



WASHOE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Planning Commission Members

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Thomas B. Bruce

Sarah Chvilicek

Kate S. Nelson

Larry Peyton

Patricia Phillips

Trevor Lloyd, Secretary

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Washoe County Administration Complex
Commission Chambers
1001 East Ninth Street
Reno, NV

No members of the public will be allowed in the Commission Chambers due to concerns for public safety resulting from the COVID-19 emergency and pursuant to the Governor of Nevada's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 Section 1 which suspends the requirement in NRS 241.023(1)(b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings of public bodies where members of the public are permitted to attend and participate. This meeting will be held by teleconference only.

The meeting will be televised live and replayed on Washoe Channel at: <https://www.washoecounty.us/mgrsoff/Communications/wctv-live.php> also on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/WashoeCountyTV>

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS SCHEDULED ON THIS AGENDA

(Complete descriptions are provided beginning on the second page.)

- **Abandonment Case Number WAB20-0003 (Pahute Abandonment)**
- **Special Use Permit Case Number WSUP20-0013 Ormat Geothermal**

Items for Possible Action. All numbered or lettered items on this agenda are hereby designated for possible action as if the words "for possible action" were written next to each item (NRS 241.020), except for items marked with an asterisk (*). Those items marked with an asterisk (*) may be discussed but action will not be taken on them.

Possible Changes to Agenda Order and Timing. Discussion may be delayed on any item on this agenda, and items on this agenda may be taken out of order, combined with other items and discussed or voted on as a block, removed from the agenda, moved to the agenda of another later meeting, moved to or from the consent section. Items designated for a specified time will not be heard before that time but may be delayed beyond the specified time.

Public Comment. Public comment, whether on action items or general public comment, is limited to three (3) minutes per person. No action may be taken on a matter raised under general public comment until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken.

As required by the Governor's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 Section 2, members of the public may submit public comment by logging into the ZOOM webinar by accessing the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89398063671>. NOTE: This option will require a computer with audio and video capabilities. Additionally, public comment can be submitted via email to washoe311@washoecounty.us or by leaving a voice message at: (775) 954-4664. Voice messages received will either be broadcast into the Commission Chamber during the meeting or transcribed for entry into the record. The County will make reasonable efforts to include all comments received for public comment by email and voicemail into the record. Please try to provide comments by 11:00 a.m. on September 1, 2020.

During the "General Public Comment" items listed below, anyone may speak pertaining to any matter either on or off the agenda, to include items to be heard on consent. For the remainder of the agenda, public comment will only be heard during public hearing and planning items that are *not* marked with an asterisk (*). If an item is continued, then public comment will not be heard for that item until the date of the continued hearing. Any public comment for hearing and planning items will be heard before action is taken on the item and must be about the specific item being considered by the Commission. Public comment and presentations for individual agenda items are limited as follows: fifteen minutes each for staff and applicant presentations and three minutes for individual speakers unless extended by questions from the Commission or by action of the Chair. Comments are to be directed to the Commission as a whole and not to one individual. Emails will be included in the record but will only be read aloud during the meeting subject to the chair's discretion and if time permits.

Public Participation. At least one copy of items displayed and at least ten copies of any written or graphic material for the Commission's consideration should be provided to the Recording Secretary.

Forum Restrictions and Orderly Conduct of Business. The Planning Commission conducts the business of Washoe County and its citizens during its meetings. The Chair may order the removal of any person or group of persons whose statement or other conduct disrupts the orderly, efficient or safe conduct of the meeting to the extent that its orderly conduct is made impractical. Warnings against disruptive comments or behavior may or may not be given prior to removal. The viewpoint of a speaker will not be restricted, but reasonable restrictions may be imposed upon the time, place and manner of speech. Irrelevant and unduly repetitious statements and personal attacks which antagonize or incite are examples of speech that may be reasonably limited.

Posting of Agenda; Location of Website. Pursuant to NRS 241.020, the Agenda for the Planning Commission has been electronically posted at https://www.washoecounty.us/csd/planning_and_development/board_commission/planning_commission/index.php; and <https://notice.nv.gov>. Pursuant to Section 3 of the Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 ("Directive 006"), the requirement contained in NRS 241.023(1)(b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings of public bodies where members of the public are permitted to attend and further, the requirement that notice agendas be physically posted within the State of Nevada has been suspended.

How to Get Copies of Agenda and Support Material. Copies of this agenda and supporting materials may be obtained on the Planning and Building Division website (http://www.washoecounty.us/csd/planning_and_development/board_commission/planning_commission/index.php) or at the Planning and Building Division Office (contact Katy Stark, 1001 E. Ninth Street, Building A, Room A275, phone 775.328.3618, e-mail krstark@washoecounty.us). If you make a request, we can provide you with a link to a website, send you the material by email or prepare paper copies for you at no charge. Support material is available to the public at the same time it is distributed to Planning Commissioners. If material is distributed at a meeting, it is available within one business day after the meeting.

Appeal Procedure. Most decisions rendered by the Planning Commission are appealable to the Board of County Commissioners. If you disagree with the decision of the Planning Commission and you want to appeal its action, call the Planning staff immediately at 775.328.6100. You will be informed of the appeal procedure, and application fee. Appeals must be in writing and must be delivered to the Planning and Building Division within 10 calendar days from the date that the decision being appealed is signed by the Planning Commission Chair and/or the Secretary to the Planning Commission, filed with the Secretary to the Planning Commission, and mailed to the original applicant in the proceeding being appealed, in accordance with Washoe County Code.

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6:30 p.m.

1. \*Determination of Quorum
2. \*Pledge of Allegiance
3. \*Ethics Law Announcement

#### 4. \*Appeal Procedure

#### 5. \*General Public Comment and Discussion Thereof

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#### 6. Possible Action to Approve Agenda

#### 7. Possible Action to Approve [August 4, 2020 Draft Minutes](#)

#### 8. Public Hearings

**A. [Abandonment Case Number WAB20-0003 \(Pahute Abandonment\)](#)** – For possible action, hearing, and discussion to approve an abandonment of Washoe County's interest in ±1,197 square feet (±31 feet) of public right-of-way at the end of Pahute Road, 175 feet west of Nevada State Route 28. If approved, the property will be abandoned to the abutting property owner at 425 Pahute Road. The request to abandon is pursuant to NRS 278.480 and related provisions in the Washoe County development code.

- Applicant: Gilanfarr Architecture
- Property Owner: Kurt D. Callier Living Trust
- Location: 425 Pahute Rd.
- Assessor's Parcel Number: 123-143-11
- Parcel Size: 0.26 acres
- Master Plan Category: Suburban Residential (SR)
- Regulatory Zone: High Density Suburban (HDS)
- Area Plan: Tahoe
- Citizen Advisory Board: Incline Village/Crystal Bay
- Development Code: Authorized in Article 806, Vacations and Abandonments of Streets and Easements
  
- Commission District: 1 – Commissioner Berkbigler
- Prepared by: Julee Olander, Planner  
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**B. [Special Use Permit Case Number WSUP20-0013 Ormat Geothermal](#)** – For possible action, hearing, and discussion to approve a special use permit for 1) the establishment of an Energy Production, Renewable use type including two 24MW geothermal power plants, 2) the establishment of a Hazardous Materials use, in the form of 720,000 lbs. of flammable pentane gas (a refrigerant) for use as a turbine working fluid, 3) major grading for 194.9 acres of ground disturbance, including 300,000cy of excavation, for well pads and access roads and 4) a 120kV power transmission line that extends ±21.6 miles over 20 parcels. The application also requests to vary landscaping, parking, and grading standards by waiving all landscaping requirements, waiving the paved parking requirement, and allowing grading height differentials of greater than 10ft from natural grade. This project meets the standard for a project of regional significance, because it will generate more than 5 MW of electricity, require construction of 2 substations, and require the construction of a new transmission line and will require approval by the regional planning authorities before any

approval at the county level would take effect. The two substations will be located on APNs 071-070-13 and 071-030-06. This project also requires recommendation to amend to the Regional Utility Corridor Map from the Board of County Commissioners. This project will also need to comply with all Federal and State approvals before any approval at the county level would take effect.

- Applicant: Orni 36, LLC
- Property Owner: Ceresola Brothers, LLC; GM Gabrych Family LTD PTSP; Kosmos Company; New Nevada Lands LLC; United States of America; US Geothermal Inc
- Location: Well Heads – approximately 10 miles north of Pyramid Lake  
Transmission Line – approximately 10 miles east of the southern tip of Pyramid Lake south to the border of Washoe County
- Assessor's Parcel Numbers: Transmission Line - 079-180-02, 079-180-12, 079-180-45, 079-570-01, 079-570-07, 079-570-13, 079-320-12, 079-320-18, 079-320-04, 079-170-39, 079-180-34, 079-180-37, 079-180-44, 079-320-42, 079-320-47, 079-320-52, 079-320-55, 079-570-02, 079-570-06, 079-570-12  
Power Generation - 071-070-13, 071-030-06  
Wells and Well Pads - 071-030-07, 071-060-18, 071-070-09, 071-070-12, 071-070-16, 071-070-18, 071-070-19, 079-170-02
- Parcel Sizes: Varies. Affected area: 189.9 acres
- Master Plan Category: Rural
- Regulatory Zone: General Rural
- Area Plan: High Desert/Truckee Canyon
- Citizen Advisory Board: Gerlach/Empire and East Truckee Canyon
- Development Code: Authorized in Article 302, 324, 438, 810, 812
- Commission District: 5 – Commissioner Herman
- Prepared by: Dan Cahalane, Planner  
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Planning and Building Division
- Phone: 775.328. 3628
- E-Mail: [dcahalane@washoecounty.us](mailto:dcahalane@washoecounty.us)

## 9. Planning Items

**A. [For possible action and discussion](#)** to review and determine and/or confirm the order of alternates selected to represent the Washoe County Planning Commission (PC) on the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission (RPC) in the event the regularly appointed PC members are unavailable to serve. The currently proposed order is as follows: First Alternate, Thomas Bruce; Second Alternate, Kate Nelson; Third Alternate, Larry Peyton; and Fourth Alternate, Pat Phillips. If confirmed and/or determined, to direct the Planning Commission Secretary to transmit the list of confirmed alternates to the Washoe County Board of Commissioners (Board) and to the Executive Director of the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA).

## 10. Chair and Commission Items

\*A. Future agenda items

\*B. Requests for information from staff

**11. Director's and Legal Counsel's Items**

\*A. Report on previous Planning Commission items

\*B Legal information and updates

**12. \*General Public Comment and Discussion Thereof**

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**13. Adjournment**