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NDEP will continue with Jungo permitting process without governor's intervention

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WINNEMUCCA — Commissioner Tom Fransway's effort to get Governor Brian Sandoval to intervene in the permitting process for the proposed Jungo Rd. landfill has been unsuccessful.

Fransway reached out to the governor in a letter; though, it wasn't clear what the commissioner hoped the governor would do. The letter may read on the NDEP website: Mr. Fransway's Letter to Governor Sandoval

The letter was written on stationery with the official Humboldt County Board of Commissioners letterhead, making it appear as though it were official correspondence from the commissioners, but only Fransway's signature was on the letter.

The commissioners did not discuss the letter at any public meeting beforehand, it was never agendaized, and it's not clear if the other commissioners even knew the letter was being written.

Usually, legal counsel recommends their clients refrain from discussing issues relating to lawsuits while the lawsuit is underway.

In his letter to the governor Fransway wrote, "Following a judicial ruling to stay the CUP until the court made its findings, the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection stated that no further action on Jungo's application would be forthcoming until a final ruling was made in federal record."

Fransway continued, "NDEP should honor its original decision to delay any action on this permit until the court has made its ruling."

Fransway did not name a source for his information nor did he reference correspondence from NDEP. In their official response made to the media at the time, NDEP said for the record the permitting process would continue — despite the lawsuit — but the final permit would not be issued minus a CUP

The official response to Fransway's letter came from Leo M. Drozdoff, the director of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Mr. Drozdoff's response was posted on the NDEP website: DCNR Response

Drozdoff explained, "...NDEP is obligated to continue with the permit review process, including accepting public comment, (but) let me assure you that NDEP will not issue a permit until the legal challenges related to the CUP are resolved."

While the actual permit may not be issued, Drozdoff noted the NDEP will go ahead and issue the intent to permit or deny the permit application followed by a 30-day comment period.

He said a public hearing would be held in Winnemucca and extensions to the comment period could be granted on request.

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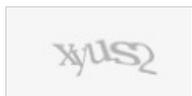
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