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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 9, 2019

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TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve a Water Rights Deed to re-convey 15.00 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to the Estate of Heather Martini. (Commission District 2.)

SUMMARY

The subject water rights have been banked with Washoe County since 1995. There are no immediate plans to use the subject water rights for development purposes and it is therefore recommended to re-convey the water rights to the Estate of Heather Martini.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On December 19, 1995, the Water Rights Deed was recorded with the Washoe County Recorder as document # 1951278 (for 15.00 acre-feet).

BACKGROUND

The subject water rights were acquired by Mrs. Heather Martini in 1995 in anticipation of developing her two parcels of land in West Washoe Valley. The subject water rights were dedicated to Washoe County in accordance with County Development Code which would require dedication of water rights as a condition of approval of land development and associated water demand.

Mrs. Martini passed away in 1998, and the anticipated land development never took place. These banked water rights were unknown to her heirs and were not subject to the probate process or distribution of her estate in 2008. Washoe County staff, with the help of Public Administrators Office, has located the legal heirs and the executors of her estate.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the Water Rights Deed.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners approve a Water Rights Deed to re-convey 15.00 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to the Estate of Heather Martini

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 15.00 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to the Estate of Heather Martini."