

CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS MEETING

AGENDA ITEM

NUMBER: 15.

SUBJECT:

Conservation Easement Related to Landscape Conversion Project with Southern Nevada Water Authority for Turf Removal at Aliante Golf Course Within APNs 124-17-312-003 and 124-17-111-134 in Connection with the Water Smart Landscapes Program Providing for an Incentive Payment of \$169,923 to the City. (Ward 4 - Cherchio) (For Possible Action)

REQUESTED BY:

Cass Palmer, Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director

WARD:

4 - Mayor Pro Tempore Cherchio

RECOMMENDATION OR RECOMMEND MOTION:

It is recommended that City Council (1) approve the Conservation Easement and accept the incentive payment in the amount of \$169,923, and (2) authorize the Mayor to sign the Conservation Easement related to the landscape conversion project with Southern Nevada Water Authority for turf removal at Aliante Golf Course within APNs 124-17-312-003 and 124-17-111-134 in connection with the Water Smart Landscapes Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

AMOUNT: \$169,923

EXPLANATION: The amount is to be credited to the Neighborhood and Leisure Services account for Aliante Golf Course maintenance.

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

00632-000000-356002

STAFF COMMENTS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On October 21, 2020, City Council approved a Landscape Conversion Agreement with Southern Nevada Water Authority ("SNWA") for Turf Removal at Aliante Golf Course ("Agreement"). Under the Agreement, the City agreed to convert turf grass to drought-tolerant landscaping in certain areas of Aliante Golf Course in accordance with SNWA's Water Smart Landscapes Program ("Program"). The areas identified for conversion under the Agreement totaled approximately 118,738 square feet and were located on APNs 124-17-312-003 (driving range, Hole 9), 124-17-316-001 (Hole 1), 124-18-815-001 (Hole 2), and 124-17-710-006 (Hole 14) (collectively, "Project Area"). City Council's approval on October 21, 2020 only pertained to the Project Area. The City converted the Project Area to drought-tolerant landscaping and SNWA paid the City \$193,107 for the conversion of the Project Area. SNWA recorded a conservation easement on January 26, 2021 related to the conversion of the Project Area.

When the SNWA Board approved the Agreement at its Board meeting on September 17, 2020, in addition to approving the conversion and related rebate of the Project Area, the SNWA Board also authorized an option under which SNWA could rebate an amount not to exceed \$500,000 if the City decided to convert additional turf grass (capped at 323,000 square feet of turf grass through the Program, including the Project Area).

CIP No.	Related Item:	
LIST CITY COUNCIL GOAL(S): Well - Planned Quality Growth; Responsible Fiscal Management; Quality Municipal Services		
PREPARED BY:	Respectfully Submitted	MEETING DATE:
Cass Palmer Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director	Ryann Juden City Manager	5/4/2022

Earlier this year, SNWA authorized the conversion of an additional 103,282 square feet of turf grass at Aliante Golf Course located on APN 124-17-312-003 (driving range, Hole 9) and 124-17-111-134 (Hole 7) (collectively, "2022 Project Area"). The conversion of the 2022 Project Area entitles the City to a rebate of \$169,923 from SNWA under the Program. As detailed in Section 4 of the Agreement, the rebate for the 2022 Project Area was calculated at \$3.00 per square feet for the first 10,000 square feet of qualifying converted area and \$1.50 per square foot thereafter.

In order for the City to receive the \$169,923 from SNWA for the conversion of the 2022 Project Area, the City Council must approve and sign the Conservation Easement provided by SNWA. Subsequently, the Conservation Easement will be recorded by SNWA.

Attachment: Conservation Easement