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## AGENDA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Thursday, December 14, 2023</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Board Chamber, First Floor Eric Rood Administrative Center 950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 200 Nevada City, California</b>

**\* Special meeting continued from Wednesday, December 13, 2023, to December 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. \***

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The County of Nevada will hold its special meeting of the Board of Supervisors from inside the Board Chamber, located at the Eric Rood Administrative Center, 950 Maidu Avenue, First Floor, Nevada City, CA 95959. This meeting is open to in-person attendance. This meeting may be continued to December 14th at 9:00 am if more time is necessary.

Members of the public who are unable to attend in person may watch this meeting live on Nevada County Media Comcast Channel 17 in western County and on Optimum Channels 18 and 78 in eastern County, or through the web at [www.nevadacountyca.gov/boardmeetings](http://www.nevadacountyca.gov/boardmeetings) and [www.YouTube.com/c/CountyofNevadaCA](http://www.YouTube.com/c/CountyofNevadaCA). Please refer to page 3 for information on how to participate in the meeting, as well as the various options being made available for members of the public to provide comment in both western and eastern County.

The Board Chamber is accessible to people with disabilities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting should contact the Clerk of the Board's office by calling (530) 265-1480 at least four days prior to the meeting. TTY/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service. Closed Captioning is available for hearing impaired viewers.

The agenda and all supporting documents are available for review during regular business hours at the Clerk of the Board office, 950 Maidu Avenue, 2nd Floor, Suite 200, Nevada City, California. This agenda and certain supporting documents may be obtained on the Clerk of the Board's website at [www.nevadacountyca.gov/boardmeetings](http://www.nevadacountyca.gov/boardmeetings). To view the supporting documents on this agenda for a particular item, click on the SR number to the left of the item. Please note that the online agenda may not include all related or updated documents. Proposed actions and supporting documents are considered draft until acted upon by the Board. All items listed on the agenda may be acted upon by the Board of Supervisors. Information and documents may also be found at [www.nevadacountyca.gov/IMMRise](http://www.nevadacountyca.gov/IMMRise).

**SPECIAL MEETING: 9:00 AM****STANDING ORDERS:**

Call the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Corrections and/or deletions to agenda.

**SCHEDULED ITEM: 9:00 AM****Planning Director: Brian Foss**

[SR 23-5011](#) Public Hearing to consider the Idaho-Maryland Mine Vested Right Petition dated September 1, 2023 prepared by Braiden Chadwick and Ryan W. Thomason of Mitchell Chadwick, LLP, on behalf of Joseph Mullin, Rise Grass Valley, Inc. (“Petitioner”) for a formal determination by the County of Nevada (“County”) concerning the existence and scope of vested mining rights to mine the 175.64-acre “Idaho Maryland Mine”(“Petition”) comprised of the 119-acre Brunswick Industrial Site Assessor’s Parcel Numbers (APNs): 006-441-003, 006-441-004, 006-441-005, 006-441-034, 009-630-037, 009-630-039 (“Brunswick”); and the Centennial Industrial Site APNs: 009-550-032, 009-550-037, 009-550-038, 009-550-039, and 009-560-036 (“Centennial”) (collectively, the “Subject Property”).

Resolution finding that mining operations were abandoned as early as 1956 and neither the petitioner nor any other party has a vested right to mine at the 175.64-acre subject property comprised of the Brunswick Industrial Site assessor's parcel numbers: 006-441-003, 006-441-004, 006-441-005, 006-441-034, 009-630-037, 009-630-039; and the Centennial Industrial Site assessor's parcel numbers: 009-550-032, 009-550-037, 009-550-038, 009-550-039, AND 009-560-036, and finding the action statutorily exempt from CEQA.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*This agenda was posted on bulletin boards 72 hours in advance of the meeting at the following locations:*

- 1. Eric Rood Administrative Center; outside Board office, outside Board Chambers, and outside main entrance.*
- 2. Truckee Town Hall Administrative Center, 10183 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee, CA 96161.*
- 3. Outside the District V Board of Supervisors office, Truckee Town Hall Administrative Center.*
- 4. Online at [www.nevadacountyca.gov/boardmeetings](http://www.nevadacountyca.gov/boardmeetings) and [nevco.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx](http://nevco.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx).*

*Posted: December 8, 2023.*

**WAYS TO WATCH AND LISTEN DURING THE MEETING:**

This Board of Supervisors meeting is open to the public. Staff and members of the public may observe the meeting using the options listed below. Online streaming of Board of Supervisors meetings is provided to members of the public as a courtesy. If an internet connection falters for any reason and there are no Board members attending the meeting remotely, the Board of Supervisors will continue the public meeting in Chambers without online access.

- 1) Watch from inside the Board Chambers.
- 2) View at [www.nevadacountyca.gov/boardmeetings](http://www.nevadacountyca.gov/boardmeetings) and [www.YouTube.com/c/CountyofNevadaCA](http://www.YouTube.com/c/CountyofNevadaCA).
- 3) View on Nevada County Media Channel 17 in western County.
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**PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE THE MEETING:**

- 1) Leaving an eComment at [www.nevadacountyca.gov/boardmeetings](http://www.nevadacountyca.gov/boardmeetings).
- 2) Writing a letter to the Board of Supervisors at 950 Maidu Ave, Suite 200, Nevada City, CA 95959.
- 3) Emailing [BOS.PublicComment@nevadacountyca.gov](mailto:BOS.PublicComment@nevadacountyca.gov).

Written or emailed public comments received by 4:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting will be provided to the Board members electronically or in written format and will become part of the public record.

**PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THE MEETING:**

- 1) In-Person:

Eric Rood Administrative Center: Members of the public can provide comment in-person inside the Board of Supervisors' Board Chambers at the Eric Rood Administrative Center.

**PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD****CONTROL OF MEETING:**

The Board Chair shall first caution any individual at the meeting that their behavior is disrupting the meeting and that failure to cease the disruptive behavior could result in removal. After warning, the Chair will request the individual to leave if the individual does not stop their disruptive behavior. Additionally, the Chair reserves the right to recess the meeting until the person leaves or is escorted out and order is restored.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Matters on the Agenda: The Board shall allow public comment on items appearing on the agenda when the agenda item is considered by the Board. Comments by the public must be relevant to the item on the agenda being considered by the Board. This includes: a. Consent Agenda; b. Community Presentations; c. Department Head Matters; d. Individual Board Member Items; and e. Scheduled Items. At special meetings of the Board, public comment will only be allowed on matters appearing on the agenda.

Matters not on the Agenda: At regular meetings of the Board, members of the public shall be allowed to address the Board of Supervisors on matters not appearing on the agenda which are of interest to the public, and which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Board shall not take any action or discuss any matter not appearing on the agenda although staff may be asked to briefly respond to or follow up on such items. At special meetings of the Board, public comment will only be allowed on matters appearing on the agenda.

### **ORDER AND DECORUM:**

Individuals or organizations desiring to address the Board shall:

- 1) Address the Board from the designated podium, virtual kiosk, or other designated location, including teleconferencing system(s). Speakers are encouraged but not required to give their name and location of residence before addressing the Board. This is to identify the speaker's supervisorial district.
- 2) Speakers shall direct their comments to the Board, through the Chair, and not to the audience or staff.
- 3) Speakers may comment on specific matters before the Board with reasons for the position taken.
- 4) The Chair may, at their discretion, increase the allotted time for any given speaker, but shall not be required to do so.
- 5) A speaker may not yield time to another speaker.
- 6) No individual may speak more than once during general public comment or on an item on the agenda unless recognized by the Chair as having new information.
- 7) In the interest of civil discourse, the rules as specified in this Order and Decorum of Board Business and Robert's Rules of Order, to the extent such rules are not in conflict with the Brown Act, shall apply at all Board meetings. It shall be the responsibility of the Chair to ensure that public comment is conducted in such a manner in order to avoid disruptive activity, promote mutual respect, keep comments focused on the subject being discussed, avoid personal attacks, prohibit hate speech and the threat of violence.
- 8) At the start of each meeting, the Chair shall remind the public of the rules and expectations of the public including distinguishing the process for: a) public comment for items on the consent agenda; b) general public comment for items not listed on the agenda; and c) public comment for items on the agenda.
- 9) Applicants, applicant representatives, and appellants desiring to speak shall be permitted to speak first during the public comment portion of a public hearing for no more than ten (10) minutes (or fifteen (15) minutes at Appeal Hearings) unless different rules for conducting the hearing are provided by County Code or other applicable law. Time limits may be modified at the Chair of the Board's discretion.

### **DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS (Gov. Code section 84308)**

Members of the Board of Supervisors are disqualified and not able to participate in any agenda item involving contracts (other than competitively bid, labor, or personal employment contracts), franchises, discretionary land use permits and other entitlements if the Board member received more than \$250 in campaign contributions from the applicant or contractor, an agent of the applicant or contractor, or any financially interested participant who actively supports or opposes the County's decision on the agenda item since January 1, 2023. Members of the Board of Supervisors who have received, and applicants, contractors or their agents who have made, campaign contributions totaling more than \$250 to a Board member since January 1, 2023, are required to disclose that fact for the official record of the subject proceeding. Disclosures must include the amount of the campaign contribution and identify the recipient Board member and may be made either in writing to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the subject hearing or by verbal disclosure at the time of the hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

All members of the public shall be allowed to address the Board on any item which is noticed on the Board's agenda as a public hearing. The Chair of the Board may limit the total amount of time allocated for the public hearing and may limit any individual desiring to address the Board to no more than three (3) minutes. Any person may provide the Board with a written statement in lieu of or in supplement to any oral statement made during a public hearing. Written statements shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Board.

Whenever a public hearing is conducted, the public hearing is closed and the matter is continued to a subsequent meeting for Board deliberation and/or action, the Board shall not allow public comment and/or testimony on that item at the subsequent hearing. However, at the initial public hearing, prior to taking action, the Board may, at its sole discretion, elect to continue the matter and reopen the public hearing. At the subsequent hearing, all information will be considered. The Board may also, at the initial public hearing, prior to taking action, announce that the public hearing is being continued for specific information and the public testimony will only be heard on new information specific to the Board's direction. If, after the public hearing is closed and the Board later decides to reopen the public hearing for public testimony, appropriate notices must be published.

**ORDINANCES:**

- 1) By statute, an ordinance may be passed immediately upon introduction only after notice and a public hearing.
- 2) An urgency ordinance may be passed immediately upon introduction with a 4/5 affirmative vote.
- 3) All other ordinances shall not be passed within five days of their introduction, nor at other than a regular meeting or at an adjourned regular meeting unless authorized by statute as indicated above. The Board of Supervisors will address ordinances at first readings and will make any amendments. The public is urged to address ordinances at first readings; as passage of ordinances will be held at second readings, after waiving further reading of the ordinance.

**INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Board may direct any item of informational correspondence to a department head for appropriate action.

**REFERENCES:**

Board of Supervisors Order and Decorum 2023

Ralph M. Brown Act, California Government Code Sec. 54950, et. seq. (Open meetings law)

Nevada County Land Use Code Sec. L-II 5.12 (Appeals)