

WHITE PINE COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, October 20, 2020

6:00 p.m.

White Pine County Library Conference Room

950 Campton Street, Ely, NV 89301

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions
- III. Public Comment
- IV. New Business
 - A. *Discussion/for Possible Action – Approval of the September 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes.
 - B. Discussion – Kinross Bald Mountain Update – Juniper Project by Josh Roderick (Environmental Services Manager) and Jay Dixon (Chief Hydrologist).
 - C. Discussion - 3PLO Railroad Valley Lithium Development Project Update by Vincent Ramirez, CEO and Jay Dixon (Hydrologic Consultant)
- V. Unfinished Business
 - A. *Discussion/for Possible Action – Update on Sidwell GIS project
- VI. On-Going Business
 - A. Referral of Items from County Commission
 - B. Review, Recommendations – Division of Water Resources, Monthly Report
 - C. Reports – USGS, BLM, US Forest Service, National Park Service, NDOW, Division of Water Resources, SNWA, State Land Use Planning Advisory Council, Robinson Nevada Mining Company, Ely Shoshone Tribe, and The City of Ely
 - D. Report – RCI, Jeremy Drew Update
- VII. Reports – Comments from Committee Members, Reports, Water Committee Members, and Meetings Attended
- VIII. *Discussion/Action – Committee Vacancies, Resignations, Appointments
- IX. Next Meeting Time and Date Announcement
- X. Public Comment
- XI. *Adjournment

Asterisks (*) Denotes possible action items of the White Pine County Water Advisory Committee

Public Commentary: A period 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 of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. (NRS 241.020(2)(c)(3).)

Public Comment: Public Comment during the White Pine County Water Advisory Committee meeting on October 20, 2020 will be for all matters both on and off the agenda and be limited to three minutes per person. Additionally, public comment of three minutes per person will be heard during the individual action items. The Board reserves the right to reduce the time or limit the total time allowed for public comment. The Board may prohibit comment if the content of the comments is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational, or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and/or attend and make comment on the item at the White Pine County Water Advisory Committee meeting.

Note: All times are approximate except for items agendized at a specific time. Action may be taken on all items except where otherwise indicated. Items not scheduled for a specific time may be considered at any time and in any order to promote efficiency. The Board may combine two or more agenda items for consideration and may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion at any time. Sponsorship of an Agenda Item by a member of the White Pine County Water Advisory Committee may not signify agreement with the requested action.

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MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: **Rod McKenzie, Frederick Partey, Gary Perea, Jill Perez, via phone, Cody Odgers, via phone**

Members Absent: **Dave Baker, Steven Carter, Ernie Flangas, and Norris Hendrix**

Public Present: **Travis Godon, WPC Commission, Jose Noriega, USFS, Jeremy Drew, RCI, via phone, Kyle Roerink, via phone, Elanie Calderwood.**

- I. Call to Order **Rod McKenzie called the meeting to order @6:15 pm**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions
- III. Public Comment **None were made**
- IV. New Business
 - A. ***Discussion/for Possible Action – Approval of the June 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Gary made a motion to approve the June 16, 2020 meeting minutes. Frederick Partey seconded the motion. The motion passed.**
 - B. ***Discussion – Report from Kyle Roerink on SNWA Kyle reported that what they have seen is the Water Authority have withdrawn Spring Valley and Railroad original filings which had been part of the water grab. They do have multiple applications which are part of their agricultural operations. He believes we should still be very cautious as SNWA is not going anywhere. He described that applications are around 70,000 acre feet. The letter in the back-up material from the White Pine County District Attorney’s office was referenced regarding the Proposed Order to Designate Basins Within White Pine County.**
- V. Unfinished Business
 - A. ***Discussion/for Possible Action – BARCAS II Study: *Send a letter to the White Pine County Board of Commissioners, asking them to contact the Congressional Delegation asking that there be federal funding appropriated to allow the USGS to conduct a second Basin and Range Carbonate Aquifer System Study.* Gary Perea made a motion to send the letter to White Pine County Commission regarding the BARCAS II Study. Jill Perez seconded the motion. The motion passed.**
 - B. ***Discussion/for Possible Action – Update on Sidwell GIS project Cody Odgers reported he is moving forward, he has built an excel spreadsheet with the 7**

columns of information that the committee wanted. He has produced a large map, he will bring it to the next meeting.

VI. On-Going Business

- A. Referral of Items from County Commission **Travis Godon reported that Gridflex made a presentation to the Commission and the project is going forward.**
- B. Review, Recommendations – Division of Water Resources, Monthly Report **Rod McKenzie made a comment regarding past reports asking why the Baker Ranches and Granite had several applications. It was thought that this was the vacuum when Sothern Nevada Water Authority left to protect water rights.**
- C. Reports – USGS, BLM, US Forest Service, National Park Service, NDOW, Division of Water Resources, SNWA, State Land Use Planning Advisory Council, Robinson Nevada Mining Company, Ely Shoshone Tribe, and The City of Ely **Jose Noriega, USFS reported that they have received a application for a new power line that will be over Sacramento Pass through Cooper Canyon, it is in the early stages of the process.**
Fred Partey, RNMC reported that they are still mining the Ruth Complex, as a result they are continuing to de-water about 7,600 gallon per minute, 800 is going to Gleason Creek, 1600 is going to the City of Ely and the rest is used at the mill
Jill Perez, with Ely Shoshone Tribe did not have any report.
- D. Report – RCI, Jeremy Drew Update **Jeremy Drew reported that in June they provided scoping comments on the RNMC expansion, in July they provided comments on BLM, Nevada State Office, Targeted Grazing Environmental Assessment and USFS Moriah Herd Area Wild House Gather Plan Environmental Assessment, in August they made comments on the Pine-Wah Wah Valley Pipeline Project, NDWR Hearing on Proposed Designation of Long Valley and Newark Valley Hydrographic Basin, the hearing has been delayed until October 13, 2020 and the initial meeting for the NV Energy Green Link Transmission Project is 08/25/2020, in September they will have a Joint Agency Meeting and Field Tour 9/1/2020 for the White Pine Pumped Storage Project, FERC comments are due 10/31/2020.**

VII. Reports – Comments from Committee Members, Reports, Water Committee Members, and Meetings Attended **Rod McKenzie reported that the County Commission have approved the Water Resource Plan as a resolution, he will on the October RPC meeting for them to approve as a resolution.**

VIII. *Discussion/Action – Committee Vacancies, Resignations, Appointments **There are currently two vacancies on the committee.**

IX. Next Meeting Time and Date Announcement **The next meeting will be October 20, 2020 @ 6:00 pm.**

- X. Public Comment **It was commented to ask Jay Dixon to attend the next meeting to speak regarding the Basin Hearings**
- XI. *Adjournment **The meeting was adjourned @ 7:15 pm**

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**White Pine County Natural Resource and Public Land Issues Tracking List
For Resource Concepts, Inc. Project #20-125:
As of September 4, 2020**

June:

- Robinson Mine Expansion, Scoping
 - **Comments submitted on 6/25/2020**

July:

- BLM, Nevada State Office, Targeted Grazing Environmental Assessment
 - **Comments submitted on 7/8/2020**
- USFS Moriah Herd Area Wild Horse Gather Plan Environmental Assessment
 - **Comments submitted on 7/22/2020**

August:

- Pine-Wah Wah Valleys Pipeline Project, Scoping Comment Period
 - **Comments submitted on 8/17/2020**
- NDWR Hearing on Proposed Designation of Long Valley and Newark Valley Hydrographic Basins 8/12/202
 - **Delayed Until October**
- NV Energy Green Link Transmission Project
 - Initial Meeting with County on 8/25/2020

September:

- White Pine Pumped Storage Project
 - Joint Agency Meeting and Field Tour 9/1/2020
 - **FERC comments due on 10/31/2020**

Future Items:

- USFS Greater Sage-grouse Objection Period, Still Pending (Timeline TBD)
- USFS Power Transmission Project (UT to Robinson SS, Timeline TBD)
- DOI Grazing Regulation Updates (Timeline TBD)
- NDWR Hearing on Proposed Designation of Long Valley and Newark Valley Hydrographic Basins (Delayed until October: date, time and location TBD)

Upcoming Meetings:

- White Pine County CRM: **Sept. 4, Conference Call**
- Public Land Use Advisory Council: **2nd Tuesday of each Month @ 6 pm (Sept. 8)**
- Water Advisory Council: **3rd Tuesday of each Month @ 6 pm (Sept. 15)**
- NV Legislative Committee on Public Lands: **Sept. 10, Virtual**
- NACO Public Lands and Natural Resources Committee: **Sept. 24 @ 3 pm, Carson City**
- White Pine County CRM: **Dec. 4 @ 10 am, Conference Call**

Monthly Report

Monthly Report For The Month of: September 2020

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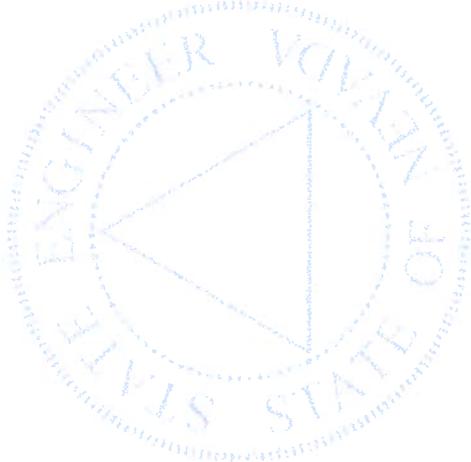
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90110	Sep-04		154	KG MINING (BALD MOUNTAIN) INC.	UG	LEE WELL NO. 2	WP	10.38	0.0143	STK	01	23N	55E
90111	Sep-04		047	KG MINING (BALD MOUNTAIN) INC.	UG	LEE WELL NO. 4	WP	10.38	0.0143	STK	12	24N	55E
90112	Sep-04		047	KG MINING (BALD MOUNTAIN) INC.	UG	LEE WELL NO. 5	WP	10.38	0.0143	STK	32	25N	56E
90113	Sep-04		047	KG MINING (BALD MOUNTAIN) INC.	UG	LEE WELL NO. 7	WP	10.38	0.0143	STK	17	25N	56E
90114	Sep-04		175	KG MINING (BALD MOUNTAIN) INC.	UG	MOONEY STOCKWATER WELL	WP	9.79	0.0135	STK	13	23N	57E
90122	Sep-10		179	EGAN MINES, LLC	SPR	CHERRY CREEK SPRING NO. 4	WP	448	1	IRR	06	23N	63E
90123	Sep-10		179	EGAN MINES, LLC	SPR	CHERRY CREEK SPRING NO. 3	WP	448	1	IRR	06	23N	63E
90124	Sep-10		179	EGAN MINES, LLC	SPR	CHERRY CREEK SPRING NO. 2	WP	448	1	IRR	06	23N	63E
90125	Sep-10		179	EGAN MINES, LLC	SPR	CHERRY CREEK SPRING NO. 1	WP	448	1	IRR	06	23N	63E
90126	Sep-10		179	EGAN MINES, LLC	SPR	MAIN HEAD SPRING	WP	448	2	IRR	36	24N	62E
90158	Sep-25		176	ROSENBLUND, RAYMOND G. AND SANDRA L.	UG		WP	3.14	0.0044	STK	25	26N	58E
90159	Sep-25		176	ROSENBLUND, RAYMOND G. AND SANDRA L.	UG		WP	3.14	0.0044	STK	03	25N	58E

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90183	Oct-07		180	JENSEN, BRUCE A. AND PAMELA G.	SPR	BLUE SPRING	WP	24.3	0.067	QM	17	10N	63E



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- Joint Agency Meeting and Field Tour 9/1/2020
- **FERC comments due on 10/31/2020, Draft to be Presented at 10/28 Meeting**

October:

- NDWR Hearing on Proposed Orders for Hydrographic Basins: Long Valley (175), Spring Valley (184), Pleasant Valley (194), Snake Valley (195), Butte Valley-Southern Part (178B) and Newark Valley (154)
 - Tuesday, October 13 @ 9:30 am White Pine County Library
 - **Written comment due on 11/02/2020, Draft to be Presented at 10/28 Meeting**
- NDWR Hearing on Proposed Orders for Hydrographic Basins: Cave Valley (180) and Hamlin Valley (196)
 - October 22 @ 11:30 am Caliente City Hall
- NDWR Hearing on Proposed Orders for Hydrographic Basins: Railroad Valley, North Part (173 B) and Little Smoky Valley (155A)
 - October 26 @ 2:00 pm Currant Creek Community Center

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- DOI Grazing Regulation Updates (Fall 2020)
- USFS Greater Sage-grouse Objection Period, Still Pending (Timeline TBD)
- BLM-USFS Trans-Canyon Crosstie Project, UT to Robinson SS (Timeline TBD)
- Pantheon Solar Project, Jakes Valley (Timeline TBD)
- Bald Mountain Expansion (2021)

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