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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 6, 2019

DATE: July 29, 2019

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Dave Solaro, Arch., P.E., Interim County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to take action on an Agreement between Washoe County and the City of Reno for the Stormwater Land Application - American Flat Road Site project located on Washoe County property APN 079-332-36 and 079-332-37 for the purpose of land application of water from Swan Lake. (Commission District 5.)

SUMMARY

The interlocal agreement between the City of Reno and Washoe County allows for the City to utilize Washoe County owned land for the project to land apply water from Swan Lake to augment the natural evaporative process of water from the closed basin. The properties are referred to as American Flat and located between the Reno Stead Airport and residentially zoned properties to the north. The idea of land application of lake water was brought forward as a potential solution to assist in the evaporation of Swan Lake water by local landowners. The City of Reno is further developing the project and use of the Washoe County owned properties provides for an expeditious implementation.

This action supports the Washoe County Strategic initiative of developing and implementing near term solutions for the closed basins in the North Valleys.

PREVIOUS ACTION

October 23, 2018 – the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approved an Agreement with the Truckee Meadows Water Authority, the County of Washoe and the City of Reno for the Aquifer Storage and Recovery American Flat Road Site on APN 079-332-37 to initiate a groundwater aquifer feasibility study.

BACKGROUND

Washoe County owns APN 079-332-36 and -37, both parcels of vacant land north of the Reno Stead Airport. The properties are referred to as American Flat and are utilized as a buffer between the airport and residentially zoned properties to the north. Other than American Flat Road, and existing monitoring wells associated with an aquifer storage and recovery project, no improvements are on the property.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this agreement by the Board affirms the commitment to partner with the City of Reno and jointly work toward implementation of strategies to lessen the impact to the

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community of rising stormwater that naturally drains to Swan Lake. The agreement itself has no fiscal impact to Washoe County and other actions by the Board relating to this project or Swan Lake will follow the appropriate County policies.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners approve an Agreement between Washoe County and the City of Reno for the Stormwater Land Application - American Flat Road Site project located on Washoe County property APN 079-332-36 and 079-332-37 for the purpose of land application of water from Swan Lake.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve an Agreement between Washoe County and the City of Reno for the Stormwater Land Application - American Flat Road Site project located on Washoe County property APN 079-332-36 and 079-332-37 for the purpose of land application of water from Swan Lake."