

**STATE OF NEVADA  
COMMISSION ON MINERAL RESOURCES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Wednesday July 8, 2015 – 2:00 p.m.  
Division of Minerals  
400 W. King Street #106  
Carson City, Nevada**

**COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Richard DeLong (Chairperson)  
Fred Gibson (by phone)  
John Snow (by phone)  
Dennis Bryan (by phone)  
Art Henderson (by phone)

**COMMISSIONERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

John Mudge  
David Parker

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Rich Perry - Administrator (NDOM)  
Valerie Kneefel (NDOM)  
Bryan Stockton (Deputy Attorney General)  
Allen Biaggi (NVMA)  
Jaron Hildebrand (Noble Energy)

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Chairperson DeLong called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m., with a quorum of five members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

**COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC** – Pursuant to N.R.S. 241, this time is devoted to comments by the public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified as an item for possible action. All public comments will be limited to 5 minutes for each person. **ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN.**

- A. Allen Biaggi commented that he was happy to answer any questions during the meeting. He read the draft letter and commented positively on the content. He asked that a copy of the final letter be sent to the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **A. Discussion, modification and possible approval of a letter with recommendations to the Governor from the Commission on Mineral Resources regarding impacts to Mining, Geothermal and Oil and Gas Exploration and Development in Nevada from the Land Use Changes Outlined in the Nevada and Northeastern California Greater Sage-Grouse Proposed Land Use Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement.**

**FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- A. Rich Perry stated that the letter was sent to all commissioners and is posted on the NDOM website. There were two corrections that were made and a second draft was sent out to interested parties and the website.
- B. Richard DeLong indicated that it's important that the Governor has all avenues available to him in regards to land use and Sage Grouse.
- C. Rich Perry also stated that he spent some time with Cory Hunt at the Governor's office prior to this meeting to review the draft letter.

- D. Dennis Bryan: Thinks it's an excellent letter and thanked Allen Biaggi for being there.
- E. Chairman DeLong asked if there were any other edits or comments to the draft letter prior to a possible motion.

**Chairperson DeLong asked if there for a motion:**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dennis Bryan to approve the letter, the 2<sup>nd</sup> revision posted on the website with edits suggested by Deputy Attorney General Stockton. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Arthur Herderson.**

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- A. Allen Biaggi: commented that the Sage Grouse Eco System group is appreciative for this letter. And the Nevada Mining Association is in support of the letter as well.
- B. Jaron Hildebrand: Stated that his client Noble Energy had reviewed the letter and was supportive

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.