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Thursday November 5, 2015

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

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**

I. MINUTES

- A. Approval of the August 27, 2015 meeting minutes **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Update on Sage Grouse issues in Nevada as they pertain to mining. **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**
 Allan Biaggi
- B. Nevada Land Withdrawals from Mineral Entry **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**
 Presentation of historical land withdrawals by Dennis Bryan
- C. Discussion of the Nevada and NE California Greater Sage Grouse Land Use Plan Amendment and the 2014 Nevada Greater Sage Grouse Conservation Plan (State Plan). **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Education, Public Awareness and Eagle Scout Service Project Presentation **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**
 - Bill Durbin and Lucia Patterson
- B. NDOM Forecast and Reserve balance - Mike Visher **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**

C. Findings of task force to review NDOM budget and forecast.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

At the August 27th CMR meeting, Chairman DeLong assigned a task force to review the budget and forecast. The task force will present findings.

D. Mining Claim Fees and Surface Disturbance Fee.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The mining claim fee task force presented findings to the Commission at the December 11, 2014 meeting. At that meeting, the Commission chose to delay any action on increasing claim fees until after oil/gas and geothermal regulation changes and fees were completed, or early 2016. The current Dangerous Condition in Non-Operating mine fee was last set by the Commission in May, 2008, at \$2.50 per claim, with a statutory cap of \$4.00 per claim (NRS 513.094). The claim filing fee, per NAC 517.200, is currently at \$6 per claim filing, last set by the Commission in May, 2008, with a statutory cap of \$6 per claim (NRS 517.185). The Commission can direct the Division to begin rule-making to increase the Dangerous Condition in Non-Operating Mines fee. The fee for approved surface disturbance on public lands is currently \$20 per acre (NAC 519A.634) with a statutory cap of \$30 per acre (NRS 519A.250). This fee was last adjusted by the Commission in 1999. The Commission can direct the Division to begin rule-making to increase the Surface Disturbance fee. By statute, this fee must be used for AML hazard securing and education of the general public concerning the dangers of AML hazards.

E. Findings of task force to evaluate regulations changes to NAC 513.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

At the August 27th CMR meeting, a task force was formed by Commissioner DeLong to review possible changes to NAC 513 that relate to definitions of abandoned mine lands (AML) securing fences, AML rankings, AML warning signs and periods of notification of AML hazards. The task force will present findings to the CMR, which may choose to direct the Division to move forward with developing language to begin rule-making.

IV. STAFF REPORTS

- 1) Mining/Reclamation Bond Pool – Mike Visher
- 2) Oil, Gas, and Geothermal – Lowell Price (Oil and geothermal drilling update)
- 3) Administrator’s report- Rich
- 4) Correspondence –

COMMISSION BUSINESS

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

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ADJOURNMENT

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