

WASHOE COUNTY

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# STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: August 28, 2018

DATE:	August 1, 2018
TO:	Board of County Commissioners
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SUBJECT:	Approve a Water Rights Deed to re-convey 6.06 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Scott Real Estate, LLC. (Commission District 2.)

# **SUMMARY**

Pursuant to amendments to Washoe County Development Code, Chapter 110, Article 422, adopted on December 12, 2017, Washoe County is re-conveying 6.06 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to the Scott Real Estate, LLC. This re-conveyance also terminates the banking agreement among the parties.

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

# PREVIOUS ACTION

On December 15, 1998, the Board of County Commissioners approved a Water Rights Deed and Water (banking) Agreement, recorded with Washoe County Recorder on December 21, 1998 as document numbers 2287863 and 2287864 (for 6.06 acre-feet).

# BACKGROUND

In accordance with Article 422 of Washoe County Development Code, Wm. Ben Scott and Peggy S. Brown, predecessors in interest to Scott Real Estate, LLC dedicated 6.06 acre-feet of ground water rights in support of a future parcel map to potentially subdivide a parcel of land in Southwest Reno identified as Washoe County Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 230-080-12. The associated (banking) agreement identified the rights and obligations of the parties. The agreement provides for the cancellation of the agreement and re-conveyance of the subject water rights simply by one of the parties serving notice of such request to the other party. By letter dated July 5, 2018, Mr. Scott served notice to Washoe County.

The subject parcel of land has not been subdivided and there are no immediate plans to do so, therefore the subject water rights are un-committed to any use and may be reconveyed. The amended County code allows for a "relinquishment" process between property owners and the State of Nevada Division of Water Resources, which replaces the dedication process to Washoe County.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this staff report.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners approve a Water Rights Deed to re-convey 6.06 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Scott Real Estate, LLC.

#### **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 6.06 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Scott Real Estate, LLC."

Attachments