



STAFF REPORT

Report To: Board of Supervisors

Meeting Date: April 7, 2016

Staff Contact: Darren Schulz, Public Works Director

Agenda Title: For Possible Action: to direct staff to sell all of Carson City's interest in Water Permit 36079 located in Washoe Valley (8.62 acre feet). (Darren Schulz, dschulz@carson.org)

Staff Summary: The City's water rights in Washoe Valley associated with Well #12 are currently unused and cannot be moved to another site where they could be utilized by Carson City. As such, the water rights are subject to forfeiture for non-use. The Board is being asked to authorize the appraisal and prepare a sale of these water rights. The official sale will require adopting a resolution.

Agenda Action: Formal Action/Motion

Time Requested: 10 minutes

Proposed Motion

Move to direct staff to have the water under Permit 36079 (Certificate 11627) appraised and sold on the open market for an amount not less than the appraised value.

Board's Strategic Goal

Efficient Government

Previous Action

N/A

Background/Issues & Analysis

In the late 1970's and 1980's, the Lakeview area saw significant development for residential use. This process included drilling a number of wells which later became part of the Carson City Municipal System. Several wells were drilled (with limited success) trying to find dependable sources of good quality water supply in the Lakeview area. Carson City Wells 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 were among the wells drilled in Lakeview at this time. Well #12 was drilled adjacent to County Line Road and is technically in the Washoe Valley hydrographic area. The other Lakeview wells (Wells 13, 14, 15 and 16) were located in Eagle Valley.

The Lakeview wells proved to be problematic for the City with water quantity and water quality being issues. Over time, these wells have largely been either abandoned and plugged, or severely curtailed in their use. Wells 12, 14, and 15 are no longer in service. Well #12 was the only well source that Carson City has had in Washoe Valley. It was a very poor producer and did not meet water quality standards. As a result, it was plugged and abandoned several years ago.

Carson City has been able to move water from the Lakeview wells, except Well #12, to other locations in the Eagle Valley portion of the water system. Moving the Well #12 water rights are problematic due to the fact that they are in a different (Washoe Valley) hydrologic basin and an inter-basin transfer is unlikely to be approved.

Unfortunately, there is a very limited amount of water in Well #12 (8.62 acre feet) and there are no other viable candidate sites in Washoe Valley on which to drill a municipal well to supply such a small amount of water to the Carson City system. At this point, staff is recommending that this right be disposed of. It is of no immediate use to Carson City and is subject to forfeiture for non-use.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

N/A

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? Yes No

If yes, account name/number: 520-0000-372-75-00 Miscellaneous Other Revenue
520-3502-435-03-09 Professional Services

Is it currently budgeted? Yes No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact: Net fiscal impact would be the proceeds from the sale minus the costs associated with selling the water (appraisal, etc.).

Alternatives

Do not approve the appraisal and sale of the water rights.

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)