



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 9, 2019

**DATE:** February 26, 2019

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve a Cancellation Agreement and associated  
Water Rights Deed to terminate Water Sale Agreements between Washoe  
County and Great Basin Water Company, as successor in interest to Sky  
Ranch Utility Company, and re-convey 64.40 acre-feet of water rights  
from Washoe County to Great Basin Water Company. (Commission  
District 4.)

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### **SUMMARY**

Pursuant to amendments to Washoe County Development Code, Chapter 110, Article 422, adopted on December 12, 2017, Washoe County is terminating three Water Sale Agreements between Washoe County and Great Basin Water Company as successor in interest to Sky Ranch Utility Company, and re-convey 64.40 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Great Basin Water Company.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Stewardship of our community.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On April 26, 1995, a Water Rights Deed and Water Sale Agreement were recorded with the Washoe County Recorder as document numbers 1888531 and 1888532 (for 3.60 acre-feet).

On January 5, 1995, a Water Rights Deed and Water Sale Agreement were recorded with the Washoe County Recorder as document numbers 1861724 and 1861725 (for 20.80 acre-feet).

On April 19, 1994, a Water Rights Deed and Water Sale Agreement were recorded with the Washoe County Recorder as document numbers 1788487 and 1788488 (for 40.00 acre-feet).

### **BACKGROUND**

In accordance with Article 422 of Washoe County Development Code, Sky Ranch Utility Company, dedicated 64.40 acre-feet of ground water rights in support of the Bridle Path

**AGENDA ITEM #** \_\_\_\_\_

Subdivision in the Spanish Springs area. By means of the Water Sale Agreement, Washoe County made the dedicated water rights available to Great Basin Water Company as successor in interest to Sky Ranch Utility Company to be used in support of water service associated with the project.

Washoe County amended its code to remove the mandate for the water rights dedication process and allow for re-conveyance of previously dedicated water rights. The documents attached herewith accomplish the termination of the agreement between Washoe County and Great Basin Water Company as successor in interest to Sky Ranch Utility Company and transfers title to said water rights to Great Basin Water Company.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners approve a Cancellation Agreement and associated Water Rights Deed to terminate Water Sale Agreements between Washoe County and Great Basin Water Company, as successor in interest to Sky Ranch Utility Company, and re-convey 64.40 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Great Basin Water Company.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve a Cancellation Agreement and associated Water Rights Deed to terminate Water Sale Agreements between Washoe County and Great Basin Water Company, as successor in interest to Sky Ranch Utility Company, and re-convey 64.40 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Great Basin Water Company."