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Thursday, December 11, 2014

1:00 P.M.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

The Agenda for this meeting of the Commission on Mineral Resources has been properly posted for this date and time in accordance with NRS requirement.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN

I. MINUTES

- A. Approval of the August 28, 2014 meeting minutes

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Meeting Law Training
Presentation on Nevada Open Meeting laws by a representative of the Attorney General's Office. George Taylor (30 Min)

FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

- B. Nevada Earth Science Teachers Workshop
Request for financial support. The Division has provided \$15,000 each year in direct financial assistance for the Northern and Southern Nevada Teacher Workshops. The Education Committee determines where the money is best used for purchases of texts, hand lenses, mineral kits and bus transportation costs, which the Division orders and receives. This expenditure was included in the FY 2015 and FY 2016-2017 budget. (10 Min)

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- C. 2014 Mining Claims
Claims for the 2015 assessment year have been filed and fees collected by County Recorders. Lucia Patterson will present an analysis of claims based on producing vs. non-producing claimholders, and compare yearly total claims. (15 Min)

FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

- D. RAMS Database Project **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**
Terraspectra Geomatics was awarded a grant from the USACE to develop a web-implemented database for the Nevada AML program. Rob Ghiglieri (20 Min)
- E. Letter from Commission to UNR-Mackay **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
regarding funding of programs at Mackay School of Earth Science and Engineering. Rich Perry (10 Min)
- F. Discussion of Commission Bill Draft Request 46-344 **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**
Strategy for Legislative Session. The language of this BDR was approved at the May 8, 2014 meeting and was submitted to the Governor's office, where it was approved as one of the Governors allotted BDR's. This BDR changes the way Oil and Gas drilling fees are set. Rich Perry (15 Min)
- G. Analysis of Certificate of Location Language on mining claim form. Commissioner Bryan requested a review of the form for legal compliance. (10 Min) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

III. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Update on Marigold Royalty **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**
Russ Fields (10 Min)
- B. Recommendations on geothermal fee changes from the Geothermal Fee task force. At the last CMR meeting a task force was formed to evaluate options for geothermal fees to cover the cost of the program. Erik Langenfeld will present options developed by the task force. Possible actions by the commission would be to direct staff to develop draft language for consideration at a future commission meeting. Any changes to the current Geothermal fee structure in NAC 534A would require rulemaking and public workshops after closing of FY 2015. (15 Min) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- C. Recommendations on mining claim fees from the Mining Claim Fee task force. At the last CMR meeting a task force was formed to evaluate the current claim fee. Rich Perry will present options from the task force. Possible actions by the commission would be to direct staff to develop draft language for consideration at a future commission meeting. Any changes to claim fees would require rulemaking and public workshops after the closing of FY 2015. (15 Min) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- D. Summary of items discussed by the Well Spacing and Setback task force. Lowell Price will present an overview of topics discussed and present options from the task force. Possible actions by the commission would be to direct staff to develop draft language for consideration at a future commission meeting. Any changes to NAC 522 would require rulemaking and public workshops after the closing of FY 2015. (15 Min) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

- E. Update on 2013 performance audit
Mike Visher (10 Min)

FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

- F. Education and Outreach
Overview for 2014 Statewide Efforts
Bill Durbin (10 Min)

FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

IV. STAFF REPORTS

- 1) Mining/Reclamation Bond Pool – Mike Visher (10 Min)
- 2) Oil, Gas, and Geothermal – Lowell Price
(Oil and geothermal drilling update) (10 Min)
- 3) Correspondence

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COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Determination of time and place of next CMR meeting

ADJOURNMENT

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