



# WASHOE COUNTY

Integrity Communication Service

[www.washoecounty.us](http://www.washoecounty.us)

## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 23, 2019

**DATE:** June 19, 2019

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Vahid Behmaram, Water Management Planner Coordinator,  
Community Services Dept., 954-4647, [vbehmaram@washoecounty.us](mailto:vbehmaram@washoecounty.us)

**THROUGH:** Dave Solaro, Arch., P.E., Assistant County Manager  
Community Services Department, 328-3600, [dsolaro@washoecounty.us](mailto:dsolaro@washoecounty.us)

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve a Cancellation Agreement and associated Water Rights Deed to terminate a Water Sale Agreement between Washoe County and Matthew J. Richard, and re-convey 1.00 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Matthew J. Richard. (Commission District 2.)

---

### SUMMARY

Pursuant to amendments to Washoe County Development Code, Chapter 110, Article 422, adopted on December 12, 2017, Washoe County is terminating a Water Sale Agreement between Washoe County and Matthew J. Richard, and re-conveying 1.00 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Matthew J. Richard.

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

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On May 3, 2012, a Water Rights deed and a Water Sale Agreement were recorded with the Washoe County Recorder as document numbers 4108715 and 4108716 (for 1.00 acre-feet).

### BACKGROUND

In accordance with Article 422 of Washoe County Development Code, Matthew J. Richard, dedicated 1.00 acre-feet of ground water rights in support of their Rugged 3R Ranch Equestrian Center in Washoe Valley. By means of the Water Sale Agreement, Washoe County made the dedicated water rights available to Matthew J. Richard 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 to allow for re-conveyance of previously dedicated water rights. The documents attached herewith accomplish the termination of the agreement between Washoe County and Matthew J. Richard and transfers title to said water rights to Matthew J. Richard.

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

**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 a Water Sale Agreement between Washoe County and Matthew J. Richard, and re-convey 1.00 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Matthew J. Richard.

**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 a Water Sale Agreement between Washoe County and Matthew J. Richard, and re-convey 1.00 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Mathew J. Richard."