



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 28, 2019

**DATE:** April 5, 2019

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve a Water Rights Deed to re-convey 10.10  
acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Reno Sparks Indian  
Colony. (Commission District 5.)

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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 re-conveying 10.10 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Reno Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC).

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

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

None.

### **BACKGROUND**

In accordance with Article 422 of Washoe County Development Code, RSIC dedicated 10.10 acre-feet of ground water rights in support of a Smoke Shop and other proposed commercial development in the Verdi area. Due to special circumstances, no Water Sale Agreement was executed between Washoe County and RSIC.

In October of 1992 Truckee River Studios and Larry Beldon dedicated 10.10 acre-feet of ground water rights in support of approval of Parcel Maps # 2561 and 2669. These two parcel maps collectively created five new parcels with each parcel befitting from 2.02 acre-feet of ground water rights dedication. Upon approval of the parcel maps, the water rights were owned by Washoe County and held for the benefit of the resulting five new parcels. RSIC then purchased all five parcels, recorded a reversion to acreage map # 3335 and a boundary line adjustment map # 3455 and also converted the land use to commercial. Washoe County in cooperation with the Nevada State Engineer's office allocated the 10.10 acre-feet of ground water rights to support RSIC commercial activities. Washoe County continued to retain legal title to the water rights in accordance with Article 422 of Development Code. A Water Sale Agreement was drafted and sent for review and approval by RSIC, which never was executed.

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

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 document referenced within transfers title to said water rights to RSIC.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners approve a Water Rights Deed to re-convey 10.10 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Reno Sparks Indian Colony.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:  
"Move to approve a Water Rights Deed to re-convey 10.10 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Reno Sparks Indian Colony."