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Thursday, August 15, 2013

12:30 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. Opening and Introductions
- II. Public Comment
- III. Approval of the Agenda **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- IV. Minutes of the May 3, 2013 meeting **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- V. Old Business
 - A. Request for support in FY14 of the UNR Mackay School Recruitment and Retention Program in FY15 (tabled from CMR meeting 5/03/13) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - B. Update on the NBMG projects funded by the CMR Jim Faulds, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- VI. New Business
 - A. Overview of Administrative Rulemaking
 - B. Request to the CMR to amend NAC 519A.600 to define the amount of "administrative expenses" to be transferred annually from the Bond Pool to the Division **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - C. Request to the CMR to amend NAC 519A.610 to provide for the forfeiture of bond pool deposits that cannot be refunded due to nonresponsive participants **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - D. Approval of a comment letter from CMR to BLM concerning the proposed rule for hydraulic fracturing on Federal Lands **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - E. Discussion concerning the regulations needed in NAC 522 to implement the program concerning hydraulic fracturing **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - F. Discussion concerning the adequacy of bonding for the plugging and abandonment of oil, gas, and geothermal wells (NAC 522.230, NAC 534A.250) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - G. Request to the CMR to amend NAC 522.343 to eliminate the reduced administrative fee for production of new oil and gas **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

- H. Request to the CMR to amend NAC 522.342 to increase the administrative fee paid on oil and gas production **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- I. Request to the CMR to amend NAC 534A.170 to change the definition of a domestic geothermal well **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- J. Request to the CMR to amend NAC 519A.634 to increase the amount of the fee paid per acre for approved surface disturbance on public land **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

VII. Report of the Administrator

- A. Division of Minerals Activities
 - 1. Administration – Alan Coyner
 - 2. Mining/Reclamation Bond Pool – Mike Visher
 - 3. Abandoned Mine Lands – John Penton
 - 4. AML/GIS – Rachel Wearne and Robert Ghiglieri
 - 5. Southern Nevada Operations – Bill Durbin
 - 6. Oil, Gas, and Geothermal – Lowell Price
- B. Budget Update
 - 1. Budget Status Report – FY13 to date – Alan Coyner

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Commission Business

- A. Determination time and place of next CMR meeting **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

X. Adjournment

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Meeting Agenda Posting Locations

Legislative Building – Carson City
 Division of Minerals – Carson City & Las Vegas Offices
 Mizpah Hotel- Tonopah

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The Commission will be attending a field trip on Thursday, August 15, 2013 to the Solar Reserve Plant and on Friday, August 16, 2013 to the Tonopah Mining Park. Members of the public may attend but must provide their own transportation and safety equipment. Advanced notification is required. Please call Valerie Kneefel at (775) 684-7043.
