

WASHOE COUNTY

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# STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: February 25, 2020

- **DATE:** January 23, 2020
  - TO: Board of County Commissioners
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- **THROUGH:** Dave Solaro, Arch., P.E., Assistant County Manager Community Services Department, 328-3600, <u>dsolaro@washoecounty.us</u>
  - **SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve a Water Rights Deed to re-convey 4.13 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Linda Nelson Davis and Robert L. Webster Trustees of the Jennifer Joanna Davis 2001 Revocable Trust dated July 20, 2001. (Commission District 2.)

# **SUMMARY**

On January 15, 2020 the subject water rights were assigned to the Davis Trust from the Rhodes Family Trust and the JBR Trust. These assignments were executed with the understanding that Washoe County would then deed the water rights to the Davis Trust for their use on lands within Pleasant Valley. The assignees have instructed Washoe County to proceed with this conveyance.

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

# PREVIOUS ACTION

On December 10, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved two Water Rights Deeds conveying other blocks of water rights to Harry C. Fry and to the Capurro Family Trust from these same water rights permits.

There has been no previous Board action regarding the subject 4.13 acre-feet of water rights being recommended for transfer.

#### BACKGROUND

The subject water rights were deeded to Washoe County on June 25, 1998 and on September 7, 2005. These conveyances were for the benefit of Ox–Yoke Land & Cattle, LLC. Ox-Yoke later assigned their interest to the Rhodes Family Trust and the JBR Trust, 50% each. These Trusts own land within Pleasant Valley and had intended to parcel said lands. However, the plan to subdivide the land was never completed and instead they chose to sell and assign their interest to the Davis Trust, who intend to place these water rights to beneficial use on their lands in Pleasant Valley.

### FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners approve a Water Rights Deed to re-convey 4.13 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Linda Nelson Davis and Robert L. Webster Trustees of the Jennifer Joanna Davis 2001 Revocable Trust dated July 20, 2001.

### 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 4.13 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Linda Nelson Davis and Robert L. Webster Trustees of the Jennifer Joanna Davis 2001 Revocable Trust dated July 20, 2001."