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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: **January 28, 2020**

DATE: December 13, 2019

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve a Water Rights Deed to re-convey 16.358 acre-feet of Thomas Creek water rights under Orr Ditch Decree Claim # 486 from Washoe County to Reno Retail, LLC. (Commission District 2.)

SUMMARY

Reno Retail, LLC is the prime developer of the Summit Sierra Mall in South Reno. Over the years they have dedicated a varied inventory of water rights to Washoe County, and almost all were used for development purposes. The subject water rights have been banked with Washoe County since 2004. 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

There has been no previous action.

BACKGROUND

South Meadows Properties Limited Partnership dedicated 30.04 acre-feet of Thomas Creek water rights to Washoe County in 2004. This dedication was for the benefit of Reno Retail, LLC and was intended to be used in support of effluent water delivery within the Summit Sierra Mall. A portion of these Thomas Creek water rights being 13.682 acre-feet were utilized in support of effluent service to meet the landscaping demands within the mall. There are no additional landscaping projects proposed within the mall, and therefore, the remaining 16.358 acre-feet of water rights is surplus to the needs of the project. As such, they are being re-conveyed so that the owners may take on the responsibility of owning and managing said water rights.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve a Water Rights Deed to re-convey 16.358 acre-feet of Thomas Creek water rights under Orr Ditch Decree Claim # 486 from Washoe County to Reno Retail, 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 16.358 acre-feet of Thomas Creek water rights under Orr Ditch Decree Claim # 486 from Washoe County to Reno Retail, LLC."