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CONSERVE WATER NOTICE FOR STOREY COUNTY LIFTED

BY BRUTUS HOWL



Repaired water line, SCPW

The conserve water notice for Storey County was lifted on Fri., Feb. 3, following a break on Duck Hill, and Virginia City, Gold Hill, and Silver City residents can again resume general water use.

The precautionary notice came on Wed., Mar. 1, for parts of Storey County after a break in the raw water line. Storey County's public utility department could not get to it the day it was discovered because of an unusually heavy snowstorm and unseasonally frigid temperatures.

The break in the raw water line is said to have been caused by age, as many water and transmission lines in the area date from the late 1880s and remain in use today.

Comstock Expands Leadership

BY TOM DARBY

Comstock appointed Dr. Fortunato Villamagna as the President of Comstock Metals Corporation, which owns LINICO Corporation, on Thu., Mar. 2.

"We are honored to welcome Dr. Villamagna to our battery metals team. His proven knowledge and experience in technology development, battery chemistries, and successful commercialization of similar businesses add breadth and experience to our leadership team," Corrado De Gasperis, Executive Chairman and CEO, said. "Fortunato will be instrumental in deploying our pilot, producing black mass and battery metals, expanding our operations and supply chain, and advancing our technology leadership in Nevada."

Villamagna has worked in renewable energy, energy recovery, energetic materials, and hazardous waste destruction for over 40 years. He has held positions across the spectrum, including R&D, engineering, product development, operations, and senior executive management. He holds a Ph.D. in Physical & Computational Chemistry, MS in Spectroscopy/



Dr. Fortunato Villamagna, Crunchbase

Physical Chemistry, BS Honors in Chemistry, a DCS in Analytical Chemistry, and an MBA in Global Management.

Villamagna was most recently the CEO of Paragon Waste Solutions, a company he founded. He recently sold Paragon to a private equity firm. Villamagna also owns i-Quest Inc., a technology company focused on metal recycling that will amalgamate with Comstock Metals Corporation.

He has also published over thirty-five patents and authored several peer-reviewed publications across several technology platforms.

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PINE NUTS

by McAvoy Layne
the Ghost of Mark Twain



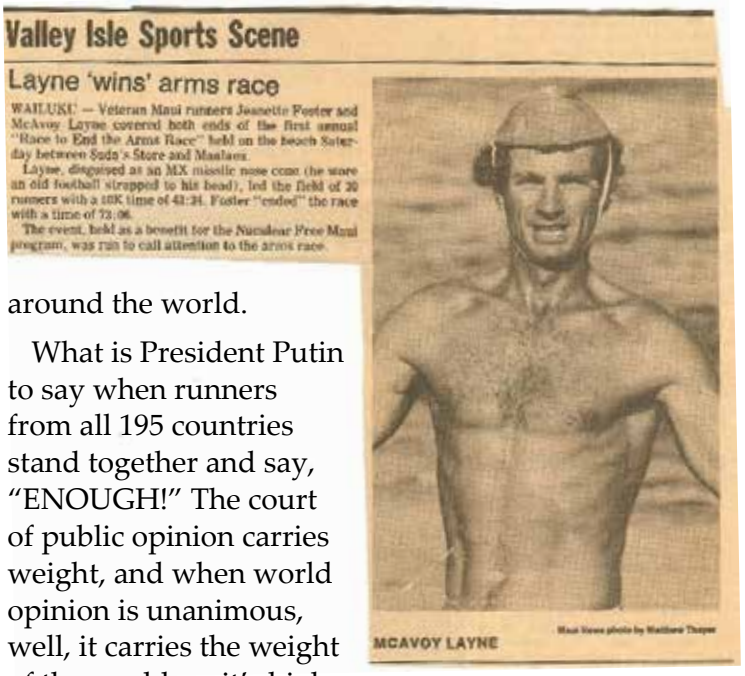
Maui's Race to End the Arms Race

Fifty years ago or so, I cut a football in half (lengthwise), attached a chinstrap, and with the football atop my head, ran Maui's, "First Annual Race to End the Arms Race," as an MX Missile…

At the winner's podium (there wasn't one) I made a long-winded speech appealing to all nations in the arms race to lay down their arms, at least their nuclear arms. When I finished my plea, I noticed I was alone on the beach with my dog, Digger. Everybody had gone home.

Fast forwarding fifty years, Vladimir Putin announced in his State of the Nation address, that he is suspending the Nuclear-Arms Treaty between Russia and the United States.

Hand me the football. It's time for another Race to End the Arms Race, only this time, we are going to have one runner entered from each of the world's 195 countries. This international ten-k will be held once again on the peaceful Island of Maui, though this time we will have a podium for the male and female winners to posit their appeals, and this time their pleas will be heard around the world.



Valley Isle Sports Scene

Layne 'wins' arms race

WAILUKU — Veteran Maui runners Jeanette Foster and McAvoy Layne covered both ends of the first annual "Race to End the Arms Race" held on the beach Saturday between Suda's Store and Maalaea.

Layne, disguised as an MX missile nose cone (he wore an old football strapped to his head), led the field of 20 runners with a 10K time of 43:24. Foster "ended" the race with a time of 72:06.

The event, held as a benefit for the Nuclear Free Maui program, was run to call attention to the arms race.

MCAVOY LAYNE

What is President Putin to say when runners from all 195 countries stand together and say, "ENOUGH!" The court of public opinion carries weight, and when world opinion is unanimous, well, it carries the weight of the world, so it's high time we all got on the same page.

Those who know me know I like to reside in the 19th century alongside Mark Twain, so please indulge me as we remember what "The Moralist of the Main" reminds us in his essay, "What is Man?"

"Man is the only animal that deals in that atrocity of atrocities, War. He is the only one that gathers his brethren about him and goes forth in cold blood and calm pulse to exterminate his kind. And in the intervals between campaigns, he washes the blood off his hands and works for 'the universal brotherhood of man'--with his mouth."

The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty of 1968 was signed on July 1st. Let us embrace Maui's Race to End the Arms Race on Saturday, July first of 2023, and for once and for all, let us put an end to this grotesque theater of the absurd, the very real possibility and constant fear of annihilation.

Preparations are now underway for registration that will be limited to one participant from each of the world's 195 countries, registration to commence on June first…

Audio: https://anchor.fm/mcavoy-layne

Grosh Brothers Expedition Cut Short

SUBMITTED BY MELODY HOOVER



Grosh Brother Expedition - FB

Day 1 of the Grosh Brothers Expedition the team awoke early, maybe too early because of excitement, in Virginia City, NV and Bob Crowley shared this story. "A few inches of snow had fallen overnight. There was a stiff wind and ominous gray clouds overhead. It was an omen…We arrived at the Silver City Cemetery at 6:30am and Tim and I went ahead to brush off Hosea's gravestone, which had been blanketed with snow overnight. The first pangs of emotion clutched our throats."

"As the rest of the team assembled, we noticed a wild mustang had appeared at the eastern edge of the cemetery. Upon examination, we found exactly five steeds grazing together on the frozen grass. Another omen, as we were five as a team. We FaceTimed Charles T. Wegman, direct descendant of the Grosh Brothers and keeper of the family legacy and heirlooms. Charles provided moving words as we stood surrounding Hosea's grave. There were frozen tears across the scene. Then it was time to go, to begin the 100-mile trek re-tracing the steps of Ethan Allen Grosh and R. Maurice Bucke from Silver City, NV to Last Chance, CA in 1857. We intended to honor the brothers by connecting them, grave-to-grave: E. Allen is buried in Last Chance."

"The first two hours of our Expedition was brutal: 40-50 mph frigid wind gusts, blowing and pelting snow, slippery steep climbs and at times, waist deep drifts. It took us by surprise. It was an ice bath christening. E. Allen and R. Bucke didn't experience the sort of snowy conditions here that we encountered, but they did trek over the same hilly and rugged terrain.

We made it up and over the Jumbo Grade and down to Washoe Lake. Then storm #2 kicked in. We made it to camp safely. We are camping on the western side of Washoe Lake, precisely where E. Allen R. Maurice camped. We scoured the weather forecasts, avalanche risks, road closures - and held a team meeting. With a heavy heart we relented and have postponed the Expedition for safety concerns."

"We will return to finish our trek when Ma Nature allows. Our decision was very tough to reach. E. Allen and Bucke had a similar quandary in Olympic Valley after being pinned down by a blizzard snow storm. They chose to press on and it cost one of their lives and the other his feet. We learned from their decision. So, we suppose, that's one of the many legacies they left for us all. As we watch the snow obscure the moonlit night, we raised a glass to the valor, optimism, tenacity and perseverance of the Grosh Brothers. They inspire us to not be deterred but to regroup and come back at it again. Last night we all arrived home safe. Phew, that was an adventure in so many different ways. More to share with y'all soon. Thank you for your kindness, well wishes, support and understanding."

"Safety will always be our first priority. Not just for us, our crew, but those who are out there saving lives and keeping all of us safe

Aqua Metals Improves Black Mass Recovery

BY TOM DARBY

Aqua Metals says it has made a breakthrough in recovering high-purity lithium hydroxide from lithium-ion battery black mass at their recycling facility at the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center, called 'Li AquaRefining.'

"We believe 'Li AquaRefining' is now the only proven battery recycling technology that can produce lithium hydroxide at scale, avoiding the need for additional costly and polluting

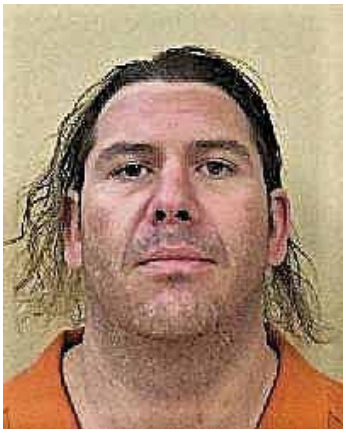
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Man to Serve All Three Sentences Simultaneously

BY TOM DARBY

A man who confessed he violated his probation for possessing a controlled substance and then admitted he had the opioid Suboxine in jail will serve all three of his sentences at the same time.

Michael Thomas Miller, 34, is serving a 14 to 48-month prison sentence out of Carson City for having a controlled substance. Under an agreement, Miller was given an extra one to three years in a 2021 case where he admitted to having heroin and Ecstasy. Transferred to Douglas County after his December sentencing, he was found with the Suboxine and charged with another possession charge.



Michael Thomas Miller, DCSO

First arrested on Wed., Jun. 17, 2020, Miller was charged with driving a misappropriated rental car. His sentence for that crime is to be served concurrently with the other two terms.

Nevada Democratic Party Elect New State Leader

BY BRUTUS HOWL

Nevada Democrats have driven out democratic socialists who took over the state party two years ago, ending a troubled reign marked by divisions and infighting.

Judith Whitmer was booted from her position as chair in a Sat., Mar. 4 vote, with a new slate headed by Nevada Assemblywoman Daniele Munroe-Moreno assuming control of the party. Monroe-Moreno was elected as the first black female chair of the Nevada Democratic Party in a 314-99 vote, along with her slate of fellow "unity" candidates.



Daniele Munroe-Moreno, CGS West

"Thank you, Nevada Democrats! This victory belongs to all of us fighting to unite our Democratic family because we know how much we are capable of when we come together as one team. Let's get to work!" the sitting assemblywoman tweeted.

"We have so much work to do to win this highly competitive battleground state and we are ready to get started today," Munroe-Moreno added. "I look forward to uniting our Democratic family because I know how much we are capable of when we come together as one team."

The results follow division under Whitmer, who repeatedly clashed with key figures in the party. Establishment Democrats charged that she had undermined the party and lost the support of some of her socialist allies, including those of Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders' camp.

Whitmer has since claimed she was the victim of a "smear campaign," after reporting showed she was convicted of grand theft in 1996 in Seminole County, FLA.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

NOTICE OF JOINT APPLICATION AND PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On March 1, 2023, Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy ("NPC") and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy ("SPPC") (collectively, "NV Energy") filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada ("Commission") a Joint Application, designated as Docket No. 23-03004, for approval of the cost recovery of the regulatory assets relating to the development and implementation of their 2022 joint Natural Disaster Protection Plan ("NDPP").

This Notice serves only to notify the public that the Commission has received the above-referenced filing. It is the responsibility of interested persons to review the filing and monitor the proceedings to determine their desired levels of involvement based on how this matter may affect their unique situations. The details provided within this Notice are for informational purposes only and are not meant to be an all-inclusive overview of the filing. The Commission may consider and adopt alternative proposals not contained within the filing, but which are related to the subject matter of the filing and supported by substantial evidence.

NV Energy filed the Joint Application pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC") Chapters 703, and 704, including, but not limited to, NRS 704.061 to 704.068, 704.100, and 704.7983, NAC 703.115, 703.375 to 703.410, 703.530 to 703.577, 703.710, and 703.715, and the regulations approved by the Commission in Docket No. 19-06009 and filed with the Secretary of State by the Legislative Counsel Bureau on February 27, 2020, in LCB File No. R085-19. Pursuant to NRS 703.196 and NAC 703.5274(2), NV Energy requests confidential treatment of information submitted under seal with the Joint Application.

In its Joint Application, NV Energy is seeking Commission approval of the cost recovery for the implementation of the NDPP for 2022 and to reset the NDPP rate. NV Energy also seeks approval of their cost allocation methodology, whereby the allocation of NV Energy's capital investments is recovered from the service territory in which the capital investment is made, and the operations, maintenance, administrative, and general expenses costs are allocated to all NV Energy ratepayers, as approved by the Commission in its September 3, 2021, Order in Docket No. 21-03004.

NV Energy states that it created regulatory asset accounts as applicable for the 2022 NDPP expenditures. For the 2022 NDPP cost recovery, the collective balance NV Energy is seeking recovery of is $37,218,914 which includes the amounts in the regulatory asset, return on capital investments, and applicable carrying charges.

In this docket NV Energy is proposing to establish the following NDPP charge for all of NV Energy's customers:

	Current – per kWh	Proposed – per kWh	Increase <Decrease>
NDPP - NPC	$0.00142	$0.00101	<$0.00041>
NDPP - SPPC	$0.00149	$0.00114	<$0.00035>

Interested and affected persons may file comments or petitions for leave to intervene pursuant to NAC 703.578 through 703.600 on or before WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023.

A person who wishes to participate as a commenter may file written comments pursuant to NAC 703.491. A commenter is not a party of record and shall not take any action that only a party of record may take. Pursuant to NAC 703.500, only parties of record are entitled to enter an appearance, introduce relevant evidence, examine and cross-examine witnesses, make arguments, make and argue motions and generally participate in the proceeding.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to NAC 703.655, the Commission has scheduled a PREHEARING CONFERENCE in this docket to be held as follows:

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023
10:15 a.m.
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(775) 687-0999 (Northern Nevada)
(702) 486-5260 (Southern Nevada)

Parties will appear and otherwise participate in the prehearing conference remotely via telephone. Members of the public can access the prehearing conference at the time noticed herein via the Commission's live stream link on its website at https://puc.nv.gov.

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The purpose of the prehearing conference is to formulate and simplify issues involved in this proceeding and set a hearing and procedural schedule. At the prehearing conference, the Commission may take any action authorized by NAC 703.655.

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The Joint Application is available for public viewing at the Commission's website: https://puc.nv.gov; and at the offices of the Commission: 1150 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701 and 9075 West Diablo Drive, Suite 250, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148.

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By the Commission,

TRISHA OSBORNE,

Assistant Commission Secretary

Dated: Carson City, Nevada

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In their Joint Application, NV Energy seeks approval of their joint 2024-2026 NDPP. NV Energy states that the NDPP presents existing and proposed initiatives that are intended to mitigate natural disaster risks, including identification of areas at high-risk for natural disasters, implementation of protocols to inspect electrical infrastructure, implementation of protocols for vegetation management, preventative steps to mitigate disaster risks, provision of adequate natural disaster response, and establishment of proactive de-energization protocols for the utilities' electric assets in the event of fire weather conditions or related natural disasters.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

NOTICE OF REPORT ON ACTION PLAN

On March 1, 2023, Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy (together, "NV Energy") filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada ("Commission") an Action Plan Progress Report (the "Report"), designated as Docket No. 23-02033, requesting the Commission accept its Report regarding its progress on its 2022-2024 Action Plan (the "Action Plan") specific to its 2021 Joint Integrated Resource Plan ("Joint IRP") for the planning horizon of 2022-2041.

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In the Report, NV Energy explains that the Action Plan was first approved by the Commission in Docket No. 21-06001 as part of NV Energy's 2021 Joint IRP. NV Energy explains that it has filed four subsequent amendments to its Action Plan: (1) In its first amendment, designated by the Commission as Docket No. 22-03024, NV Energy sought to reduce its dependence on market purchases through the combination of renewable and storage resources and upgrades to existing generation units; (2) The second amendment, designated by the Commission as Docket No. 22-07003, addressed legislative mandates to amend the Demand Side Plan to satisfy requirements set forth by Senate Bill 448 (2021), sought to add two programs to the demand side management ("DSM") portfolio, and rename one of the DSM programs; (3) The third amendment, designated by the Commission as Docket No. 22-09006, requests to (a) implement the state's first Transportation Electrification Plan ("TEP") pursuant to Section 51 of Senate Bill 448 (2021); (b) approve proposed tariffs and schedules to implement the TEP; and (c) establish a regulatory asset to facilitate NV Energy's efforts to meet the State of Nevada's legislative requirement to join a regional transmission organization on or before January 1, 2030. These requests are currently pending Commission action; (4) The fourth amendment, designated by the Commission as Docket No. 22-11032, accounted for recent changes in the federal tax rules, concerns about uncertain availability of regional market capacity and energy, potential cancellation and delays of previously approved renewable projects, and sought approval of geothermal projects, a storage system, peaking generation units, and transmission investments.

Generally, the Report describes the status of all planned facilities approved by the Commission in the 2021 Joint IRP, projects addressed in Docket Nos. 22-03024, 22-07003, 22-09006, and 22-11032, and previously approved projects that are still pending completion.

NV Energy filed the Report pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC"), Chapters 703 and 704, including, but not limited to, NAC 704.9498. Pursuant to NAC 703.5274(2), NV Energy seeks confidential treatment of certain information included in the Report.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) GUIDELINES

For the Preparation of a

Preliminary Architects Report (PAR)

For Projects Seeking Funding from One or More of the Following Agencies:

USDA - Rural Development

PURPOSE:

Storey County, Nevada desires to seek financial assistance from a selected combination of the above listed agencies to construct a new fire station. It becomes necessary for the community to have a Preliminary Architects Report prepared by a qualified Nevada architect. The community desires to select the best-qualified firm through the Request for Qualifications process to prepare a PAR that will provide the appropriate technical information to help the community make important decisions on actions which will best ensure its resident's health and permit the community to experience orderly growth and economic prosperity.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Storey County Fire Protection District provides fire, rescue, and EMS services to the residents and businesses of Storey County. Storey County covers approximately 264 square miles encompassing Virginia City, the nation's largest historic landmark, and the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center, the world's largest industrial park. Storey County also serves three residential census designated areas through four stations and a staff of 41 people. At our station 71 in Virginia City we house two administrative assistants, one fire chief, one battalion chief, a Fire Marshal, one Captain and a Firefighter Paramedic. This fire station was built 1962 and was designed to house one person. We have outgrown this space.

SCOPE OF WORK:

PAR

The scope of work will consist of the preparation of a Preliminary Architects Report (PAR) to address the construction of a fire station to meet the needs of the community. The PAR should thoroughly examine any and all reasonable alternatives, as well as give consideration to options which will improve cost effectiveness in the construction and operation of needed facilities, e.g. sharing of services with other facilities/communities. In addition. The PAR scope of work is more specifically described in detail in the appropriate Rural Development Guide attached. For further information contact Project Coordinator listed below.

- Guide 6 – Preliminary Architectural Feasibility Report

The Guide 6 may be accessed via the internet at https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/1942a.pdf . You will be directed to RD Instruction 1942-A. Guide 6 is located at page 164 of the pdf.

The architect will provide the name of entity with at least (4) copies of the final PAR. The selected firm must provide a completed PAR within 90 to 120 days, depending on complexity of the PAR, to be negotiated by community and selected firm.

PROJECT AREA:

The primary project area is Virginia City Nevada. Specifically 145 N. C ST. Virginia City NV. 89440. Virginia City is located in the Northwestern quarter of the great state of Nevada approximately 6 air miles east of Reno, NV.

PROJECT CONTACT:

Shane Dixon
Battalion Chief
Storey County Fire Protection District.
145 N. C ST. P.O. Box 603 Virginia City NV. 89440
Phone (775) 720-9593 Email sdixon@storeycounty.org

SUBMITTALS OF QUALIFICATIONS:

Qualifications must be submitted to the Storey County Fire Protection District office by 5:00 p.m. March 17th, 2023, at (145 N. C ST Virginia City NV. The proposal shall be placed in a sealed envelope marked clearly, "Response to RFQ for the construction of a new fire station #71" Project.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

All Qualifications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

(a) Technical qualifications of the engineering/architectural firm

(b) Technical experience with similar projects - demonstrate by providing contacts (name and phone number) & dates of all similar projects completed in small rural communities in the last 5 years.

(c) Ability to complete the PAR in timely manner - demonstrate by providing a listing of key staff (engineering, community relations, financial expertise, and construction management) who will complete this project, along with brief resumes or evidence of their experience in working with similar projects.

(d) Experience with listed and/or multiple funding sources - demonstrate by providing list of projects completed within the last five years that utilize one or more of the above listed funding sources.

(e) Expertise in designing facilities that reflect modest design, ease of operational requirements, and economical cost of operation.

(f) Evidence of firm's ability to provide a complete and thorough PAR that complies with the 1942-A Guide 6.

(g) Evidence of firm's ability to design a project appropriate for the community's size, financial strength, and ability to repay the proposed indebtedness and operational costs.

(h) (Additional criteria of community - fill in)

SELECTION PROCESS:

Out of all Qualifications received by the community, it is expected that the three best will be selected for final consideration. Suggested guidelines are as follows, based upon total architectural fees to complete the PAR:

Under $20,000 - Submit Qualifications only - Interviews optional

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$20,000 - $40,000 - Submit Full Proposal - Interviews recommended

Over $40,000 - Submit Full Proposal - Conduct interviews

The architectural firms under consideration will be notified as to time, date, and location of these interviews in order for the community's/entities selection committee to ask specific questions to each candidate and evaluate their responses.

NOTE: Prospective architectural firms are advised that no obligation or commitments are incurred by the community/entity in announcing this Request for Qualifications. It is the intention that (community/entity) after appropriate evaluations and interviews, will select the best qualified engineering/architectural firm and enter into an Agreement for such services to complete a PAR. The professional service agreement to prepare the PAR will utilize the AIA – forms for professional services prescribed format of the funding agency/agencies.

At the option of the community/entity, the selection process may include the future design, inspection, and construction management in addition to the completion of the PAR.

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Notice of Request for Qualifications for a Public Work

Storey County is seeking statements of qualifications from Nevada-licensed design firms for the preparation of a Preliminary Architectural Feasibility Report and an Environmental Report to support a request for federal financial assistance in the improvement of the fairgrounds and outdoor event venue in Virginia City.

The improvements consist of the extension of underground utilities and the construction of public restrooms.

All interested parties should contact Storey County Operation and Projects Coordinator for full solicitation documents:

Mike Northan

mnorthan@storeycounty.org

Publication date: 3/3/2023, 3/10/2023, 3/17/2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Storey County, as Owner, invites and will receive proposals (bids), including any and all addenda, for the Electric Avenue Rehabilitation Project via electronic submission to DOWL's PlanetBids portal: https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/48213/portal-home.

Bids will be accepted up to 2:00 PM on Tuesday, March 28, 2023. Bid results will be made available on PlanetBids and by request.

The Project consists of roadway rehabilitation on Electric Avenue from USA Parkway to the Tesla guard shack within the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center. Work also includes utility adjustments, sign replacments and roadway striping.

The Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Costs of the project is between $3,600,000 and $4,000,000. The Public Works Project No. is ST-2023-249.

A pre-bid conference will not be held.

Documents may be examined, downloaded, and printed (at bidder's expense) online via the DOWL PlanetBids portal: https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/48213/portal-home. For questions regarding this project, and for complete contract requirements, contact: Keith Karpstein, P.E.; (775) 284-7898; DOWL; 5510 Longley Lane; Reno, Nevada 89511; kkarpstein@dowl.com.

Posting date: 3/10/2023

APPLICATION FOR WATER NO. 91843

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 18th day of May 2022 Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe – Attn: Donna Noel, Director of Natural Resources of Nixon, Nevada made application to the State Engineer of Nevada for permission to change the place and manner of use of 31.10 acre feet, a portion of water heretofore appropriated under Claim 3 of the Truckee River Decree. Water will be diverted from the Truckee River at a point located within Derby Dam being within the N1/2 SW1/4, Section 19, T20N, R23E, MDM. Water will be used for wildlife purposes, including instream flows for fish (cui-ui and Lahontan cutthroat trout) as decreed. Water was used as decreed.

Adam Sullivan, P.E.

State Engineer

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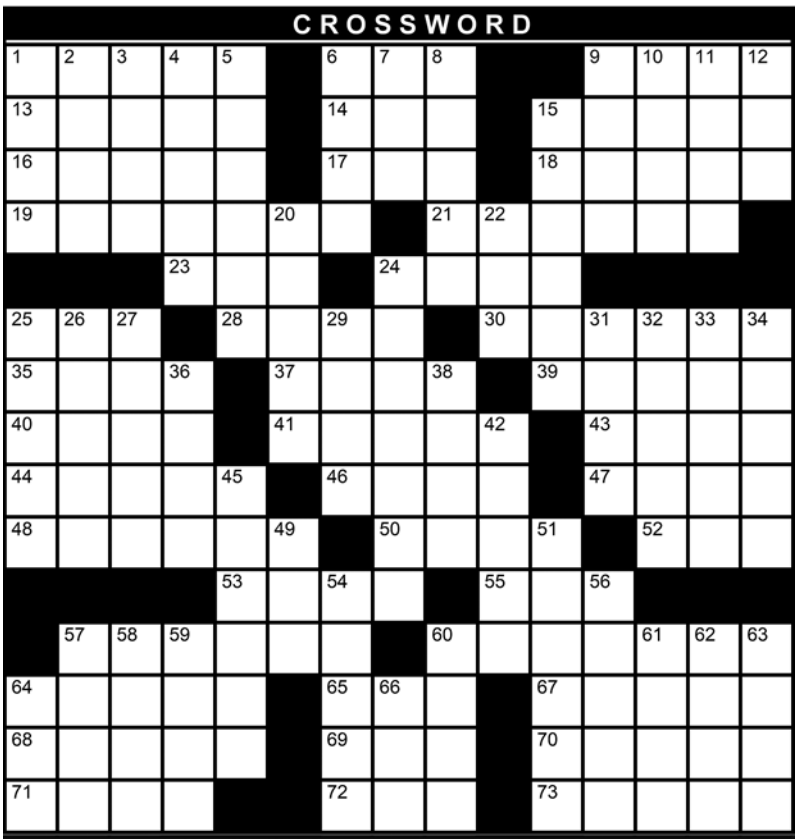
refinement," Steve Cotton, CEO and President of Aqua Metals, said. "We believe this new capability can have a profound impact on the lithium battery industry in North America. Our sustainably recycled lithium can help ensure a robust supply of critical metals to meet the Inflation Reduction Act's ambitious goals for domestic content and enables us to share samples and advance our discussions with prospective partners in battery and cathode manufacturing."

The process should help close the supply chain loop for critical battery metals in America, paving the way for a more sustainable, efficient battery manufacturing industry. The immediate recovery of lithium hydroxide also improves the economics of recycling advanced battery chemistries like lithium

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PUZZLES

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THEME: COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ACROSS

1. Matt Damon/Ben Affleck 1999 movie
6. *Top seed
9. *Player's target
13. Earth Day month
14. State V.I.P.
15. ____ firma
16. Rationalistic theology
17. Former name of Tokyo
18. Formed a curve
19. *One-____-____ rule
21. *Last year's NCAA men's tournament winner
23. Lenon's wife
24. E-mail command
25. Bug spray brand
28. "By ____ of" or "by means of"
30. Like certain floss
35. Life stories, for short
37. Gulf War missile
39. Dough
40. Tiny purse or case
41. Mandarin's headquarters
43. Like an omelette
44. Jaunty rhythms
46. Derived from capable
47. Party in Maui
48. Trouser measurement
50. L in SNL
52. *Encouragement from coach
53. Foretell
55. Lt.'s subordinate
57. *J in NJCAA
60. *Gambling scheme
64. Dick Van Dyke's "____ ____ a Happy Face"
65. Freudian topic
67. Kind of ray
68. Silly
69. Mudbath site
70. Artemis' companion
71. Type of salmon
72. College entrance exam
73. Instagram videos

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1. Bit of baby talk
2. Precedes sesame
3. Power system
4. Botch
5. Marcona nut
6. Curved molding
7. Endorsement
8. Call forth
9. Not his
10. Aquarium show star
11. Mine deposits
12. Water lily leaf
15. One behind the other
20. *Like crowd of fans?
22. "____ the crowd goes wild!"
24. Misstep
25. Obelus, pl.
26. Oddball's attempt? (2 words)
27. *Each player gets 5 before disqualification
29. *Org.
31. Witty Coward
32. Dress up or deck out (2 words)
33. Blue-Green scum
34. *Easiest shot?
36. Location
38. Hero shop
42. Never say what?
45. Abduction of the ____ Women, Roman myth
49. Farm call
51. Bewitch
54. One step to success?
56. Close call
57. Elliot Page's 2007 role
58. Home of Jazz
59. Unacceptable, to a baby
60. Gravy holder
61. ACL location
62. Short for "and elsewhere"
63. Small amounts
64. Selfie, e.g.
66. *Qualifying ____, eligibility criterion

AQUA METALS, *continued from page 9*

iron phosphate (LFP), where lithium makes up most of the valuable material, unlike current nickel and cobalt-based batteries.

Aqua Metals plans to produce battery-grade lithium hydroxide directly from shredded lithium, manganese, cobalt, and nickel, called black mass, using its patent-pending, regenerative electro-hydrometallurgy process, made to suit manufacturer specifications.

"Successfully scaling up our unique lithium hydroxide recovery process is a major technical milestone for the industry, heralding an era of low-emissions, circular supply of critical battery metals produced from domestic resources," Ben Taecker, Chief Engineering and Operations Officer at Aqua Metals said. "Producing large quantities of recycled feedstock is new to battery manufacturing, and our ability to combine the recycling and refining of lithium into one process avoids unnecessary waste streams, lowers overall costs and improves supply chain efficiency for the rapidly growing lithium battery industry."

The pilot facility will recover lithium hydroxide, manganese dioxide, pure cobalt, nickel, and copper metals from spent lithium-ion batteries, providing a design basis for their 10,000-ton-per-year lithium battery recycling business, and planned for phased development starting later this year.

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APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE WATER NO. 92417

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 9th day of February 2023 Comstock Mining, Inc. of Virginia City, Nevada made application to the State Engineer of Nevada for permission to appropriate 2.30 c.f.s. and 275.0 a.f.a. of the public waters of the State of Nevada. Diversion is to be made from an underground source (Gash Well) at a point located within the SE1/4 SW1/4 Section 6, T16N, R21E, MDB&M or at a point from which the SW corner of said Section 6 bears S 86 degrees 46 minutes 13 seconds W, a distance of 1,353.19 feet (approx. 1.80 miles West of Silver City, NV). Water will be used for mining and milling purposes from January 1st to December 31st of each year.

Adam Sullivan, P.E.

State Engineer

AS/ls

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CANYON GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Tariff Hearing

Rainbow Bend Clubhouse; 6:00 pm, March 21, 2023

The Canyon General Improvement District will be having a Tariff Hearing at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on March 21, 2023, for the purpose of discussing the increase in fees from Waste Management for trash removal services. The proposed increase is $1.10 per month. This increase will begin on the May 1, 2023 billing and will bring your trash removal to a total of $23.20 per month.

Proposed additional Tariff changes include, adding the wording for empty lot fees for the Lockwood Community Corporation to be $50.00 per month the same as Rainbow Bend. Add wording to include no objects or signs may be attached to any CGID bridges, structures, fencing, buildings, etc.

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AQUA METALS, *continued from above left*

Virginia City Senior Menu

Mar 13
Chicken Bacon Swiss Sandwich, Pineapple, Baked Beans, Caesar Salad

Mar 14
Lasagna, Spinach Salad, Garlic Bread, Oranges

Mar 15
Mushroom Swiss Burger, Tomato, Bean Salad, Pears, Cake

Mar 16
Salmon w/ Angel Hair Pasta, Asparagus, Orange

Mar 17
Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots, Red Potato, Fruit, Cornbread

Lockwood Senior Menu

Mar 13
Cheese Omelet, Tater Tot Casserole, Stewed Tomatoes, Bread, Pear, Turkey Club Salad, Ranch Dressing

Mar 14
Cuban Shredded Pork, Black Beans, Plantains, Hamburger Bun, Orange, Beef Taco Salad

Mar 15
Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy, Black-eyed Peas, Brussels Sprouts, Roll, Apple, Chicken Caesar Salad, Caesar Dressing

Mar 16
Sweet & Sour Chicken w/ Rice, Green Beans w/ Peppers, Hot Spiced Fruit, Bread, Orange Juice, Chef Salad, Ranch Dressing

Mar 17
Corned Beef, Parslied Potatoes, Cabbage & Carrots, Cornbread, Banana, Cottage Cheese & Fruit Plate

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STOREY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARREST REPORT
Feb. 20–26, 2023



On February 23, while on patrol in the TRIC/McCarran area of the County, a deputy was on scene for a traffic accident located on Electric Ave East of USA Parkway. While conducting the traffic accident investigation, he saw a vehicle lose control, exit the roadway and roll over onto its roof. the driver (Donkor, Joshua 20 of Reno) was out of the vehicle and un-injured. A records check showed Donkor being on Parole & Probation with conditions. P&P was notified and P&P placed a hold on Donkor and requested he be placed under arrest. The deputy placed Donkor under arrest for the P&P violation. He was booked into Storey County Detention Center.



On February 23, Storey County Deputies were dispatched to a report of a burglary in progress in the Virginia City area of Storey County, Nevada. Leroy Smith, (79 of Dayton) was arrested on Residential Burglary, First Offense and Possession of Stolen Property. He was booked into Storey County Detention Center.



On February 24, Storey County Deputies conducted a warrant service in the Virginia City Highlands area of the county. Jason Rizuto (48 of Sparks) was arrested on the warrant with the original charge of Unlawful Taking of a Motor Vehicle and booked into Storey County Detention Center.



On February 25, a Storey County Deputy was dispatched to a Domestic Disturbance in the TRIC/McCarran area of the County. After investigating the incident, Josephjake Charlie (40 of Schurz) was arrested on domestic battery and booked into the Storey County Detention Center.

