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**NOTICE OF COMBINED PUBLIC MEETING AND POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION  
ARIZONA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC or Commission) and to the general public that the AOGCC will hold a meeting open to the public on **May 20th, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Note that this meeting will be via electronic means only. To participate telephonically, call +1 (571) 317-3122 (access code: 226-326-869). Click on this video link to view presentation materials during the meeting, including this agenda: <https://meet.goto.com/226326869>**

**NOTE: this virtual meeting will be recorded and will be available to the public upon request.**

**Please join a few minutes early to avoid technical difficulties. The meeting will begin on time.**

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**AGENDA:**

1. Call to order
  - o Establish a quorum
  - o Conflicts of interests
2. Discussion, consideration and possible vote by the AOGCC on the minutes of:
  - o March 25th, 2022 Public Meeting
3. Pinta Dome Operating, LLC – Asset Transfer
  - a) Pinta Dome Operating, LLC has reached out to the Commission with a request for the consideration of an asset transfer. The asset to be considered is the Rare Earth Exploration 12-1 (Permit # 1238). This well was voted for forfeiture of the bond for the plugging and abandonment of the well and another (RRE 28-1; Permit #1224) by the Commission in 2020. Pinta Dome Operating is in the process of working with ASLD to transfer the assignment of the lease and has received a letter authorizing consent of transfer from Rare Earth Exploration. They have submitted an organization report, a new performance bond to cover the well, and a letter accepting transfer and responsibility of the well. They ask the Commission to consider their request to transfer operatorship for the REE 12-1. It is requested that the Commission discuss, consider, and possibly vote to approve the transfer of assets from Rare Earth Exploration to Pinta Dome Operating, LLC.
4. Report by the Oil and Gas Administrator. Recent well and other activities:
  - a) Drilling & Completions Activity Update
    - a. Desert Mountain Energy – 3 wells completed
    - b. Jayd Ventures – 3 new permit applications
  - b) Federal Funding opportunities
    - a. Initial Grant update
      - i. ADEQ submitted the Initial Grant Application on May 12<sup>th</sup> seeking the large initial grant of \$25M with the intention to develop and deploy an orphaned well plugging and remediation program
    - b. Formula Grant update
      - i. Department of Interior (DOI) has indicated that the guidance for application for formula grant funds should be released shortly
    - c. Performance Grant update
      - i. DOI has indicated that any states awarded initial grant funds would be eligible to apply for Performance Grant funds six months after award of the initial funds
      - ii. ADEQ intends to apply for “Regulatory Improvement Grant” under the Performance grant funds to aid in updating and improving AOGCC regulations in order to reducing and prevent future orphaned wells
  - c) Website redesign progress update

- d) Rules update
  - a. 5 Year Rule Review (5YRR)
  - b. Proposed statute changes
  - c. Rule Package Status
- e) Web portal
- f) Procedures manual/ SOPs
- 5. Report by the AOGCC Chairman
  - a) Interstate Oil and Gas Conservation Compact (IOGCC) Annual Business meeting update
  - b) New Mexico Produced Water Research Consortium (NMPWRC) update
  - c) Budget
    - a. Agency collaboration - Funding
  - d) Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation (ONHIR)
  - e) Report by Vice Chairman Dale Nations
  - f) ADEQ
  - g) Legislation affecting the Arizona Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
  - h) Lobbyist registration update
- 6. Call to the public: Members of the public may address the Commission during this Call to the Public. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), the Commission members shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. Any action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further discussion and decision on a future agenda. See also Note 1.
- 7. Review and Consider Future Agenda Items
- 8. Announcements
- 9. Executive Session: See Note 2.  
After the Executive Session, the Commission may vote on any items that were discussed during Executive Session.
- 10. Adjourn

Members of the Arizona Oil and Gas Conservation Commission will attend by video conference, or by telephone. The public may also attend a Commission meeting by video conference, or by telephone.

The public may be afforded an opportunity to comment on any item on the agenda; however, by ruling of the Arizona Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, any member of the public wishing to speak at this meeting shall be limited to three (3) minutes (see Note 1). Note that agenda items may be taken out of order at the discretion of the Commission.

**NOTE 1:** Any comments provided by the public at the Call to the Public shall not exceed three (3) minutes per speaker. For any comments made during the Call to the Public on any specific issue the overall comment period shall not exceed ten (10) minutes per side. The Commission shall have the authority to end any public discussion that exceeds ten (10) minutes per side or twenty (20) minutes in total.

**NOTE 2:** The Arizona Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (Commission) may discuss, consider and vote on any item contained in this agenda. Additionally, the Commission may vote to hold an Executive Session, pursuant to AR.S. § 38-431 .03(A)(3) or (4), which will not be open to the public, to consult with its attorney and receive legal advice with respect to any item listed on this agenda and any other matters for which an executive session is allowed by law.

For additional information about this meeting, contact Marta Hodan, Oil and Gas Program Administrator, [ogcc@azdeq.gov](mailto:ogcc@azdeq.gov) or (602) 771-4501. At least 24 hours prior to any meeting, a copy of the agenda will be available for public inspection at the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), 1110 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or online at <http://www.azdeq.gov/ogcc-notice>. After approval by the Commission, the meeting minutes and background material provided to Commission members (with the exception of material relating to possible Executive Sessions) shall be made available at <http://www.azogcc.az.gov/meetings>.

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