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Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board

*** Chair Dawn Gann *** Vice-Chair Vacant *** Clerk Vacant ***

UNAPPROVED DRAFT - Minutes

March 10, 2016 @ 4:30 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dawn Gann called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Caldwell, Maria Anderson (Barrick), George Fennemore (Barrick), and Tim Buchanan (Barrick).

II. REVIEW MINUTES - Discussion:

Minutes from the February 11, 2016, meeting was reviewed. **Due to a lack of quorum, minutes from this meeting will be posted as an UNAPPROVED DRAFT.**

III. PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

A. Discussion – Public Comment

Chair Gann opened the floor for public comments. There were none.

B. Discussion - Placing of Items on Future Agenda

Chair Gann opened the floor for future agenda items. There were none.

IV. BARRICK PRESENTATION – George Fennemore, Manager Operational Support:

Purpose of this presentation was to provide information on the proposed changes to the Water Management Plan at Barrick Cortez that is proposed in the upcoming permit application. Mr. Fennemore commented that Barrick Cortez is about to initiate their next set of permitting cycles. This will involve an expansion of the Cortez operation which will take their underground mine deeper. These changes will make a longer life span through 2032. As such they will need to do some additional dewatering in that area. Barrick is looking to find more areas to put water from an infiltration capacity as they increase their pumping. One thing noticed, based

on their monitoring data and monitoring system, is that their dewatering system has been pulling water out of the Pine Valley and Grass Valley deep aquifers. As Barrick pumps here in Crescent Valley they are seeing a decline in levels in those neighboring valleys. Michael Caldwell commented about the declining water tables and asked at what rate of decline was noticed over what period of time. George Fennemore stated that since the wells were installed in Grass Valley and Pine Valley about 2011 was when the decline started being noticed. It has been declining at a rate of about 50 feet per year. You do not have to move a lot of water to see a significant change in water levels. There are 4 wells in Pine Valley and 2 wells in Grass Valley used for monitoring. The wells are at a depth of 2,500 to 3,000 feet. Barrick is not seeing the same effect in the alluvium aquifer, which is shallow and where agricultural pumping takes place. Also, this is where domestic wells in the area take place. It is creating a potential issue with regards to basin water balances, by that they are pulling from Pine and Grass Valleys and discharging it into Crescent Valley. They are trying to keep the water level the same or equal. Barrick is asking the BLM for permission to lay pipe in Pine Valley and Grass Valley. Also, they are asking the State Engineer for an order to move water out of Crescent Valley and back into Pine Valley and Grass Valley. The permitting process takes about 3 years and they hope to complete by 2019.

V. OLD BUSINESS - Discussion:

1. **Commissioner Update Report** – No update report at this time.
2. **CV Community Development Implementation Plan Update** – Chair Gann said that only 3 people have signed up for the Citizens Institute. If there are not 15 signed up by Friday, March 11th, the class will be cancelled.
3. **Discuss the Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board budget requests for the new Fiscal Year 2016/2017** - Chair Gann said she is looking into the cost to pave a portion of the parking area at the CV Town Park creating handicap access.
4. **Discuss planning of the Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, March 26th, 2016, at the CV Town Park** – Chair Gann has purchased everything needed for the Easter Egg Hunt.

VI. NEW BUSINESS – Discussion:

1. **Discuss Organizing a Crescent Valley Clean-up Day Service Project to be held in June 2016** - Chair Gann said that Mike Williams wants to get the wrestling kids involved in this service project. It is possible this project may be held in July instead of June.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE - Discussion:

The board reviewed correspondence. There was no discussion on correspondence received.

VIII. NEXT REGULAR MEETING - Discussion:

The next regular meeting of the CVTAB is **Tuesday, April 12, 2016; at 4:30 p.m.**

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

A. Discussion:

Chair Gann opened the floor for public comments. Chair Gann stated that the CV Activities budget for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year was submitted and there should be \$9,700.00 in the budget.

B. Items for Future Agendas:

Chair Gann opened the floor for future agenda items. Secretary Kellerman is adding the Joint Quarterly Meeting on April 15, 2016 to the next agenda.

X. ADJOURNMENT - Chair Gann adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.