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ACTIVITY AND ACHIEVEMENTS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2004

ADMINISTRATION

- Administrator and staff met with Joe Ashen, Los Angeles, regarding the Evergreen Geothermal leases located in Washoe Valley.
- Administrator participated in a KNPR radio broadcast with Dirk van Zyl, UNR-MSM, John Mudge, Newmont Gold, and Tom Meyers, Great Basin Mine Watch, concerning the future of mining in Nevada.
- Administrator spoke with John Unverzagt concerning the sale of items from the Gooseberry Mine.
- Administrator attended the Natural Resources Advisory Board meeting at the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- Administrator provided information to the Department of Wildlife and the BLM concerning wells drilled for seismic monitors by the Navy in the Carson Lake Pasture near Fallon.
- Administrator provided information to the Governor's Office with bullet points concerning Newmont's proposed Phoenix project.
- Commissioners Gibson, Bryan, and Parratt, and the administrator participated in the Mackay School of Mines Advisory Board meeting.
- Three staff members completed training for the FY06-07 budget process.
- Administrator and staff attended an AML Environmental Interagency Task Force meeting in Reno.
- Administrator gave a presentation at Reed High School in Sparks to 32 students on careers in geo-science and the AML Stay Out and Stay Alive program.
- Administrator met with Montgomery Watson Harza and USACE representatives concerning the RAMS program in Nevada.
- Administrator attended the GSN 2005 Symposium committee meeting.
- Administrator assisted North Central Mineral Ventures of Minneapolis, Minnesota, with permitting issues in Pershing County.
- Administrator met with a General Accounting Office auditor concerning bonding, corporate guarantees, and reclamation liability.
- Administrator participated in a meeting of the State Environmental Commission in Reno.
- Administrator responded to an inquiry from Senator Reid's office concerning funding for FY05 for the six AML field projects utilizing assistance from the USACE RAMS program.

- Administrator supplied the Division goals to the Department of Administration for inclusion in the Governor's statewide agency goals.

MINING AND LAND USE ISSUES

- Staff attended and made a presentation at the Nevada Industries of the Future progress meeting in Reno with Dick Burdette, the Governor's Energy Advisor.
- Staff traveled to Elko to meet with the planning group for DOE Grand Challenge Kick Off meeting and gave a presentation.
- Staff spoke to Keith Testerman, Barrick, and Deb Hopkins, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, regarding R&D topics for the DOE Grand Challenge to circulate among Nevada mining industry, university, and national lab representatives.
- Staff met with Ed Jucevic regarding ore reserves along the V&T Railroad.
- Staff reviewed and commented on the Clearinghouse document regarding Ely BLM Draft Resource Management Plan Environmental Impact Study (RMP EIS).
- Staff spoke to Rich Meyers regarding the re-opening of the Carrara Marble Quarry.
- Staff spoke to Chris Cockrill, DOE Seattle Regional Office, on issues related to Industries of the Future grant, training, and R&D solicitation.
- Staff coordinated preliminary summary of potential mining energy R&D projects for Nevada/DOE Grand Challenge task group.
- Staff spoke to Doug Prihar, MAP, regarding industry energy efficiency training schedule for Winnemucca, Reno, and Las Vegas.
- Staff spoke to Don Foster, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, regarding DOE Grand Challenge R&D solicitation and possible grant topics.
- Staff met with Eric Horn, PMD Associates, LLC, regarding mining claims in Clark County.
- Staff met with representatives of Crystal Pass Cement regarding development of a possible cement plant in Clark County.
- Staff met with Dirk van Zyl and Eileen Baca, UNR, to discuss the progress on DOE/Nevada Industries of the Future grant.
- Staff worked on summaries of DOE Grand Challenge R&D topics.
- Staff met with Mark Ryzdynski and Dawna Jolliff, Clark County Museum, to discuss exhibit contents for the upcoming "Gemstones of Nevada and the Southwest" exhibit, slated for July-October, 2004.

RECLAMATION BOND POOL

- Staff spoke with the equipment broker, BLM, and a claim staker regarding the Gooseberry Mine.
- Staff sent information on the Gooseberry Mine to John Barta.
- Staff sent reclamation bond information to Roy Neighbors.
- Staff spoke to Lynn Bowdidge, PBS&T, regarding the Three Kids Mine and reclamation issues.

ABANDONED MINE LANDS (AML)

- Staff met with Chris Ross, BLM, regarding the 2004 Clark County backfill project.
- Staff prepared “requests to secure” for 55 USFS AML orphan sites.
- Staff finalized the 2003 AML Annual Report and sent it to printing.
- Staff completed “request to secure” for 65 Esmeralda County orphan sites and 52 Pershing County orphan sites.
- Staff discussed a Washoe County AML backfill project with Chris Ross, BLM, and John Brown, NvMA concerning 43 candidate orphan sites near the Burrus Mine.

OIL AND GAS

- Staff assisted Commissioner Kozlowski with the media event with John Tyson in Railroad Valley concerning the 50th anniversary of the discovery of oil in Nevada.
- Staff met with Del Fortner, BLM-NSO, regarding the oil, gas, and geothermal programs.
- Staff met with State Lands and Deputy AG, George Taylor, regarding leasing of state lands for oil and gas in White River Valley near the Kirsch Wildlife Area.
- Staff assisted Commissioner Kozlowski with research on environmental issues at the oil refinery located in Nye County.
- Staff coordinated numerous oil and gas operational issues with John Stout and John Menghini from the BLM.
- Staff met with John Tyson, Commissioner Kozlowski, and members of the oil and gas industry in Ely and Railroad Valley to conduct TV interviews regarding the 50th year of oil production in the state.
- Administrator and staff attended the Nevada Petroleum Society’s 50th Year of Oil Production celebration meeting in Reno.
- Staff assisted Faskin Oil and Ranch, Midland, Texas, with oil well permitting requirements.
- Staff worked with IOGCC personnel on Council of Regulatory Officials agenda for the upcoming mid-year meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

GEOHERMAL

- Staff gave a presentation at the Geothermal Industry meeting held in Reno at the BLM.
- Staff met with Rich Hoops, BLM-NSO, and Curtis Framel, GeoPowering the West Program, regarding geothermal outreach efforts in the state.
- Staff approved the modifications to ORMAT’s drilling program at its Desert Peak II Project located in Churchill County,
- Staff met with Martin Booth, Geothermal Development Associates, regarding a project at Steamboat Hills.
- Staff assisted Bob Saint Lewis, Lang Drilling, with geothermal well control requirements for drilling geothermal exploration holes.

- Staff approved the well testing program for Earth Power Resources' geothermal project located near Tuscarora, Nevada.
- Staff met with Curtis Framel, GeoPowering the West Program, regarding grant money for this fiscal year.
- Staff participated in a conference call with representatives from DOE and Alaska regarding the upcoming "Alaska Trade Mission" for geothermal.
- Staff met with ORMAT Nevada regarding their recent purchase of the Steamboat binary geothermal plants.
- Staff met with ORMAT regarding bonding requirements for geothermal permits.
- Staff and administrator met with Joe Ashen regarding geothermal projects located on US Forest Service land south of Reno.
- Staff assisted Gilroy Foods with pending project area permit questions regarding ORMAT's Diamond Peak III project.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

- Staff prepared tour descriptions for the Virginia City/Art Wilson gypsum tours for the National Mineral Education Conference in July 2004.
- Staff gave a mineral commodity/AML presentation to a Cub Scout Pack in south Reno, 7 kids and 10 adults.
- Staff completed the mail-out of AML mini units and brochures to all Nevada schools (1144 mini units and 74,149 brochures).
- Staff spoke to Teddie Brewer, Williams Elementary School in North Las Vegas, regarding a minerals program for their upcoming science camp.
- Staff reviewed the Death Valley Geologic Tour and Road Log for the Las Vegas teachers' workshop.
- Staff met with Cindy Ramsey, American Gem Society, to discuss the educational companion program for the Clark County Museum exhibit on gemstones.