Nevada Regional Common Ground Alliance (NRCGA) STANDING RULES

Section I: Membership

A. Application for Membership

- 1. Each individual, organization, municipality, entity or corporation desiring membership in the NRCGA must complete a membership application.
- 2. Each membership application will designate the industry stakeholder group the membership represents, or rather, that associate membership is sought.

B. Membership Acceptance

- 1. Applications for membership are submitted to the Secretary/Treasurer.
- 2. Applications are reviewed by the Secretary/Treasurer, and confirmed to be complete and acceptable for board consideration.
- 3. Applications are then reviewed by the board of directors. The membership is notified of the date the decision will be made and is invited to submit comments or information regarding the prospective member(s) to the NRCGA.
- 4. Applications are accepted by a 2/3 affirmative vote by a quorum of the board of directors present at the time of the vote.
- 5. A letter of acceptance or rejection is mailed to the prospective member by the Secretary/Treasurer.

C. Membership Term

- 1. Each membership term will be annual for a calendar year, January 1 through December 31.
- 2. Only new members need to complete a membership application.
- 3. Existing members who renew membership for following years only need to pay annual dues.

4. Existing members should inform the Secretary/Treasurer of any changes to information on their application.

D. Membership Dues

- 1. Annual membership dues is based on the type of membership held. Stakeholder membership dues is \$800, and Associate membership dues is \$400.
- 2. The board of directors has the right to increase or decrease the amount of membership dues as needed. Any increase in annual dues requires a 2/3 affirmative vote by a quorum of the board of directors present at a general membership meeting with previous notice.
- 3. The Secretary of the NRCGA will issue the invoice for NRCGA membership dues during the first half of November for the following year's dues.
- 4. Dues must be paid in full by January 31 of the membership year.
- 5. Members failing to pay dues on time, or to make arrangements for late payments will be subject to membership termination at the discretion of the board of directors and/or an additional late fee of \$25.00.

E. Attendance Procedures

- 1. Stakeholder members are encouraged to participate regularly in the NRCGA general membership meetings. At a minimum, attendance at 2 meetings per year is required. Attendance can be in person or by teleconference.
- 2. Directors, both primary and alternate, are required to participate in at least 50% of the meetings each year. Directors must be present by the means specified by the Bylaws at the annual board of directors meeting.
- 3. Associate members are not required to comply with these rules.

F. Good Standing

- 1. A member is considered in good standing if:
 - a. Annual dues and any other financial obligations are current.
 - b. Attendance procedures are followed.

- 2. A member must be notified in writing of loss of good standing by the Secretary/Treasurer.
- 3. A Stakeholder member's loss of good standing causes the member to forgo the privileges of: participating in committee and subcommittee meetings; serving as a director; serving as an officer, or serving as a Stakeholder group committee member on any committee.
- 4. The member's good standing is restored by:
 - a. Bringing dues current.
 - b. Meeting attendance requirements.
- 5. Reinstatement of good standing is made by a 2/3 affirmative vote by a quorum of the board of directors present at the time of the vote.

Section II: MEETINGS

A. Meeting Dates and Times

- 1. Meetings of the general membership will be held quarterly at a minimum, but can be increased as necessary as determined by the board of directors.
- 2. Actual date and time of each meeting will be determined by room availability at the hosting member(s).
- 3. An annual meeting of the board of directors will be held each year. The board can approve additional board meetings as necessary.

Section III: COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES

1. Committees

 A permanent or standing committee that meets on a regular or irregular basis depending on their task, until subsequent official actions of the committee or of the board of directors (changes to law or other scope of the committee) disbands the committee. Examples include a Budget Committee or a Marketing Committee.

2. Task Forces

1. A temporary or ad hoc committee established to accomplish a particular task or to oversee an ongoing area or issue in need of control or oversight. The task forces will be research or coordination committees which regularly schedule meetings while discussing the area or issue, but disband once the

issue has been resolved or removed from discussion or effort. Examples include a task force tasked with preparing for a vendor display at an upcoming Backhoe Rodeo fair.

Section IV: EXPENDITURES

1. All NRCGA committee expenses \$100 or less in value shall not require NRCGA Board of Director Approval. These expenses shall be tallied each month and a report given at the general meeting of the NRCGA body.