



Masto joins in regional economic development efforts

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Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto told western Nevada business leaders on Wednesday morning Nevada is well positioned to lead the nation in economic development.



Catherine Cortez Masto

She was joined by elected officials from five western Nevada counties at the Northern Nevada Development Authority's monthly breakfast meeting in the Carson Nugget.

"We in Nevada are in great position to lead the country, to lead this innovation," she said.

She said the revolution is already happening, bringing a huge influx of jobs to the area and they need to take full advantage of what's going on.

"The genie is out of the bottle and isn't going back."

Masto made the remarks after officials from Carson, Churchill, Storey, Lyon and Douglas counties all ticked off evidence of the economic growth the entire region is experiencing.

Carson Mayor Bob Crowell said the capital's taxable sales last year, for the first time in history, passed the \$1 billion mark while the capital last year alone added 1,200 jobs.

"The economy is moving upward," he said.

Douglas County Commission Chairman Steve Thaler said they've completed the regional water system now connecting Minden, Indian Hills and Carson City. He said there are extensive projects at the Minden Tahoe Airport in the works and the old creamery building downtown is being converted into the Bently Heritage Distillery.

After being hardest hit by the recession, Bob Hastings of Lyon County said they too are seeing huge opportunities including someone who wants to develop 20,000 acres on the Lyon County side of the Storey-Lyon line and huge demands for more residential housing.

Hastings said that has raised conflict between those who want to keep the area rural and developers. He said a planned development in Stagecoach could triple its population overnight, "and the folks in Stagecoach are not very happy with that."

But he said Lyon needs growth to pay for services.

"Without growth we're not going to be able to sustain ourselves," he said.

Most enthusiastic was Lance Gillman, a Storey County commissioner and partner in the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center.

He said there will soon be 10,000 employees at just two businesses in

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ALMOST A MIRACLE MARCH



Bruce Henderson of Carson City took this photo on Highway 50 near Twin Bridges on March 17. The National Weather Service said the Carson River jumped from a predicted 27 percent of normal spring melt on Feb. 24 to 96 percent of predicted spring melt on March 25 with the amount of precipitation received in March.

Pot signage ordinance heads to board

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The Planning Commission on Wednesday voted to recommend an ordinance concerning signage for medical and retail marijuana establishments.

The proposed ordinance would limit signs to 15 square feet for Carson City's two recreational marijuana stores.

The two pot stores are co-located inside the city's medical marijuana dispensaries, Rise on Clearview Drive and Sierra Well on Highway 50 East, which are already allowed signs of up to 15 square feet for their dispensary businesses.

The suggested ordinance, recommended to the Board of Supervisors, would allow the businesses to have separate signs of equal size for each part of their business or a single sign of 30 square feet.

"It is still a lot less than permitted for other retail businesses," said Lee Plemel, director, Community Development.

Other retailers are allowed signs

as large as 600 square feet based on a formula using the frontage at their location.

"We do support it, we think it clarifies what we can and cannot do," said Will Adler, principal, Silver State Government Relations, who represents both marijuana retailers.

The commission voted 5-1 with Daniel Salerno voting no and Elyse Monroy absent.

The commission also heard an appeal of a staff decision. The case involved an existing fence city staff said exceeds heights allowed by code and an accessory structure, both of which could be permitted with a special use permit.

The appellant's attorney, Kevin Benson, Allison Mackenzie, said the applicable municipal code was ambiguous and his client, Peter Gibbons, built the fence in good faith. A complaint regarding the fence initiated a code enforcement call that Benson said was not followed up for two years, leading Gibbons to assume it was allowed.

Benson also said surrounding neighbors have similar fencing and accessory

units so code enforcement on his client's fence was selective, capricious, and arbitrary.

Hope Sullivan, planning manager, said she had spoken to Gibbons and it was her understanding he planned to apply for a special use permit. She informed code enforcement, who gave him 18 months to comply.

"I fully support staff's interpretation of the code," said Commissioner Candace Stowell. "There is a process here and everyone has to go through that process. You need a special use permit, either up front or after the fact. If you don't like what's in the code, apply for a code amendment."

The commission voted 4-2 to uphold the staff interpretation with Paul Esswein and Hope Tingle voting no.

A tentative subdivision map for 209 single-family house lots in Lompa Ranch was tabled again. The item appeared on the commission's February agenda but was continued to March for additional design work and Blackstone Development Group Inc., the applicant, requested it be continued again to the commission's April meeting.



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TRIC — Tesla and Switch and more projects by Google, Bitcoin and other major players are in the pipeline.

“We need very strongly to start considering regional planning,” he said. “TRI is in the middle of generating billions in payroll.”

“That’s the conversation we need to have in Nevada because we are the innovation state,” said Masto.

She said infrastructure is one key — particularly transportation and broadband.

Masto said the omnibus funding bill just signed into law includes more than \$10 billion for infrastructure, \$2.25 billion for the highway administration and \$600 million in federal funding for rural broadband expansion.

Masto said there’s also funding in the bill to expand low income housing tax credits, block grants for housing totaling more than \$42.7 billion.

She urged the counties to continue working together to spur economic development in western Nevada adding, her office will be there “to provide the support that you need to get it done.”

Egg hunts, Easter events planned throughout Carson City

Nevada Appeal staff report

The Easter Bunny has plans to plant candy-filled eggs and other springtime surprises for the enthusiastic delight of Carson City kids, then hop away as swiftly as he arrived. Egg hunters are urged to keep a sharp eye out for the long-eared visitor, who may — or may not — be spotted at the following events:

TODAY

■ Bob McFadden Plaza, at Third Street and central to the Fox Brewhub, Scoups Ice Cream & Soup Bar and Bella Fiore Wines, will be filled with Easter activities, starting with crafts and an egg hunt. The free event will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Weather permitting, the 1948 film “Easter Parade,” starring Fred Astaire and Judy Garland, will start at 6:30. Pictures with the Easter Bunny by Storytime Photography will also be available. Carson City Classic Cinema Club is among the sponsors for the event.

FRIDAY

■ Carson City’s Chipotle is planning its own Easter egg hunt with prizes. Starting at 11 a.m., the hunt begins. Inside each Easter egg is a coupon for either one free entre meal, free chips and queso, free chips and guacamole, or a free “burrito by the box,” containing 10 burritos. Carson’s Chipotle is located at 1457 S Carson St, Carson City 89701, within the Carson Mall Shopping Center.

SATURDAY

■ Western Nevada College’s annual Easter Fiesta is taking place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Carson City campus’ Rotary Plaza. The Association of Latin American Students hosts the annual celebration. This year’s event will include an egg scramble at 1 p.m. on the ballfield. Admission is free, but tickets for games will be sold for \$1 each with proceeds to benefit student scholarships.

■ The “Egg-stra Special Express” will be up and running at the Nevada State Railroad Museum, 2180 S. Carson St., Saturday and Sunday. Enjoy a ride aboard the 1926 Edwards Motor Car from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Egg hunts will be separated by age group — ages 1-3 will be at 11 a.m. and ages 4 and up will be at 1 p.m. Story time will be at the museum at noon and 2 p.m. Other activities available all day include crafts and coloring and an Easter egg search, offering one egg per child.

■ Staff at the Lahontan State Recreation Area are planning to hide several thousand eggs filled with candy and prizes at the 23rd annual egg hunt from 10 to 11 a.m. The free hunt, to be followed by a raffle, usually ends within several minutes. The address is 1971 Fir Ave. in Silver Springs, off Highway 95A. For information, contact Laura Vernon at 775-867-3500, or email lohantansra@gmail.com.

■ Hundreds of eggs will dot Washoe Lake State Park when the South Valley Volunteer Fire

Department hosts its egg hunt and Easter celebration. The Easter Bunny will arrive at noon and the hunt will begin at 12:30 p.m. The event will run until 2 p.m., and food and drinks will be available for purchase. The park entrance fee, normally \$5 per vehicle, will be waived. The event will be at the group use pavilion, at the second parking lot on the right after passing the park entrance. For information, go to parks.nv.gov/events.

■ The Carson Mall, 1313 S. Carson St., is hosting its Eggstravaganza from 3 to 5:30 p.m. The celebration, complete with the Easter bunny, will start with kid-friendly activities at 3 and a free egg hunt at 5 p.m. Families are invited to make an Easter basket before the hunt, take photos with the Easter bunny, and peruse wares from local craft vendors. For information, check the mall’s Facebook page, or call 775-671-8150.

■ The Carson City Aquatic Facility’s free underwater Easter egg hunt will offer hundreds of eggs scattered in several pools from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Egg hunts will be separated by age group in several pools. After the hunt, stay for an Easter-themed “Dive-in Movie.” The event is open to children ages 0-12, and anyone 6 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. The facility is at 841 N. Roop St.

SUNDAY

■ The Carson City Elks Lodge, 515 N. Nevada St., is hosting an

Easter buffet of eggs, home style potatoes, chili, pancakes, biscuits, gravy, bacon and sausage from 8:30 to 11 a.m. The made-to-order breakfast costs \$8 per person and is open to the public. For information, call 775-822-2177.

■ Carson City BMX is hosting its opening day for the 2018 season in conjunction with an Easter egg hunt and bunny hop contest at the Edmonds Sports Complex, 1555 Livermore Lane. Registration is from 9 to 10 a.m., and racing will begin shortly thereafter. The Easter festivities will precede the race.

■ The “Egg-stra Special Express” at the Nevada State Railroad Museum will continue on Sunday. Rides aboard the 1926 Edwards Motor Car will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Egg hunts will be at 11 a.m. for ages 1-3 and 1 p.m. for ages 4 and up. Story time will be at the museum at noon and 2 p.m. Other activities throughout the day include crafts and coloring and an Easter egg search, offering one egg per child.

■ Easter brunch is being offered at local eateries including The Union, 302 N. Carson St., from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Toiyabe Golf Club, 19 Lightning W Ranch Road in Washoe Valley, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Glen Eagles, 3700 N. Carson St., from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additionally, Duke’s Steakhouse, inside the Casino Fandango at 3800 S. Carson St., is hosting an Easter buffet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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DATE: Thursday March 29, 2018
TIME: 2:00- 5:00 p.m. (Presentation 2:30 p.m.)
LOCATION: NDOT Headquarters (Conference Room)
 1263 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89712
CONTACT: Kevin Verre (775) 888-7712 | kverre@dot.nv.gov
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NDOT invites you to a public information meeting for the I-11 Northern Nevada Alternatives Analysis. The goal of this Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) process is to advance the congressionally designated I-11 corridor of US 95 between Las Vegas and I-80 as identified in the I-11 Intermountain and West Corridor Study (2014). This will help NDOT to strategically plan to best advance this important transportation investment over time and inform future actions by both NDOT and federal land agencies.

- Project representatives will be on hand to discuss and answer your questions.
- A brief comment period will follow the presentation.
- Before and after the presentation, the meeting will be conducted in an open house format to provide attendees an opportunity to view displays and individually discuss the alternatives with NDOT representatives.
- The public comment period will remain open until Friday April 13, 2018

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