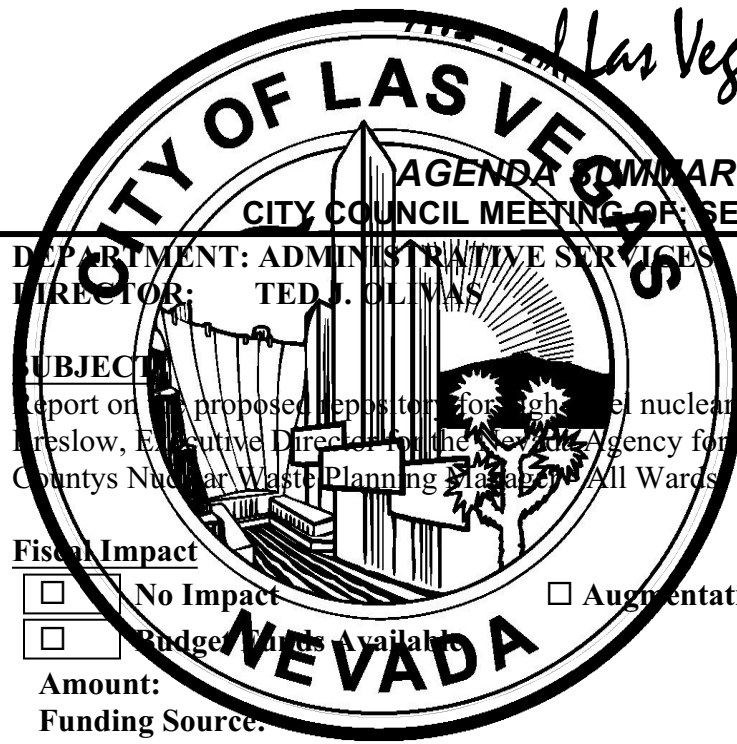




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DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

DIRECTOR: TED J. OLIVAS

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

Report on a proposed repository for high-level nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain from Bruce Breslow, Executive Director for the Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects, and Irene Navis, Clark Countys Nuclear Waste Planning Manager. All Wards

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

☐ Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

On June 3, 2008, the Department of Energy (DOE) filed a license with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to construct a repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel at Yucca Mountain in Nye County, Nevada. Bruce Breslow will provide an update about the States activities regarding Yucca Mountain. Irene Navis, Clark Countys Nuclear Waste Planning Manager, will provide an update regarding that application process as well as discuss the contentions filed by Clark County with the NRC to challenge the DOEs capacity to construct and operate a safe repository.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report only, no action

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

None

Minutes:

Report given. No motion required.

BRUCE BRESLOW, State of Nevada, updated the Council concerning Yucca Mountain. Efforts are still being made to prevent the Yucca Mountain project. President Barack Obama has announced that the project will not go forward; however, funding exists for this year but none for next year. The Department of Energy (DOE) has 11 million dollars and has proceeded with a license application, but the State of Nevada was awarded over 200 of its legal contentions which will be litigated individually. The State feels very positive in that a victory will happen in court. The State has funds, which do not come from taxpayers, and confident that this project will never come to fruition. The site is boarded up and tours have ceased, including the work on the project. MR. BRESLOW confirmed for MAYOR GOODMAN that the earthquake fault still

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exists. The Mayor recognized the DOES mistake and their bogus scientific study, which is causing the State of Nevada to spend monies in litigation.

IRENE NAVIS, Clark County, also noted that Clark County was awarded 13 contentions. The Discovery process should begin in October. After 2011, their funding will be uncertain, and while they continue to monitor this proposal, updates are given every two years concerning public safety. DOE has grossly underestimated public safety across the country, as there is a big impact on transportation, which will prove to be an important piece of evidence. In addition, updates are given on the commodity flow study, which looks at all hazardous material coming through Southern Nevada by railway or truck. The County has also conducted a new impact assessment study regarding airport operations and its licensing procedures, as there have been significant impacts in the last year on tourism and security. The County is pleased to be working on this project and will continue to move along with provided funding.

MAYOR GOODMAN thanked MR. BRESLOW and MS. NAVIS for their updates.

