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2	STATE OF NEVADA	1 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016, 9:00 A.M.
3	PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION BOARD MEETING	200
4	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016	3 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: This is the time and place for
5	9:00 A.M.	4 the State Public Works meeting, dated August 24th, 2016, 9:00
6	CARSON CITY, NEVADA	5 a.m. First order of business, roll call.
7	00	6 MR. NUNEZ: Chairman Bryce Clutts.
8		7 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Present.
9		8 MR. NUNEZ: Vice Chair John Stewart.
10	SEAN STEWART VICE Chairman	9 MEMBER STEWART: Present.10 MR. NUNEZ: Member Mason Gorda.
11	GUS NUNEZ, Administrator	10 MR. NUNEZ: Member Mason Gorda. 11 MEMBER GORDA: Present.
12	PATRICK CATES, Member, Director	12 MR. NUNEZ: Member Clint Bentley.
13	ADAM HAND, Member CLINT BENTLEY, Member	13 MEMBER BENTLEY: Present.
14	MASON GORDA, Member	14 MR. NUNEZ: Member Tito Tiberti.
15		15 MEMBER TIBERTI: Present.
16	FOR THE BOARD: SUSAN STEWART, ESQ. Construction Law Counsel	16 MR. NUNEZ: Member Adam Hand.
17	KATHI PASCIAK,	17 MEMBER HAND: Present.
18	Program Officer I	18 MR. NUNEZ: Member Patrick Cates, Director.
19		19 MEMBER CATES: Present.
20		20 MR. NUNEZ: We have a quorum, Mr. Chairman.
22	PERODER DA	21 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you. At this time,
23	REPORTED BY: CAPITOL REPORTERS BY: Christy Joyce, CCR	22 Agenda Item Number 2, public comment. Do we have any public
24	Nevada CCR #625 123 West Nye Lane	23 comment? Yes, sir.
25	Carson City, Nevada 89706 (775)882-5322	MR. CORRADO: My name is Paul Corrado, 4100
		25 Meadowwood Road, Carson City, Nevada, 89703, those familiar
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1	INDEX	
2	AGENDA ITEM PAGE	1 with the town.
3	1 - Roll Call 3	2 In front of you, you have a picture of the 3 entrance to our subdivision, which is significantly impacted
4	2 - Public comment	4 visually as well as nuisance-wise because we have an
5	3 - Presentation of governor's initiatives (heard on 8-25-16)	5 industrial use juxtaposed and surrounded by large lot
6	4 - For possible action: Agency presentation 7 of 2017 CIF program requests to the board	6 residential. I'm a landscape architect as well as a city
7	Peace Officers Standards & Training 31	7 planner. I've been doing it for a while. I'm also a
8	Tourism & Cultural Affairs 37	8 landscape contractor. I have some knowledge of this kind of
9	Agriculture 58	9 work.
10 11	Wildlife 8	And what I'm asking you to do is to consider a
12	Public Safety 65	11 project, as I did last time, that would mitigate or eliminate
13	Conservation & Natural Resources 79	12 this issue. The elimination of the issue would be fairly
14	Nevada System of Higher Education 92	13 straightforward but takes a lot of paperwork. And that is
15		14 right now this land, which is industrial use as well as
16	6 - Recess until Thursday, August 25, 2016	15 residential, if you'll notice on the second page of the 16 handout, is 2.99 acres and it's a state-owned historical
17	pare the second of committee by building	handout, is 2.99 acres and it's a state-owned historical house. It says it's vacant on this. It has been after five
18		18 years of being vacant now it has tenants, which all of us are
19	The state of the s	19 happy about.
20		The problem is that the industrial use and the
21	de est en et en en et en en et en en en en en en en en e	21 residential uses are not compatible, particularly when it's
22	A DECEMBER OF THE PROPERTY TO THE PROPERTY OF	22 used at this end in this instance as a courtyard and laydown
23		23 area for the NDOT project.
24		I do not fault NDOT nor do my neighbors. We want
25		25 and needed the improvements that were done because of the

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- 1 things that were associated with the short ramp on the
- 2 freeway. However, right now we have a situation where we
- 3 still have an incompatible use. We have nuisance as well as
- environmental concerns. Nuisance is associated with the
- 5 visual resource management kinds of issues that are obvious
- by looking here.
- And the second is the environmental issues are,
- everybody in this state knows about the wind and the dust,
- and we have people who are significantly impacted by that at
- 10 their residences because of the use of this land and how it
- is used.
- Now, I don't think it's right to come here and 12
- 13 this is the problem without saying here are at least two
- solutions. The first solution that I would give, the best
- solution, would be to preserve the character of the 15
- historical site by taking the industrial portion of that and
- moving it up to Marlette Lake, which is where all of this
- equipment goes and is used. The balance of the land could be
- sold to pay for the move. And I don't know how long the
- tenants have the lease for. But because of the installation
- problems in the house, they may be there one year or less.
- We don't know. 22
- But if you look at the -- at the photograph 23
- 24 itself on the left-hand side, there is a large what we would
- 25 call what are pre-engineered buildings, and that building

- 1 have included, as well as the fellow landscape architect who
 - 2 also lives there, there are three among us, which is kind of
 - 3 a high percentage, which means we really like it there. We
 - 4 all came to the same conclusion about six foot redwood fence,
 - 5 using two-inch galvanized pipe so it lasts a long time and a
 - 6 double-O mix of conickers so that if we have problems we
 - don't lose the whole thing because we did a monoculture
 - there. 8
 - Now, if you have any questions for me on this 9
 - 10 issue, the only thing I'll ask you to do really is just drive
 - 11 by and see what it's like, especially for the two teachers
 - 12 who live the closest. And that's my testimony. I'm probably
 - 13 over five minutes and I'm sorry.
 - CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: You're good. Thank you, sir. 14
 - 15 Are there any questions? Hearing none, thank you.
 - MR. CORRADO: Thank you. 16
 - CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Item number 3, presentation on 17
 - 18 governor's initiatives. That will be tabled until tomorrow
 - 19 morning.
 - So at this time we'll move on to Agenda Item
 - 21 Number 4. Agenda Item Number 4, possible action, agency
 - 22 presentation of 2017 capital improvement program requests to
 - 23 the board. Peace Officers Standards and Training.
 - MS. STEWART: They're not here yet. 24
 - MR. PATRICK: We can go to the second group, but

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- 1 houses equipment. It's generally not a nuisance except 1 they're not here.
- 2 visually, especially since the fence has blown down. And now
- 3 if you look at the foreground you can see there was no fence
- 4 there to begin with except what I would call a cattle or a
- 5 horse fence in the forefront.
- Now, directly in front of you, if you could look
- 7 through the equipment, would be a residence. There are four
- 8 residences that surround the property. And right now that's
- 9 a real problem for them especially because two of the
- 10 residences are for sale. And with all of this construction
- 11 going on, it's a problem for them. They haven't been able to
- 12 move the houses. I don't know why.
- But the other thing is that right now we're in 13
- 14 the middle of the Jackie Morehead project. That's not going
- 15 to be very long either. That doesn't mitigate the problem of
- 16 the use of the land and the negative consequences both
- visually as well as environmentally that we suffer on a daily
- 18 basis. This is our front door. This is where we come in.
- 19 And we would like -- And we have stated this at the last
- 20 meeting. We've been in contact with buildings and grounds.
- 21 We know the process. They've outlined it very clearly. And
- 22 the first I'm going to ask to be done is the design before we
- 23 can even find out how much it would cost and come to anybody 24 for money. And so we would ask that at least that first step
- 25 be done and that first step include -- And, by the way, I

- MR. NUNEZ: Is Tourism and Culture ready to go?
- MR. PATRICK: Wildlife wants to go. 3
- MR. NUNEZ: Peace officers are not here yet for
- 5 some reason. They were asked to be here 20 minutes early,
- and so if there's another agency that's ready to go.
- MR. CHIMITS: Wildlife are ready to go.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: They were hoping to watch for a
- little bit.
- Department of Wildlife. 10
- UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This is just to hold your 11
- 12 power point presentation.
- MS. STEWART: As long as they're not made out of 13
- gold I think we're okay.
- MEMBER GORDA: They're heavy. 15
- MS. O'BRIEN: Good morning, Chairman and Members 16
- 17 of the Board. My name is Liz O'Brien and I'm the deputy
- director for the Department of Wildlife. To my left is Jack
- Robb, a deputy director as well, and to my right is Rodd
- 20 Lighthouse, chief engineer for the department.
- This slide has a little information about the 21
- 22 Department of Wildlife. Just so that you know, our director
- was going to try to be here. We told him that we would be presenting at 10:40. So he's over at a cabinet meeting and
- 25 was going to join us at that time. I know he wanted to be

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1 here.

2 So the department has 255 full-time employees,

- 3 133 buildings, 32 radio towers, 11 wildlife management areas,
- 4 120,000 acres, eight major facilities, seven unique divisions
- 5 under the directors office, four fish hatcheries, and three
- 6 regions. The regions are shown in the map to the left there.
- 7 They are shown on the map.
- 8 And the next slide are we had originally
- 9 submitted seven projects. However, based on the State Public
- 10 Works Board priority recommendation, we are seeking funding
- 11 for the following three: Project 7329, the water system
- 12 improvements at the Mason Valley Wildlife Management area
- 13 headquarters, Project 7606, operations and maintenance
- 14 facility at the Mason Valley Wildlife Management area, and
- 15 Project 7113, the Las Vegas multi-agency conservation office.
- MR. ROBB: I'll be going through the projects
- 17 today.
- 18 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: State your name for the record.
- MR. ROBB: Jack Robb for the record. I'm sorry
- 20 about that. Deputy director of Nevada Department of
- 21 Wildlife. The first project, 7329, is a water system
- 22 improvement and it goes through this slide here and tell you
- 23 why we need to --
- 24 (The court reporter interrupts)
- MR. ROBB: I'm terrible at hearing in this room

- 1 the pictures here, they're not operable at this point. We
- 2 are seven miles north of Yerington. With the location of
- 3 this, we are supposed to be initial attack on fire. With the
- 4 way our fire system is right now, we do not have initial
- 5 attack because the only attack we have is a water tenure
- 6 issue on site.
- Concerns, we have high arsenic in the area. No
- 8 fire suppression. We have a huge liability with the drinking
- 9 water quality that we are serving to those residents out
- 10 there at this time and their families. The residents often
- 11 complain about the quality of the water.
- And the next slide is a letter that a spouse
- 13 wrote in complaining about the condition that we are making
- 14 them live in. It states, at least the department can keep
- 15 the houses up and make them livable. That means water that
- 16 doesn't smell so bad that you can't take a shower or wash
- 17 your clothes.
- 18 Proposed improvements. We want to put in a
- 9 properly designed domestic well, a properly designed pump
- 20 house, a new domestic water treatment system so we can get
- 21 the arsenic and manganese out.
- The new domestic distribution system. The system
- 23 it's currently in is galvanized and we would need to run a
- 24 hole new system at least to the house location and make it up
- 25 to standard and livable.

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- 1 so she's going to have to translate if you say something.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Just speak up a little bit if
- 3 you could because there's an echo and it's difficult for her
- 4 to hear you.
- MR. ROBB: Okay. All right. This facility is
- 6 located seven miles northeast of Yerington, Nevada. The
- 7 water supply system, these are some pictures that show you
- 8 what the water supply system currently looks like. It's
- 9 supplied by well. There's three residences on this location.
- 10 When we have a wildlife management area we do require that
- 11 the staff live on-site because of the expansive nature of the
- 12 wildlife management area and the number of visitors we get
- 13 there we do require staff to live on site.
- 14 There's a 15-unit campground, office buildings,
- 15 shop building, water fill stand pipe, several frost-free
- 16 faucets, and fire suppression that are supposed to be served
- 17 by the water system currently.
- The issue is we have a poor well design, the
- 19 gravel pack isn't sufficient, the screen sizing is the wrong
- 20 size. We're bringing a lot of sand in to the system, which
- 21 sand causes our water treatment facility to not operate
- 22 properly, so we're not able to keep the treatment facility on
- 23 the line to deliver the clean and safe drinking water to our
- 24 residents.
- The fire suppression system, as you can see in

- 1 It would serve the residents, offices, if
- 2 necessary, but the reason it says if necessary, we're going
- 3 to go to the next project and you'll see why we put if
- 4 necessary in there. And there is a water supply for the
- 5 campground. It is marked as non-potable. But you know how
- 6 people are sometimes. They hook up and do what they need to.
- 7 We need to get fire suppression facilities back
- 8 in this location so we can keep the residences safe at that
- 9 location.
- And we've used an old well, tried to convert that
- 11 old well and not run in to the filtration system and get that
- 12 back up at a place where we can get fire suppression
- 13 capability out there.
- 14 Ramifications if this project doesn't go through.
- 15 We have untreated drinking water serving state employees at
- 16 this point, which is not acceptable. Costly and inefficient,
- 17 we continue to try to do this thing along and keep water
- 18 through the residence and that's been an ongoing issue. We
- 19 don't have fire suppression. Long term health issues and
- 20 potential lawsuits if we don't do something.
- NDOW has contributed \$10,000 to the initial
- 22 design of a new system. So we do have a design in a system.
- 23 We're just waiting on funding so we can go forward.
- The next project is the operation and maintenance
- 25 facility at Mason Valley Wildlife Management area. I'm going

1 to -- This is where the houses are. A mile south is where 2 our fish hatchery is currently located. This is where the

- houses in the current location are. We want to relocate the
- offices and the shop area down here.
- Nevada Department of Wildlife purchased this
- property to create wetlands and wildlife management area in
- 1955. The current office that they're using and the sheds
- that we're using as our shop area were existing buildings on
- the old ranch barn that was -- existed when we purchased it
- in 1955. The office is actually a little bunk house that was
- built quite a while before 1955. We don't have an exact date
- on it. The documentation shows 1955, but that's the purchase
- date of the property. 13
- So we have ADA issues, roofing issues, ceiling 14
- issues, flooring, electrical, plumbing, potential mold,
- exterior paint. It's got a poor layout because it was a bunk
- house before. Public use is a very limited area. It's just
- not accessible to bring the public in to. It just needs a 18
- lot of help. 19
- MR. LIGHTHOUSE: Rod Lighthouse for the record. 20
- I provided you a little handout in the holder that I 21
- provided. And what that handout basically is, is it's part
- of the facility conditions analysis report performed by State
- Public Works in 2009. At that time State Public Works
- 25 identified priority one projects and the fire project.

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1 of. Everything that was in storage probably dates back to

- 2 the 1930s. It's in a state of disrepair. And the pack rats 3 seem to store more material in it than we do. It's just
- 4 pretty old and dilapidated at this point.
- Concerns. Our concerns are public employee
- 6 safety. That is our number one concern is maintaining
- 7 operations in this location. It's inaccessible to the public
- with disabilities. It has poor working conditions. If we're
- 9 working on heavy equipment in the winter or summer, we don't
- 10 have any shade. We don't have anything to keep the rain or
- 11 the elements off the equipment we're working on. It's just
- 12 less than ideal to maintain any type of equipment. We can't
- perform necessary repairs on anything out there. And with
- the non-adequate storage, we're seeing the life span of
- expensive equipment that you buy, tires, everything rotting 15
- away because of exposure to the elements. So, in fact, not
- 17 having the building is actually costing the Nevada Department
- of Wildlife money in the end. 18
- Here's some other pictures that we have here. 19
- 20 Storage. Here's some of the wiring in the office. It's just
- 21 a bunk house built prior to 1955. It isn't meant to be an 22 office.
- 23 Our proposed improvements. We want to add on 660
- 24 square foot of office to the existing hatchery that I showed
- 25 you at the beginning, which is a mile south. It was built 25

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- 1 Priority one projects are projects that in their opinion need
- to be completed immediately to within two years to keep the operation viable. And priority two projects are the projects
- that they felt needed to be completed within two to four years. And priority one projects included ADA upgrades, fire
- alarm, fire suppression, flooring. And the priority two
- projects consisted of exterior door, exterior paint, interior
- paint, lighting, roof, windows, and air conditioner. The
- total of those projects at the time amounted to approximately
- \$111,000 and the building at that time was valued at
- 11 \$142,500. So this just kind of justifies what we pointed out
- 12 there.
- MR. ROBB: Jack Robb again for the record.
- Associated with this project we're hoping to get a shop. The
- current shop depicted in this picture here is an existing
- building that we bought in 1955. It's too small. It doesn't
- have a grain or hoist. Inadequate HVAC. No secondary 17
- containment for waste materials. Next to this we have
- 19 55-gallon drums. We don't have any containment on the site.
- We're in the middle of wildlife management area and we do not
- have proper containment. If we have an accidental oil spill
- while we're working on a piece of equipment, we have to
- remove the soil because we don't have any type of 23
- 24 containment.
- Storage is another thing we're in desperate need 25

- 1 or so years ago. It's a modern facility. It just doesn't
- 2 have ample space to house wildlife management area personnel
- 3 and fish hatchery personnel in the office. If we do add on
- 4 the 660 square foot of office, we would need to remodel about
- 5 540 existing square foot of office to make the hatchery and
- 6 the new office for the wildlife management areas work well
- 7 together and be one unit. We want to add 2400 square foot, a 8 two-bay equipment repair shop with flooring, containment, and
- 9 make it a modern facility so we can maintain our equipment in
- 10 a professional manner. And add 4800 square foot of
- 11 three-wall covered vehicle and equipment parking, just an
- 12 open bay, just to get it out of the sun and elements.
- 13 Ramifications if project not approved. We have
- 14 health and safety, injury claims could be an issue.
- 15 Respiratory issues with the way that our current facility is
- 16 being operated. We have exposure to elements.
- Environmental impact. We do have the fire 17
- 18 containment. Damaged equipment. Potential civil lawsuits
- from the general public and employees. ADA and everything. 19
- NDOW has committed up to \$125,000 towards the 20
- 21 design of the new wildlife management area office and so that
- 22 has been submitted to this project. I believe the total cost of the design would be \$250,000. But we've committed up to
- 125,000 to the design portion. 24
- Our next one is something that we've been in need

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- 1 of for quite a while. That's project 7113, Las Vegas Drive,
- 2 4747 Las Vegas Drive. This picture here shows you that we're
- 3 surrounded by a park on two sides, BLM at an office on the
- 4 other side. That office has been removed and the city
- 5 currently owns that parcel and wants to develop that in to a
- 6 park.
- In the 2007 plan, the city didn't want to get our
- 8 parcel to incorporate with that land in to the future
- development of the park. With the downturn in the economy,
- 10 that kind of went on the back burner for a while trying to
- get that back to the forefront so we can get that Las Vegas
- 12 Drive annex.
- It's a multi-agency office. Currently an NDOW 13
- 14 facility and NDF parks. One of the biggest issues we have
- there is space. We lack space for storage. We lack space
- for employee. We lack space for parking and customers. We
- currently have 25 general parking places. We have 30
- employees. And NDOW will not count any of the forestry
- employees, so we are forced to park at the park location. We
- use city property to park. In fact, we do have secured
- 21 parking if you can call anything secure in that neighborhood.
- We have multiple break-ins on a regular basis there. 22
- 23 Do you want to -- Oh, no, not yet. I'm sorry. I
- 24 moved to the wrong one. Currently NDOW has a main office
- 25 just over 5,000 square foot, an annex. And NDF and parks

- 1 good for Department of Wildlife and the public coming in to interact with the agency.
- This picture here is in our lobby area. It's
- adequate but doesn't put our best foot forward.
- The current NDOW parks NDF facility had multiple
- safety concerns. Crime activity is rampant around there.
- SWAT has responded across the street. Game wardens had got
- 8 in foot pursuits with armed robbers at the 7-Eleven down the
- street. Copper components keep getting stolen from expensive HVAC units. We haven't addressed the pan handlers. We did
- put lighting up around the area to try to make it not as
- 12 tempting at night for the thieves to bad things so they steal
- 13 our lights. We don't have a neighbor around to deter crime.
- We don't have staff on site, so crime is pretty rampant
- around there at night.
- Just to depict the crime in the area, we used an
- on-line application that shows crime in the area from March
- 18 15th through August 16th of 2016. These are all the crimes
- 19 that existed with the number of occurrences that existed in
- 20 that location within or a mile of that office. One mile of
- 21 that office. We took a comparison to the public works here
- 22 in Carson City, their building, with the same software. The
- 23 crime rate in this neighborhood, our office determined that
- 24 ten times higher crime rate than where the Carson City office
- 25 is in public works. So we just need a baseline. But over

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- 2 Some of these issues, all of our offices have at least two
- 3 people in them. We do have people housed in a common area.

1 have just under 6,000 square feet of office at that location.

- 4 We have multiple desks set up in the common area. If you
- didn't know better, you would think that we're kind of
- 6 hoarders in there because it looks like we don't throw 7 anything away. The problem is everything is stacked in our
- office, but it's stuff that they use on a routine basis and
- it's critical for our job. It's just stacked in this place.
- 10 We actually used an old used book shelf as a partition. And
- 11 there is what we call an office behind that book shelf
- separated from what we call a conference area.
- Here's some more pictures of how the office 13
- 14 looks. Like I said, the pictures look like hoarders, but
- these are items critical to maintain our day-to-day
- 16 operation.
- 17 Here's some more pictures of the secured parking.
- 18 The warehouse is not adequate to keep stuff in. This bottom
- picture here, this is where people from the public have to
- come in and if they harvest a mountain lion, a bighorn sheep,
- 21 a mountain goat, bear, or anything that you need to turn in
- to the Department of Wildlife or if we have a wildlife game 22
- warden pick something up or the public brings something in
- and we need to investigate what's gone on with that animal,
- that's our lab right there basically. So that doesn't show

- 1 600 crimes compared to 69 here at the location in Carson
- MR. LIGHTHOUSE: Rodd Lighthouse for the record. 3
- 4 So based on the 2014 State Public Works facility condition
- analysis, the security fencing was identified as a priority
- one project at this site, which also supports the NDOW's
- concern for safety.
- MR. ROBB: Jack Robb again for the record.
- 9 Proposed NDOW DCNR location. This map on this shows the new
- 10 B and B office. Flamingo -- I think this is Durango and this
- 11 is Cimarron. This is all state property. We're proposing to
- 12 design a building and become an office down there on this
- 13 property. Preliminary assessment by TSA has been put
- 14 forward. NDOW and DCNR cooperated with that little adventure
- 15 here in the past six months. It's just concluding. We need
- 16 between 40 and 42,000 square feet of office is what that preliminary assessment did determine.
- Housed in this new location it would be a 18
- 19 multi-agency facility. Nevada Department of Wildlife would
- 20 occupy approximately a third of that location from the
- 21 initial assessment done by TSA. Under DCNR we would have
- 22 Forestry, Parks, Historic Preservation Office, Water
- 23 Resources, Division of Minerals, Bureau of Industrial Site 24 Clean-up, Bureau of Federal Facilities, Bureau of Corrective
- 25 Actions, Bureau of Waste Management, Bureau of Safe Drinking

1 Water, and Bureau of Water Pollution Control.

- Part of this office, one thing we're really
- striving to get with this office is a location like we're
- sitting in here, something that we can do video conference in
- 5 the north and south with. The Department of Wildlife holds
- commission meetings and we go to Reno and Vegas and that
- would help. And we would have a big boost in video
- conferencing. We're hoping that we have an adequate
- conference room in this location that we can accommodate up to a hundred people for a meeting like this in front of the
- board and the commission so we have it open to the public and
- have video conference for all of our meetings we hold in
- Vegas. Currently we're begging locations from others and we
- are rapidly wearing out our welcome to try to have our
- 15 meetings on Friday and Saturday to make our self as
- accessible as we can on Saturday and get as much
- participation as we can on the issues.
- That's the end of our presentation. 18
- Going back to, we did put in money on the first 19
- two projects and have committed money to those projects. The
- joint office with DCNR, we are going to need one-third of
- 22 that office, which means we cannot do anything more than
- one-third of the expenditure. If you ask us can we bring any
- 24 money towards this project, you can probably work to bring
- 25 money forward, but we do not bring forward more than that

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- 1 building. They thought we were at least half, but we're not.
- 2 And the TSA final projections of the need for the square
- 3 footage we are at one-third. So they would need to come up
- 4 with the two-thirds.
- MR. ROBB: We did have a meeting scheduled with
- 6 them last week. We postponed that meeting. DCNR is
- 7 currently in a state of change. They're going to have a new
- 8 director because Leo did announce his retirement. And we
- 9 didn't specifically tell you what our commitment could be
- 10 today because we want to get a good firm commitment from DCNR
- 11 where we're going with the building because we don't want to
- 12 put out sportsman's dollars, \$20,000 of sportsman's dollars,
- 13 for a project to do a preliminary design to then not go
- 14 forward with a partner. We want to get somebody in the place
- 15 of DCNR, sit down with our director and their director, and
- 16 make sure we're all on the same page going forward and we all
- have an understanding of where everybody is at.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Mr. Chimits. 18
- MR. CHIMITS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Chris 19
- 20 Chimits for the record. One more question. DCNR has got I
- 21 think around 11,000, 12,000 square feet of leased space down
- 22 in Las Vegas that they have. And I understood that you guys
- 23 were around 11,000 yourself. Is that correct?
- MR. ROBB: Jack Robb for the record. We do have 24
- 25 lease space in Henderson.

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- MR. CHIMITS: Well, just total space that you 1 share or we would put some of our federal dollars in one with 1
- 2 DEJ and ER. And if we put that money towards the project
- 3 that's not wildlife-related, it could be considered an
- 4 abundance and we would put all of our other funding at risk.
- 5 So the department does have some money we could possibly
- 6 bring forward for you guys to improve the design of this new
- 7 location. That's what this project is for. Not the building
- but the design to go forward with the building location.
- So if you have any questions, we want to get
- through this presentation quick enough that we gave you guys
- ample time to ask any questions you may have. 11
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you very much. I 12
- appreciate you jumping in early. Great job. Bryce Clutts
- for the record. Are there any questions from the board?
- 15 Mr. Chimits.
- MR. CHIMITS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Chris 16
- 17 Chimits, deputy administrator, for the record. The question
- would be has there been any further clarification with DCNR
- on the split on the soft cost for this project or has that
- not -- have you not gotten there with them yet? 20
- MS. O'BRIEN: Liz O'Brien for the record. We did 21
- 22 talk with them over there, with DCNR, and specifically we
- 23 spoke with Jim, Jim Lawrence. And I think we still need to
- 24 work out some details with them. Our hopes is that we could
- 25 partner going forward. They thought we had more of the

- 2 have.
- MR. ROBB: What's that? 3
- MR. CHIMITS: Just total square footage that you
- 5 use down in Las Vegas.
- MS, O'BRIEN: Liz O'Brien for the record. We are
- not planning on closing those offices, the Henderson office
- and the Lake Mead office. We're going to keep those two.
- The location of the land in Las Vegas is not close enough down to the Henderson office for us to be able to close that
- 11 office. It's too far away for our customers.
- MR. CHIMITS: So would you be using about 11,000 12
- square feet in this new building? 13
- MS. O'BRIEN: I didn't bring that. It's 14
- 15 one-third of the total.
- MR. CHIMITS: So one-third -- I believe the 16
- 17 building was at 45,000 square feet is where you finished at.
- 18 MS. O'BRIEN: Okay.
- MR. CHIMITS: And so basically about 15,000 19
- 20 square feet would be yours is what you're saying. And then
- 21 we took 11,000 square feet of lease space that DCNR has down
- 22 in Las Vegas, so we're at about 26,000 square feet. Do you
- 23 know where that other 20,000 square feet is being used? MR. ROBB: Yes. Jack Robb for the record. At 24
- 25 the current location that we've been discussing on 4747 Vegas

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1 Drive, it houses NDOW, NDF, and State Parks. All of these

- 2 other offices under DCNR are currently in lease space
- 3 throughout the Las Vegas valley. My understanding is that
- 4 they pay between 19 and \$20,000 a month in lease payments
- 5 spread throughout and they're not in one location. I don't
- 6 know the total square footage that they lease out, DCNR, but
- 7 I do know that they're spread throughout the valley and it's
- B about 19 to \$20,000 per month in lease space they are
- currently occupying. And we're hoping that some of the cost 10 of this project could be going forward if we get this funding
- 11 to do the preliminary design, that going forward the City of
- 12 Las Vegas would acquire our current location and offset some
- 13 of the costs we have of constructing the new location.
- And we already -- not we as the Department of
- Wildlife, but the State already owns the land that we're
- proposing to go on next to DMV. So there would not be a cost
- in land acquisition. It would just be a building facility
- 18 improvement cost.
- MEMBER HAND: Adam Hand for the record. What is 19 20 the state value for that property that would be sold to the
- 22 MR. ROBB: Jack Robb for the record. We do not
- 23 have a current value of the Las Vegas parcel. We would want
- to partner with DCNR to get an appraisal on that, but we do
- 25 not have a current value. There is -- The warehouse in back

- 1 stuff.
 - CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Are there any other questions? 2
 - 3 Chairman Clutts for the record. With respect to the land and
 - 4 the building with the continued challenges that we have as a
 - 5 state with the maintenance issues, has there been any
 - 6 investigation in to relocating the facilities and to leased
- space and possibly taking advantage of market or leasing
- space? 8
- MR. ROBB: Jack Robb for the record. We just
- went through an exercise with lease space in Reno. We were
- very lucky to get space on Sierra Center Parkway. When we
- 12 went through that process, one of our biggest hurdles is our
- 13 secured parking in the back. A great number of our employees
- 14 do not have take-home vehicles but they do have assigned
- 15 vehicles to do their field work. So they drive the vehicle
- 16 to work and then they take the vehicle home and then they
- have the vehicle at home. So we have two vehicles per
- 18 person. And then we have to have ample room for public
- 19 parking and have ample room to have a boat go-through because 20
- we have to do a whole number of inspections, boat
- 21 inspections. So we need ample room for that. Our Sierra
- 22 Center Parkway location we do not have ample room for boats,
- 23 so we kept the Valley Road location as a regional office. 24 Currently we house about 85 people at Sierra Center Parkway,
- 25 but we require 130 parking places because of the public,
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- 1 would be a value but would not be featured because of the 2 operation. The building that NDF and Parks currently occupy
- 3 is a more modern facility than we occupy at NDOW, so they may
- 4 keep that as a future park office. So there is some value to
- 5 the land and the buildings that are on there.
- MEMBER CATES: So I think first it's probably
- time for a disclosure. Up until 11 months ago I was deputy
- director for the Department of Wildlife and was in Brian's
- position and intimately familiar with these projects having
- 10 been on that side of the table and asking for the same thing.
- And because of that, I probably know more about this than I 11 12 should.

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- But I want to ask, you spoke about the 13
- 14 multi-agency facility and the potential for federal funds.
- 15 And I understand that the issues would split the costs fairly
- 16 with another agency. But I'm curious about the other two
- projects for Mason Valley. I don't see any identification of
- 18 federal funds available in to the contribution federal funds
- 19 for those.
- 20 MR. ROBB: If we did get funding we would --
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: State your name. 21
- 22 MR. ROBB: This is Jack Robb for the record. If
- 23 we did get funding, we could submit those as asked to DCNR
- 24 money, debt process, as you're well aware. If we get partial
- 25 funding, we could do the grants and try to get that kind of

- 1 because of our vehicles we have on site that stay there overnight and the vehicles that the employees come in.
- 3 So our biggest hurdle of finding a location to
- 4 lease or occupy in that type of situation is parking.
- 5 Most -- When we went through this exercise, we basically ran
- 6 in to one building that had ample parking and it still
- 7 wouldn't suffice what we needed. We had to have a
- 8 counter-operation, the public coming in, and boats and
- 9 everything that we need as an operation. That's our biggest
- 10 hurdle. It's not building space so much as parking and
- 11 availability of a boat pull-through.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Bryce Clutts for the record. 12
- 13 So if I understand, we have investigated lease options in Las
- 14 Vegas and there aren't any?
- 15 MR. ROBB: Jack Robb for the record. We haven't
- 16 investigated in the Las Vegas area recently. But in the
- 17 exercise that was in Reno working with our land agents, that
- was our biggest hurdle was parking space. 18
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Bryce Clutts for the record. I 19
- 20 have another question. With respect to the challenges that 21 you've seen at the first two facilities, is there any impact
- 22 in turnover of employees, hiring to get people to stay with
- 23 the department as a result of these conditions?
- 24 MR. ROBB: Jack Robb for the record. Our
- 25 wildlife management areas are often times rural locations.

- 1 And we do see turnover. Because of the location area, there
- is a high rate of turnover in those locations. Part of the
- 3 compensation is you get to live in a house fairly cheap. But
- 4 if you don't give them the nice house, if they have a spouse
- and family there, a lot of times it's the spouse that says
- 6 it's time to go. It's not the worker. It's the spouse. And
- 7 that's what driving some of them. Maintaining spouses not as
- 8 much as employees. I can't say I would want my wife living
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you. Bryce Clutts for 10
- 11 the record. I apologize. I have one more question on this.
- So Bryce Clutts for the record. So with respect to the
- funding, you had mentioned three biennium. So if I
- understand, this has been six or eight years that you've been
- investing the same money for the same challenges and this
- can't be kicked down the road or has there been any funding
- with respect to these particular projects.
- MR. LIGHTHOUSE: Rodd Lighthouse for the record. 18
- 19 Project one has never been submitted before. It's a totally
- new project with Mason Valley water system.
- MEMBER CATES: That's true. 21
- MR. LIGHTHOUSE: So you can answer the rest. 22
- MR. ROBB: Project two has been submitted prior.
- 24 Jack Robb for the record. Sorry about that. Project two has
- 25 been submitted. We do need to do something out there. With

- 1 early.
- MR. ROBB: I'm glad we were early.
- MR. NUNEZ: Mr. Chairman, POST is here now, so if
- 4 you would like to go back to the peace officers, they're here
- 5 now so we can go back to them and they have one project and
- 6 then we can get back on schedule after that.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Nunez.
- Bryce Clutts for the record. It's 9:53, so we'll 8
- move in to Peace Officers Standards and Training. 9
- MR. BUNTING: Good morning. My name is Tim 10
- 11 Bunting. I'm the deputy director for Peace Officers
- 12 Standards and Training, commonly referred to as POST. Our
- 13 executive director is Mike Sherlock, who cannot be here this
- 14 morning because we are having --
- (The court reporter interrupts) 15
 - MR. BUNTING: POST has a statewide mission
- 17 regulating law enforcement and training. We are a fee-based
- 18 budget. We receive our funding through administrative
- 19 assessments added to misdemeanor fines.
- The one capital improvement project that we are 20
- 21 proposing is an emergency vehicle operation course, which is
- 22 referred to as EVOC. An EVOC is an advanced drivers training
- and is mandatory training in all basic law enforcement
- academies. It is a 40-hour course that covers driver skills,
- 25 maneuvering through traffic, backing, lane changing and

- 1 our limited budget, even with our managing funds, we do rely 2 100 percent or 99 percent on sportsman revenue plus those
- 3 matching dollars. So we're a user-based agency with less
- 4 than two percent general fund.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Bryce Clutts for the record.
- 6 My final question, and I apologize, this is probably more of
- 7 an operational question, but I'm asking the statewide issue
- 8 is with respect to looking at those pictures and the agency
- 9 office and the binders and the stacks of paper and what not, 10 has there been any exploration in to a paperless system to
- 11 create more space? I understand you all are doing the best
- 12 you can with what you have. But it seems like an awful lot
- 13 of binders and papers and taking up a lot of valuable lease
- 14 space there or building space?
- MS. O'BRIEN: Liz O'Brien for the record. We are 15
- 16 working on that. We started I want to say three years ago.
- 17 I'm looking at Patrick because he was there. We started with
- 18 the equipment. We had bone yards of equipment and we've
- 19 started there and we're working our way in to the internal 20 parts of the building. And that is a goal of ours to do
- 21 within the next two to four years. We -- It's just there's
- 22 so much out there we just couldn't -- didn't have enough 23 staff time to dedicate to getting it cleaned in one shot.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you. Are there any other 24
- 25 questions? Thank you very much for your time on jumping in

1 decision making.

- The proposed course would be located on state
- 3 land between the Northern Nevada Correctional Center and the
- Stewart Facility in south Carson City. The facility consists
- of a skid pad or a large asphalt pad area that we can put
- different driving courses on with cones. And it is also
- contained in a classroom for instruction and houses our
- driving simulators.
- California POST recently did a study that because
- 10 of a number of traffic fatalities they had in their state
- with peace officers and they found that you must train not
- only in skills, the driving part, but in the decision-making
- part, which is the simulators. 13
- This facility will be not just used by POST but
- 15 by the Department of Public Safety's basic training academy
- 16 also, HP academy. We'll also make it available to the agency
- 17 for in-service training. We will set a fee based on these
- 18 individuals and how long they will use it.
- One of the great advantages of where the facility 19
- 20 will go out by Stewart is both department public safety and
- 21 POST. We have dormitories there so agencies that come from a
- 22 remote area can actually stay overnight at a very reduced 23 cost.
- During recent CIP presentations on this project, 24
- 25 which has been coming up since about 2005, I've always been

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- 1 reporting that more peace officers are killed in vehicle
- 2 accidents than in any other way. Unfortunately that is no
- 3 longer true as recent events have held out. During last year
- 4 123 peace officers were killed and one-third of them were in
- 5 vehicle accidents. It is very difficult to train against the
- 6 sniper. It is not difficult to teach someone how to drive
- 7 more effectively.
- And also POST, like all academies in the nation,
- start their EVOC training with a film of a mother describing
- 10 the death of her two sons who were killed by a police officer
- 11 driving incorrectly. We do this just to illustrate the point
- 12 of a vehicle if you spend 80 percent of your time on duty is
- also a lethal weapon to other people.
- 14 As I said before, POST is not the only agency
- 15 that will use this. I have a letter from Director James
- Wright, the director of Department of Public Safety who was
- 17 also a POST commissioner and why he could not be here today.
- And it's a letter of support and he writes, please accept
- this letter for the Department of Public Safety support from
- Nevada commission of Peace Officers Standards and Training
- 21 proposed emergency vehicle operations course. The
- 22 department, along with other law enforcement agencies, have a
- need and requirement to deliver vehicle operation training to
- 24 our sworn officers. This proposed training facility in
- 25 Carson City would enable DPS to utilize it and provide the

- 1 MEMBER TIBERTI: Member Tiberti. How many
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- 3 (The court reporter interrupts)
- MEMBER TIBERTI: How many police officers have
- 5 killed civilians in Nevada in the last two or three years?
- That's the question I want to ask.
- MR. BUNTING: I don't know off the top of my
- 8 head. I know of a couple of incidents. There's one down by
- Mesquite where four people were killed by -- during a
- pursuit. There was a Highway Patrolman that rear-ended a car
- in Las Vegas and killed three people. I don't think it's a
- huge number. But it does happen in Nevada.
- 13 MEMBER TIBERTI: What's the typical around the
- country and state of driving that kills?
- 15 MR. BUNTING: Clearing intersections. When they
- 16 come to an intersection, especially when they're running what
- you call a code three, lights and sirens. People don't hear
- 18 the siren and don't notice the lights. And so it's over --
- 19 We call it over driving. The peace officer will go in to an
- 20 intersection thinking people are going to stop and they don't
- 21 stop and they end up being broad-sided.
- 22 MEMBER TIBERTI: Thank you.
- MEMBER GORDA: Member Mason Gorda. What are you 23
- 24 doing now for training?
- 25 MR. BUNTING: We use the, here in Carson City, in

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- 1 south Carson, the Edmunds Sports Complex parking lot. The
- 2 reason we use that is it's within a half mile of Stewart,
 - 3 maybe a mile of Stewart, it's right there, so we have very
 - 4 little downtime going back and forth. It is just barely
 - 5 minimum space that we need for EVOC. But it cuts down on
 - going to some place else. We get more training done.
 - MEMBER GORDA: Thank you.
 - CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Are there any other questions?
 - 9 Bryce Clutts for the record. Mr. Chimits, I noticed in the
 - 10 package that this project is currently at a hundred percent
 - 11 construction documents. And in the project cost estimate
 - 12 there's some design supervision cost there. Can you tell me
 - 13 what that is?

 - MR. CHIMITS: Yes. Chris Chimits for the record. 14
 - 15 The documents are completed through construction document
 - 16 phase, but they would need to be -- they were done, what,

 - 17 eight years ago. And so we would bring them up to the 2012
 - 18 code. So there's money set aside in there for the 19 architectural firm to go through the documents and make

 - 20 changes to bring them up to the '12 code. And then five
 - 21 percent of the fee for bidding and negotiating through that
 - 22 process. And then 20 percent for construction administration
 - 23 to get us through the construction period.
 - 24 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you.
 - 25 MR. CHIMITS: You're welcome.

1 high risk training at the facilities designed specifically

- 2 for emergency driving. And that is signed James Wright,
- 3 director.
- Subject to your question, that is my 4
- presentation. 5
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you, sir.
- Are there any questions from the board.
- MEMBER GORDA: I'm Member Mason Gorda. Can you
- 9 tell me the number of peace officers in Carson City or
- northern Nevada roughly?
- MR. BUNTING: In northern Nevada -- There are 11 12 about 10,000 statewide. So there's probably 2,000 in
- northern Nevada. 13
- 14 MEMBER GORDA: And southern Nevada?
- MR. BUNTING: Metro is 2500. Henderson is 15
- 16 another 2,000. And then if you add -- Department of Public
- 17 Safety is spread throughout the State. I don't know the
- exact breakdown, so I'm guessing on that. We maintain around
- 17,000 records, but not all of those 17,000 are active peace 19 20 officers.
- 21 MEMBER GORDA: Member Mason Gorda. The reason
- 22 that I'm asking is the proposal location if it's better
- served in southern Nevada versus northern Nevada. 23 24 MR. BUNTING: Las Vegas Metro uses Las Vegas
- Speedway is what they use for their EVOC.

- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Any other questions? Thank 1 you, sir. 2
- MR. BUNTING: Thank you for your time. 3
- MEMBER GORDA: Thank you.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: It's just after 10:00 o'clock.
- Tourism and Cultural Affairs.
- Okay. Just a reminder to the board if you would
- speak up and as loud as possible. Try to divert your
- comments to the reporter, that would be helpful. Okay.
- MR. BARTON: Good morning. For the record Peter 10
- Barton. I'm the administrator for the Division of Museums
- and History. And with me at the table this morning is Sherry
- Rupert, executive director of the Nevada Indian Commission.
- And David Peterson representing from the department level of
- the operation of finance director for the Department of
- Tourism and Cultural Affairs.
- We want to thank you for the opportunity to be 17
- here today. I see some new faces and some familiar faces
- here this morning. 19
- And before we begin, I just want to go on the 20
- 21 record one more time and thank the Division of State Public
- Works and their entire team. Museums, as you will see as we
- go through this presentation, have been challenged in recent
- years in a number of ways in our ability to deliver our
- 25 program. And there has never been one call that I've made to

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- 1 here that they are beautiful multi-color stone structures.
- 2 They are on the national registrar of historic places.
- And we had some great news yesterday. I have 3
- seen we did receive funding to move forward with hiring
- somebody to write an application for a national historic
- landmark designation. We've already started the two to
- 7 five-year process and have received confirmation back from
- 8 the National Park Service that they feel as we do that the
- facility has national significance.
- If you are unfamiliar with the history of the 10
- 11 school because people often ask me, well, it's a school, you
- 12 know, why would we want to preserve that. This particular
- 13 school is very unique in that it was part of the era of
- 14 Indian boarding schools that was instituted by the federal
- 15 government in the late 1800s to remove American Indian
- 16 children from their families, from their homeland, from their
- tribes, and put these children in to these boarding schools. 17
- Stewart Indian School here in Carson City was one 18
- 19 of the first 25 schools instituted across the nation. There
- 20 were over 30,000 American Indian students that went through
- 21 this campus. The focus of this particular school was mostly
- 22 vocational. These boarding schools weren't instituted to
- 23 prepare our American Indian children to go on to university
- 24 or college. These were instituted to assimilate our children
- 25 to averse them in a different language and a different

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- 1 anyone at Public Works that has not been responded to with
- 2 helpful, useful information and solutions, that is a solution
- 3 through the team. And we are delighted to be able to work
- 4 with them on a variety of projects to keep Nevada's heritage
- 5 assets safe.
- So with that, I'm going to turn this over to
- 7 Sherry for her project this morning, which is our number one
- 8 priority.
- MS. RUPERT: Yay. As Peter said, I am the
- executive director of the State of Nevada Indian Commission. 10
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: State your name. 11
- MS. RUPERT: Sherry Rupert. And the commission 12
- was established in 1965 to be the conduit between the State
- 14 of Nevada and our tribal governments and state. I am the
- 15 Indian Affairs director for Governor Sandoval to our 27
- 16 tribes.
- Our mission is to enhance the 17
- government-to-government relationship between the state and
- the tribes as well as to bring awareness to the state's first
- people, our American Indian constituency. 20 The agency is housed at the Stewart Indian School 21
- 22 here in Carson City, in south Carson. And I don't know if
- 23 any of you have been out to the school, but it is a beautiful
- 24 campus now owned by the State of Nevada. And it is about 110 25 acres with over 80 buildings. And you can see from the slide

- 1 culture all in an attempt to get the land away from the 2 tribes. They felt that if they would reprogram these
- 3 children that they could more easily get the land away from
- 4 them when they grew up to be leaders of their tribe.
- So this is, as I said, a very unique campus that
- 6 has a rich history, not just for the nation but for Nevada as
- well. We have a lot of great support for the Stewart Indian School and the projects that we've been doing at the school
- all the way from the governor to the legislature to our
- 10 tribal communities and to the community at large.
- 11 Everybody -- I'm not going to say everybody. But most people
- 12 know of Stewart or have a connection to that school.
- I'm going to now do an overview of this
- particular project. In 2016, so we're in '16 right now, a
- 15 hundred percent design and construction documents were
- 16 completed on the cultural center. And this was funded
- through a grant from the Commission for Cultural Affairs. We
- are also expecting 100 percent design and construction
- documents on a welcome center. And that was funded through the 2015 CIP, Project 15 PO3.
- This request is our second request for
- 22 construction on buildings one and two. And we would like to
- 23 amend the request to include exhibit design fabrication and
- installation of building one. We were exploring other
- 25 funding resources but that is not now available to us and we

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- 1 feel it would be best to have the general contractor and the 2 exhibit contractor run parallel with each other providing for
- 3 better cost efficiencies and project efficiencies.
- The construction document includes significant
- seismic retrofit and structural simulation of both buildings
- 6 and the mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems and
- other code improvement.
- Building number one, which is the top photo there
- on the slide, is the former administration building and what
- we're hoping will be established as our cultural center. The
- bottom over there is building number two that was built in
- 1925. And that is the former post office for the Stewart
- 13 Indian School. It actually had its own post office, not just
- 14 for the school but for the surrounding area known as Stewart,
- 15 Nevada. It's no longer Stewart, Nevada. It's Carson City.
- And so that's where our welcome center will be. 16
- 17 The NIC has also recently been awarded \$147,000
- from the Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic
- Preservation to help offset the cost of structural
- 20 rehabilitation of the cultural center.
- 21 The site is culturally significant, as I
- mentioned earlier, as being part of the whole era of the 22
- boarding schools across the nation. 23

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- And an important point to make is that, let's 24
- 25 see, the school was open from 1890 to 1980, so it was open

1 for 90 years. After the school closed, there were a series

2 of transactions with the State of Nevada. And the State now

3 has ownership of the facility. But in the deed when the

4 federal government deeded to the State of Nevada, there's a

5 provision in there that says buildings one, which is the

6 cultural center, and building three, which is the building

7 that houses the Nevada Indian Commission, shall be set aside

The 2015 legislative session approved two

13 October 1st of this year, so just in a few months.

8 to house the memorabilia of the school in perpetuation of the

11 positions for the cultural center. They approved the museum

12 director and a curator. Those positions will begin after

And I mentioned before that we are going to be

15 applying for the national historic landmark application. And

17 there on the right-hand side that the Stewart Indian School

19 planning framework for 2016 to 2020. That is the strategic

20 plan for the State of Nevada that Governor Sandoval and his

21 cabinet have put together and specifically states in there

23 established by December of 2018. So as I mentioned before,

24 we have had huge support from the administration, from the

22 that the Stewart Indian School living legacy shall be

25 legislature, and from our communities at large.

16 another very important point to note is that very last bullet

18 living legacy has been identified in Nevada's strategic

history of that school. So that's really important to note.

- And so this is -- this is where we are with the
- 2 project. We have our construction documents and we're ready
- 3 to go and we're hoping we can move forward in this next
- biennium. Thank you.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you. Are there any
- questions from the board?
- MEMBER GORDA: Member Mason Gorda. Excellent
- presentation. A question I have is the drawings that you
- 9 have, assuming if we don't act on them, can go to waste in
- 10 the next year or two.
- MS. RUPERT: I'm sorry. The --11
- MEMBER GORDA: Sorry. You've gone ahead with the 12
- 13 drawings, so the question is if we don't act on this, the
- 14 drawings, the design costs that have been spent could go to
- 15 waste.
- MS. RUPERT: Well, I think hopefully not go to 16
- 17 waste, but we would have to probably go back and take a look
- 18 at it later on should we get the construction funds. Our aim
- 19 really is to -- I didn't mention, but in the last legislative
- 20 session, or maybe I did, but that we also received funding
- for a master plan of the facility. We really haven't had a
- 22 complete master plan of the Stewart Indian School. And so
- 23 yesterday we were approved to have funding that would enhance
- 24 that master plan. We're looking at an interpretive plan, a
- 25 marketing plan, and a business plan. And so utilizing that

- 1 plan, our hope is that we can establish also private --
- 2 public private partnerships that will help us to move forward
- 3 with this initiative and with the vision that we have for the
- 4 facility.
- MEMBER GORDA: Great. 5
- 6 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Any other questions?
- 7 MEMBER TIBERTI: Tito Tiberti for the record. Is
- 8 this being used right now?
- MS. RUPERT: It's not. Sherry Rupert for the 9
- 10 record. The school has been closed since 1980.
- 11 MEMBER TIBERTI: So nothing?
- 12 MS. RUPERT: And the State of Nevada owns it and
- 13 so there are state agencies housed out at the facility.
- 14 There are also a few non-profits that are housed there. And
- 15 it's been predominantly used as a training facility for the
- 16 state. And what we've been trying to do, the Nevada Indian
- 17 Commission has been housed at the Stewart Indian School since
- 18 2003. I came on in 2004 and was appointed by Governor Guinn
- 19 in 2005 as the executive director. So it has been our
- 20 highest priority to preserve the history of that school and 21 to preserve those historic buildings.
- 22 And so though the state agencies are housed out
- 23 there, our vision includes welcoming visitors to learn about
- 24 the story of the Stewart Indian School. And that's what the
- 25 whole Stewart Indian School living legacy is about.

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- MEMBER TIBERTI: Thank you. 1
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Bryce Clutts for the record.
- 3 Mr. Chimits, in the presentation there's a State Public Works
- 4 Department estimate at 4.1. It looks like the current
- 5 estimate for '16 is just under three million. Can you
- explain the difference in those two?
- MR. CHIMITS: Yes, I can. Thank you, Chairman.
- Chris Chimits, deputy administrator, for the record. Sherry
- had sent us an e-mail augmenting the cost of the project to
- include, I believe, the exhibit cases. And we had printed
- the book by that point. So what we have is a number that's
- not matching what she's presenting today. And so we will
- correct our estimate to include her request in the next
- version of the book, which we do for your consideration on
- the September 8th meeting. 15
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Okay. So you have that
- estimate and it reflects this or this is kind of the 4.1 17 million is a guess and we'll get a different number from you?
- MR. CHIMITS: We're -- The number that you have
- 19
- in your book does not address the change that she proposed,
- because we had already printed the book at that time. So we
- will incorporate her change in this book for your next
- meeting. 23
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: And will it reflect 4.1 or will
- 25 it be a different number?

- 1 that were there for historic preservation are no longer there
- 2 anymore. Save American Treasures, for example, it's no
- 3 longer available to anybody.
- I mean, we continue to look. And that's why the
- 5 master plan that we're moving forward with is so important,
- 6 because it will help us, you know, identify -- it will look
- 7 at the potential uses of buildings. It will identify how
- 8 much those buildings will cost to rehabilitate. It will tell
- 9 us, you know, what market would be interested in coming and
- 10 our staffing levels. And we'll be able to utilize that
- 11 information to go after, as I mentioned, the private public
- 12 partnerships.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you. 13
- Any other questions? Thank you very much. 14
- MR. BARTON: For the record, Peter Barton. I 15
- 16 will now go through the projects for the Division of Museums
- 17 and History. And for the new members especially, just a map
- 18 that is there on the right. There are seven state museums
- 19 within our system, three in the north, three in southern
- 20 Nevada, and one in eastern rural Nevada. I will not take
- 21 time to go through the mission or philosophy.
- More important to this discussion today is the 22
- 23 next slide. Seven museums that manage 39 buildings and
- 24 structures. They're not all traditional structures. We have
- 25 a water tower that feeds steam locomotives is one of the

- 1 structures that we manage. The replacement value for the
 - 2 museum, these 39 structures, is approximately 110 million
 - 3 with 3.5 million identified in the priority and maintenance
 - And the first project, which is our priority
 - 5 6 number two, and if you're following in the book that we
 - handed out, we give you the page to reference you back to
 - where we're following. We're going to jump around a little
 - bit today. The priorities are going to be a little different

 - 10 than what you see in your printed volume, and as a result of
 - 11 some action that occurred in the Interim Finance Committee
 - 12 yesterday that would describe that.
 - This first project is the Nevada Historical
 - Society in Reno. And this is at least the fourth time that
 - we've been at the table for this project. However, the
 - 16 urgency now has escalated. We had an unfortunate incident in
 - 2015 due to failed occupancy testers in an aisle. We had a
 - volunteer that came close to but was not injured. That

 - resulted in a visit from OSHA which shut the system down and
 - applied a fine to the agency. We were able to do some remedy
 - of the manufacturer to get the occupancy systems to work.
 - But, more importantly, this is a 30-year-old 22
 - 23 system where the electronics are failing and can't be
 - 24 replaced. So we either face shutting this program down,
 - 25 which is an important part of our program at the agency, or

- MR. CHIMITS: I believe the request was adding
- 1.7 million dollars to what you have in your book.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: So 4.7, roughly, million 3 dollars? 4
- MR. CHIMITS: Approximately. 5
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you. 6
- Yes, ma'am. 7
- MS. RUPERT: Just to confirm the numbers. The
- 9 original request to the CIP was 2,943,709. And what we're
- 10 requesting the addition is for design of the exhibits,
- 11 fabrication, and installation. And that is 1,175,040 for a
- total of 4,118,749. 12
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you. Again, Bryce Clutts 13 14 for the record. I notice there's no federal funding. There
- 15 is some agency funding. You mention no other resources were
- available. What is the agency funding and is there an
- opportunity for federal funding or no? 17
- MS. RUPERT: Sherry Rupert for the record. You 18
- are correct in that the funding that we've received so far for planning has been either state money or grant money
- 21 though the state from the Commission for Cultural Affairs. As far as federal funding is concerned, we have 22
- 23 spoken to our congressional representatives. They are aware
- 24 of what we're doing out at Stewart. We have also looked in 25 to grants, federal funds. And to be honest, the programs

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- 1 we've got to do something to fix the failed electronics that
- 2 has become a safety issue at this point. And repairing
- 3 equipment is far more cost-efficient than replacing. We
- 4 would be faced with a cost of about six times that repair
- 5 cost going out to replace this. So that is our priority
- number two.
- We move over, this project is no longer in this
- 8 list. It's not up for consideration. It will be removed. I
- 9 believe, Chris, when you reprint the volumes for September,
- 10 this was a planning project and site master planning and
- 11 schematic design for expansion of the current Indian Hills
- 12 Curatorial Center, which is tied to the Nevada State Museum 13 here in Carson City, tied to that program. The physicality
- is located in south Carson City. The building was
- constructed around 1980 and these are at capacity. The
- federal government is our largest customer at this facility.
- So the government did participate in cost share. This
- project is moving forward as an agency project.
- 19 Lost City in Overton which is another issue. The
- 20 lost city museum consist of several different buildings that
- have been constructed for 1935 to roughly 1990. Part of the
- building was an apartment where we had an on-site caretaker.
- 23 It was repurposed as offices. And we need to do some
- 24 plumbing upgrades and sewer in the building. Pardon me. We
- 25 discovered the sewer, sanitary sewer line has collapsed.

- Nevada State Museum Las Vegas. We're looking to
- 2 install an alarm system, upgrade the existing video
- 3 surveillance system, and upgrade the lighting controllers at
- the facility. The value engineering during the construction
- 5 phase, we took out the security system, so we have a museum
- of high value and irreplaceable objects that has essentially
- no security. We would like to get that remedied as a high
- 8 priority.
- Out in Ely at our most rural museum, 1906
- 10 historic train depot, we've got windows that are failing and
- we've got existing baseboard electric heat system that's
- 12 quite old. Last replaced 26 years ago. And it's inefficient
- 13 by today's standards. This is the program that's seen
- 14 considerable growth and we shared this property with a
- 15 non-profit who operates a very popular train excursion in Ely
- 16 and we have seen almost at 600 percent growth in our
- attendance in the last three years based upon a new
- partnership we have with them.
- 19 The railroad museum here in Carson City. Again,
- 20 this is another security-related project. This is a 13-acre
- 21 site with several buildings on it. They are not connected.
- 22 We have had vandalism and we've had thefts recently. We've
- 23 had break-ins. No security system there. And part of the
- 24 problem is we have inadequate exterior night lighting that
- 25 certainly creates an opportunity for them out there.

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- Lost City Museum, again, back on another security
- 2 project. We're absent essentially any lighting in the
 - 3 parking lot. We've had two pole lights. We've got several
 - 4 levels of parking area out there. This would add lighting
 - 5 poles that are energy efficient.
 - Back here in Carson City, another disconnected
 - 7 building of the Nevada State Museum is the Marjorie Russell
 - 8 Textile Center, which is located up on Arrowhead Drive. This
 - 9 project we've replaced three rooftop HVAC units that have
 - 10 reached the end of their service life. If the building
 - 11 supervisor were in the audience today he would tell us
 - 12 they've had repeated fan coil failures and equipment
 - 13 structure is so worn out that they are worn and cause shacks
 - 14 to break and so it's been a constant source for problems for
 - 15 us. And this houses the state's textile collection, which
 - perhaps more than any other collection we have requires a

 - 17 fairly stable environment. And a loss of HVAC at this
 - 18 facility in the summertime would constitute an emergency and
 - a threat to the collections. 19
 - 20 Back out in Indian Hills, this project has been,
 - 21 gosh, on the table for I think this is the sixth time we're
 - 22 at the table for this to put HVAC in the curatorial center.
 - 23 Again we're housing high value historical assets here. Not
 - 24 quite as sensitive to the environment perhaps as textiles,
 - 25 but nonetheless, we are an accredited institution. And less

- This one, again, is a project that is off the
- 2 table. We've had considerable growth as to Boulder City and
- 3 the revenue received. It had gone from 1600 customers when
- we opened in late 2001 to over 43,000 customers in 2013.

visitor contact. The people would buy a ticket and then

- When constructed, there was no visitor center for
- stand in the blazing heat or cold winds to wait for the
- 8 train. This project with cooperation of Boulder City for a
- new design for a visitors center and then we're going to be
- exploring some building and funding perhaps in the lease by program and have spoken with the government facilities
- 12 development. And once we improve the concept we would pay
- 13 for the cost to handle the capital construction. So that
- project is off the table. 14
- 15 The Nevada State Museum boiler plant renovation
- 16 has moved up the priority list based on conversations we've
- 17 had with the mechanical engineer for Public Works. Current boilers were installed in 1990 and they're at capacity in
- terms of what we can handle. 19
- 20 Next project, again, comes out of the CIP program
- 21 for 2017. This is the design of the visitors center in
- 22 Boulder City with the actual construction, estimated at the 23 time of just about 5.5 million dollars. We're taking this
- 24 out of the CIP for this cycle while we complete the design 25 and explore a possible funding source.

than ten percent of museums nationwide are accredited. This
museum is accredited. But our future accreditation is on
hold until we get the environment right in the center. We've
got a few heaters that you can see suspended from the
ceiling. I believe they are the original construction of the
building some 35 years ago.

Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City.

We've replaced the exterior doors with openers in the annex that related buildings in the 1990s. These are large roll-up doors that are moving daily, moving railroad equipment in and out of those doors. All but one of them require mechanical operation.

That museum relies upon volunteers primarily to
delve in to our public programs and we've got volunteers who
generally are older demographic that are operating these
doors daily and there are some safety risks and certainly
some challenges physically to getting these doors up and down
every day. They are original construction from the early
19 1970s. We can replace 12 of those larger overhead doors and
ten of the man doors that are pretty aging at this point.

Nevada Historical Society. Replace the HVAC unit

ten of the man doors that are pretty aging at this point.
Nevada Historical Society. Replace the HVAC unit
and update duct systems. So we've got units and exposed duct
work that is aging, rusting, and allowing some water to enter
the building. Historical Society has a large, paper-based
collection, as you can see here. There's valuable newspapers

and reconfigure the loading dock and the associated rampswith it.

The project at the Interpretive Center here at the Carson City Railroad Museum when this building was constructed with the private building actually in the 1980s it was designed with a west wall which really was a temporary wall to your left for future growth. Here, like in Boulder City, we need to protect additional pieces of equipment. And we recently completed the McKeen motor car, which is the one and only in the world operating in advance of 1910 railroad car technology. It has recently been renamed a national

12 historic event, which is a national landmark in the nation.
13 Last year we completed the restoration and maintenance of an
14 1875 steam locomotive. We have no place to publically
15 display those, so we would seek funding to design and

display those, so we would seek funding to design an
construct an addition to the existing building.
Just briefly on some statewide programs. We got

Just briefly on some statewide programs. We got recently in Carson City a new roof on the Capitol building, building wings attached to the existing of the original US mint building. Those two -- Yeah, 108 by 90 feet and have been identified by Public Works as a risk of failure. Again, the nature of the display and house and as part of our program in this building, we consider that a fairly high priority.

Another statewide would be to change out the

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1 that date back to the 1850s. They don't like to get wet. So
2 we'd like to -- And they like a pretty stable environment as
3 well.

Down in Boulder City, the railroad museum and existing displays pavilion went through CIP in '05 and '07. We've got the capacity to hold equipment in there and see some of the historic equipment. That little locomotive there on the left has been quite a story. That is the locomotive that we obtained a few years ago from the Nevada test site after it was made non-radioactive, a process that took almost 20 years. But we did recover a couple of those from the test site and their railroad, which is known as the Jackass and Western Flats Railroad. I didn't pick the name.

13 Western Flats Railroad. I didn't pick the name.

14 But this would extend the existing displays so

15 that we can protect some of these what I call macro artifacts

16 and huge -- That passing car that's sitting behind that

17 locomotive is from 1880s. It was a private car of the

18 Vanderbilt family. It recently was acquired by the museum.

19 It needs to be protected, so that's why it's there. And many

20 other pieces of the collection are outside.

The loading dock at the state museum in Las Vegas we've been here before on. It's a bit of an awkward design and requires some pretty tricky maneuvers for truck drivers to get back on that dock and going on that and sweep their bed thing. So we are requesting that to kind of gut that out

single-ply membrane roof at the Las Vegas Museum and make
some safety changes to the roof access. The project was
identified actually by the state's safety consultant there
and we need some residences to allow safe access to the roof.
Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City. The
prior road, which is dirt and kind of a more complex and

or road, which is dirt and kind of a more complex and building. It doesn't look bad in this photo. But the state is now on day 86 of a 90-day drought. But in the wintertime when it's been snowing, mud conditions and weather conditions are bad, and they threaten the emergency responders to get in. And as part of the fire, the heat raises in the public buildings, so that would also be improved by pavement.

Out at the Marjorie Russell Textile Center,
paving, as you can see, has failed there and again that's the
original paving when the building was constructed and back in
the 1960s. And this is an increasing public demand for
services at the Russell Center with the public tours and the
collection. So it's a higher percentage of public transit in
the parking lot. We would like to avoid the safety
conditions or further deterioration of that lot, which is 130
by 60 feet.

In Boulder City, and we pushed this priority down to reseal the existing parking lot. Again, if we continue to move forward on the design of a new visitors center, which is at a different location on the property, this becomes a less

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- 1 priority. This is the original parking lot with this design
- 2 for the much smaller attendance than we have now at 43,000 a
- 3 year.
- Likewise, the Boulder City location back on that
- 5 map just off to the bottom of the image there is an overflow
- 6 parking lot that's currently unpaved and is not assessment
- accessible.
- So I tried to keep you on time. And I'll
- entertain any questions you might have.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you very much. Are there 10
- any questions of the board? 11
- 12 MEMBER TIBERTI: Tito Tiberti for the record.
- 13 What is the busiest as far as people?
- 14 MR. BARTON: For the record Peter Barton.
- 15 Currently the Nevada State Museum here in Carson City is
- 16 holding the title for the most visited in the state system.
- Our attendance has varied from as high as 300,000 per year
- 18 down to about 140,000 per year when the budget forced museums
- 19 to retract from seven-day-a-week service to four-day-a-week
- 20 service. We're now building back from that and actually the
- 21 State Museum in Carson City and Las Vegas are running pretty
- much neck and neck in terms of that.
- 23 MEMBER TIBERTI: Which one in Las Vegas?
- 24 MR. BARTON: The one at the Springs Reserve.
- 25 Followed then by Boulder City.

- 1 the facilities manager for the Department of Agriculture.
- 2 You'll notice we have three projects on the docket today.
- 3 Two of them were, as Gus just spoke to, they're roofing
- projects, so they will be covered by Public Works at a later
- time, I understand.
- Before you what we've come with today is for the
- 7 warehouse freezer project for approved commodities program.
- I brought with me Ms. Donnell Barton, who is our division
- administrator for food and nutrition, and Mr. Darren Murphy,
- who is our food and warehouse supervisor manager. These are
- experts in this field. And with that, Donnell has a short
- power point presentation that we'd like to proceed with.
- 13 MS. BARTON: Good morning. For the record my
- name is Donnell Barton, and I'm the food and nutrition
- division administrator with the Nevada Department of
- Agriculture. And I also sit on the governor's food security
- counsel where we're addressing food security issues here in
- 18 Nevada.
- 19 And the Department of Agriculture's mission is to
- promote a business climate that's fair, economically viable,
- encourages environmental stewardship that serves to protect
- fiber, food, and human health and safety through effective
- 23 service and education.
- 24 And this morning we're here to talk about our
- 25 freezer that's located on Barnett Way. That freezer houses

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- MEMBER TIBERTI: Thank you.
- 2 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Are there any other questions?
- Thank you very much.
- MR. NUNEZ: Gus Nunez for the record. On the
- 5 statewide, we'll be covering that on the Department of
- 6 Administration when that presentation is done. Peter just
- wanted to make sure that he included those in there for you.
- 8 But we'll be -- That's why they're not on to this packet here
- 9 that you see for cultural affairs. Like I said, all the
- statewides like -- all the statewides like roofing and
- painting, for instance, and later on you may hear some ADA
- issues, they're covered, those projects are under the 12
- Department of Administration tab. Those are covered in
- 14 totality, the statewides, for all the departments in the
- 15 state and we put them altogether on the Department of
- 16 Administration. And we'll cover those with you during that
- 17 period of time for the Department of Administration for all
- agencies in the state, for all the statewides. And that's
- why you didn't see it right here under this tab. I just
- 20 wanted to mention that to you in case you were looking for 21 it.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you, Mr. Nunez. 22
- MR. NUNEZ: Thank you, Peter. 23
- 24 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Department of Agriculture.
- 25 MR. GEISSINGER: My name is Mike Geissinger. I'm

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- 1 two programs, the National School Lunch Program and the Emergency Food Assistance Program.
- 3 The Department of Agriculture is responsible for
- 4 13 of the 15 USDA food programs, but the freezer that we're
- 5 talking about today specifically works with the National
- School Lunch Program and the Emergency Food Assistance
- Program.
- In northern Nevada we have 12 medium to small
- 9 school districts that serve meals. And just to give you an
- 10 idea of the meals that are served through the National School
- 11 Lunch Program and the number of kids that we serve, there are
- 12 over 436,000 students in the state, and currently there are
- 13 about 260,000 that are eligible for free and reduced price
- 14 meals.
- 15 In northern Nevada there are about 114,000
- 16 students. And of those, 60,000 students are eligible for the
- 17 free and reduced price meals. And this warehouse holds the
- 18 foods that serves those kids.
- 19 The reason that we do that is most of the school
- 20 districts don't have the ability to house those frozen
- 21 products. They don't have that freezer capacity. And so the
- 22 school districts that we serve in northern Nevada are Douglas
- County, Carson City, Lyon County, Lander County, Elko County, 24 White Pine County, Pershing County, Churchill County, Nye
- 25 County, the northern end -- We serve the southern end of the

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1 state with our customer there -- Mineral County, Humboldt

- 2 County and Washoe County School District. With Washoe County
- 3 we do split loads with them. They do have the ability to
- 4 hold some things in their freezer, but we also hold things
- 5 for them as well and take it over.
- In the National School Lunch Program last year we 6
- 7 served over 8,477,000 meals and that was in northern Nevada.
- And with that number of meals we receive 11 million dollars
- of entitlement. And that entitlement is the USDA foods. So
- what we do is we may get a truckload of chicken and it gets
- shipped to a processor. They'll turn that in to chicken
- nuggets. It comes to our warehouse. And when the school 12
- district needs it, we take it out to the warehouse. We also
- do that with burritos, bean and beef burritos, tacos. We
- also do frozen fruit cups that the kids like. So those are
- the type of frozen products that are housed in our warehouse
- for the National School Lunch Program.
- Then we have the Emergency Food Assistance 18
- 19 Program. This program is designed for folks who have a low
- income. The food that we provide in this program is not
- going to cover them for the whole month but will help them
- get through the month. And so in northern Nevada we serve
- about 30 percent -- I'm sorry. 36 percent of the northern
- Nevada population. We get about two million dollars of
- 25 entitlement and that equates to about 2.5 million pounds of

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- 1 And we've looked at refrigerated trucks. They're about
- 2 \$1,950 per month per truck. And depending on the time of the
- 3 year, we could need between five and ten trucks, which could
- cost us between ten and \$19,000 a month.
- There is a company here in the Reno area called
- 6 Castle Foods. They have freezer capacity but only on a
- 7 short-term basis. And then there are railway freezer cars
- 8 that we looked at, but with the voltage that's required, our
- 9 building is not wired for that voltage and it would be
- 10 expensive to do. So we don't consider that an option, but we
- 11 wanted to put it out there that we looked at that option as
- 12 well.
- And then the potential insecure impact is that 13
- 14 there are more than eight million meals served every year to
- 15 children here in the state. There are 264,000 people who
- 16 depend on the emergency food assistance program and there is
- a potential economic loss of 87 million dollars in federal
- 18 funds. If we're not able to store that food, then we're not
- 19 going to be able to produce those reimbursable meals. And we
- 20 receive about 87 million dollars a year to provide those
- 21 meals. And that 87 million covers the cost of preparing
- 22 meals and serving meals in schools. So then you would also
- 23 see a loss of jobs in school districts if we weren't able to
- 24 do that.
- And then the final thing is that there is a 25

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- 1 food. And we distribute that through again the 12 counties.
- 2 And there are 29 sites in northern Nevada that every other
- 3 month provide food to low income families to help them stretch that -- their food budget.
- Now a little bit more about the freezer. It's
- over 20 years old. And in the last three years we've spent
- 7 \$13,000 to repair it. And the breakdown each year of the
- cost of repairs. And I think our biggest issue with the
- freezer is because it's so old we can't get the parts. And
- so we've been working with that and I think that's our major
- issue is we just can't get the parts to replace the freezer. 11
- Just to give you an idea of what's going on in 12
- the freezer, there's a couple pictures. On the left-hand
- side is what a normal sprinkler head would look like. And on
- the right-hand side is what our sprinkler head in that
- freezer looks like. And Darren Murphy is with me. And if
- you've got any questions, he's the one in that freezer every
- day and can answer those questions. 18
 - Another example, we get the condensation, and so
- you can see how the ice crystals are forming and coming down
- on the food. And then sometimes the weight of the
- condensation will push down those panels and we'll put
- buckles up there to hold them in place. That's just an 23
- example of our freezer panel recently. 24
- So we've looked at potential short term options. 25

- 1 federal regulation in 7CFR 250, the distribution and control
- of donated food, and that requires that the distributing
- 3 agency provide storage and control of donated foods to
- 4 protect against loss, spoilage, damage, or other loss and
- 5 obtain the required federal state and local health
- 6 inspections. So we're required by law to have the facility
- that we know is dependable and can provide safe storage of
- that food. And we would be happy to take any questions.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Bryce Clutts for the record.
- 10 Has this request come before the board in the past or is this 11 the first time?
- MS. BARTON: This is the first time. Donnell 12
- 13 Barton for the record.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: And also I notice that there's
- 15 no agency or federal funding with the National School Lunch
- 16 Program. Is there availability of funding on a national
- level? 17
- MS. BARTON: This is Donnell Barton for the 18
- 19 record. There is not. We receive about a million dollars, a
- little bit over a million dollars a year to operate for the
- 21 National School Lunch Program and the childhood food program
- 22 and the summer food service program and the commodity foods.
- 23 And the vast majority of those funds go for personnel costs 24 as well as the delivery cost of the operation of the new
- 25 trucks. We pay for the rental of the facilities as well.

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- 1 But there's just not that much more money to cover that. And
- 2 we get -- we rarely get an opportunity to ask for funds. I'm
- 3 not aware of any federal grants that are available for us to
- 4 ask for funds to replace the freezer. We have looked at that
- 5 but have not found a resource for that.
- 6 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you. Thank you very 7 much.
- 8 MS. MUTH: Good morning. Thank you to the board
- 9 for taking the time to hear our request this morning. My
- 10 name is Jackie Muth. I'm the deputy director for the
- 11 Department of Public Safety. I have to my left I have
- 12 Melissa Carr, who is our contracts manager, and to her left
- 13 is Sheri Brueggeman, our chief fiscal officer for the
- 14 department.
- I want to just give you a small introduction for
- 16 those of you who don't know what the Department of Public
- 17 Safety is. But we are the primary law enforcement agency for
- 18 the State of Nevada. The majority of the law enforcement
- 10 functions fall underposts over despertment. And that is the
- 19 functions fall underneath our department. And that is the
- 20 supporting efforts that go in to law enforcement on top of 21 it.
- 22 At the Department of Public Safety we consist of
- 23 eight divisions and three offices. And just to shortly recap
- 24 that for you, we have those departments, Nevada Highway
- 25 Patrol, Parole and Probation, State Fire Marshal, Capitol

- 1 location. So for that reason we wanted to share his
- 2 sentiments with you.
- 3 So I would like to turn over the presentation at
- 4 this time to our contract manager, Melissa Carr, and she'll
- 5 walk you through the requests that we're seeking.
- 6 MS. CARR: Good morning. The Department of
- 7 Public Safety has --
- 8 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Would you state your name.
- MS. CARR: I'm sorry. Melissa Carr. The
- 10 Department of Public Safety has requested that a new
- 11 centralized DPS headquarters building be considered in the
- 12 2017 capital improvement plan. This is the 15th year that
- 13 the department has requested to own its own building. And
- 14 DPS is the only major department without its own facility.
- 15 DPS requests that the advanced planning, including the
- 16 initial feasibility, the program, and the schematics and
- 17 engineering studies be completed in this biennium and that
- 18 the construction is considered for the following biennium.
 - 9 A majority of the Carson City department staff
- 20 will be located at this facility with the exception of the
- 21 Division of Emergency Management, Parole and Probation's
- 22 Offender Facility, and the Highway Patrol's Academy of Dorms.
- Currently, the department is spread out over 11 locations throughout Carson City. And we propose that one
- 25 facility located at the old Nevada National Guard Armory,

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- 1 employees, Investigation Division, the Training Division,
- 2 Office of Traffic Safety, Office of Criminal Justice
- 3 Assistance, the Office of Professional Responsibility, and
- 4 our General Services Division, and finally Homeland Security
- 5 and Emergency Management. So, as you can see, we have a
- 6 pretty diversified and large umbrella of what the functions
- 7 entail under the Department of Public Safety.
- 8 So today we're going to be requesting from you a
- 9 feasibility programming and engineering studies to have a
- 10 centralized public safety complex. There are many reasons
- 11 for this, which you're going to hear about shortly from
- 12 Ms. Carr. However, I wanted to emphasize to you that we're a
- 13 multi-course organization and because of that our response --
- 14 we need to have a centralized response with our personnel to
- 15 increase our operational effectiveness for public safety.
- To further support this request, it supports our
- 17 mission and our vision, which is primarily to provide the
- 18 public safety or citizens and our visitors and it's also
- and the state of t
- 19 aligned with the governor's strategic plan of promoting
- 20 efficient and important state government.
- 21 So having said that, our director could not be
- 22 here today, Director Jim Wright, but he wanted me to relate a
- 23 message to you that we're tired of living over our cousin's
- 24 garage, because, as you will hear shortly, we have 11 offices
- 25 spread out throughout Carson City with no one centralized

- 1 which is a 13-acre property off South Carson Street. As you
- 2 can see with the red stars are the current office locations
- 3 and how far we're spread out. And the yellow would be the4 centralized location.
- 5 There are some photos of the existing properties
- 6 that we're currently in. The first building to the left is
- 7 our director's office. We are above DMV there.
- 8 For the divisions needing to centralize, the
- 9 department is currently legislatively approved for \$890,419
- 10 in non B and G rent and \$605,688 will be state-owned facility
- 11 rent, for a total of just about 1.5 million dollars for
- 12 fiscal year for 17.
- However, due to an increase in non B and G lease
- 14 renewals, DPS is set to spend about \$978,620 in fiscal year
- 15 17. And these increases are going to continue to happen each
- 16 fiscal year.
- 17 The total space currently occupied by the
- 18 department in this state-owned and non B and G rental
- 19 facilities is approximately 115,198 square feet. The
- 20 department is currently obligated under these leases to spend
- 21 roughly eight million dollars over the next ten years, not
- 22 including renewals that start as early at 2019. If DPS was
- 23 to obtain a new building at the B and G rate of roughly a
- 24 dollar per square foot, the department would save over a half
- 25 a million dollars each biennium on non B and G property

1 rentals. This chart only represents the non B and G leases

- 2 that we have currently opened. These rates were highly
- 3 negotiated and well under current market rates of \$1.60 to
- two dollars a square foot. With the economy growing again,
- we anticipate each fiscal year to have a three percent
- increase.
- This is what that increase would look like. The 7
- department will spend on average 1.1 million dollars in
- non-state-owned facilities. When you include 639,000 you pay
- per year for state-owned facilities it comes out to about
- roughly 17.3 million dollars over the next ten years or an
- average of 1.73 million dollars a year. Regardless of the
- fact that we would like to be centralized, it is not fiscally
- responsible to spend this amount of money when it could be
- invested in assets. Keep in mind these are very conservative numbers with no increases on B and G rent and with a minimal
- rate percent for non B and G rent. I say minimal, as many of
- the leases increased over five percent in the last renewal
- session we had earlier this year.
- Not only is the new building a wise investment 20
- for Nevada, it is also an excellent benefit to other
- departments in the state. If DPS were to obtain their own
- facility, this would free up 57,000 square feet of
- state-owned property, allowing many other departments to move
- in and steer away from non B and G rent and to go to

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- 1 the cost of having training and meetings rooms, including
- 2 multiple teleconference equipment, reduce multiple janitorial
- 3 service. And saving potential, the list goes on and on. As
- 4 well as operational costs.
- The department is currently occupying space in
- 6 much older, non-energy efficient buildings, which increase
- 7 utility cost to each division. A new building would be much
- 8 more energy efficient and could possibly have greener options
- such as solar energy technology.
- DMV's long-term space requirements continue to 10
- 11 expand and DPS has already moved some of its divisions out of
- 12 the 555 Wright Way facility in order to provide DMV
- 13 additional space. Rental properties in Carson City, non B
- 14 and G properties, have been steadily increasing. These
- 15 trends are expected to continue and this may be the best time
- 16 for consideration.
- The Department of Public Safety submitted 2009, 17
- 2011, 2013, and 2015 CIP applications for a headquarters
- building facility. However, due to limited funding, these
- requests were not approved. In the time since these requests
- have happened, DMV's long-term space request continues to be
- the same as well as increasing costs for non B and G
- properties in Carson City. For further details on DMV's
- needs please see the attached letter from the DMV director.
- Additionally, the isolation of DPS offices 25

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- 1 state-owned facilities, reducing their rental budget and
- 2 allowing for the savings to be spent in more efficient
- 3 manners.
- So why build a new DPS headquarters? There are
- 5 many different reasons, one of which is that the scattering
- 6 of the divisions throughout Carson City has created
- significant logistical difficulties. As a centralized law enforcement agency the department works closely together and
- effective communication requires division chiefs and various
- other staff to be located at headquarters on a daily basis.
- 11 Because of the nature of the service provided to the public
- 12 and the current public safety plan, it has become necessary
- to also have a higher level of security installed in all of
- the DPS facilities. The DPS director's office and Highway
- Patrol headquarters located at DMV makes it virtually
- impossible to provide an adequate level of security.
- Locating all the DPS Carson City offices within one building
- would make it feasible to maintain a level of security
- necessary from all divisions and would eliminate the need to
- maintain separate security systems in multiple facilities. 20
- There are also significant cost savings that 21
- could be attributed to a centralized building. The
- 23 department can reduce repetition of work, reduce
- 24 administrative staff, share operational equipment and
- 25 supplies, reduce interdepartmental mail service costs, reduce

- continue to inhibit the operational effectiveness of the
- department. The increasing demand for public safety services
- 3 only increases the department's need for a consolidated
- 4 headquarters facility.
- If the project is not approved, the following
- issues must be addressed: A plan to solve the lack of
- available space for both DPS and DMV, ineffective and
- cumbersome security systems, and the challenge of DPS being a
- centralized agency with decentralized office locations.
- There are potential public safety issues, and the
- department's ability to respond in case of major emergencies
- 12 may be compromised. Costs for Carson City non B and G
- facilities will also continue to increase, affecting
- continuing budgets. NRS 480.160 requires that the Department
- of Public Safety be housed in a state location -- or located
- in a state-owned building. And we currently have no options
- to move the director's office in Carson City. Since the
- director's office is required to be located in a state-owned
- building and there are no state-owned buildings in Carson
- City suitable for the department's needs, a new building or
- facility is required. 21
- The proposed location is 2525 South Carson 22
- Street. It's a centralized location in Carson City. It
- allows for easy access to the freeway and in between Reno,
- 25 Tahoe, Minden, and Gardnerville. The department feels this

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- 1 location would be the best fit and since it is already owned
- 2 by the State the most cost-effective. We also spoke with
- 3 Charlie Donahue who confirmed that the land is earmarked for
- 4 the department since 2007.
- The department proposes 155,000 square foot of
- office and storage space to house 321 employees, which are
- expected to increase over the next ten years to 388
- employees. The location will also house these divisions.
- And this is the estimate of our potential growth
- 10 of full-time staff over the next ten years.
- If the initial planning and specs phase is
- 12 approved this biennium, then further consideration can also
- 13 be given to a department-funded purchase option. If the
- 14 building phase can not be funded in the next biennium,
- 15 however, the initial planning and specs being approved this
- 16 biennium is critical for the department moving forward.
- 17 In conclusion, the department feels that it is in
- the best interest of the state to have a centralized location
- to conduct all public safety matters. This investment is
- 20 truly a justifiable endeavor on behalf of the citizens of the
- state. We greatly appreciate your consideration to this
- project and we thank you for your time today. Any questions?
- 23 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: That was a lot to read. Thank
- 24 you. Great job.
- Are there any questions of the board?

- 1 might need more administrative staff, whereas if it was a
- 2 centralized building, an entry would be enough, that sort of
- 3 thing. So when we get further along, we would be better able
- to determine what the savings might be.
- MEMBER HAND: Second question, and I think it's
- 6 consistent with the earlier question. The space looks like
- you're in about 120,000 and the goal would be to go to about
- 155,000. And the increase in staff is about ten percent, so
- there's quite a bit more space than would be necessary for
- that staff. And I think you mentioned earlier what that 11 space is for.
- 12 MS. CARR: Yes. Currently the evidence vaults
- 13 are located in three different locations: One in Reno, one
- 14 in Elko, and one in Las Vegas. And I think there would be
- 15 one moved here as well. That takes quite a bit of space for
- evidence. And then there's also a proposed armory for the
- 17 Highway Patrol and for the other divisions. And then there
- 18 was a mechanic shop for Highway Patrol, which we don't
- 19 currently have here in Carson.
- 20 MEMBER HAND: Thank you.
- 21 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Member Cates.
- MEMBER CATES: One other question about the site 22
- 23 location. You indicated state lands were assigned that DPS
- back in 2007. I'm just wondering if you've revisited or
- 25 rethought the location since then? Because the state has a

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- 1 master plan to develop what they call Capitol Mall, which is
- 2 all the land that runs from basically Musser Street behind us
- 3 all the way down to that location and there's a lot of
- 4 available space to build and no long-term plans to build. I
- 5 wonder in light of that if you have reconsidered or might
- 6 want to consider that location. My own notion about that
- 7 land is I have not asked or pushed anybody else about it, but
- given that master plan that perhaps the state ought to
- consider selling off the land of parcels street since it's
- 10 pretty prime retail front. I'm just wondering what your
- 11 thoughts are.
- MS. MUTH: Deputy Director Jackie Muth for the 12
- 13 record. We certainly wouldn't be opposed to that. I think
- 14 we are in favor of having a public safety complex wherever
- 15 that would be most beneficial to the state. There hasn't
- 16 been any particular discussions that I've been involved in
- 17 and are aware of about moving in that direction, but it
- 18 certainly would be something we would be happy to engage in
- 19 conversation about.
- 20 MS. BRUEGGEMAN: And Sheri Brueggeman for the
- 21 record. We do have a letter stating that the space had been
- earmarked for Public Safety. And the reason that the
- 23 department felt that that would be a good space is because of
- 24 the location of the freeway system, for safety reasons,
- 25 getting on and off, it's just the perfect location for police

MEMBER GORDA: Member Mason Gorda. Can I ask you

- 2 what the occupants now, the square footage that you're using
- of -- I don't know if you know this, but the occupant use
- 4 that you have right now, I see on the one page is 59,000
- square feet I think.
- MS. CARR: That's for non B and G. We currently
- 7 occupy 115,000 square foot. The additional space that we're
- 8 looking for will house the common areas, the evidence vault,
- the armory, and the NHP shop, I believe.
- MEMBER GORDA: Okay. Has a study been done to 10 11 ensure this is sufficient?
- 12 MS. CARR: I believe there was a study a couple
- 13 of years ago. I have different spread sheets that they did
- 14 two or three years ago. They haven't been updated.
- MEMBER GORDA: Okay. Thank you. 15
- 16 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Member Hand.
- MEMBER HAND: Member Hand. You mentioned 17 18 potential reduction of staff. What is the estimate for that
- 19 reduction?
- 20 MS. BRUEGGEMAN: Sheri Brueggeman for the record.
- 21 We haven't done any specific reduction of capabilities on
- 22 administrative staff. It would be something like
- 23 receptionist, secretary, sharing pools, along those lines,
- 24 because we don't know what the building might look like. So
- 25 if they are separate compound buildings then in that case we

- 1 force to be located.
- MEMBER CATES: Okay. If I could ask a follow-up.
- 3 Maybe you don't know this. But do you know anything about
- 4 the infrastructure, the infrastructure at that location? I
- 5 know it was a state building before. But we have the
- 6 internal ranks and all the fiber around here on the campus.
- 7 But I'm just wondering --
- MS. CARR: Melissa Carr for the record. From
- what I heard from his letter that in 2007 it was
- 10 legislatively approved to remove all of those buildings. So
- 11 I don't know what's underneath. I don't know what got left.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Mr. Chimits. 12
- MR. CHIMITS: Thank you, Chairman. Chris Chimits 13
- 14 for the record. The capitol conduit system does go out to
- 15 that site.
- MEMBER CATES: Okay. Thank you. 16
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Any other questions? 17
- MEMBER TIBERTI: I have a question. Tito Tiberti
- 19 for the record. So this will be a whole new building; is
- that correct? 20
- MS. CARR: Yes. 21
- MEMBER TIBERTI: Chris, what is the outside guess 22
- of a typical average square foot construction for this type
- of construction in today's world per square foot?
- MR. CHIMITS: Chris Chimits for the record. 25

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- 1 that we all have that much administrative staff that it would
- 2 completely offset the growth in officers, but it would offset
- з it a little bit.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: And just to clarify, there's
- 5 57,000, plus or minus, square feet of state-leased space at a
- 6 dollar square foot; correct?
- MS. CARR: Yes, roughly. Some of them are 85
- cents or 90 cents.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: And then 50, almost 60,000, 10 square feet of privately-owned, leased space -- In between
- 11 the two of those there's 11 offices. So roughly 120,000
- 12 square feet spread out over 11 offices. Okay. Thank you.
- Any other questions? Thank you for your time. 13
- At this time we're going to adjourn and come back 14
- 15 at 12:45 for the second half of the day. Thank you.
- (Lunch recess was taken) 16
 - CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Welcome back, everybody. We're
- 18 going to get started here. It's 1:15. We move in to the
- 19 second half of our agenda. First up, Conservation and
- 20 Natural Resources. Welcome.
- MR. HUNT: Thank you. 21
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Please try to use the 22
- 23 microphone. Thank you.
- MR. HUNT: All right. I'm Tim Hunt, Chief of
- 25 Planning and Development for State Parks.

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- 1 About \$290 a square foot.
- MEMBER TIBERTI: 209? 2
- MR. CHIMITS: 290. 3
- MEMBER TIBERTI: 290. Thank you.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Bryce Clutts for the record.
- Does that represent that picture?
- MS. MUTH: No. 7
- MR. CHIMITS: That's 690. 8
- MS. CARR: That I believe is the Salt Lake City
- 10 Department of Public Safety.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Bryce Clutts for the record. A 11
- 12 couple questions. You've outlined some staffing increases,
- 13 but you've also discussed efficiencies in staff by combining
- 14 all of these entities in to one building. So help me
- 15 understand because I'm a little confused why we wouldn't have a reduction in staffing. 16
- MS. BRUEGGEMAN: Sheri Brueggeman for the record. 17
- Our largest staffing areas are Highway Patrol and Parole and
- Probation. And others the state continues to grow or the
- influx of people coming in requires that those entities
- within Highway Patrol, the officers, and Parole and
- 22 Probation, the probation officers, will increase. So, yes,
- 23 we see that continuing to grow as the population of the State
- 24 of Nevada continues to grow. But we still see that we can do 25 efficiency standards with administrative staff. I can't say

- MR. SIMERLY: Good afternoon. I'm Brett Simerly with the Division of Forestry.
- MR. HUNT: Starting today this is our capital 3
- 4 improvement project list for 2016 for the 18-19 biennium. We
- are just presenting our top 11 at this time. And if you have
- any additional questions or would like any additional
- information on the remaining, we'll be happy to provide that to you.
- This is a list of our 31 projects submitted. One
- 10 was, Rye Patch Dormitory was removed. We were able to 11 proper --
- (The court reporter interrupts) 12
- MR. HUNT: The project number 7099, Rye Patch
- 14 Dormitory, was removed from the list. The park was able to
- 15 procure with the help of wildlife modular, dormitory units
- 16 and we built the manufactured housing. And additionally we 17 have modified or revised all of the equipment storage units.
- 18 And I will address that towards the end.
 - So let's start out with our number one priority.
- This is stabilized ruins at Fort Churchill Historic State
- 21 Park. They have -- It is the key factor in the state park,
- 22 Fort Churchill State Park, since 2007 when we lost funding
- 23 for the maintenance of these ruins. They have continued to
- erode and accelerate in their deterioration. 24
- The life safety issues involved are staff,

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- 1 visitors are in the vicinity of them, there's the potential
- 2 for the failure of the structures, as you can see in the
- 3 photos. There's lots of evidence of recent failures of the structures.
- We've requested this project in the last two 5
- 6 bienniums, the 13 and 15 CIP projects. We will be requesting
- 7 in the 2021 annual maintenance in our budget to maintain any
- 8 repairs that are done. And also Chipo has authorized the use
- of stabilizers and so we'll be throwing good money after bad.
- 10 Until these repairs and restorations are done, they won't be
- able to withstand the erosion better.
- The project total on this was approximately 1.2 12 million dollars. 13
- The next is Nevada Division of Forestry, northern 14
- 15 region heavy equipment shop and renovations. This is for an
- advanced planning of design plan sets for a 7200 square foot
- equipment facility. Existing structure is over 40 years old.
- It was originally a military supply storage building that was
- moved to the location. It's currently not compliant with any
- fire, health, or safety standards. Do you want to address
- any specifics to this structure? 21

It was a dry storage building.

12 it. That's the main parts to it.

the end. Thank you.

- MR. SIMERLY: The structure --22
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Excuse me. State your name for 23

1 record. It was not designed for maintenance facility, so

there was never any electrical, heating, things of that

Currently the roof on the side is not high

6 enough. It does not have a crane. We do a lot of

3 nature were built in for people that actually work inside.

maintenance and repairs on larger equipment at that location.

And at various times during the year, depending on the

weather, a lot of the heavy equipment parts that need to be

removed have to be taken outside and they use a service truck

11 to pull those parts off of that particular vehicle to work on

MR. HUNT: Do you have any questions on this?

MR. HUNT: The next item is Nevada Division of

exceeding -- is at its useful life of approximately 25 years

turn lower operating costs because of the newer technology.

18 Forestry, heating and air, HVAC replacement. The heating and

air conditioning equipment servicing the building is

21 old. It is a boiler type unit. This project would provide

The building was constructed in 1991,

all new equipment, temperature controls, and which would in

25 approximately 6500 square feet. It's essential for operation

15 We'll make note along the way and then we'll ask questions at

CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Sir, we'll wait until the end.

- the record. 24
- 25 MR. SIMERLY: I'm sorry. Brett Simerly for the

- 1 of the Division of Forestry.
- In recent history, the system has been
- experiencing a number of failures of the system. It causes
- communication interruption when the communication equipment
- 5 heats up. And the interruptions are between dispatch and the
- field operations.
- Safety issues. The loss of wildland fire
- dispatch capabilities can result in additional losses of
- resources, property and/or life, which could result in legal
- liabilities to the state.
- The ramifications if the project is not improved 11
- will continue to deteriorate, eventually resulting in
- complete system failure. One likely form is that it is a 13
- boiler system and for the pipes that could result in pipe
- 15 failure and damaging the structure of several hundred
- 16 thousand dollars worth of communication equipment.
- 17 The next one is Elko Interagency Dispatch Center
- 18 HVAC. This is a similar project to completely replace the
- 19 boiler HVAC unit. This building is approximately 9100 square
- 20 feet. It was constructed in the year 2000. There has been
- several failures over the last five years. One was a near
- catastrophic failure. The communications systems because of
- 23 the heat and the building and had the system gone down would
- 24 have resulted in a full one-third of the state being without
- 25 emergency wildland fire dispatch capabilities.

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- The next one is state parks. Life safety
- improvements at the Miller's Point Overlook at Cathedral
- 3 Gorge State Park. That should be 7098. This project is --
- would be to stabilize and/or replace and make safe the access
- stairway at Miller Point. This is an area of the park that
- 6 sees approximately 19,000 visitors annually. Because of the
- 7 soils out there, which makes it so beautiful, is why it is
- easily improvable.
- As you can see in some of these photos that the
- 10 guardrails and supports for the staircases are the erosion is
- 11 nearing the footings for them. The guardrails do not
- currently meet code. 12
- 13 The bridge in the second photo from the left
- shows the erosion back here at the abuttance of the bridge.
- This was built in the 1990s. And it was, I believe, by the
- prison crews. And it has just continually eroded back in to
- where it's now reaching the structural components of the 17 18 staircase.
- 19 The next is building weatherization and envelope
- 20 protection in the Spring Mountain Ranch State Park. This
- 21 would be phase one. This is for having engineering and the
- 22 evaluation done of the structures to report on how best to
- 23 proceed on repairs and restoration of these facilities to
- 24 make them as safe as possible and still remain their --
- 25 maintaining their historic appeal.

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- 1 If these -- this project is not funded, then
- 2 we'll continue -- it will continue to deteriorate and it will
- 3 be a significant loss of the historic structures that will
- 4 eventually fail.
- 5 MR. SIMERLY: Brett Simerly for the record. This
- 6 is the NDF Ely shop overhead door replacement. These doors
- were originally not designed for this type of facility.
- 8 There's been ongoing damage throughout the years. The doors
- 9 are semi-inoperable on a couple of them that are unsafe to
- 10 open and close. This project will replace all five of these
- 11 doors with the correct type size doors, which will also turn,
- 12 obviously make it safer for personnel. It will lower utility
- 13 costs trying to heat this structure.
- MR. HUNT: Tim Hunt for the record. The next is
- 15 to replace two comfort stations at Lake Tahoe Nevada State
- 16 Park, Sand Harbor unit. These were originally built in the
- 17 1970s. And we have requested these at the last two CIP
- 18 projects. They do not fully comply with the ADA
- 19 requirements. Plus there's a significant amount of
- 20 deterioration in the wood piers that are used for the
- 21 foundation. Sand Harbor hosts approximately 850,000
- 22 visitors annually and it needs -- these would be replaced
- 23 with larger units, removing the showers, which are not
- 24 heavily utilized in the restrooms. This would provide
- 25 adequate number of toilets that meets the demand to replace

- The next one, rehabilitation of the group use
 - 2 Ramada at Fort Churchill State Park. This would be to remove
 - 3 and replace the four-inch concrete slab that was failing and
 - 4 also to replace the roofing unit -- roof over the Ramada to
 - 5 something more sustainable, which would be a standing seam
 - 6 metal roof. The last several FCA reports from the Public
 - 7 Works, the facility condition analysis reports from 2009 and
 - 8 2014 did indicate that there was a leaking crack, the
 - 9 concrete continues to deteriorate. Currently they have the
 - 10 offsets are now placing the cracks of that place at a maximum
 - 11 of one half inch for ADA compliance. The roof is believed to
 - 12 be original construction and the shingles are failing and are
 - 13 susceptible to blowing off and eventually could lead to full
 - 14 roof failure.
 - 15 Again, regarding the ADA compliance, the
 - 16 complaints are submitted. The State will be required to
 - 17 replace and repair the concrete.
 - This one and the next one is the vehicle
 - 19 equipment and material storage buildings. This is referred
 - 20 to revised to be just a three-sided equipment storage
 - 21 facility. The original submittal was for full enclosed HVAC,
 - 22 electrical, plumbing, and everything. But the main need to
 - 23 be determined is protecting the equipment. So it's been --
 - 24 The costs have been much reduced. And so between 60 and
 - 25 \$85,000 for the units. But this does not include a Public

- 1 the existing structures and would result in potential
- 2 failures and bringing them in to ADA compliance.
- 3 State parks is currently in the process of
- 4 replacing five of the A units up there and state lands,
- 5 Nevada Division of State Lands, has additional monies
- 6 available for their EIP bonding monies. So we were able to
- 7 initiate the process to replace those that are in worse
- 8 condition.
- 9 Next is comfort station replacement at Fort
- 10 Churchill State Park campground. This would be the
- 11 installing ADA compliant, pre-manufactured wet restroom at
- 12 the campground. Existing facilities were constructed in the
- 13 1960s prior to any ADA requirements. It's not capable of
- 14 being retrofitted to meet current ADA requirements. This
- 15 project has also been requested in the last two biennium.
- The campground in its entirety does not have a wet facility currently. This would also provide for a shower
- 18 facility, which would in turn increase visitation,
- 19 desirability.
- If this project is not approved, the campground
- 21 will have lower visitation. And should a complaint be
- 22 submitted to the Department of Justice and the investigation
- 23 shows we are out of compliance, the state will be required to
- 24 replace the restrooms. And it's generally a 60-day time
- 25 frame.

- 1 Works design inspection fee.
- And lastly is the note that we have applied for
- 3 statewide paving projects at the locations throughout the
- 4 state and also for statewide roofing projects throughout the
- 5 state, which would I believe would be by Public Works. Does
- 6 the board have any questions?
- 7 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you very much.
- 8 I'm going to choose not to use the microphone
- 9 unless you tell me you need it.
- 10 Are there any questions?
- 11 MEMBER GORDA: Can I take you back to your first
- 12 project. Member Mason Gorda. I just want to ask how long
- 13 ago this was constructed, the adobe -- Let's see which one --
- 14 the rooms at Fort Churchill.
- MR. MERGELL: I'm not sure of an exact date.
- 16 (The court reporter interrupts)
- MR. MERGELL: Bob Mergell with State Parks.
- 18 M-e-r-g-e-l-l. Were those in the sixties, Chris?
- 19 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Mr. Chimits.
- 20 MR. CHIMITS: Thank you. Chris Chimits for the
- 21 record. There was a restoration. There wasn't much left and
- 22 they were reconstructed in the early seventies.
- 23 MEMBER GORDA: Just curious how long the adobe
- 24 bricks actually last if they're built to the original
- 25 standards.

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- MR. HUNT: As it states is that we have received
- 2 authorization for shipping out the stabilizers to reduce the
- 3 erosion of the units once they're reconstructed.
- 4 MEMBER GORDA: So increase the durability?
- 5 MR. HUNT: Yes.
- 6 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Any other questions?
- 7 MEMBER CATES: Actually I had a question about
- 8 the comfort stations -- Patrick Cates -- where you wanted to
- 9 replace two of them.
- 10 MR. HUNT: Sand Harbor.
- 11 MEMBER CATES: Sand Harbor. Did I understand you
- 12 correctly, you said you had the grant to do five of them,
- 13 that's in progress right now?
- MR. HUNT: Yes. That is currently the way we
- 15 have the EIP -- EIP bond money that was -- that state lands
- 16 had available. And the EIP money has to be utilized within
- 17 the Tahoe basin. They were in need of projects to proceed
- 18 with.
- 19 MEMBER CATES: Is there any possibility of
- 20 getting more EIP's for these two?
- MR. HUNT: There is a possibility but it's a
- 22 bought and sale program, so it's subject to the --
- 23 MEMBER CATES: Through the application process?
- 24 MR. HUNT: Yes.
- 25 MEMBER CATES: Thank you.

- 1 Both for the ruins and the comfort station there is also at
- 2 Lake Tahoe may be able to access those funds for the comfort
- 3 stations. Cathedral Gorge is another one that we could also
- 4 apply for grants for.
- 5 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: So Bryce Clutts for the record.
- 6 When you say you could possibly, is there a reason why you
- 7 didn't apply for them?
- 8 MR. HUNT: It's the match portion of it.
- 9 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: So you need money from the
- 10 state first --
- 11 MR. HUNT: Yes.
- 12 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: -- before you can apply to get
- 13 a federal match?
- MR. HUNT: Correct. If we apply for it, get the
- 15 grant approved and then there's no money, then for the match,
- 16 then that money would revert at the end of its life cycle,
- 17 which generally there are two or four-year grants is how it's18 written.
- 19 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Okay. Thank you.
- 20 Mr. Nunez.
- MR. NUNEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the
- 22 record, Gus Nunez. I don't see anyone here from DCNR admin.
- 23 But we had a discussion this morning with respect to the
- 24 office building in Las Vegas with Department of Wildlife.
- 25 And this may be something for you all to take back. We need

- 1 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Any other questions.
- 2 MEMBER GORDA: Member Mason Gorda. On the Ely
- 3 industrial shop overhead door replacement, same question,
- 4 when was that facility built?
- 5 MR. SIMERLY: Brett Simerly for the record. I'm
- 6 not exactly sure of the date it was built.
- 7 MR. CHIMITS: Which one?
- 8 MR. SIMERLY: Ely shop. I would have to look in
- 9 to that and get back to you on that information.
- 10 MEMBER GORDA: You don't know if it was
- 11 seventies, eighties?
- MR. SIMERLY: I would say it was probably the
- 13 seventies from looking at the interior of the structure.
- 14 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Do you have a follow-up?
- 15 MEMBER GORDA: No. That's good. Thank you.
- 16 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Bryce Clutts for the record.
- 17 My only question would be looking at a lot of these have
- 18 there been any -- are there any federal funds available for
- 19 any of these that we might be able to pursue through the
- 20 National Department of Forestry or anything?
- 21 MR. HUNT: Tim Hunt for the record. Regarding
- 22 state parks, there are grant programs, land and water grant
- 23 program that is available if you can have the match to apply
- 24 for them. Fort Churchill ruins may be an avenue would be a
- 25 place that would be able to possibly access the funds for.

- 1 to hear from DCNR with respect to their support for that
- 2 office building in Las Vegas to be housed with the Department
- 3 of Wildlife. At one time DCNR was taking the lead of the
- 4 building. Now Department of Wildlife is taking the lead on
- 5 the building.
- 6 So this morning Department of Wildlife couldn't
- 7 tell us that DCNR was supported for the project. So if you
- 8 guys can let us know in the next -- your department can let
- 9 us know, let the board know within the next week, we would
- 10 appreciate it.
- 11 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you, Mr. Nunez.
- 12 Thank you, Gentlemen. I appreciate it very much.
- 13 MR. HUNT: Thank you.
- 14 MR. SIMERLY: Thank you.
- 15 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Nevada System of Higher
- 16 Education.
- At this time we're going to take about a five to
- 18 ten minute recess while we're waiting.
- 19 (Recess was taken)
- 20 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Okay. Nevada System of Higher
- 21 Education. Good morning. Afternoon now.
- 22 MR. WHITE: How are you doing?
- 23 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: How are you?
- MR. WHITE: Very good. So I'm John White, acting
- 25 chancellor of Nevada System of Higher Education. Thank you

all for having us here today. I wanted to introduce our
presentation very briefly and then we'll turn over the
particular presentations to the institutional leaders. Whoa,
no lights.

The system that we have used to prepare our proposal is similar to the one that we've used in the past. Each institution has developed and prioritized its proposal and submitted it to the system office, which developed a proposal for the board. The board prioritized our proposals and we forwarded that to the board to you.

So what you'll see here are our prioritized
proposals both on CIP and on deferred maintenance. We do not
have prioritization on the deferred maintenance, given the
importance of it and also the challenge that you and we have
had trying to fund deferred maintenance coverage.

Before I turn over the podium to our first
presenter, I do want to thank you the staff. They extended
our deadline which allowed our board to consider, prioritize
and vote on the proposal. So this is a proposal that the
board has voted on and the staff was very gracious in doing
that. We also want to thank those staff members who went on

campus towers last year along with other members of the governor's administration and some legislators to see what the needs were on the campus and to experience those

25 firsthand. We want to commend the staff for working with us

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1 And roughly 24, 25 million has been pledged or donated for2 the project.

And we're just back asking for 2.8 million in the FF&E. And we plan that that will also be split 50/50 and 1.4 of donated funds is there and so we're just asking for the other half of that, the 1.4 million.

7 This provides a little bit of the background.

8 And that's a picture of just a few weeks ago. And you can 9 see the foundation is in and the towers around the elevators 10 are in. That kind of forms the skeleton of the building and 11 side. More on that is out just in the last few weeks. It's 12 coming well out of the ground.

This is just to remind folks of the justification
of this building. This is our crown jewel on campus. This
program, their hotel college continues to rank highly. In
fact, just within the last few months, a ranking among CEO's
of hospitality programs in the world put the program again
squarely up at the top two or three in the world from a

business perspective, from a CEO perspective.
 And I'll tell you, before I became president

21 coming up now on a year and a half, almost two years in, and 22 a few years before, I had done an accreditation review of the 23 business school, the lead business school, on campus at UNLV. 24 I was one of the outside reviewers. And when I got to the

25 campus to visit the business school, I couldn't believe it

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to develop and validate the cost estimate on these various
 projects.

And, finally, I want to thank you this board for tits efforts in trying to come up with mechanisms for addressing the deferred maintenance prices, which faces all of the institutions in the state.

But with no further ado, we will move on to the institutional presentations, beginning with UNLV.

9 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: I'm just going to go on record 10 and say that I appreciate that UNLV is number one.

If you could speak in to the microphone just a little bit more, it would help. Thank you.

MR. JESSUP: Thank you. Len Jessup, president of UNLV. And I'll run quickly through this first project.

15 Thanks for the time. This first project that we'll present on is for our Harrah Hotel College and this is just to follow

7 for the FF&E for that building. You can see a couple of the

sketches of what this building will look like. We're

19 probably about a year out and hope to have it ready for next

20 fall. And if you were to go down on campus you would see 21 this structure coming out of the ground and it looks great

22 and it's really got the campus excited.

This is a great public/private partnership with the state coming in for half and I believe our donors

25 primarily along the strip are coming in for the other half.

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1 was in such a new building. And once we got in there, I
2 couldn't leave we shared it with the hotel college. And the

two of them shared a space in a relatively old building.So having our world class academic program being

5 in a world class space I think is going to help take that to 6 the next level, which for us is squarely not only first in

7 the presentation but being ranked in number one and knocking 8 out Cornell out of that spot. And I think the state of the

9 art facility will help that attract quite a bit.

Without the FF&E it will be tough for us to use
the building in the fall when we start. We need places for
people to sit and equipment and computers and stuff and it

13 just will delay. While the building will be ready, it will delay the time that we do get to use it. And I can tell you

15 that the folks over on that corridor, that resort corridor,

16 the primary students are chomping at the bit just like our

students and faculty are as well.I can go in to further detail if you want, but

19 that's in a nutshell what we're asking for is following for 20 FF&E, 2.8, splitting it 50/50, so it's 1.4 million is what

we're asking for. Do you have any questions?

22 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: I think at this time we'll do
23 something a little different and open it up to the board each
24 one for any questions. Any questions of the board? Bryce

25 Clutts for the record. The only question I would have is, is

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- there a reason that the FF&E wasn't included in the originalCIP for the funding the college?
- 3 MR. JESSUP: Well, I know this one has been in
- 4 various stages of planning for well over a decade and that
- 5 had something to do with while we're -- Yeah, go ahead.
- 6 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Mr. Chimits.
- MR. CHIMITS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Chris
- 8 Chimits for the record. We generally as a policy when we're
- 9 building large construction projects, if we don't need the
- 10 FF&E until the next biennium, we won't request it, simply to
- 11 reduce the impact on the current CIP. In this case, the
- 12 project schedule is such that it's a timely request right now
- 13 and we're obviously supporting it to complete the building.
- 14 But it could be done in the 17 CIP rather than the 15.
- 15 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Okay. Thank you. I appreciate 16 it.
- 17 MR. JESSUP: Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Good evening. Afternoon.
- MR. JOHNSON: Have you been there that long?
- 20 Okay. So my name is Marc Johnson. I'm president of the
- 21 University of Nevada, Reno. Thank you for this hearing 22 today.
- 23 I come to you representing both the university
- 24 and the Nevada System of Higher Education to present a
- 25 proposal on a state and university shared cost of

- 1 me for this.
- And he said, "From an economic development
- 3 perspective, the engine of our economy is the University of
- 4 Nevada, Reno. And the spark plug in that engine is the
- 5 College of Engineering. So while there are great colleges
- 6 and schools at the university, the College of Engineering has
- 7 the most direct impact on our economic development efforts
- 8 for several reasons, he said. The college produces the
- 9 graduates that are most in demand for the types of jobs we
- 10 are attracting to the region. The college has a direct link
- 11 to the success and growth of our existing industries. And
- 12 the college has research and development assets that help
- 13 existing entities and entrepreneurs advance the technology."
- 14 And that's the end of the quote.
- 15 The community in northern Nevada sees the College
- 16 of Engineering as critical to its development of both human17 capital and research to support the tremendous growth of
- 17 capital and research to support the tremendous growth of industry in northern Nevada. But we also have assets that
- 19 are very, very appropriate for the industrial development of
- 20 southern Nevada and rural Nevada as well.
- 21 So, much has already been done in preparing for
- 22 the construction of a College of Engineering building.
- 23 During the winter and spring of 2015, HCK Design worked with
- 24 the College of Engineering faculty to create and design the
- 25 features that are really necessary for the next increment of

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- 1 facilities at the College of Engineering.
- The current conceptual design entails 486,000
- 3 square feet of building space, which includes 45 research
- 4 labs, state of the art teaching facilities, a clean room for
- 5 research, and offices for 50 faculty and 150 graduate
- 6 students, a significant expansion for this rapidly growing
- 7 college.
- 8 And these are the types of modern facilities that
- 9 will attract and retain faculty and students and really
- 10 encourage industry to partner with the College of
- 11 Engineering.
- The second thing we did was make our proposals
- 13 through the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of
- 14 Regents and the Board of Regents has voted to make the
- 15 engineering building at UNR the top-ranked priority for new
- 2.5 engineering building at OTAR the top-ranked priority for new
- 16 construction projects within the system.
- 17 So you can see up here the predesign was
- 18 completed. Actually we've got all of the documents done in
- 19 the summer of 2016, but most of the work was done by H and K
- 20 during 2015.
- And we've already started fundraising. We've
- 22 allocated funds from the university. We've identified a
- 23 gifting goal of which it will say basically that the
- 24 university already has raised the design funds necessary for
- 25 pre-construction design and we have worked with the State

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1 construction for a College of Engineering building.

- The university serves as an engine of economic
- 3 growth for Nevada. The university graduated more than 4200
- 4 degrees last year, which really adds to the human capacity
- 5 for developing industry in this state. And more
- 6 specifically, in the last two years, the College of
- 7 Engineering has been the fastest growing college. We
- 8 anticipate that we'll be producing 450 engineers by the time
- 9 this building is open. And these engineering graduates are
- 10 especially important to growing the advanced manufacturing
- 11 sector of this state.
- You can see a number of the companies that hire
- 13 engineered from the College of Engineering at the University
- 14 of Nevada, Reno. We have been to a number of these companies
- 15 seeking their support for this building. And in the process
- 16 they say, you all produce really great engineers. We just
- 17 want more of them.
- 18 So as our student numbers grow in engineering,
- 19 our faculty numbers are growing in engineering, and we just
- 20 need more space and quality space to support the research and
- 21 the educational and the business connection activities of the
- 22 College of Engineering. Mike Kazmerski is the president and
- 23 CEO of the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada,24 EDAWN, and he actually wrote an editorial in last Sunday's
- 25 RGJ, Reno Journal Gazette. Reno Gazette Journal. They paid

- 1 Public Works Division in a way that the university with an
- 2 agency agreement so that the university will pay the cost of
- 3 the early designs but these designs will be managed by the
- State Public Works Division.
- And the State Public Works Division has already
- identified a project manager for this project, Mr. Robbie 6 7
- So the fundraising also has begun on the corpus
- or the larger part, and we've been quite successful, which
- I'll explain in just a moment.
- So you can see kind of the timeline of this 11
- 12 building. We'd like to move it just as fast as possible, but
- it takes a long time to get all of the approvals and get
- designs done and construction completed.
- So let me look at the bottom here of this 15
- 16 project, of this chart here, and identify the money involved
- in this building project. Basically it's an 86 million
- dollar project. We've already raised the three million
- dollars for design and we're ready to start construction
- document design. That leaves 83 million. And what we're
- looking at is 41 and a half million as a responsibility of
- the university and 41 and a half million as a request from
- the state under the plan that was established or the
- 24 precedent that was established by Governor Sandoval last year
- 25 with UNLV Hospitality and Gaming building of a 50/50 share on

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- 1 This is probably a question for you, Chris. I'm little
- 2 confused on engineering costs. We've raised three million
- 3 for the design cost. But is that in addition to what we show
- 4 in the budget cost estimate because we have 2.3 million on
- 5 there for design school vision?
- MR. CHIMITS: Mr. Chairman, Chris Chimits for the
- 7 record. If you're looking at the funding summary, it shows a
- 8 50/50 split of 41.5 for each party, for a total of 83 million
- 9 dollars. That's what the university president was explaining
- 10 that the three million that we're working on right now
- 11 starting the design of and selecting C-mars, that ask from
- 12 the legislature will be for the 83 million.
- MEMBER STEWART: Follow up. So the remaining 13
- 14 balance after the engineer, the design cost, is still 83
- 15 million; is that correct?
- MR. CHIMITS: That's correct. 16
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Any other questions? 17
- 18 Thank you, sir.
- MR. JOHNSON: Thank you all for your time. 19
- MR. BUTLER: Thank you. Good afternoon. For the 20
- 21 record, Kevin Butler, Nevada State College. President
- 22 Patterson sends his regrets that he couldn't be here today.
- 23 It's convocation and he's delivering the address to faculty
- 24 and staff. So you got me instead. I don't know if that's
- 25 good or bad.

- I'm sure that you're all familiar with the
- 2 teacher shortage that's going on in the State of Nevada right
- 3 now. And it's not getting any better. Over the next 12
- 4 years, Nevada is projected to experience a 26 percent
- 5 increase in its K through 12 student population. That's the
- 6 fastest growth rate in the nation.
- The teacher shortage is not just a Nevada issue.
- 8 It's a national one. The teacher shortages are developing in
- 9 a number of different states and those shortages are making 10 it more difficult for the Nevada school districts to recruit
- 11 from out of state as they're currently doing. We have to
- 12 grow our own teacher pipeline.
- Nevada State College is well poised to meet this
- challenge. Teacher education is the cornerstone of our
- 15 mission. We're developing new support programs that will
- 16 help improve the praxis pass rate. We're expanding with new
- 17 education programs, programs like early childhood education.
- 18 Did I go too far on this? There we are. So programs like
- 19 early childhood education to better prepare our children to
- 20 be successful in K through 12. A deaf studies program to
- 21 meet the demands of qualified interpreters, which now
- 22 requires a Baccalaureate degree, a Master's degree program in
- 23 speech pathology.
- Nevada has the fewest speech language 24
- 25 pathologists per capita than any other state. And Nevada is

- 1 the construction cost between the state and the university.
- So in terms of the 83 million remaining, the two
- 3 shares that are responsible are the responsibility of the
- 4 university. First we will have 21 and a half million from
- 5 university funds. The students already pay a registration
- 6 fee and that registration fee contains an element called
- 7 capital improvement. So we have assigned a stream of capital improvement fees from students to this project that has a
- long term financing value of 21 and a half million dollars.
- So we've already identified that stream. 10
- Then there is a 20 million dollar donor 11
- 12 expectation. And we already have signed pledge agreements on
- 13 12 million of that 20. So it's important to note that the
- 14 industry and our foundations have great faith going forward
- 15 in this project and have already stepped up financially to
- 16 support this project.
- And then the state funds, we would ask for an 17
- endorsement of this body for the building project itself and
- ask your support to encourage the state financing of 41 and a
- half million dollars as half of that construction cost.
- Would you have any questions? 21
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you, President Johnson. 22
- 23 Bryce Clutts for the record. Board members, are there any
- 24 questions?
- MEMBER STEWART: Sean Stewart for the record. 25

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- 1 the only state that currently does not require a Master's
- 2 program for licensure. We believe that that's going to
- 3 change. Nevada State College is forming teacher academy
- 4 programs in teaching with several high schools to increase
- 5 the number of students who select teaching as their first
- choice for a career.
- As Nevada State expands its enrollment in each of
- 8 these new programs as well as established education programs
- 9 we need more space. There will be time blocks in the
- 10 semester, this upcoming semester, where our entire inventory
- 11 of teaching classrooms will be in use. And even with the two
- 12 new buildings that were recently constructed mainly from
- 13 student fees, there won't be any office space to house new
- 14 faculty, whether education faculty or otherwise.
- We also lack some other specialized spaces that 15
- 16 provide the teaching and learning experiences that result in
- 17 higher quality teachers, spaces like a speech pathology
- 18 clinic, a teacher learning center, and an early childhood
- education lab that would benefit not only Nevada State
- College but CSM as well.
- 21 The facility that we're requesting, the 65,000
- 22 square foot facility, that we're requesting would address all
- of these needs. The construction will be very utilitarian,
- 24 but the amenities will create an appropriate learning
- 25 environment for our students. And they will meet the design

- 1 building was designed at over a hundred thousand square feet.
- 2 But because of the recession, it was built in 2008, is 42,000
- square feet.
- Student fees and formula funding dollars are
- financing the two new buildings. The only other building
- used by Nevada State is our original campus, the old vitamin
- warehouse that we still lease from the City of Henderson for
- \$15 a year.
- We're doing some incredible things at Nevada
- 10 State College. We're the fastest growing institution in the
- system. Over the last ten years, our annual growth in
- student full time equivalence averages more than eight
- percent. Our nursing program recently tripled, helping to
- fill critical nursing positions in the state.
- Growing our own teacher pipeline would be 15
- 16 extremely important to the economic future of our state. We
- 17 have the programs, the ability, and the vision at Nevada
- State College. We just need the space. Thank you.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you, Mr. Butler. 19
- Are there any questions from the board? Member 20
- 21 Gorda.
- MEMBER GORDA: Mr. Butler, I want to tell you 22
- 23 that I've been out to the campus and I want to tell you that
- 24 I'm pretty impressed with the growth on the campus. And I
- 25 think it's important to continue that growth. And so I just

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- 1 requirements of our campus master plan.
- The building is going to be heated and cooled by
- 3 an existing central plant which will further reduce the
- mechanical cost of the construction. And I think it's
- 5 important to know a little bit that the two new buildings
- 6 that were recently constructed were built at a cost of \$381 per square foot, all in. That included the FF&E, the design,
- 8 pre-construction, and construction that involved a central
- 9 plan as well as the full service facility. So I think that
- shows a little bit that Nevada State College is a good
- steward on public funds particularly when it comes to
- construction projects. 12
- The State Public Works Division estimates this 13
- 14 building at just under 29 million dollars. Now I can go to
- the next slide. No, I can't.
- That doesn't include FF&E. So I think for the 16
- 17 same reasons that you had asked before. The college has
- 18 proposed a six million dollar match. 2.6 million of that has
- 19 already been secured and we're hoping very soon to add
- another 1.2 to that. Our foundation is in discussions with a
- 21 number of high potential donors and we're very confident that
- 22 we'll be able to make that match.
- If funded, this will only be the second building 23
- 24 in the college's history constructed with CIP funds. The
- 25 other building, the language -- the liberal arts and sciences

- 1 want to state that for the record.
- MR. BUTLER: I appreciate that.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Other questions of the board? 3
- 4 Thank you.
- MS. CHARLTON: Good afternoon. For the record my
- 6 name is Patty Charlton. I'm the senior vice president of
- strategic initiatives and administration at the College of
- Southern Nevada. And I give my regret for Dr. Richards not
- being able to be here, the president, as he also is welcoming
- 10 back faculty and some of our students showing up early this
- week for classes that begin next week. 11
- 12 CSN is very excited to offer and request and are
- 13 grateful for the Board of Regents and the chancellor's office
- 14 for their support for a joint collaborative project with
- 15 Nevada State College. It constructs a 70,000 square foot
- 16 facility at our Henderson campus.
- 17 As we all know, the health care needs of the
- 18 State of Nevada are very, very serious and critical, and that
- 19 is definitely evidenced by the new medical school at UNLV as 20 well.
- 21 This program is somewhat unique. We haven't had
- 22 joint partnerships and capital projects on our campuses. And
- 23 this particular facility, which would be located at the CSN
- 24 Henderson campus, which is just a stones throw away from
- 25 Nevada State College, would be a combined collaboration and

- 1 enable affordable pathways for our students. Both colleges
- 2 boast some of the highest licensure pass rates in allied
- 3 health programs and CSN already trains about one-third of all
- 4 of Nevada's nurses.
- The current and projected work force demand as
- 6 evidenced by the governor's office of economic development
- shows that in particular the fields of study that we are
- proposing to put in to this building, nursing, LPN and along
- 9 with the transfer for students to go to Nevada State College
- 10 for their BSM program. EMS and paramedics, medical lab
- science and technology alone by 2025, over 16,500 jobs will
- be needed in Southern Nevada alone.
- 13 This facility is also very located closely to the
- 14 Union Village project, which is underway in Henderson. And
- 15 as many of you know, Henderson Hospital will open its doors
- in October. This is a very, very exciting time in a
- much-needed area of facility and training opportunity in
- 18 southern Nevada.
- We are actually asking -- While the total project 19
- cost is 63 million, including FF&E, we're actually only 20
- asking for the 4.8 million in planning funds to ensure that
- we can continue this progress. And this is somewhat of a
- standard in the past where you do planning funds, one
- legislative session, construction, and possibly FF&E in the
- 25 next.
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 - The project, we have a site map. It's quite
 - 2 small, so I apologize. I think you might have it in your
- 3 slides, of the area in which this facility will be housed,
- including some of the infrastructure that goes along with it.
- We are currently engaged in joint programming of
- this space with Nevada State College and we are 70 percent
- through that process right now.
- Some of the unique features of the facility
- include a simulation center, joint classrooms, classrooms,
- labs, offices, and also an expansion of library offerings.
- That means a very unique targeted need of students in the
- 12 allied health programs. They are proposing a two and a half
- percent match of the total project cost, which is included in
- the 43 million of construction that will be generated and
- 15 raised. And we are on our way to accomplish that now.
- With that, are there any questions? 16
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you, ma'am. 17
- 18 Are there any questions of the board? Bryce
- Clutts for the record. Mr. Chimits, my question is the
- planning fees are at 4.8 and it looks like in our project
- cost estimate it shows 4.475. I was just wondering what the
- difference was there. 22
- MR. CHIMITS: Mr. Chairman, Chris Chimits for the 23
- 24 record. I think that we estimated the ADG slightly lower
- 25 than they did, but it's a fairly minor discrepancy. It's

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- 1 just the planning money that's estimated a little
- 2 differently.
- 3 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Okay. That's fine. I was just
- curious. Thank you. Thank you, ma'am.
- MR. CURTIS: Good afternoon. My name is Mark
- 6 Curtis, I'm president of Great Basin College. And our
- 7 request relates to a welding lab expansion that has been
- 8 before you several times. We have about 220 full-time
- 9 technical students, each of which take one or two welding
- 10 classes. In addition, we have two sections of welding majors
- 11 that use a relatively small facility. So we're having our
- 12 welding majors going, one group goes on Monday through
- 13 Thursday in the morning. And the second group goes on Monday
- 14 through Thursday in the afternoon. And then all of the
- 15 related welding classes are taught in the evenings on Friday
- 16 and on Saturday. And we're having a difficult time
- shoehorning in a training for the local industry for their 17
- 18 incumbent workers. So this has been an ongoing need of ours
- 19 for some time.
- And if you see the small space in which -- And 20
- 21 you're seeing most of the space there in which the students
- 22 are being educated, it's a high demand area and there's not a
- 23 lot of elbow room. Sometimes we think safety might be
- 24 compromised, so we keep the class sizes small down to just
- 25 16. And I guess the risk if not funded is it limits our

- 1 ability to serve the industry. And, as many of you know, we
- 2 provide most of the skill trades, work force for the mining
- 3 industry along the I-80 corridor. So we play an important
- 4 role in work force development. I would be happy to answer
- 5 any questions.
- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you, sir. 6
- Are there any questions? 7
- MEMBER HAND: Adam Hand for the record. You
- 9 mentioned industry, and I'm curious about the industry match
- 10 and what evidence --
- 11 (The court reporter interrupts)
- MEMBER HAND: My question is about the industry 12
- 13 match and you mentioned that Saturday is -- Saturday is a day
- 14 to teach industry folks and that you supply folks much of the
- 15 industry along the I-80 corridor and I'm wondering if there's
- 16 greater opportunity for match or donations basically.
- MR. CURTIS: There may be. But the mining 17
- 18 industry has been exceedingly generous to us. Currently they
- 19 pay the ongoing cost of five of our 17 full-time technical
- 20 faculty. They also give annually \$350,000 in scholarships,
- 21 \$5,000 a piece, to 70 of our students. And then they invite 22 those 70 students to work one day a week at the mine and all
- 23 summer long for wages. And they do many other things for us
- 24 as well. It's not to say that they wouldn't go a step
- 25 further. But they're doing a lot for us as is.

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- 1 MEMBER HAND: That's great. That's good to hear.
- 2 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Member Tiberti.
- 3 MEMBER TIBERTI: Member Tiberti. Industry based
- 4 for the scholarship is about 5,000?
- 5 MR. CURTIS: Yes.
- 6 MEMBER TIBERTI: And what is the total cost of
- 7 that student beyond the 5,000, for everything, books and
- 8 registration and et cetera, et cetera?
- 9 MR. CURTIS: Well, the tools to receive an
- 10 associate degree it would be nearly \$10,000, tools, books and 11 registration fees.
- MEMBER TIBERTI: So they're paying half?
- 13 MR. CURTIS: Yes.
- 14 MEMBER TIBERTI: Thank you.
- 15 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Are there any other questions?
- 16 Thank you, sir.
- 17 MR. CURTIS: Thank you.
- 18 MR. BURTON: Good morning -- Good afternoon,
- 19 Mr. Chair and members of the committee. It's been a long day
- 20 already. For the record, Chet Burton, Chester Burton
- 21 actually, president of Western Nevada College, our hometown
- 22 college right here. And I'm here today to talk to you about
- 23 a project that has got a relatively low cost but we feel a
- 24 large return on investment for the college and the five
- 25 county service area we have students coming from. And this

- 1 much likely to stay than to have to go outside the region and
- 2 try and recruit and get those teachers to move to Silver
- 3 Stage or Yerington is one of those areas.
- 4 So this project would support that teacher
- 5 program.
- The second one is there's also an acute need in
- 7 the rural areas for health care workers. And we've been
- 8 planning for that. We're at full capacity right now at our
- 9 nursing programs. We graduated 42 nurses last year. They
- 10 received 42 job offers. 20 of them went to work right up the
- 11 street here at Carson-Tahoe Regional Hospital.
- In trying to meet that need, we actually
- 13 reconstituted our rural nursing program out in Fallon. This
- 14 year the community came together to support that program and
- 15 raise funds. We'll have eight students in that program out
- 16 in Fallon that will matriculate in to our main nursing
- 17 program. But our anatomy cadaver lab is at full capacity.
- 18 We cannot expand our nursing program anymore. That's really
- 19 our -- We've upgraded our simulation lab, some of our things.
- 20 But that facility with anatomy and not only is that
- 21 applicable for nursing but anatomy is really a precursor for
- 22 a lot of the -- it's really a gateway area for a lot of the
- 23 health care.
- And so with rural health care being more and more
- 25 of an issue, the hospitals, like Banner out in Fallon, keep

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- 1 is an upgrade and expansion of our science lab and one of our
- 2 oldest buildings on campus, the Aspen Building.
- 3 This project has three major benefits. First of
- 4 all, you heard earlier Nevada State talk about the acute
- 5 shortage of teachers. And when I work with the five
- 6 superintendents in our service area, not only is the teacher
- 7 shortage looming for the rural districts but it's most
- 8 impactful on the stem areas.
- 9 And we, in planning for this, went forward last
- 10 year with Nevada State and were awarded a so-called stem
- 11 challenge grant from the state to Department of Education to
- 12 do preliminary planning to expand our teacher programs,
- 13 so-called Three Plus One Program, where students will go
- 14 three years at Western Nevada and then finish up their
- 15 bachelor and their teaching through Nevada State.
- And in the planning for that, one need was
- 17 identified, and that was that we did not have adequate space
- 18 for laboratory expansion for those stem teachers in science
- 19 and biology.
- This is really acute for the rural areas.
- 21 Because when you look at something like Smith Valley or
- 22 Yerington, a lot of those high schools have one science
- 23 teacher. And if that teacher retires, moves on, they're
- 24 really left out in the cold. And we've seen with nursing,
- 25 teaching in the rural areas, if you train your own they are

- 1 coming to us saying, we need more people as well as the
- 2 assisted living communities. And this project would allow us
- 3 to expand in that area.
- 4 Lastly, you may have heard about our so-called
- 5 Jump Start Program, which is our dual enrollee program that
- 6 we're doing with all five school districts. Last year we
- 7 actually had 27 high school students get their high school
- 8 diploma and their associate degree at the same time. This
- 9 year we could triple that number. It's really making a
- 10 difference. But as that program has grown, we're seeing an
- 11 increased need for students that want to go in to pre-health
- 12 care and other science fields and frankly we cannot expand
- 13 that Jump Start Program in those areas at all. Liberal arts
- 13 that Jump Start Hogram in those areas at an. Liberar arts
- we have the capacity. We do not have the capacity for thestem fields and the pre-health care.
- So you can see there's three real critical needs
- 17 that for a relatively small investment this project needs.
- 18 So what will it do? It will basically double our
- 19 lab size as well as allow us to use our science lab and our
- 20 anatomy and cadaver lab at the same time. Right now, if one
- 21 is being used, the other one can't be used because the way
- 22 they were structured and laid out. I don't know who designed
- 23 it, but it wasn't a very good plan. In the past when space
- 24 was an issue, we could deal with it. But now it's becoming a
- 25 really acute problem.

It also would really upgrade that building. If 2 you've been on campus here in Carson City, the Aspen

3 Building, it's one of the oldest buildings on campus and it was built in 1991. That lab was state of the art at the time

5 it was built. It's no longer state of the art. There's ADA

issues in there. They're using modern technology is very

limited. So it really would bring it up to state of the art as well as enhance the capacity and the safety features.

The estimate for the cost for doubling that space

is about 2.2 million dollars. Our foundation says in seeking 10 we actually have already received a commitment from a rather

12 large foundation to at least match 250. And they're saying

13 it could be more. As well as the college, through our

student CIP fees and that they've committed that. So even

15 though the cost is 2.2, we're seeking 1.5 million dollars for

this project. We really feel that when you look at all the

benefits it's a great return on investment. And I can take

any questions. Thank you. 18

CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you, sir. 19

Are there any questions? Okay. I'll ask mine. 20

21 Bryce Clutts for the record. Is this the first CIP request

for this particular program?

MR. BURTON: Yes, it is. In the past we asked --23

our top priority was expansion of our machine tool, which we 24

25 worked around that, as well as getting a Department of Labor

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1 beautiful capitol. I'm very happy to be here introducing the 2 TMCC advanced manufacturing center request of \$300,000, a

3 mere \$300,000. What a deal.

So the \$300,000 would enable TMCC to conduct site 5 analysis, to complete programming, and a detailed conceptual

6 design. It will also expand and complement our existing

7 programs at the Pennington Applied Technology Center. And I

8 want to spend just a minute talking about the important work

9 that has been occurring there before I turn it over to Jim

10 New, who has led that work for many years, and we're very 11 proud of the work that's happening at Truckee Meadows

12 Community College Applied Technologies Center.

Last year alone, 904 work force certificates, 904 13

14 work force certificates, were earned largely as a result of

15 the training programs occurring at the Applied Technology

16 Center. And this training is feeding the industry. It's

making Reno strong. And it's also attracting new businesses 18 to Reno in the manufacturing sector. We're talking good,

19 living wage jobs, and I'm really proud of that.

The other thing is for every engineer you need 20

21 three technicians to actually do the work, do the project. I

22 think that this request is a perfect complement to the UNR

23 request for new engineering building. Both are necessary

24 components of making Reno and Sparks and our region even more

25 prosperous than we are already becoming. So that's really

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1 exciting too.

1 grant to do that. And I've only been the president for a

2 little over a year now and it's come to my attention very quickly that to really meet the needs of our rural service

4 areas especially in these same areas we cannot do it without

5 this project. It really is the so-called long tent pole and

it's really impacting us in all of these areas.

CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Bryce Clutts. And as a

follow-up, are you currently having to turn away students as

a result of this?

MR. BURTON: Well, for instance, in our nursing 10

11 program we have three applicants for every seat that we can 12 put in to the program. In fact, in Fallon, we're eight in

13 that rural program this year. We could have taken more but

we cannot accommodate with the event of the cadaver lab. 14

As I said, on Jump Start, we cannot take any more 15

stem students right now. We could expand that program. 16 We're already having other school districts outside the five

core school districts, charter schools. We're getting

requests from home schoolers and we have to turn them away. 19 We don't have the capacity. 20

CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you. Thank you, sir. 21

MR. BURTON: Thank you. 22

MS. HILGERSOM: Hi. I am Dr. Karin Hilgersom for 23

the record and the very new president of Truckee Meadows 25 Community College. So this is my first time at this

We're talking highly specialized space. These

3 are not general classrooms. These are spaces designed for

4 very specific equipment that can include robotics in our new

5 space, which I encourage you to visit. It's been recently

6 renovated with help from private donations, mostly the

7 Pennington Foundation. And today I saw our drone -- I should

8 say our unmanned area vehicle -- fly in that space. And in

9 that space we'll be training technicians to repair UAV's that

10 have issues. And also we'll be training technicians that 11 know how to pilot UAV's. And you can learn both in two years

12 once that degree is approved.

So this proposal really builds on some important

14 works that is well under way at Truckee Meadows Community

15 College.

So that said, I'd like to turn it over to Jim 16

17 New, who has recently been appointed as the interim vice

18 president of Finance and Administration but was recently for

years the dean of Technical Sciences and really largely 20 responsible for some of this really great work that's been

21 occurring at Truckee Meadows Community College.

MR. NEW: Thank you, President Hilgersom. And 22 23 good afternoon to the members of the board. It's a pleasure

24 for me to join you this afternoon. Wayne Gretzky was once

25 asked what distinguished a good hockey player from a great

- 1 hockey. And he said the great hockey players skate to where2 the puck is going.
- 3 And our request is an attempt for us to identify
- 4 where the manufacturing sector, which is such an important
- 5 emerging economic sector for northern Nevada to determine
- 6 where it is going.
- 7 The governor's office of economic development has
- 8 been in contact with us recently and encouraged us to
- 9 investigate including Industry 4.0 in to our curriculum,
- 10 which sounds like a new software package, but it's really
- 11 not, into 4.0 is the terminology that the manufacturer sector
- 12 is using to identify the fourth great revolution in
- 13 manufacturing.
- 14 The first great revolution was obviously the 19th
- 15 century when mechanization brought the industrial revolution.
- The second great revolution was in the 1970s when
- 17 Lean and Six Sigma brought significant gains and
- 18 efficiencies.
- In the 1990s, robotic automation was the third
- 20 great revolution. And I hope you see the pattern here. The
- 21 time frames are growing shorter and shorter.
- Industry 4.0 is now upon us and we need to be
- 23 prepared as high tech companies such as the Tesla and
- 24 Panasonic with the gigafactories start taking hold in the
- 25 region. Industry 4.0 integrates to data analytics, big data,

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- 1 years down the road when we are able to build this facility,
- 2 we will be a little bit ahead of the curve instead of just
- 3 trying to skate to where the puck currently is. We want to 4 get to where the puck is going.
- 5 And we would be happy to entertain any questions
- 6 that you might have on this project.
 - CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you very much.
- 8 Ouestions? Director Hand -- Director Cates.
- 9 Sorry.
- 10 MEMBER CATES: I just request some clarification
- 11 from staff on the presentation. It says the request is
- 12 \$300,000, but in the project estimate it identifies \$166,000.
- 13 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Mr. Chimits.
- 14 MR. CHIMITS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Chris
- 15 Chimits for the record. I was anticipating that question.
- 16 And so what the difference is that the estimate that you have
- 17 in there does not have the detailed conceptual design and I
- 18 was trying to get a hold of the project manager to find out
- 19 if there had been some arrangement made prior to this meeting
- 20 why that was. But right now I'd have to get back to you on
- 21 that. But that's the difference. There's no conceptual
- 22 design in our estimate.
- 23 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Member Tiberti.
- 24 MEMBER TIBERTI: Sorry for my ignorance. Could
- 25 you give me a couple of job descriptions of applied

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- 1 and increasing amounts of automation robotics in to the
- 2 manufacturing sector.
- 3 In our advanced manufacturing building, we hope
- 4 to integrate all of those technologies because as the
- 5 gigafactory raises these technologies which rely primarily on
- 6 just in time manufacturing, their supply chain must respond
- 7 in the same manner. Therefore we are looking to build a new
- 8 facility to complement the facility that we have that
- 9 addresses the current automation that we see emerging with
- 10 these companies, but it's going to quickly be not outdated
- 11 but it will not be keeping pace with the changes in these new
- 12 manufacturing companies that we expect to see in northern
- 13 Nevada.
- 14 I was a participant in the Economic Development
- 15 Authority of Western Nevada epic committee that projected the
- 16 impact of the gigafactory in northern Nevada. And 60,000 new
- 17 jobs are projected. That projection was made about a year
- 18 and a half ago and it is tracking. The projections are
- 19 holding true a year and a half later. Our training capacity
- 20 simply will not keep up with our applied technology center if
- 21 this trend holds true.
- 22 If we cannot keep up, it runs the risk of
- 23 creating a bottleneck in the economic vitality of the region.
- 24 Therefore, we are looking for the planning money to find the
- 25 sites and begin the development of a plan so that in a few

- 1 technology in today's world, what you're going to be putting
- 2 out in the market. What type of jobs are these individuals
- 3 going to be trained to do? What's coming?
- 4 MR. NEW: Thank you. Jim New for the record.
- 5 The gigafactory alone will have thousands of jobs for
- 6 production technicians, which are above an entry level
- 7 position, however, it is a highly skilled position for the
- 8 people who operate, repair, and maintain the automation
- 9 systems that will be the hallmark of a factory like the
- 10 gigafactory. So that would be the primary purpose of a
- 11 facility like this would be to train those production
- 12 technicians.
- But more importantly is the integration of data
- 14 analytics in to the process. The automation systems that are
- 15 emerging now not only perform a simple task of production but
- 16 they're also gathering information and feeding them to big
- 17 data warehouses for analysis of defects in the line,
- 18 maintaining efficiencies along the line. And that is the
- 19 next step up for these technicians as these factories evolve.
- 20 MEMBER TIBERTI: Thank you.
- 21 MR. NEW: Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Are there any other questions?
- 23 Thank you, ma'am. Thank you, sir.
- 24 MR. NEW: Thank you.
- 25 MR. JESSUP: Len Jessup, president of UNLV, for

1 the record. The reason I'm back is this is the top new

2 project that bundled up through the process of the campus at

- 3 UNLV. This is for the Howard Hughes College of Engineering
- 4 Academic Research Building, requesting planning of the 2017
- 5 cycle of four million dollars to be split 60/40. And that's
- 6 2.4 million in state funds and 1.6 in donor funds.
- Just to give a little bit of a framing reference
- 8 around this for our College of Engineering, the Hughes
- 9 College. Also among our fastest-growing programs on campus
- o and programs -- the fastest. It's more than doubled in
- 11 enrollments over the last 15 years. And throughout campus
- 12 growth program where I am making deals with colleges on
- 13 campus that have growth potential and we're negotiating that
- 14 they'll be able to -- I'm allowing them to capture more of
- 15 their tuition revenue and keep it with the students in the
- 16 program and take less overhead. I'm doing that to incent
- 17 growth. The program analyst is here with me today and she
- 18 reminded me that we capped off on a deal with the graduate
- 18 reminded the that we capped on on a dear with the graduate
- enrollments to remind them to capture their tuition and I expect their growth trajectory to go even higher.
- A program that is also growing rapidly but is
- A program that is also growing rapidly but is
- 22 proving in quality to, the engineering college. Just a
- 23 couple quick examples. We're developing a new program in
- 24 robotics, hired Paul Oh from Temple. Within the last year
- 25 his team participated in the Department of Defense, robotics

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- 1 to do on this building is for the research component, he's
- 2 committed to tie in to their research for this medical
- 3 engineering, so it fits with the medical school.
- 4 They're already doing some great research in
- 5 these areas. And I've given you some examples in biometrics
- 6 and prosthetics. They developed a right hand for a girl that
- 7 was born without a hand. And Hailey has been all over the
- 8 news around the country. And we want them to do more of that
- 9 research and we want that to happen because we like to
- 10 develop that as a relatively basic industry here in the State
- 11 of Nevada. Most of the money in venture capital it's
- 12 health-related. It's no longer going in to drugs because
- 13 it's too expensive and the update process takes too long.
- 14 The health-related venture capital is going in to instead of
- 15 drugs it's going in to three D's, diagnostics, delivery, and
- 16 devices. And that's the kind of work that we're trying to do
- and I want a lot more of it and activities in those areas.
- And based on my experience at the U of A, I'm
- 19 expecting that those companies will stick and stay in the
- 20 region. And I know there's great economic impact behind this
- 21 building request.
- 22 So I mentioned the growth in the last 15 years.
- 23 The program has doubled now just over 5500 students. And I
- 24 expect that to ramp even faster based on the deal that we've
- 25 made around the tuition split. This is a fast-growing

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- and global -- robotics competition and placed eighth in that
 competition and knocked off some pretty performable
- 3 competitors.
- The College of Engineering a few years ago
- 5 participated in the solar decathlon. They built a house
- 6 that's now at Springs Reserve, an all self-sustaining house
- 7 and placed second globally in that. And we've just been
- 8 selected to participate in that in addition to only 15 to 16
- 9 teams that have been selected to compete. So we're growing
- 10 in quality and in quantity as well.
- We expect this to be a 35 million dollar building
- 12 comprised of some academic components and some teaching
- 13 components and some research components. We're proposing
- 14 that the overall building also be a 60/40 split, 60 percent
- 15 state funds and 40 percent donor. And we've got nine million
- 16 that's coming in. And then I'm actively personally involved
- 17 in the fundraising, as I was with the hotel college building.
- 18 And Dean Ramen and I are in active conversation with other
- 19 donors and I feel pretty confident that we're going to raise
- 20 out our share of this building too.
- This building is as marked described the building
- 22 at UNR has tremendous technology. Not only the growth of the
- 23 students, but the placement of those students out in the
- 24 industry throughout the state and the region.
- But in particular what we would ask is Dean Ramen

- 1 program on campus that essentially has one dedicated
- 2 building. It's all shoed in to one building on our campus
- 3 for the students and faculty.
- In fact, the fellow that mentioned, Paul Oh, he
- 5 needed a lab and we couldn't fit him in the building. And
- 6 some of those faculties spill over in to other buildings
- 7 throughout the campus because we have to fit them in
- 8 somewhere. And for Dr. Oh, we literally had to rent space at
- 9 the 99 cent store, the dollar store, across Maryland Parkway,
- 10 which is not optimal, but we're making it work. It was good
- 11 enough to get him eighth in that global robotics competition.
- 12 So we would like a second building to come on for our program
- 13 dedicated to engineering. We need the space.
 - The new building, we've only got very rough
- 15 drawings at this point is we're using for fundraising at this
- 16 point. So we don't know exactly what this building will look
- 17 like until we get the detailed construction. We're expecting
- 18 somewhere between 35,000 and 50,000 square foot and we need
- 19 every inch of it for the students and for the faculty of this 20 program.
- 21 It's critical to our top tier plans for the
- 22 university. This college has also grown in its grant
- 23 funding. And we do -- This year we'll finish off about 49
- 24 million in grant funding and our College of Engineering does
- 25 get a quarter of that. And it's also growing. So it fits in

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- 1 pretty well with our top tier plans on the research
- 2 university. And let me stop there and see if you have any
- 3 questions or comments.
- 4 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you. Questions? Member
- 5 Tiberti.
- 6 MEMBER TIBERTI: This is for -- Tito Tiberti --
- 7 Chris Chimits. It looks like the UNR engineering building
- 8 was \$950 a foot on my quick math up here. Is that what these
- 9 buildings are running, just a thousand dollars a foot, and
- 10 can I apply this to this 60,000?
- MR. CHIMITS: Mr. Chair, Chris Chimits for the
- 12 record. The UNR project is costing us around \$664 a square
- 13 foot, the engineering lab. That's today's cost. I'm not
- 14 sure. Maybe you were looking at project cost. But the UNR
- 15 lab is at 664.
- 16 MEMBER TIBERTI: I was going at whole cost, I
- 17 guess. The 86,000 square feet and a thousand -- is 86
- 18 million and it looks like 82 million or something. So I just
- 19 rounded up. So my question would be is this 50,000 feet, 35
- 20 to 50,000 feet UNLV going to roughly be in that range?
- 21 MR. JESSUP: It can vary. One engineering
- 22 building and another on the campus, it varies. It depends
- 23 on the mix of classrooms versus the labs. The lab space is
- 24 more expensive. So if that mix varies then that per square
- 25 foot will vary. I think ours is a little cheaper, but I

- 1 There's an additional topic I'd like to take just
- 2 a minute to address. The DRI campus, perhaps much of NSHE is
- 3 feeling the adverse effect of years of underfunding deferred
- 4 maintenance. The most critical we face now is the
- 5 combination of an HVAC pipe replacement for the existing
- 6 southern Nevada science building. Major internal corrosion
- 7 has caused the heat pump steel pipe system that was installed
- 8 in 1991 to develop multiple leaks that require regular
- 9 repair. The entire system requires replacement. Given the
- 10 nature of the project, it doesn't lend itself to a phase
- 11 replacement. Failure of the loop piping system could cause a
- 12 shut down of the entire building, displace data and all
- 13 research until it can be completed.
- 14 This is an estimated 2.9 million dollar project,
- 15 making it too expensive for our SHECC/HECC funding. It was
- 16 our highest rated two percent project in 2013, also in 2015.
- 17 And it remains our highest rated two percent project in 2017.
- 18 Thank you.

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- CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you, ma'am.
- 20 Are there any questions of the board? Thank you
- 21 very much.
- MR. REDDING: Good afternoon. For the record, my
- 23 name is Vic Redding, vice chancellor with the chancellor's
- 24 office. And here at the end of a long day on a hot afternoon
- 25 I would like to talk to you about the very unsexy topic of

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- 1 think it might be because of the mix.
- 2 MEMBER TIBERTI: Thank you.
- 3 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you, sir.
- 4 MS, OPPENHEIM: Good afternoon. I'm Ellie
- 5 Oppenheim, senior vice president for the Desert Research
- 6 Institute. And, first, I would like to convey President
- 7 Gagosian's regrets that he couldn't be here with you
- 8 personally today.
- I would like to start by talking about DRI's
- o priority capital improvement project, which is planning
- 11 funding for the expansion of Las Vegas to accommodate DRI
- 12 research growth and water technology innovation center to
- 13 attract water technologies to Las Vegas.
- 14 The expansion would connect to our existing
- 15 building on the corner of Flamingo and Swenson. It would be
- 16 a four-story, nearly 60,000 square foot building with faculty
- 17 research, offices, conference rooms, and an auditorium. The
- 18 total planning cost is estimated four and a half million --
- 19 Excuse me. Five and a half million. DRI has identified and
- 19 Excuse me, Five and a naminimon. Divi has identified and
- 20 set aside a \$400,000 match, so the remaining funding we're
- 21 requesting is just over five million dollars.
- The future construction cost for building is
- 23 estimated at 35.9 million and DRI anticipates providing a
- 24 match for a component to that to be specified when the
- 25 construction request is brought forward.

- 1 deferred maintenance.
- 2 But just like I'm sure you've heard from many
- 3 other agencies and from Mr. Nunez and his staff, this is a
- 4 very significant policy issue for Nevada System of Higher
- 5 Education as well as a very significant fiscal note.
- 6 Our last system-wide inventory of deferred
- 7 maintenance of the board commission was in late 2013 and we
- 8 looked at three categories. We looked at the traditional
- 9 deferred maintenance, the deferred part of maintenance,
- 10 things that we should have been doing but hadn't had the
- 11 funds to do. We looked at capital roll, capital investments.
- 12 Those are the funds that we should be spending to avoid
- 13 future bills. The ounce of prevention versus a pound of cure
- 14 money.
- And then we looked at plant adaptation. I don't
- 16 know if any of you folks have attended our institutions in
- 17 the past, but if it's been very many years, go back and see
- 18 how the educational model has changed. This plan of
- 19 adaptation involves upgrades to things like smart classrooms,
- 20 technology that wasn't envisioned when many of our buildings21 were built.
- 22 The total of those three categories when we
- 23 looked at them in 2013 approached 1.5 billion dollars, with a
- 24 B, as a back log of the system. The good news is I'm not
- 25 here to ask you for 1.5 billion dollars. But I would like to

1 put that number in to a little bit of context.

We looked at four buckets of these funds on how critical the expenditures were. We looked at the currently critical. These are the things that we should be doing right now. That totalled about 65 to 70 million dollars and it was about five percent of the total.

Then we looked at the potentially critical,

8 things on the one to two-year time horizon. These are the 9 things that will be the currently critical items next year.

10 That was about 18 percent or 261 million of our total.

So between now and the two-year time frame, we're looking at the expenditure of about 333 million dollars. But the second piece of good news is that I'm not here to ask you for 333 million.

I am, in fact, here to convey the Board of
Regents request for 61.7 million dollars in this deferred
maintenance category, what we effectually refer to as our two
percent projects. Two percent because it's based on two
percent of the insured replacement value for owned facilities
over five years or more, five years or more in age. And this
would exclude things like storage facility and auxiliary
buildings. Two percent is what we should be investing
annually to avoid huge deferred maintenance backlog in the
future.

This is allocated on the chart that you have in

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1 The remaining part of that 15 million dollars is

2 the SHECC funds. These are funds after the five million a

3 year goes to the general fund for HECC, 80 percent of the

4 remaining balance goes to the DSA, 20 percent then goes to

5 higher ed, 6.7 million goes to service existing bonds, and

6 the remaining two and a half million a year is SHECC, the

7 total being our 15 million dollars per year.

8 When I gave this description a few years ago, I

9 would often say that these funds were insufficient but at

10 least they were stable. Unfortunately, today I can no longer

11 even say that they are stable. Slot tax revenues are

12 declining. The number of machines in the state goes down

13 every year. And, in fact, this biennium we don't

14 anticipate -- There was already a shortfall in '16 and we're

15 anticipating a shortfall in SHECC in '17 as well. We will be

16 making a supplemental request for the contingency fund for17 those.

So I wanted to give you a little context of the

19 15 million dollars in the deferred maintenance fund that the 20 system currently gets compared to our need and our request.

20 system currently gets compared to our need and our req21 And with that, I will stop and see if there's any

22 questions I can answer on deferred maintenance in general or

23 if there's any campus-specific projects that you'd like to

24 discuss.

25 CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you, sir.

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1 front of you. And, again, it totals about 61.7 million 2 dollars.

Projects in this category include the one that

4 Vice President Oppenheim just spoke about. And I believe you

5 actually have a detailed listing of these projects in your 6 packet. I didn't intend to go over those one by one. But

7 represent those from the institutions and would be happy to

8 speak to them in greater detail if there is one or more that

9 you'd like to discuss.

10 I do want to talk as part of the deferred

1 maintenance project just a little bit about one of the very 2 large funding lines that you probably see in your budget that

13 we've referred to as HECC/SHECC. HECC is higher education

capital construction fund and SHECC is special higher

15 education capital construction fund. These are the dollars 16 that exist in NRS 463, the slot tax. There's a \$250 per year

17 per machine slot tax in Nevada. And of that, five million

18 dollars comes off the top each year for the HECC funds.

19 Way back when, prior to the early eighties, that

20 five million dollars came in cash to the system every year.

But a policy change by the legislature then moved that five million dollars to the general fund and replaced it with the

23 corresponding five million dollars from the GL bonds. I just 24 wanted to give you a little context on that ten million

25 dollar line item in your budget.

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Any questions? Bryce Clutts for the record. I

2 would just say I've had the pleasure of being here through

3 two of these now and it continues to be a problem. And you

4 have our assurance that we'll do what we can to review that

5 and make our recommendation accordingly.

6 MR. REDDING: I very much appreciate that. We

7 talked to Mr. Nunez and his staff, State Budget Director Jim

8 Wells and his staff quite a bit. I know this is a very big

9 nut to crack statewide and I appreciate being at the table 10 for that discussion.

11 MEMBER TIBERTI: Tito Tiberti for the record.

12 Gus, sir, it seems to me we've had this discussion. They

13 call me Welsy. So I've been around a few of these cycles.14 It seems that we've had this discussion about trying to not

15 go through all the sexy as compared to the unsexy on these

16 annual budgets with the governor and everybody, that we

17 include some of this because it shouldn't be the word

18 deferred. We should be really having some kind of a not a

19 crash course, but I'll call it a crash course, I guess like 20 this because it is a lot of really serious deferred things

21 that go on and we see it every day up here and it's just

22 terrible. But it seems like it's not sexy and therefore

23 bigger and newer, that's what I love too.

But I'm just wondering if we ever got anywhere in the discussions as the whole state about the idea of not just

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1 pushing it off and then what really comes up if we have 2 another recession we went through we really lose the value of 3 these buildings that couldn't be saved by having such a huge number of deferred. When you talk about last time, I think

5 it was maybe you that brought up a billion-three at the end. 6 And I went home and said this is a staggering number I just

heard walking out the door. And you kind of slight of hand just mentioned it again and throwing an extra 60 million or

70 million.

But I'm just curious is the whole concept 10 11 seriously going to be addressed. I know it's not us. It's the legislature. But it's pretty dramatic. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Mr. Nunez. 13

MR. NUNEZ: For the record Gus Nunez. Member 14

15 Tiberti, we've been having during this last year quite a few discussions with the board on the issue of deferred

maintenance for this date. And, of course, the System of

Higher Education is in the same boat as we are in identifying

the proper amount of funding that seems to be needed,

definitely needed to take care of the deferred maintenance

needs. We did some research for the board as a result of that and I presented that the last time around. 22

We have been having discussions with Director

23 Cates on this matter also too to basically look at in the

25 future -- I don't know that this biennium is going to be the

1 recommendation and perhaps Director Cates can add some more 2 to that.

CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you, Mr. Nunez. Thank

4 you. Bryce Clutts for the record. I believe that we are --

we've concluded the presentations; correct?

MR. NUNEZ: That is correct, Mr. Chairman. Gus

7 Nunez for the record. That concludes the presentations.

There may be some housekeeping things that we might want to

take care of after we're done with the presentations here. CHAIRMAN CLUTTS: Thank you, Mr. Nunez. 10

So at this time I'll move in to Agenda Item 5, 11

12 public comment. Is there anybody from the public that wishes 13

Seeing none, moving to Item Number 6 for possible 14 15 action. We will recess until tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m.

Thank you. (Hearing concluded at 3:06 p.m.) 17

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1 right time to do it. We'll wait to hear from the budget folks. But to identify a source of funding for deferred 3 maintenance and completely separate from capital

4 construction. And it's very difficult to really try to

5 prioritize both of those together at the same time from the

same pot of money.

One, you got to take care of what you got,

because you need to keep your programs going. And capital

construction, well, you have new programs, you have new

things in order to service the State of Nevada, the needs of

11 the state. And that with respective capital because there's always needs that are identified at all times and new

13 programs that come along and you need new facilities to do

14 that. And that should be completely prioritized with a

completely separate funding source than the one for deferred 15

maintenance. 16

And that's the goal that we've -- that we're 17

18 trying to right now when we come back with our recommendation

19 hopefully we'll start trying to create, I guess, that type of

20 direction, even though this time around for this particular session based on what the state can afford that perhaps this

22 may not be the proper one. But I think it's starting the

discussion right now is a good thing.

And you'll see more with that probably on the 24

25 September 8th meeting when we come back with our

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