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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 28, 2020

DATE: December 17, 2019

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve a Water Rights Deed to re-convey 8.21 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Hawco Development Company, a Nevada corporation, as the successor in interest to Hawco Investment and Development Company, Inc. (Commission District 4.)

SUMMARY

Hawco companies, over the years, have dedicated a large inventory of water rights to Washoe County, almost all of which were used for development purposes. The subject water rights have been banked with Washoe County since 1999. There are no immediate plans or possibility to use the subject water rights for development purposes. As such, they are being re-conveyed so that the owners may take on the responsibility of owning and managing said water rights.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On March 23, 1999, the Board of County Commissioners approved a Water Rights Deed and Banking Agreement, recorded with the Washoe County Recorder as document numbers 2321994 & 2321995 (for 8.21 acre-feet).

BACKGROUND

Hawco Investment and Development Company, Inc. dedicated 8.21 acre-feet of Thomas Creek water rights to Washoe County in 1999. This dedication was intended to be for non-specific future development, and the Thomas Creek water rights were identified to be utilized within Washoe County proposed surface (creek) water treatment plant within the South Truckee Meadows. As the facility planning for this treatment plant evolved, the utility of Thomas Creek water rights as a source of municipal water supply diminished and eventually was eliminated as a viable source of water supply. As such, the water rights are being re-conveyed so that the owners may take on the responsibility of owning and managing said water rights.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners approve a Water Rights Deed to re-convey 8.21 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Hawco Development Company, a Nevada corporation, as the successor in interest to Hawco Investment and Development Company, Inc.”

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 8.21 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Hawco Development Company, a Nevada corporation, as the successor in interest to Hawco Investment and Development Company, Inc.”