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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: **June 28, 2016**

**DATE:** June 10, 2016  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
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**SUBJECT:** Approve a change in the name of Washoe County's Fund 566 from the Water Resources Fund to the Utilities Fund. (All Commission Districts.)

### SUMMARY

Through December 31, 2014, Washoe County owned and operated a potable water utility, a reclaimed water utility, an artificial recharge water utility (in Golden Valley), a wastewater utility, and the Spanish Springs flood control utility. In addition, Washoe County also operated the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (STMGID) water utility. Budgeting and accounting functions for these six utilities were handled in the Water Resources Fund (566).

Effective January 1, 2015, Washoe County's and STMGID's potable water utilities were consolidated into the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA). As such, the remaining four utilities owned and operated by the County, that are still accounted for in Fund 566, only minimally relate to serving water to customers. To this end, a change in name to Fund 566 from the Water Resources Fund to the Utilities Fund is appropriate.

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

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On November 26, 1996 the Department of Water Resources was created through Ordinance No. 971.

On January 10, 2012, the Department of Community Services was created through Ordinance No. 1479.

### BACKGROUND

On November 26, 1996 the Department of Water Resources (DWR) was created through Ordinance No. 971. Over time, DWR owned and operated a potable water utility, a reclaimed water utility, an artificial recharge water utility (in Golden Valley), a wastewater utility, and the Spanish Springs flood control utility in addition to operating

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the STMGID water utility by way of various agreements. In January 2012, the DWR was consolidated into the Community Services Department (CSD). Budgeting and accounting functions for the six utilities were handled in the Water Resources Fund (566) both before and after DWR was consolidated into the CSD.

Effective January 1, 2015, Washoe County's and STMGID's potable water utilities were consolidated into the TMWA. As such, the remaining four utilities owned and operated by the County, that are still accounted for in Fund 566, only minimally relate to serving water to customers. To this end, a change in name to Fund 566 from the Water Resources Fund to the Utilities Fund is appropriate.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact with this item.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board approve a change in the name of Washoe County's Fund 566 from the Water Resources Fund to the Utilities Fund.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

“Move to approve a change in the name of Washoe County's Fund 566 from the Water Resources Fund to the Utilities Fund.”