating climate change because they serve as “carbon sinks,” meaning that they absorb CO₂ that would otherwise escape into the atmosphere and worsen global warming. It is estimated that 15 percent of total greenhouse gas emissions come from deforestation. Cutting down trees also threatens animals and humans who rely on healthy forests to sustain themselves, and the loss of tropical rainforests is particularly concerning because around 80 percent of the world’s species reside in these areas. About 17 percent of the Amazon rainforest has been cut down in the past 50 years to make way for cattle ranching. That’s a double whammy for the climate because cattle flatulence is a major source of methane gas, which contributes more to short term climate change than carbon emissions.

What We Can Do: We can stop using paper towels and use washable cloths instead, use cloth shopping bags (instead of plastic), and look at labels to make sure we only use FSC - certified wood and paper products. We can also boycott products made by palm oil companies that contribute to deforestation in Indonesia and Malaysia. BTW. Make sure you wash those cloth shopping bags from time to time!**

WATER SCARCITY

As the population increases and climate change causes more droughts, water scarcity is becoming more of an issue. Only three percent of the world’s water is fresh water and 1.1 billion people lack access to clean, safe drinking water. As the current drought in California(This includes us) dramatically shows, access to water is not just an issue for developing countries, but for the United States as well. In fact, by the middle of this century more than a third of all counties in the lower 48 states will be at higher risk of water shortages with more than 400 of the 1,100 counties facing an extremely high risk. ***

What We Can Do: Just as energy efficiency is considered an important solution to the issues of climate change and pollution, water efficiency can help us deal with water scarcity. Some ideas to be more water efficient include installing an ENERGY STAR-certified washer, using low-flow faucets, plugging up air leaks in our homes, irrigating the lawn in the morning or evening when the cooler air causes less evaporation, taking shorter showers and not running sink water when brushing your teeth. Also, consider using non-toxic cleaning products and eco-friendly pesticides and herbicides that won’t contaminate groundwater. Seventh Generation uses plant-derived ingredients for their household cleaning products.

LOSS OF BIODIVERSITY

Increasing human encroachment on wildlife habitats is causing a rapid loss of biodiversity that threatens food security, population health and world stability. Climate change is also a

major contributor to biodiversity loss, as some species aren't able to adapt to changing temperatures. According to the World Wildlife Fund's Living Planet Index, biodiversity has declined 27 percent in the last 35 years.

What We Can Do: As consumers we can all help protect biodiversity by purchasing products that don't harm the environment. Next time, at the grocery store, check to see if food packaging contains any of the following eco-labels: USDA Organic, Fair Trade Certified, Marine Stewardship Council or Green Seal. Other product certifications include Forest Stewardship Council Certification, Rainforest Alliance Certification and Certified Wildlife Friendly. Also, reusing, recycling and composting are easy ways to protect biodiversity.

SOIL EROSION AND DEGRADATION

Unsustainable industrial agriculture practices have resulted in soil erosion and degradation that leads to less arable land, clogged and polluted waterways, increased flooding and desertification. According to the World Wildlife Fund, half of the earth's topsoil has been lost in the last 150 years.

What We Can Do: Support sustainable agriculture that puts people and the planet above profit. On a smaller scale, we can make a difference in our backyards by switching to non-toxic green pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjuGCJJUGsg>

<http://inhabitat.com/top-6-environmental-issues-for-earth-day-and-what-you-can-do-to-solve-them/>

*A **white paper** is an authoritative report or guide helping readers understand an issue, solve a problem, or make a decision.^[1] White papers are used in two main spheres: government and business-to-business marketing.

* * The **Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)** is an international not for-profit, multi-stakeholder organization established in 1993 to promote responsible management of the world's forests. Its main tools for achieving this are standard setting, certification and labeling of forest products.

*** Seven States Running out of Water

Alexander E.M. Hess and Thomas C. Frohlich, 24/7 Wall St. 6:30 a.m. EDT June 1, 2014

The United States is currently engulfed in one of the worst droughts in recent memory. More than 30% of the country experienced at least moderate drought as of last week's data.

In seven states drought conditions were so severe that each had more than half of its land area in severe drought. Severe drought is characterized by crop loss, frequent water shortages, and mandatory water use restrictions. Based on data from the U.S. Drought Monitor, 24/7 Wall St. reviewed the states with the highest levels of severe drought.

In an interview, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) meteorologist Brad Rippey, told 24/7 Wall St. that drought has been a long-running issue in parts of the country. "This drought has dragged on for three and a half years in some areas, particularly (in) North Texas," Rippey said.

While large portions of the seven states suffer from severe drought, in some parts of these states drought conditions are even worse. In six of the seven states with the highest levels of drought, more than 30% of each state was in extreme drought as of last week, a more severe level of drought characterized by major crop and pasture losses, as well as widespread water shortages. Additionally, in California and Oklahoma, 25% and 30% of the states, respectively, suffered from exceptional drought, the highest severity classification. Under exceptional drought, crop and pasture loss is widespread, and shortages of well and reservoir water can lead to water emergencies.

Drought has had a major impact on important crops such as winter wheat. "So much of the winter wheat is grown across the southern half of the Great Plains," Rippey said, an area that includes Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, three of the hardest-hit states. Texas alone had nearly a quarter of a million farms in 2012, the most out of any state, while neighboring Oklahoma had more than 80,000 farms, trailing only three other states.

In the Southwest, concerns are less-focused on agriculture and more on reservoir levels, explained Rippey. In Arizona, reservoir levels were just two-thirds of their usual average. Worse still, in New Mexico, reservoir stores were only slightly more than half of their normal levels. "And Nevada is the worst of all. We see storage there at about a third of what you would expect," Rippey said.

The situation in California may well be the most problematic of any state. The entire state was suffering from severe drought as of last week, and 75% of all land area was under extreme drought. "Reservoirs which are generally fed by the Sierra Nevadas and the southern Cascades [are] where we see the real problems," Rippey said. Restrictions on agricultural water use has forced many California farmers to leave fields fallow, he added. "At [the current] usage rate, California has less than two years of water remaining."

The U.S. Drought Monitor is produced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. 24/7 Wall St. reviewed the seven states with the highest proportions of total area classified in at least a state of severe drought as of May 13, 2014. We also reviewed figures recently published by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service as part of its 2012 Census of Agriculture.

These are the seven states running out of water.

7. Texas

- > Pct. severe drought: **56.1%**
- > Pct. extreme drought: **39.9%** (4th highest)
- > Pct. exceptional drought: **20.7%** (3rd highest)

Much of north and central Texas, including all of the Texas Panhandle, was covered in exceptional drought as of last week. In all, almost 40% of land area in the state experienced extreme drought conditions. Recently, some have said the heavy use of water in natural gas fracking processes in North Texas is problematic during the area's drought. Additionally, the drought could have a large impact on the state's agriculture industry. Texas had nearly a quarter of a million farms, the most out of any state in the nation, as of 2012.

6. Oklahoma

- > Pct. severe drought: **64.5%**
- > Pct. extreme drought: **50.1%** (2nd highest)
- > Pct. exceptional drought: **30.4%** (the highest)

Severe drought covered over 50% of Oklahoma as of last week, up from roughly 33% one year ago. The state's drought worsened from the middle of April, when just 27% of the state experienced severe drought. The state's 80,000-plus farms and nearly 310,000 hired farm workers have been struggling with the drought conditions. The situation is all the more difficult because the state is supposed to be in the midst of its rainy season. An open burn ban is in effect for the western part of the state due to fire hazards resulting from the drought. In March, the Oklahoma Emergency Drought Relief Commission awarded more than \$1 million to several drought-ridden communities in the state.

5. Arizona

- > Pct. severe drought: **76.3%**
- > Pct. extreme drought: **7.7%** (9th highest)
- > Pct. exceptional drought: **0.0%**

Unlike other states suffering the most from drought, none of Arizona experienced exceptional drought. Severe drought conditions, however, engulfed more than three-quarters of the state as of last week. While dry conditions are not particularly unusual in Arizona at this time of year, the U.S. Drought Monitor accounts for local seasonal patterns in assessing drought conditions. Moreover, the extreme heat and lighter-than-average snowfall from the winter have reduced the soil moisture to such a degree that fire hazards are significantly higher.

4. Kansas

- > Pct. severe drought: **80.8%**
- > Pct. extreme drought: **48.1%** (3rd highest)
- > Pct. exceptional drought: **2.8%** (6th highest)

Like several states running out of water, 80% of Kansas was engulfed in at least severe drought, an increase from one year ago when roughly 70% was covered by severe drought. Compared to last May, however, when exceptional drought covered nearly one fifth of the state, just 2.8% of Kansas was considered exceptionally dry as of last week. In announcing the severity of the state's drought problem, Kansas Governor Sam Brownback lifted restrictions on taking water from state-owned fishing lakes.

3. New Mexico

- > Pct. severe drought: **86.2%**
- > Pct. extreme drought: **33.3%** (6th highest)
- > Pct. exceptional drought: **4.5%** (5th highest)

More than 86% of New Mexico was covered in severe drought as of last week, more than any state except for Nevada and California. Additionally, one-third of the state was in extreme drought, worse than just a month earlier, when only one-quarter of the state was covered in extreme drought. However, conditions were better than they were one year ago, when virtually the entire state was in at least severe drought, with more than 80% in extreme drought conditions. NOAA forecasts conditions may improve in much of the state this summer.

2. Nevada

- > Pct. severe drought: **87.0%**
- > Pct. extreme drought: **38.7%** (5th highest)
- > Pct. exceptional drought: **8.2%** (4th highest)

Nearly 40% of Nevada was covered in extreme drought last week, among the highest rates in the country. The drought in the state has worsened since the week of April 15, when 33.5% of the state was covered in extreme drought. According to the Las Vegas Valley Water District (LVVWD), the main cause of the drought this year has been below average snowfall in the Rocky Mountains. Melting snow from the Rocky Mountains eventually flows into Lake Mead, which provides most of the Las Vegas Valley with water. John Entsminger, head of both the LVVWD and the Southern Nevada Water Authority, said that the effects of the drought on the state has been "every bit as serious as a Hurricane Katrina or a Superstorm Sandy."

1. California

- > Pct. severe drought: **100.0%**
- > Pct. extreme drought: **76.7%** (the highest)
- > Pct. exceptional drought: **24.8%** (2nd highest)

California had the nation's worst drought problem with more than 76% of the state experiencing extreme drought as of last week. Drought in California has worsened considerably in recent years. Severe drought conditions covered the entire state, as of last week. Governor Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency earlier this year as the drought worsened. California had 465,422 hired farm workers in 2012, more than any other state. Farm workers would likely suffer further if conditions persist. The shortage of potable water has been so severe that California is now investing in long-term solutions, such as desalination plants. A facility that is expected to be the largest in the Western hemisphere is currently under construction in Southern California, and another desalination facility is under consideration in Orange County.

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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

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DATE AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED
6/13/2014

DATE OF DESIRED BOARD MEETING
6/24/2014

CIRCLE ONE: Action Item

Non-Action Item

Presentation

ITEM REQUESTED FOR CONSIDERATION:

Presentation by Town Manager concerning changes to the Pahrump Personnel Policies.

If request for funding is approved by the Town Board, an invoice or letter from the requestor to Town of Pahrump/Accounts Payable is required to receive funding.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEM:

After consulting with POOL/PACT and legal counsel it is felt that changes to the Pahrump Personnel Policies are necessary.

STAFF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff has been working on the revisions and would like to share changes being made.

BACKUP ATTACHED: YES

NO

NAME OF PRESENTER(S) OF ITEM: Susan Holecheck, Town Manager

SPONSORED BY:

Susan Holecheck, Town Manager
Print Name


Signature

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MEMO
TOWN OF PAHRUMP
TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM
MEETING DATE: 06-24-2014

TO: Town Board

FROM: Matt Luis, Buildings & Grounds Manager
Michael Sullivan, Finance Director

DATE: June 24, 2014

RE: Discussion and possible decision to approve funding for the installation of a fiber optic cable in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

1.) Background

In 2011, when Nye County was building the new Nye County Maintenance & Facilities Office off Boothill and Hwy 160, Nye County extended an invitation to locate our own fiber optic cable in their trench. This allowed us to connect the Town Office and Buildings & Ground Offices via a fiber cable instead of the current external wifi antennas.

Subsequently we have relocated the Tourism Director to offices in the Annex and have additional technological needs to extend the fiber loop and connect the Annex, Pool and FRS with our server located in the Town Office.

The project will involve separate trenching and fiber installation tasks estimated in the amount of \$12,000. The costs will be funded by three funds. As our experience with the original installation, we are including a contingency for potential underground issues we might encounter.

2.) Fiscal Impact

There currently are sufficient funds available and budgeted in the General Fund, Pool Fund, and Tourism Fund budgets.

3.) Town Manager Recommendation and Board Action Requested

The Town Manager recommends that the Town Board *move to approve installation of a fiber optic loop in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 payable per the attached materials.*

If you have any additional questions, we would be happy to answer them.

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DATE AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED
06/13/2014

DATE OF DESIRED BOARD MEETING
6/24/14

CIRCLE ONE: Action Item Non-Action Item Presentation

ITEM REQUESTED FOR CONSIDERATION:

Consideration to adjourn to a closed session to receive information and advice from the Town's Attorney regarding potential or existing litigation pursuant to NRS 241.015(2)(b)(2)

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEM:

STAFF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

BACKUP ATTACHED: YES NO

NAME OF PRESENTER(S) OF ITEM: Susan Holecheck, Town Manager

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DATE AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED	DATE OF DESIRED BOARD MEETING
06/13/2014	6/24/2014

CIRCLE ONE: Action Item Non-Action Item Presentation

ITEM REQUESTED FOR CONSIDERATION:
Adjournment

If request for funding is approved by the Town Board, an invoice or letter from the requestor to Town of Pahrump/Accounts Payable is required to receive funding.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEM:
Good Night Citizens, Town Board, and Town Staff.

STAFF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

BACKUP ATTACHED: YES NO

NAME OF PRESENTER(S) OF ITEM: Pahrump Town Board

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