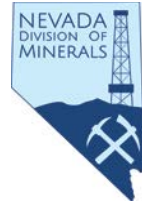




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Thursday February 4, 2016

9:00 A.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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I. MINUTES

- A. Approval of the November 5, 2015 meeting minutes

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Thorium Energy Presentation

Commissioner Henderson requested investigation of the use and availability of thorium in Nevada at the August 27, 2015 CMR meeting. Garrett Wake has researched this topic and will present findings.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- B. Status on Regulation changes in NAC 513, including claim fee increase

At the November 5, 2015 CMR meeting, the Commission directed staff to draft language and begin rule-making on changes to Chapter 513, including language clean-up and changes to the abandoned mine lands program and a possible fee increase of \$1.50 per claim to the statutory limit of \$10 per claim. Rich Perry

FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

- C. Update on Sage Grouse RMP/SFA activity and impacts.

At the November 5, 2015 CMR meeting the Chairman formed a task force to evaluate the impacts of the Sage Grouse LUPA/RMP and proposed mineral withdrawal. With the assistance of the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, the Division developed maps of high mineral potential which were utilized in the Governor's comments on the mineral withdrawal to the BLM. The Commission may discuss and consider recommendations to the Governor.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. NDOM Fiscal Year 2016 forecast, Reserve Balance and Claim Fees for 2015 vs prior year. Mike Visser **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**
- B. Update of Activities by the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology and proposal to update the Nevada Mineral and Energy Resource Exploration Survey with 2015 data, and cost to update Major Mines and Energy Producer maps - Jim Faulds **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- C. 2015 AML Program re-cap and 2016 planning Activities, accomplishments trends and metrics for calendar 2105 will be presented and plans for 2016 outlined. Rob Ghiglieri **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**
- D. Education Activities and Outreach Bill Durbin will present the accomplishments, challenges and metrics of the Division's educational outreach program for calendar 2015. **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**
- E. MSM annual \$2 per claim consideration **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
The Commission signed an inter-local contract with the University in 2008 to collect \$2 per claim annually to assist with funding the Mackay School of Earth Science and Engineering education activities. The amount is based on mining claim filings for the previous year, or 2015. The current five-year agreement, which was renewed in early 2013, expires in 2018.

IV. STAFF REPORTS

- 1) Mining/Reclamation Bond Pool – Mike Visser
- 2) Oil, Gas, and Geothermal – Rich Perry (Oil and geothermal drilling update)
- 3) Administrator's report- Rich Perry
- 4) Correspondence –

COMMISSION BUSINESS

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

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The Commission will be attending a field trip on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, to visit the Simplot Silica operation in Overton, Nevada, arriving at the Simplot site at 1 PM. 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.