

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: June 18, 2018

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3D

STAFF: Ann Bollinger, Open Space Administrator
Bruce Scott, Chairman

REQUEST: Discussion Only: Update on the water rights transactions associated with the old Buzzy's Ranch

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

When Carson City purchased the two properties (Anderson Ranch and Jarrard Ranch), collectively and commonly referred to as the old Buzzy's Ranch, there simply was not sufficient funding to purchase water rights. In both transactions, the owners kept the water rights. The terms stated that as long as water rights are applied to the land, the owners also reserve the exclusive rights for grazing. The Open Space Advisory Committee and the Board of Supervisors agreed to the terms and acknowledged that water will need to be acquired by some means at a later date.

Recently, Vidler Water Company purchased the water rights on the Jarrard Ranch. Through complex negotiations and transactions, Vidler agreed to a temporary water use back on the ranch. On behalf of Carson City, Resource Concepts, Inc. assisted with submitting water use permits with the Nevada Division of Water Resources. Upon receipt of the permit fees of \$5,673.00, the applications will be presented to the State Engineer for final review.

Planning ahead for the future, there are several grant funding sources which will help pay for water rights including, but not limited to: Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited, and the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This agenda item is for informational purposes only. No formal action can be taken at this time.