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Humboldt County Futures 2019

Welcome to Humboldt County’s Annual Economic Outlook

JANUARY 31, 2019 AT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF WINNEMUCCA

The ideas, programs and products that are defining Humboldt County’s economy and business future are presented at Winnemucca Futures 2019.

Our program is a fast-paced series of panels featuring topics that chart the year ahead and help you connect your business with:

- Local Government
- Mining & Manufacturing
- Agribusiness
- Education & Youth
- Economic Development Organizations & Initiatives

The event kicks off with a continental breakfast at 7 a.m., the program at 8 a.m. and wraps up by noon. Winnemucca Futures is an opportunity to network and discuss Humboldt County’s business outlook with the region’s industry Leaders and Decision Makers.

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Registration is free. Visit the Winnemucca Futures tab at www.hdavn.org for a registration link.
Our Speakers

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE

Dave Mendola, County Administrator, Humboldt County, Nevada
Mr. Mendola began his tenure in 2014. Prior to that he was an executive in the medical imaging field. The Humboldt County Administrator acts as chief administrative officer of the County and is responsible for managing the overall operations and administration of the County government. The Administrator is responsible for managing the implementation of policy, programs and administrative direction, and for direction of County staff and resources.

Aclica Echevarria Heiser, PhD, PE
City Manager/Engineer at City of Winnemucca
Aclica Heiser was hired as Assistant City Engineer in September 2017 and was appointed as City Manager/Engineer effective January 2, 2018. Personal issues, budgeting, grant funding and the approval of the Mayor’s daily schedule. She earned a BS in Civil Engineering at the University of Nevada Reno and her PhD in Civil Engineering from the University of Connecticut in 2014.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – EDUCATION & YOUTH

Dr. David Jensen
Superintendent of Schools, Humboldt County School District
Dr. Jensen is a Past President of the Nevada Association of School Superintendents and served three years as a Governor Appointee on the State Board of Education, and the Nevada School Safety Task Force. Dr. Jensen has been reappointed as the Superintendent of the Year in 2017.

Brad Schultz
Educator, University of Nevada, Cooperative Extension
Brad has a background in Rangeland Resource Management, with expertise in grazing management, plant-animal relationships, vegetation management and change, sage-grouse issues, fire and fuels management and noxious weeds. He oversees the Nevada Range Management School, Humboldt County Rangeland Resource Program.

Dr. Amanda Donnelly
Dean, Health & Human Services, Great Basin College
Dr. Donnelly was born and raised on a cattle at the base of the Ruby Mountains. She is a graduate of Great Basin College (Associate of Applied Science in nursing), University of Phoenix (Bachelor of Science in nursing), and University of Nevada Las Vegas (Ph.D. in nursing education).

Bret Murphy
Dean, Business & Technology, Great Basin College
Mr. Murphy has been employed by the college since 1984 and currently serves as Dean of Business and Technology. He is closely aligned with industry partners and has been highly successful in developing numerous Career and Technical Education programs at the college.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MANUFACTURING & LOCAL INDUSTRY

Paul Acosta
Operations Manager, Loon LLC.
Paul Acosta is the site development lead for Loon’s launch operations. He has been involved in the commissioning of a number of projects over the years, including the Company’s first site development team. He is currently overseeing the construction of the Millie Mine near Battle Mountain, Nevada.

Greg Gibson
General Manager, Barrick Mining Corp. Turquoise Ridge Mine
Greg Gibson has been the General Manager at Barrick’s Turquoise Ridge gold mine since 2017. Greg oversees more than 130 people and $1 billion in capital expenditures. He joined Barrick in 2017 with over 20 years’ experience with Barrick in various roles in Nevada, Ontario, and Argentina. He is a member of the World Gold Council.

HENRI GONIN
General Manager, Barrick Mining Corp. Turquoise Ridge Mine
Henri Gonin was appointed as General Manager at Barrick’s Turquoise Ridge gold mine in 2017. Henri is a South African national who has extensive experience in the mining industry in South Africa and is an expert in open pit mining. He joined Barrick in 2017 with over 20 years’ experience with Barrick in various roles in Nevada, Ontario, and Argentina. He is a member of the World Gold Council.

Melissa Harmon
General Manager, Barrick Mining Corp. Twin Creeks Mine
Melissa is a native Northern Californian, graduated from UC Berkeley, and holds a Master of Science in nursing), University of Phoenix (Master of Science in nursing education) and University of Nevada Las Vegas (Ph.D. in nursing education).

MINING INDUSTRY

Jigl Dain
Vice President of Operations, Hycropfd Mining Corp.
Mr. Dain was hired in 2017 as the Vice President of Operations for Hycropfd Mining Corp. His background includes over 25 years of experience in the engineering roles and progressing into senior management. He has worked in Nevada for the last 30 years and is a native Nevadan.

Jordi Eastman
General Manager, Relief Canyon Mine Pondering Gold Corp.
Jordi Eastman began his full-time mining career with Baker Hughes at a small mine near Battle Mountain, Nevada. This started his almost 30 years of progression in advancement in the mining industry. He has worked in various locations in the U.S., from underground in South Dakota to numerous open-pit mines in Nevada to the arctic climate of the Front Knot Gold Mine in Alaska.

Greg Gibson
General Manager, SSR Mining Marigold Mine.
Mr. Gibson joined SSR in November of 2016 as a General Manager and was promoted in June of 2018 to his current role. Previously, he held progressively more senior and diverse roles within AngloGold Ashanti, including Mine Engineer, Mine Superintendent, Business Improvement, Manager of System and Reporting, and Mine Manager.

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Jan Morrison
Executive Director, Northwestern Nevada Regional Development Authority
Jan Morrison is the Executive Director of the Northwestern Nevada Regional Development Authority. The Authority is the Economic and Workforce Development Organization for Humboldt, Elko and Lyon counties. Jan has extensive experience working in economic development with organizations such as the City of Winnemucca, the Humboldt County Economic Development Department, and the Governor’s Office of Economic Development. She has worked in Nevada for over 30 years in the public and private sectors.

Theodore Lenz
Executive Director, Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority
Mr. Lenz began his career as the Governor’s Office of Economic Development in July, 2010 as the Mining Industry Specialist. His career in the mining industry spans over 35 years working in engineering, operations management, project development, executive management, and consulting. He retired from Newmont in 2015, where he was General Manager of the Phoenix Mine.

J. Patrick Gray
Executive Director, Humboldt Development Authority
Mr. Gray is a business owner and entrepreneur. His areas of expertise include organization and leadership development, talent acquisition and development, and measurement and testing. He has worked as a consultant in the mining industry since 1982 and founded Sabinah Services of Nevada, a physical rehabilitation company. Through its partnerships, the company has grown to include facilities in Northern Nevada and Idaho. He currently is the owner and broker of Century 21 Sonoma Realty.