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 Tonopah Convention Center
 301 Brougner Ave. Tonopah, NV 89049

Thursday, August 24, 2017

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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I. MINUTES

- A. Approval of the March 2, 2017 meeting minutes

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Welcome by Chairman DeLong to new Commissioners Nigel Bain and Mary Korpi.

FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

- B. Resolution honoring Fred Gibson and John Mudge for their service as members of the Commission on Mineral Resources.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- C. Presentation of the Legislatively-approved CMR/NDOM budget for 2018-19, covering the period from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019. The biennium budget that was approved by the CMR on August 25, 2016 was submitted to the Governor's office last September and approved by the Legislature in May with some modifications. Rich Perry will present a summary of the budget and work plan for the next biennium.

FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

- D. Legislative Summary

FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

Three bills proposed at the 2017 session had impacts to NDOM and required Staff testimony. These were AB 33 (MOAC), AB 52 (Dissolved Mineral Resources) and AB 159 (Prohibition on hydraulic Fracturing). Staff will discuss each bill and impacts on the Division.

- E. Development of Dissolved Mineral Resource Exploration Regulations **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**
With the passage of Assembly Bill 52, the Commission on Mineral Resources, in coordination with the Division of Water Resources and Division of Environmental Protection are charged with adopting regulations to carry out a program for regulating the drilling and operation of dissolved mineral resource exploration boreholes and wells. This effort has started with a team formed from all three agencies. Staff will report on progress and timing.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Fiscal Year 2017 year-end summary **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
Fiscal year 2017 has now ended and Deputy Administrator Mike Visher will present a summary of the revenues, expenditures and year-end reserve. The Division is seeking direction from the Commission on a possible claim fee decrease in 2018 if reserve levels are in excess of guidance.
- B. Contract with NBMG for deliverables in the next biennium, and possible choice of a special study and report to be completed by the NBMG during FY 2018 (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018). **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
At the May 4, 2017 CMR meeting the Commission approved a draft scope of work to be completed by the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology and directed staff to prepare a contract. The contract was accepted by the University and submitted to the Board of Examiners where it was approved on 8/8/17.
One of the deliverables in the contract from the NBMG is a specific study or activity to be approved by the Commission in the odd years when the Exploration Survey is not required. Options discussed include 1. a report on toll processing or smelting of base metal concentrates, 2. a lithium occurrences in Nevada study, and 3. a project to update the NBMG web site to better enable the search for mineral exploration data.
- C. Update on Mineral Withdrawals and Land Bills **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**
The Division has acted as a cooperating agency on the proposed Sagebrush Focal Area withdrawal and Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization withdrawal, along with other State agencies. A review of the status of both proposed withdrawals will be presented for discussion.
Mike Visher

IV. STAFF REPORTS

- 1) Mining/Reclamation Bond Pool – Mike Visher
- 2) Update on oil, gas and geothermal drilling activity, field inspections and corrective actions – Lowell Price
- 3.) Update on summer AML program – Rob Ghiglieri

COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Determination of time and place of next CMR meeting
- B. Decide on a meeting date to choose the Chairman for the next two years
- C. Decide on a meeting date to conduct the two-year evaluation of the Administrator

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ADJOURNMENT

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Directly after the meeting, the Commission will receive a tour of the Tonopah Mining Park, where an AML-themed kiosk was recently constructed with Division assistance.

The Commission will be attending a field trip on Friday August 25, 2017. The Commission will depart from the Mizpah Hotel in Tonopah at 7:30 AM and drive to the Mineral Ridge Mine, where they will tour Scorpio Gold's Mineral Ridge Operation from 8:30-11 AM. The Commission will then travel to Uranium Resources Inc. Columbus Basin lithium brine exploration project 45 miles west of Tonopah to visit an active lithium brine exploration site.

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