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**STATE OF NEVADA WELL DRILLERS' ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
1-2017 STATEWIDE WELL DRILLER'S EXAMINATION
February 21, 2017**

(Minutes are available on the Board's website
<http://water.nv.gov/WellDrillersAdvisoryBoard.aspx>.)

Board Members

Present: Dan Kohlman, Andy Andresen and Steve Hamrick.

Nevada Division of
Water Resources

Members Present: Tim Wilson, P.E., Shannon McDaniel, E.I.T., Tracy Geter, E.I.T. and Mike Scott.

Call to Order: 8:19 am

Approval of Board
Meeting Minutes:

Action to approve the Board meeting minutes 4-2016 from the meeting dated November 15, 2016 was held and will be re-agenized for the next Board meeting.

Board Business:

Tim Wilson informed the Board of the various bill drafts before the legislature regarding lithium and water resources. Mr. Wilson gave a summary and a brief history of some of those proposed bills.

Mr. Wilson informed the Board of a situation in the Clayton Valley Hydrographic Basin in which the Division of Water Resources ordered to have 6 wells plugged. The order is currently in litigation. Mr. Wilson discussed the possibility of the Division of Water Resources, as obligated by statute, having to contract out the actual plugging of the wells that have not yet been plugged.

Mr. Wilson informed the Board of a Well Driller Applicant that filed a Well Driller's License Application without meeting the minimum requirements to apply. Mr. Wilson explained that the Applicant had called the Office of the State Engineer to discuss the application. Mr. Wilson said that the Well Driller's License Application and fee were sent back to the Applicant with a letter explaining why they were returned.

Mr. Wilson relayed to the Board the various demerits the Division of Water Resources has had to assess since the last Board meeting.

Mr. Wilson also informed the Board that the Division of Water Resources is considering revising the Well Drilling Regulations. Mr. Wilson discussed the various driving factors behind the consideration. The Board asked if a new Well Drilling Regulations book had come out. Mr. Wilson said no.

Public Comment: Pursuant to NRS § 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. There were no public comments at this time.

Oral Test of applicants for Well Driller's License by Statewide Well Drillers' Advisory Board, NRS 534.140 and 534.150.

8:38 a.m. – 9:37 a.m. Dan Kohlman motioned to the Board to close the meeting to conduct oral interviews. Steve Hamrick seconded. Motion carries.

Action

Applicant Matt McCoy interviewed before the Board.

Action

Dan Kohlman motioned to the Board to open the meeting to give the Board's recommendation. Steve Hamrick seconded. Motion carries.

Recommendation:

The Board unanimously recommends to the State Engineer approval of Mr. McCoy's Nevada Water Well Driller license.

9:50 a.m. – 10:46 a.m. Dan Kohlman motioned to the Board to close the meeting to conduct oral interviews. Steve Hamrick seconded. Motion carries.

Action

Applicant Robert Harden interviewed before the Board.

Action

Dan Kohlman motioned to the Board to open the meeting to give the Board's recommendation. Steve Hamrick seconded. Motion carries.

Recommendation:

The Board recommends to the State Engineer Mr. Parsons retest before the Board for his Nevada Water Well Driller license, with Steve Hamrick recommending approval and Dan Kohlman and Andy Andresen both recommending retest.

10:53 a.m. – 11:57 a.m. Dan Kohlman motioned to the Board to close the meeting to conduct oral interviews. Steve Hamrick seconded. Motion carries.

Action

Applicant Michael Peacher interviewed before the Board.

Action

Dan Kohlman motioned to the Board to open the meeting to give the Board's recommendation. Steve Hamrick seconded. Motion carries.

Recommendation:

The Board unanimously recommends to the State Engineer Mr. Peacher retest before the Board for his Nevada Water Well Driller license.

Public Comment: Pursuant to NRS § 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. There were no public comments at this time.

Adjourn: There being no further business for the Statewide Well Drillers' Advisory Board meeting 1-2017, held in Carson City, Nevada was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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