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ROBERT GHIGLIERI
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Monday, September 28, 2026 10:30 A.M.

MINUTES

Commission	Staff	Public	
Stephanie Hallinan	Robert Ghiglieri	Morgan Sollano	Pam Harrington
Bob Potts	Garrett Wake	Gracie Garrett	Jay Guerrero
Nigel Bain	Dustin Holcomb	Erica Freese	Katrina McLaughlin
Arthur Henderson	Rebecca Tims	Sherman Gallegos	Keith Elliott
Josh Nordquist		Rusty	Mike Hauser
		Mark Hauenstein	Mike Satre
		Carson Thomas	Coby Nelson
		Bill Ehni	Jeremy Drew
		Jack Conness	Kerry Rohrmeier
		David Faulder	Brandon Law
		Amelia Letvin	Erik Olson
		Jaina Moan	Alex Jensen
		Paul Conrad	Willy Carlson

CALL TO ORDER

Administrator Ghiglieri called the workshop to order at 10:31 AM in the Guinn Room of the Nevada State Capitol Building, 101 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was also available via Microsoft Teams. Because the meeting was a workshop, no roll call was taken.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Administrator Ghiglieri noted that there would be another opportunity to comment under Item III, after the review of the proposed changes, and that commenters could wait until then.

- **Erica Freese**, of Ormat, thanked the Division for inviting industry to take part in drafting the regulations. She raised two items. First, Section 16(1)(a) requires a cement log to be submitted but does not say what makes a log acceptable or unacceptable, and she asked for approval criteria. Second, Section 17(2) requires the operator to stop stimulation and notify the Division if any change in annular

space pressure is observed. In practice, annular pressure changes during stimulation because of temperature fluctuations and casing ballooning, so she asked for more appropriate limits than “any change.”

- **Paul Conrad**, Land Manager of Planning for Fervo Energy, said the changes since the last workshop are constructive and respond to industry concerns. He cited the site-specific standard for protecting public welfare and structures, the project area, and the induced seismicity mitigation protocols. Fervo submitted a letter to Administrator Ghiglieri and Dustin Holcomb with further recommendations, and he highlighted two. First, red and amber light alerts appear to be triggered by any seismic event with an epicenter in the area of review. Because Nevada is naturally seismic, Fervo recommends requiring a causal link between a detected event and stimulation or injection activities. Second, Section 13(3)(b) requires immediate consultation with the Division for an amber light alert, while red light alerts have a 24-hour window. He noted the letter also addresses public disclosure.
- **Mike Hauser**, Director of Permitting and Regulatory for AlterG Resources, thanked the Division for its collaborative approach and said AlterG had submitted written comments. Like Ormat, he asked that the change in annular space pressure that triggers notification be defined, possibly as a percentage of the burst or shoe breakdown pressure. He also asked the Division to clarify that only the first annulus behind the string being stimulated must be monitored and recorded.

III. **NAC 534A REGULATION WORKSHOP**

A. Review, Discussion, and Workshop of Proposed Regulations to Chapter 534A of the Nevada Administrative Code (R093-25RP2) – Rob Ghiglieri

Administrator Ghiglieri clarified that the agenda listed the regulation as R09-24RP1; the correct LCB file number is R093-25. A revised version, R093-25RP2, was posted on Friday, September 25. RP2 is LCB’s version of the Division’s green-line edits, which are grammatical, and has no substantive changes from RP1. He then presented on the proposed regulations:

- **Intent:** NRS 534A authorizes the Commission to adopt regulations for geothermal resources, including the operation of geothermal wells. The proposed regulations address well stimulation for enhanced geothermal systems, with a focus on downhole well integrity, baseline data, induced seismicity monitoring, and reporting. They also streamline the chapter under Executive Order 2023-003 and update permit fees, most of which were set in 1999 or the early 2000s.
- **Timeline:** Drafting began in June 2025, and the first workshop was held in August 2025. The regulations were not adopted at the May 2026 adoption hearing because of significant public feedback. The Division and the Commission revised them, and LCB returned them as RP1. A tentative adoption hearing is set for November 12, 2026, followed by Legislative Commission review on a date to be determined.
- **Outline of Proposed Changes:** Administrator Ghiglieri outlined each section of RP1.

Administrator Ghiglieri called for comment on the proposed regulations. There was no public comment under this item.

IV. **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2026-003 STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

A. Stakeholder Meeting to gather input on opportunities to streamline, clarify, amend, repeal, or otherwise improve Nevada's regulatory environment in accordance with Executive Order 2026-003 – Rob Ghiglieri

Administrator Ghiglieri explained that Executive Order 2026-003, signed in August 2026, directs every executive branch agency, board, and commission to review its regulations and identify those that may be streamlined, clarified, amended, or repealed while continuing to protect the public.

- **Timeline:** In October and November, the Division and the Commission will review the comments received and identify changes internally. A list of proposed regulation changes is due to the Governor's Office by December 31, 2026. Formal rulemaking cannot begin until after the 2027 legislative session ends in early June 2027.
- **Chapters under review:** He summarized each chapter under the authority of the Commission and the Division: NAC 513 (operator reporting, claim fees, and the abandoned mine lands program), NAC 517 (mining claim maps and fees), NAC 519A.510–519A.635 (reclamation bond pool), NAC 522 (oil and gas), NAC 534A (geothermal resources), and NAC 534B (dissolved mineral resources).
- **Goal:** The Division hopes to identify at least 10 administrative code changes. Only the NAC can be changed through this process; changes to the NRS require legislation.
- Written comments will be accepted through **Friday, October 9, 2026.**

There was no public comment under this item.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.

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