

**EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**August 9, 2018**

STATE OF NEVADA            )  
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COUNTY OF EUREKA        )

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on August 9, 2018. Present were Chairman J.J. Goicoechea; Commissioner Fred Etchegaray; District Attorney, Ted Beutel; and Commissioner Clerk, Jackie Berg. Vice Chairman Mike Sharkozy was unable to attend. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The interactive video conferencing system was connected and utilized between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve the agenda as posted; Chairman Goicoechea seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Goicoechea called for public comments; there were none.

**COMMISSIONERS**

Appeal in CV-1409-204: Chairman Goicoechea stated that, consistent with the County's past actions, he recommended that the Board take action to appeal the District Court ruling, dated July 17<sup>th</sup>, in Case No. CV-1409-204.

District Attorney, Ted Beutel, noted that any action should include the updated docketing statement filed with the Nevada Supreme Court.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve an appeal of the July 17, 2018, Seventh Judicial District Court Order in Sadler Ranch v. Jason King, Nevada State Engineer, Case No. CV-1409-204, including the amended docketing statement filed with the Nevada Supreme Court related to this case. Chairman Goicoechea seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

Mount Hope Administrative Draft Supplemental EIS: In advance of the meeting, Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts, emailed the comment letter on the Mount Hope Administrative Draft Supplemental EIS. (Mr. Tibbitts was not in attendance, as he was judging the youth branding competition at the County Fair.)

Chairman Goicoechea and Commissioner Etchegaray expressed that they had both reviewed the comment letter and agreed with the content. Chairman Goicoechea explained that the Supplemental EIS only deals with matters remanded back to the BLM by the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and those issues are related to air quality and Public Water Reserves.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve the comment letter to the BLM, Mount Lewis Field Office, on the Mount Hope Project Administrative Draft Supplemental EIS, and authorized the Chairman to sign the letter outside of the meeting. Chairman Goicoechea seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Goicoechea opened the floor for public comments.

Jeff Snyder, of McEwen Mining, asked if a copy of the comment letter would be made available.

Administrative Draft EISs are reviewed by Cooperating Agencies and, therefore, the document and responses are not public. District Attorney Beutel explained that, due to this, the comment letter would be sent to the BLM and was not available for public review.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to adjourn the meeting; Chairman Goicoechea seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

*Approved by vote of the Board this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.*

/s/ J.J. Goicoechea  
J.J. Goicoechea, Chairman

*I, Jackie Berg, Commissioner Clerk, attest that these are a true, correct, and duly approved minutes of the August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, meeting of the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.*

/s/ Jackie Berg  
Jackie Berg, Commissioner Clerk

*I, Beverly Conley, Clerk & Treasurer of Eureka County, acknowledge and accept the attached minutes as approved by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners and attested to by the Commissioner Clerk.*

/s/ Beverly Conley  
Beverly Conley, Clerk & Treasurer