

# **WASHOE COUNTY**

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## STAFF REPORT **BOARD MEETING DATE: June 28, 2016**

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DATE:

May 11, 2016

TO:

**Board of County Commissioners** 

FROM:

Vahid Behmaram, Water Management Planner Coordinator, Community

Services Department, 954-4647, vbehmaram@washoecounty.us,

THROUGH: Dwayne Smith, P.E., Division Director, Engineering & Capital Projects.

Community Services Department, 328-2043, desmith@washoecounty.us

**SUBJECT:** 

Approve the Water Rights Deed transferring 6.23 acre-feet of water rights

from Washoe County to Robert Howell. (Commission District 2.)

#### **SUMMARY**

Washoe County is conveying a portion of permit 57914, being 6.23 acre-feet of Washoe Valley ground water rights to Mr. Robert Howell. These water rights were dedicated to Washoe County for the benefit of Mr. Howell in support of future land development in Washoe Valley. Due to economic downturn, no land development was ever completed.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Stewardship of Our Community.

#### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

August 28, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners approved water rights deed conveying a portion of this same water rights permit to Umpqua Bank. This deed is recorded as document number 4149674 within the office of Washoe County recorder's office.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The subject water rights were dedicated in 2009 for future unspecified development by Mr. Howell. However, Mr. Howell has no immediate plans to proceed with any development in Washoe Valley, and by letter dated May 9, 2016 (attached), he has requested the re-conveyance of these uncommitted water rights.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

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

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Water Rights Deed transferring 6.23 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Robert Howell.

## **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Approve the Water Rights Deed transferring 6.23 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Robert Howell"

Attachment: May 9, 2016 correspondence

When recorded, return to: Robert & Leslie Howell 6190 Franktown Road Washoe Valley, NV 89704

#### WATER RIGHTS DEED

WASHOE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, as GRANTOR, hereby conveys to Robert Howell as GRANTEE, the real property consisting of water rights described as follows:

A portion of Permit Number 57914, on file with the Nevada State Engineer, Division of Water Resources, to appropriate 6.23 acre-feet and a proportionate share of the rate of diversion of said permit.

# GRANTOR: WASHOE COUNTY

A political subdivision of the State of Nevada

By: Kitty K. Jung, Chair Board of County Commissioners	Attest: Nancy Parent, Washoe County Clerk
Date:	Date:
STATE OF NEVADA ) ) ss. COUNTY OF WASHOE )	
personally appeared Kitty K. Jung, person	, 2016, before me, a Notary Public, ally known to me to be the <b>Chair of the Washoe</b> me that she executed the foregoing document.
	Notary Public
	My Commission expires:

attn: Mr. Vahid Behmaram

I have water rights banked with Washoe County (6.23 acre-ft permit # 57914). I request the water rights be conveyed by deed to me.

Sincerely

Robert Howell

6190 Franktown rd

Washoe Valley, NV 89704