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COMMISSION ON MINERAL RESOURCES

Legislative Counsel Bureau 401 South Carson St. Room #4100 Carson City, NV 89701

AGENDA

Thursday, November 30, 2017

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 24, 2017 meeting minutes

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II. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. <u>Updating of Geothermal regulations</u>

The Division is seeking direction from the Commission to begin the process of updating parts of the geothermal regulations contained in NAC 534A. Portions of regulations of the State Engineer which are contained in NAC are obsolete, and other parts of the geothermal regulations need updating to reflect current technology and practices.

B. NDOM AML drone

The Division purchased a DJI Phantom 4 Pro drone in August, 2017, and has been testing it to survey AML features in both northern and southern Nevada. Rob Ghiglieri will present initial results of the applicability of this new tool in the AML program.

FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

III. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Task Force recommendations for a possible \$1 claim fee decrease or alternative to do additional AML hard closure activities in 2018 and 2019. At the August CMR meeting, Chairman DeLong formed a task FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

force to solicit comments from industry. Rich Perry will discuss the findings and recommendations of the task force and Mike Visher will present details of the options for additional AML hard closure work.

B. Update on Mineral Withdrawal and Land bills - Mike Visher

FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

C. <u>Update on Dissolved Mineral Resource Exploration regulations</u>, including Task Force review of draft regulations. At the August CMR meeting, Chairman DeLong formed a task force to review the draft of the dissolved mineral resource exploration regulations for comment and input. Rich Perry will report.

FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

D. <u>Toll Processing and Smelting study update</u>. At the CMR meeting In August, the Commission chose this topic for a special report in Fiscal year 2018. The Division discussed this with the NBMG and will present the plan to complete this study.

FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

E. Update on information available and public use of open-data web site - Lucia Patterson

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IV. STAFF REPORTS

- 1) Oil, Gas and Geothermal drilling Permitting and Activity Lowell Price
- 2) Mining and Reclamation Bond Pool Mike Visher
- 3) NDOM at AEMA activities and new trade show exhibit- Courtney Brailo

COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Determination of time and place of next CMR meeting
- B. Next Commission vote on Chairman: Q1 meeting, 2018
- C. Biennial evaluation of Administrator by Commission: Q2 meeting, 2018

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ADJOURNMENT

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The Commission will be attending a field trip on Friday morning to ACG Materials Adams Claim Gypsum Mine and processing plant in Lyon County. CMR members will carpool from the NDOM parking lot at 400 W. King Street departing at 9 AM on December 1st. 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.