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**COMMISSION ON MINERAL RESOURCES** 

City of Henderson Council Chambers 240 S. Water St. Henderson, NV 89015

Thursday, March 2, 2017

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RICHARD PERRY Administrator

1:00 P.M.

# <u>AGENDA</u>

## 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. <u>ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN</u>

## I. MINUTES

A. Approval of the November 1, 2016 meeting minutes

## II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Interstate Mining Compact Commission (IMCC)
  - The NDEP and NDOM have discussed support to IMCC for services to the State including subscriptions to IMCC publications; IMCC special reports; IMCC memoranda and communiques; and work on the CERCLA 108b bonding issue. IMCC works on behalf of States on the Hard Rock-AML-Good Samaritan legislation, mining-specific ESA issues, and MSHA metal non-metal mine rescue and training grants from OSM. NDOM recommends partnering with NDEP-BMRR for \$2,500 each (total \$5,000/yr) for services rendered for these activities that benefit the State and Mining Industry in Nevada. This is not a request to re-join IMCC as an associate member. This expenditure was budgeted in the current biennium budget. Rich Perry 15 minutes

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- B. <u>UNR-MSM annual \$2 claim fee approval consideration</u> Under the current 5-year agreement with the University, the Division collected \$394,086 in claim fees to support activities at the Mackay School. This was budgeted in the current biennium budget (\$351,293) under Special Projects. The Division has sufficient reserve to cover this item and recommends approval. Mike Visher 15 minutes
- C. NBMG annual scope of work and funding The Division and Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology (NBMG) have discussed developing a contract for specific deliverables by NBMG for the 2018 fiscal year, pending legislative approval of the NDOM budget. These deliverables are: 1) Completion of the Annual Mineral Industry Report by December 1 of the following year so it can be used at annual trade shows, 2) Completion of the annual exploration survey every other year in preparation for the legislative session (alternative study in odd years) 3) Scanning and updating of oil, gas and geothermal well logs onto an existing public-searchable database maintained by NBMG, and 4) Archiving of oil, gas and geothermal cuttings at the NBMG GBSSRL consistent with NAC 522.215 and NAC 534A.310. Staff is requesting approval to prepare a contract for \$85,000 per year for the two-year biennium 2018-19. This contract would require approval by the Board of Examiners. NBMG has prepared a budget quote for this work, which is included. Rich Perry and Jim Faulds 30 minutes
- D. <u>Presentation of Intern Video and 2016 program review</u> Rob Ghiglieri and Garrett Wake 15 minutes
- E. <u>NBMG Exploration Survey and update and approval of payment</u> The Bureau recently completed an exploration survey in time for the 2017 legislative session. Director Faulds will present the survey and updates on other Bureau activities. The Division budgeted \$34,000 in the last biennium budget under an existing contract for services from the Bureau for curation of OGG materials and special reports. The Division has the reserves to pay in this fiscal year and recommends approval of the expenditure. 30 minutes

## III. OLD BUSINESS

A. <u>Dissolved Mineral Resource bill update</u> Division staff drafted language for a bill to include the regulation of dissolved mineral resources in the geothermal resources chapter, NAC 534A. The BDR pre-filed as Assembly bill 52. The Division began meeting with stakeholders regarding their concerns and drafted a proposed amendment to the original bill. Rich Perry 10 minutes

## IV. STAFF REPORTS

- 1) Mining/Reclamation Bond Pool Mike Visher
- 2) Update on Arden Mine AML Closure efforts Garrett Wake
- 3) Update on proposed Mineral Withdrawals and Lands Bills Mike Visher
- 4) Legislative bill tracking Rich Perry

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#### **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

A. Determination of time and place of next CMR meeting

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify the Division of Minerals, 400 W. King Street, suite 106, Carson City, NV 89701 or contact Valerie Kneefel at (775) 684-7043 or Email <u>Vkneefel@minerals.nv.gov</u>

The Commission will be attending a field trip on Friday March 3, 2017. The Commission will tour the Lhoist Apex Quarry and Plant from 9-11 AM. Those wishing to attend should leave Henderson at 8 AM and arrive at the site before 9 AM.

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.