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DOCKETING STATEMENT
CIVIL APPEALS

INDICATE FULL CAPTION:
VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company,
Appellant(s),
vs.
STOREY COUNTY, a political sub- division of the State of Nevada
Respondent(s).
Cross-Appellant(s),
vs.
Cross-Respondent(s)

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

All appellants not in proper person must complete this docketing statement. NRAP 14(a). The purpose of the docketing statement is to assist the Supreme Court in screening jurisdiction, classifying cases for en banc, panel, or expedited treatment, compiling statistical information and identifying parties and their counsel.

#### WARNING

This statement must be completed fully, accurately and on time. NRAP 14(c). The Supreme Court may impose sanctions on counsel or appellant if it appears that the information provided is incomplete or inaccurate. *Id.* Failure to attach documents as requested in this statement, completely fill out the statement, or to fail to file it in a timely manner, will constitute grounds for the imposition of sanctions, including a fine and/or dismissal of the appeal.

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	☐ Judgment after jury verdict	☐ Grant/Denial of injunction			
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	☐ Dismissal	☐ Divorce decree:			
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7.	Pending and prior proceedings in other courts. List the case name, number and court of all pending and prior proceedings in other courts which are related to this appeal (e.g., bankruptcy, consolidated or bifurcated proceedings) and their dates of disposition:
	<u>Hi-Shear Technology Corp. v. Storey County</u> , Case No. 18745, Stipulation and Order for Dismissal, June 29, 1989, First Judicial District, Storey County, Honorable Michael R. Griffin
8.	Nature of the action. Briefly describe the nature of the action, including a list of the causes of action pleaded, and the result below:
	Petition for Review (NRS 278.0233) for denial of zone change from Special Industrial (IS) to Planned Development (PD) and requirement for Master Plan amendment.
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11	Constitutional issues. If this appeal challenges the constitutionality of a statute, and the state, any state agency, or any officer or employee thereof is not a party to this appeal, have you notified the clerk of this court and the attorney general in accordance with NRAP 44 and NRS 30.130?
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	Reversal of well-settled Nevada precedent (on an attachment, identify the case(s))
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	☐ A ballot question
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TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL

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## SUBSTANTIVE APPEALABILITY

20.	Specify the statute or other authority granting this court jurisdiction to review the judgment or order appealed from:
	NRAP 3A(b)(1)XNRS 155.190(specify subsection)
	NRAP 3A(b)(2)NRS 38.205(specify subsection)
	NRAP 3A(b)(3)NRS 703.376
	Other (specify)
	Explain how each authority provides a basis for appeal from the judgment or order:
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21.	List all parties involved in the action in the district court:
	Virginia Highlands, LLC Storey County
	(a) If all parties in the district court are not parties to this appeal, explain in detail why those parties are not involved in this appeal, e.g., formally dismissed, not served, or other:
22.	Give a brief description (3 to 5 words) of each party's separate claims, counterclaims, cross-claims or third-party claims, and the trial court's disposition of each claim, and how each claim was resolved (i.e., order, judgment, stipulation), and the date of disposition of each claim. Attach a copy of each disposition.
	Virginia Highlands, LLC sought a review of a land use decision pursuant to NRS 278.0233.

23.	Attach copies of the last-filed version of all complaints, counterclaims, and/or cross-claims filed in the district court.			
24.	Did the judgment or order appealed from adjudicate ALL the claims alleged below and the rights and liabilities of ALL the parties to the action below:			
	YesXNo			
25.	If you answered "No" to the immediately previous question, complete the following:			
	(a) Specify the claims remaining pending below:			
	(b) Specify the parties remaining below:			
	(c) Did the district court certify the judgment or order appealed from as a final judgment pursuant to NRCP 54(b):			
	Yes			
	(d) Did the district court make an express determination, pursuant to NRCP 54(b), that there is no just reason for delay and an express direction for the entry of judgment:			
	YesNo			
26.	If you answered "No" to any part of question 25, explain the basis for seeking appellate review (e.g., order is independently appealable under NRAP 3A(b)):			
	VERIFICATION			
	I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read this docketing statement, that the information provided his docketing statement is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I be attached all required documents to this docketing statement.			
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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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# EXHIBIT "1"

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# IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF STOREY

VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company,

Petitioner,

Case No.CV 2012/ Department No. 2

STOREY COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada.

Respondent.

# PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO NRS 278.0233, **DECLARATORY RELIEF AND DAMAGES**

COMES NOW, Petitioner VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, hereinafter referred to as "VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS", by and through its counsel Mark

Amodei, Esq. of KUMMER KAEMPFER BONNER RENSHAW & FERRARIO and Stephen C.

Mollath, Esq. of PREZANT & MOLLATH, and complains and against Respondent STOREY COUNTY, hereinafter referred to as "STOREY", as follows:

#### THE PARTIES AND BASIS OF CLAIMS

VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS is a Nevada limited liability company engaged in the business of real estate development in Storey County, Nevada.

STOREY is a political subdivision of the State of Nevada. Under the provisions of NRS Chapter 278 and the Storey County Code, STOREY is charged with the duty to receive and review zoning and planning applications and act in good faith in connection therewith.

This action is brought pursuant to the provisions of NRS 30.010, et seq., and NRS 278.0233.

The record of the proceedings before STOREY and referenced herein is filed herewith and identified as Exhibits 1 through 134, Bate-stamped VH0001 – VH1170 (Exhibit 134 is the transcript of the August 20, 2007 County Commission hearing which is not Bate-stamped but has specific page numbers).

# **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

1. On September 15, 2006, representatives of VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS met with STOREY to discuss the processing of certain zoning applications for a project to be known as Cordevista. As a result of that meeting, STOREY recommended to VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS that it make application for a Master Plan Amendment and Zone Change in connection with the proposed project (Exhibit "3", VH0010). At that time, VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS believed that its proposed project and the zoning to be applied for was consistent with the Storey County Master Plan, however, it did not want to begin the process with a disagreement over whether a Master Plan Amendment Application was necessary.

2. On February 26, 2007, VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS filed with STOREY, pursuant to its meeting of September 15, 2006, a Master Plan Amendment Application (Exhibit "5", VH0014-VH0038) and a Zone Change Application (Exhibit "6", VH0039-VH0062). Said Applications were designated 2007-049 (Master Plan Amendment) and 2007-050 (Zone Change). The Master Plan Amendment sought a mixed-use residential Planned Unit Development (PUD) for 8,600 acres. The zone change requested a change from Special Industrial (IS) (6,800 acres), Heavy Industrial (1,000 acres) and Forestry (400 acres) to Mixed Use, Residential Planned Unit Development (PUD). The request for zone change is a "down zone" for the property.

3. The property owned by VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS which was subject to the applications referred to in Paragraph 2 above had been used since 1986 as an ammunition, rocket propellant and explosives testing, manufacturing and storage facility, together with the hazardous materials and activities associated therewith. On June 29, 1989, the property which was then owned by VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS' predecessor in interest, Hi-Shear Technology Corp., was the subject of a Stipulation in Case No. 18745, First Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada entitled Hi-Shear Technology Corporation vs. Storey County (Exhibit "127", VH1074-VH1082). Said Stipulation settled a dispute between Hi-Shear and STOREY regarding a pre-existing special use permit for the uses referred to above in which STOREY sought to revoke the permit. In essence, the Stipulation recognized, as a matter of law, the existence of the Special Use Permit and the use of the property. A copy of the Stipulation is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Said property was subsequently sold by Hi-Shear (renamed Defense Systems) to Aerojet of Nevada, which subsequently sold it to VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS.

4. On December 20, 1994, STOREY adopted its Master Plan. Contained in said Plan, at Page 55 (Section 9.1.5) was the following statement relative to the property owned by VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS:

"A short distance beyond the disposal site is the turnoff to the Aerojet of Nevada facility, which is at the end of a winding two lane road. This hi-tech explosives manufacturing and testing facility is intentionally located in an area four miles from any other development. As such it provides an unusual planning and land use opportunity. With the existing two-plus mile buffer around it, consideration should be given to classifying the area a 'high risk industrial' zone. The 'high risk industrial' classification could be defined to include similar facilities. Property tax rates for this classification would reflect costs related to providing additional services. It is likely that many firms involved in the same or similar types of manufacturing and/or testing would be interested in relocating to an area which already had the necessary regulatory framework in place."

This is the only mention in the Storey County Master Plan of the Special Industrial use of the VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS property and was specifically placed in the Storey County Master Plan as a result of and to recognize the Stipulation referred to in Paragraph 3 above.<sup>2</sup> However, throughout the Master Plan, the VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS property is designated for future development of commercial, residential and retail use.

5. On July 1, 1999, STOREY adopted its zoning ordinance and included therein Chapter 17.38 (IS Special Industrial Zone). Said zone was adopted for and referred specifically to the VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS property that was previously owned by Hi-Shear which was subject to the prior special use permit. A copy of said Chapter 17.38 is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "B".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This fact is confirmed by Dean Haymore, Storey County Staff at the May 3, 2007 Planning Commission meeting (Exhibit "32", Transcript, Page 72, Line 7 through Page 75, Line 1), the July 19, 2007 Planning Commission hearing (Exhibit "128", Transcript, Page 20, Line 7 through Page 21, Line 9) and the August 21, 2007 County Commissioners hearing (Exhibit "134", Transcript Pages 22-26).

This fact is confirmed by Dean Haymore, Storey County Staff at the May 3, 2007 Planning Commission meeting (Exhibit "32", Transcript, Page 72, Line 7 through Page 75, Line 1), the July 19, 2007 Planning Commission hearing (Exhibit "128", Transcript, Page 20, Line 7 through Page 21, Line 9) and the August 21, 2007 County Commissioners hearing (Exhibit "134", Transcript Pages 22-26).

There are no other provisions of the Storey County Master Plan that call for, under any circumstances, the Special Industrial (IS) use of the VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS property. In fact, such Special Industrial Use is inconsistent with the provisions of the Master Plan in all respects.

- 6. In 1999, Tahoe Reno Industrial Center (TRIC) received approval for industrial zoning on a 102,000 acre site adjacent to the VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS property. Thereafter, in February, 2000, a Development Agreement was entered into between STOREY and TRIC for the development of the property. There is no mixed-use, residential, office or retail component of said development which relies upon Washoe, Lyon or Churchill Counties to provide such services (VH0058, Justification Statement).
- 7. On July 5, 2006, the Storey County Commissioners approved a Master Plan Amendment<sup>4</sup> and Zone Change for over 2,000 acres owned by Painted Rock Partners, LLC from Forestry to Mixed Use (Planned Unit Development) (Exhibit "133", VH1119-VH1170). Said property is east of the property owned by VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS and the mixed use approved on July 5, 2006 was identical to the mixed use sought by VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS. The zoning sought by Painted Rock Partners was an "up" zone from Forestry to Mixed Use. Storey County Commissioner Greg J. "Bum" Hess has an ownership and management interest in Painted Rock Partners and recused himself from the vote at the County Commissioners hearing of July 5, 2006.
- 8. On March 15, 2007, STOREY requested VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS to provide zoning, planning, engineering and other information on the Cordevista Project (Exhibit "8",

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The mixed use sought by Painted Rock Partners was consistent with the Master Plan of Storey County. There is no explanation given as to why STOREY processed a Master Plan Amendment along with a the zone change from Forestry to Mixed Use (Planned Unit Development).

VH0065). On March 21, 2007, VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS provided STOREY with a comprehensive package of the information requested (Exhibit "9", VH0067-VH0135; Also see, Exhibits "1" and "2", VH0006-VH0009).
9. On March 30, 2007, VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS submitted further detailed

- 9. On March 30, 2007, VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS submitted further detailed information on the project's impacts to the Lockwood and Virginia City/Highlands residents of Storey County in connection with town meetings scheduled to discuss the project (Exhibit "111", VH0137-VH0142).
- 10. On April 2, 2007, VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS submitted to STOREY, at its request, a detailed Technical Drainage Study and Scientific Investigations Report (Exhibit "13", VH0143-VH0399).
- 11. On April 5, April 9 and April 10, 2007, VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS forwarded to STOREY, at its request, further technical information concerning the property (Exhibit "14", VH0400-VH0403).
- 12. On April 13, 2007, the Storey County Planning Commission held a meeting on VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS' Applications (Exhibit "19", Transcript, Pages 1-165). It became readily apparent from the public testimony that the Lockwood residents of Storey County were in favor of the project and the Virginia City/Highlands residents were against the project. The Planning Commission then voted to hold another meeting on the applications in Lockwood on May 3, 2007. No Planning Staff report was ever prepared by STOREY on the applications, nor did Planning Staff voice any objection to the applications.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> There is no access to the project from Virginia City or the Highlands. The only access is through the Lockwood area along I-80. Storey County has always been geographically separated in this manner. All development, however, including the Painted Rock project, is occurring on the I-80/Lockwood side of Storey County and does not impact the southern portion of Storey County.

13. On April 23, 2007, STOREY requested VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS to provide further information for purposes of the May 3, 2007 meeting (Exhibit "20", VH0409-VH0410).

- 14. In response to STOREY's request of April 23, 2007, VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS submitted further reports and information as follows:
  - Resource Concepts letter, May 2, 2007 Wild Horses (Exhibit "25", VH0430)
  - Resource Concepts letter, May 3, 2007 Water (Exhibit "26", VH0431-VH0432)
  - Resource Concepts letter, May 3, 2007 Drainage (Exhibit "28", VH0433-VH0435)
  - The Planning Center letter, May 3, 2007 (Exhibit "29", VH0436-VH0437)
  - Cordevista Exhibit Binder (Exhibit "30", VH0438-VH0467, Tabs 1-20)

Very significant in the above material provided is the "Master Plan Conformance Table" (Exhibit "30", Tab 20, VH0461-VH0467). A copy of said Table is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "C". The significance of this comparative table is that it candidly sets forth, as a matter of planning criteria, guidelines and principles that the zone change requested from Special Industrial (IS) to Mixed Use (Planned Unit Development) is consistent with the Storey County Master Plan. As such, no Master Plan Amendment Application was needed.

15. On May 3, 2007, a second Planning Commission meeting of STOREY was held in Lockwood. Again, no Planning Staff report was prepared by STOREY, nor did Planning Staff voice any objections to the applications. The Planning Commission then voted to continue the applications to a July 11, 2007 Town Hall meeting and, thereafter, to a July 19, 2007 Planning Commission hearing. Again, it was apparent from the public testimony that the Lockwood residents of Storey County were in favor of the project and the Virginia City/Highlands citizens were against.

- 17. Since the applications were filed, VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS and STOREY have had 95 meetings and hearings relative to this project (Exhibit "42", VH0584-VH0587). As such, the project has had the benefit of full disclosure, discussion and analysis by STOREY whose Staff did not prepare any report recommending a denial of the Applications.
- 18. Shortly before June 13, 2007, STOREY retained Mark H. Gunderson, Ltd. as special legal counsel to STOREY relative to VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS' applications. On June 13, 2007, Mark H. Gunderson, Esq. instructed Storey County Staff not to meet with VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS or its planning consultants without the presence of STOREY's legal counsel (Exhibit "39", VH0551).
- 19. On July 2, 2007, VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS, at STOREY's request, provided a housing study for the project, together with its economic justification and benefits to STOREY (Exhibit "43", VH0589-VH0626).<sup>6</sup>
- 20. On July 11, 2007, a third Town Hall meeting was held concerning the Cordevista Project (Exhibit "45", Transcript, VH0630-VH0656) whereat VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS endeavored to answer questions concerning the project.
- 21. On July 12, 2007, as a result of the Town Hall meeting and pursuant to the request of STOREY, VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS provided planning staff with an explanation of the phasing of the project (Exhibit "46", VH0657).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Reno, Sparks and Washoe County councilmembers and commissioners also sent letters of justification and support for the project to STOREY (Exhibit "44", VH0627-VH0629).

- 22. On July 13, 2007, counsel for VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS, Stephen C. Mollath, Esq., delivered to STOREY a letter setting forth the legal and planning reasons why the zone change from Special Industrial (IS) to Mixed Use (Planned Unit Development) was consistent with the Storey County Master Plan (Exhibit "47", VH0658-VH0662). As a result of such consistency, a Master Plan amendment (2007-049) is not required. The letter requested that the Master Plan amendment application be deemed unnecessary.
- 23. On July 16, 2007, VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS delivered to STOREY a list of its development commitments (Exhibit "49", VH0667-VH0668).
- 24. On July 16, 2007, Storey County Staff submitted its Cordevista Impact Staff Report (Exhibit "124", VH1054-VH1071, duplicate of Exhibit "110"). VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS agrees with the contents and recommended actions of the report. The report, at Page 7, VH1060, recommended:
  - a) Establish, recruit and hire Planning Staff positions to process the Cordevista Project that would be processed subsequent to any zone change, and
  - b) Provide phasing and triggers for the project.

The Staff report adopted the analysis of the current Special Industrial (IS) vs. proposed Mixed Use (Planned Unit Development) zoning at Attachment #1 (VH1062) and Cordevista Impacts, Attachment #2 (VH1063). Also see, Justification Statement (Exhibit "6", VH0058 and VH0061 attached hereto and marked Exhibit "D". There were no Staff recommendations of denial or objections to the project.

25. From the inception of the Cordevista Project, Storey County Commissioner Greg J. "Bum" Hess has had a pecuniary and managerial interest in the Painted Rock Project, a competitor to Cordevista (Exhibits "122", VH1051-VH1052; Exhibit "48", VH0663-VH0666; Exhibit "130", VH1114; Exhibit "133", VH1117-VH1170).

26. None of the engineering and planning studies and reports submitted to STOREY by VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS in support of the project, referred to in Paragraphs 2, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 19, 21 and 23 above were controverted by any evidence, Storey County Planning Staff or credible testimony at any public hearing.

- 27. On July 19, 2007, the Applications came before the Storey County Planning Commission, together with the record of the application (Exhibits "1" through "133"). VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS' planning consultants were present to respond to any questions concerning their reports and findings (Exhibit "41", VH0556-VH0583). At said hearing, the Planning Commission voted as follows:
- A. Denied VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS' request that the Application for Master Plan amendment (2007-049) was not necessary because the Mixed Use zoning was inconsistent with the Master Plan (Transcript, Pages 22-26, VH1089-VH1090).
- B. Denied VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS' request for a Master Plan amendment to provide for a Mixed Use (Planned Unit Development), rather than Special Industrial.
- C. Denied VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS' request for a zone change from Special Industrial to Mixed Use (Planned Unit Development).

The basis for the denial as stated by Commissioner Prater was that the application of VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS' 8,600 acres was "spot zoning" (Transcript, Page 110, VH1111).

28. On August 20, 2007, the denial recommendation of the Planning Commission came before the Storey County Commission. At said hearing, VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS presented the testimony of Greg Haws, a Professional Land Planner from The Planning Group who testified that the application for a zone change from Special Industrial (IS) to Mixed Use (PUD) was consistent with the Master Plan and the zone change from Special Industrial (IS) to

Mixed Use (PUD) was a down zone and appropriate under all sound and recognized planning principles.<sup>7</sup> The Storey County Commission thereafter upheld the denial recommendation of the Planning Commission on an irrelevant and unintelligible basis not supported by any substantial evidence stating as follows:

"So on that, I move to uphold the planning commissions recommendation denying the application of the master plan amendment, because the proposed amendment is not in substantial compliance with the policies and goals and objectives of the master plan.

We are just talking of the master plan. And if we need more to look at, you know, I have to look at land uses, you look at, with zoning – land uses which is inconsistent or incompatible with adjacent land uses. Transportation is amendment would not create an immediate need for access – would create an immediate need for access roads, or government services which would adversely – would adversely affect the county's ability to meet those needs.

The conservation of natural resources. This amendment would jeopardize ensuring that present and future county residents have adequate water supply meeting safe drinking standards. This amendment would not protect the present or future water resources, which I'm well aware of what's going on in the Highlands, and I'm well aware of what's gone through the River District, that we're lucky to have what we have there. And I'm a little concerned, too, also hearing the latest actions from Washoe County, the water graph right now, I don't know how the Washoe County commission is keeping water to their district."

(Exhibit "134", Transcript, Commission hearing, August 21, 2007, Pages 58-59)

# CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Petition for Judicial Review and Declaratory Relief)

- 29. VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 28 as if set forth herein in full.
- 30. STOREY's denials of VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS' Applications were clearly erroneous and were not supported by substantial evidence in the record. Further, the denials

Dean Haymore, the Storey County Master Plan Administrator, agreed that the existing Special Industrial (IS) zoning is "nasty zoning" which needs to be addressed because Staff is concerned about it (Exhibit "134", Transcript, Commission hearing, August 21, 2007, Page 2, Lines 6-22).

of the Applications, to include a determination that a master plan amendment application was required, was arbitrary, capricious and characterized by an abuse of discretion.

- 31. STOREY's findings are arbitrary and capricious and constitute an abuse of discretion because they directly contradict evidence contained in the record.
- 32. STOREY's findings are erroneous as a matter of law and further constitute an abuse of discretion.
- 33. The actions taken by STOREY, upon facts and evidence presented, are unlawful, unreasonable and in violation of the provisions of NRS Chapter 278 and Storey County Master Plan and Code. Said decision was arbitrary, capricious and was not supported by substantial evidence in that the proposed project zoning is consistent with the Storey County Master Plan, zoning and all planning policies, regulations and required findings under the Storey County Master Plan and Code.
- 34. The actions taken by STOREY are in violation of VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS' due process and equal rights protections under the Nevada and United States Constitutions, and constitutes a taking. STOREY ignored the evidence before it, and made findings contrary to law.
- 35. VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS has performed all of its obligations relative to said application, has no other adequate remedy at law, and will sustain irreparable injury and pecuniary loss unless such denial is appropriately reviewed and reversed.

# PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS prays the Court:

- 1. That the actions of STOREY be reviewed pursuant to the provisions of NRS 278.0233, that the issues thereof be adjudicated, and that STOREY be ordered to approve the Applications (Application Nos. 2007-049 and 2007-050).
- 2. The rights and obligations of the parties be adjudicated pursuant to NRS Chapter 30.010, to include a determination that the Zoning Application was consistent with the Storey County Master Plan and that a master plan amendment application (2007-049) was not required to be filed and processed.
  - 3. For costs of suit and attorney's fees herein incurred pursuant NRS 278.0237.
  - 4. For such relief as the Court deems just and proper.
- 5. For damages in excess of \$10,000.00, pursuant to the provisions of NRS 278.0233.

DATED this 10th day of September, 2007.

KUMMER KAEMPFER BONNER RENSHAW & FERRARIO

Mark Amodei, Esq.

Attorneys for Petitioner

PREZANT & MOLLATH

Ву

Stephen C. Mollath, Esq.

STATE OF NEVADA ) ) ss. COUNTY OF WASHOE )

G. BLAKE SMITH, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is a representative of VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS, LLC, the Petitioner herein; that he has read the foregoing PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO NRS 278.0233, DECLARATORY RELIEF AND DAMAGES and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters, he believes it to be true.

G. BLAKE SMITH

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me,

this 10 day of September, 2007.



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# FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF STOREY, STATE OF NEVADA

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Attorney for Petitioner

## **AFFIRMATION** Pursuant to NRS 239B.030

6 The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding document, **PETITION FOR** 7 JUDICIAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO NRS 278.0233, DECLARATORY RELIEF AND 8 DAMAGES, filed in Case No. 9 10 冈 Document does not contain the social security number of any person 11 -OR-12 Document contains the social security number of a person as required by: 13 П A specific state or federal law, to wit: 14 15 -or-16 For the administration of a public program 17 -or-18 For an application for a federal or state grant 19 -or-20 Confidential Family Court Information Sheet (NRS 125-130, NRS 125.230 and 21 NRS 125B.055) 22 DATED this 10TH day of September, 2007. 23 PREZANT & MOLLATH 24 25 26 By Stephen C. Mollath, Esq.

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF STORE

Case No. 18745

HI-SHEAR TECHNOLOGY CORP... a Delaware corporation,

Petitioner and Plaintiff,

STIPULATION FOR LASSINZIG

STOREY COUNTY and its BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, a political subdivision of the STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondents and Defendants.

COMES NOW the Plaintiff and Defendant, by and through their undersigned counsel, and stipulate that the above-entitled action may be dismissed, with each party to bear its own costs and attorney's fees, upon the following terms and conditions:

The Special use Permit issued to KI-SHEAR TECHNOLOGY CORP., pursuant to Ordinance 54, on September 16, 1986 may be amended to add the following conditions:

A. The facility shall construct and maintain an access road in accordance with Exhibit "A" (plans, specifications and contract) attached hereto. Any breach of the road construction contract, not attributable to HI-SHEAR, shall not constitute a violation of the Special Use Permit. STOREY COUNTY agrees to assist HI-SHEAR, at HI-SHEAR's option, in seeking any available federal funds for the further improvement of said roadway over the improvements set forth in Exhibit "A", so long as said assistance does not require STOREY COUNTY to accept an offer of dedi-

cation of said roadway.

- B. The facility shall maintain alarms, warning systems and communications on site and from site to off-site in accordance with Exhibit "B" attached hereto.
- C. The facility shall install and maintain fancing of Buildings 5A, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15 and 12-1 to 12-8.
- D. The facility shall maintain, a full-time professional safety manager whose principal office will be on-site.
- E. The facility shall maintain a video tape recording system for accident review of all grinding and mixing operations.
- f. The facility shall designate an on-site COD (Officer of the Day) during operational hours, whose identity and mode of contact shall be available to the Storey County Fire Protection District at all times through the 24 hour security service.
  - G. The facility shall maintain 24 hour security.
  - H. The facility's short-, mid- and long-term operation plans shall be submitted to STOREY COUNTY, as they become available and are not classified, to include any Safety. Emergency, Disaster or Wasta Management Plans.
  - I. HI-SHEAR shall not assemble or disessemble any propellant mixing equipment without adequate personnel trained or authorized to undertake such work.
  - J. HI-SHEAR shall provide any insurance required by any federal or state agency in connection with any burn permit issued.

K. HI-SHEAR shall provide to STOREY COUNTY a 3,00 pound propellant based Puff Model Analysis which takes into consideration the topography of the HI-SHEAR property in Stores County, Nevada to STOREY COUNTY. Attached hereto and marked Exhibit "C" is said analysis.

L. HI-SHEAR shall notify the Reno-Carson International Airport control tower by telephone prior to testing any projectiles which will have a trajectory of more than 50 feet in altitude.

M. HI-SHEAR shall receive Storey County Building Department approval for all structures hereafter constructed on the property pursuant to the UBC, UFC and applicable Storey County codes and regulations.

It is specifically agreed and understood that all conditions, requirements and orders imposed upon HI-SHEAR shall be done in accordance with applicable procedures; ordinances, statutes, codes and regulations of the State of Nevada or the United States. The administrative remedies and rights available to HI-SHEAR under such applicable procedures, ordinances, statutes, codes and regulations are reserved by HI-SHEAR.

In regard to the above conditions, it is specifically agreed and understood that as of the date of this Stipulation, said conditions have been satisfied or, except in the case of A B and H are in the process of being satisfied; as such the Special Use Permit is vested, valid and in good standing.

The scope of the Special Use Permit is the operation of a facility to manufacture and test propulsion, ordnance and elec-

tronic devices, its term is indefinite and it is fully assignable upon any sale, transfer or joint venture of the facility, business, or operation. Notice of any such assignment, sale or transfer shall be given to STOREY COUNTY. Any such assignment, sale or transfer is subject to the provisions of the Storey County Code.

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No other conditions shall be added to the Special Use Permit without the express written consent of HI-SHEAR, so long as the scope of the facility's operation does not substantially increase or change. For purposes of this Stipulation, it is specifically understood that the HI-SHEAR facility is currently designed to process and manufacture 3,000 pounds and/or 150 gallons of propellant during any single aggregate mixing procedure. It is specifically understood and agreed for purposes of this Stipulation, that if HI-SHEAR processes and manufactures more than 3,000 pounds and/or 150 gallons of propallant during any single aggregate mixing procedure, such action shall be deemed to be a "substantial increase" in the scope of the facility's STOREY COUNTY shall be notified by HI-SHEAR at such 20 time as HI-SHEAR determines to substantially increase or change 21 the scope of the facility's operation. Any additional conditions 22 imposed as a result of such "substantial increase" or "change" 23 shall be ressonable and HI-SHEAR shall be afforded all procedural 24 due process and hearings relative to any such additional 25 conditions.

Any action taken by STOREY COUNTY relative to the Special Use Permit, save and except any action taken as a result

of substantial increase or change in the scope of the facility' operation as set forth above may only be considered after writte notice is provided to HI-SHEAR which said notice shall contain i the specific subject matter of the proposed action, ii) the cor rective action to be taken. HI-SHEAR shall either comply with the corrective action within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice or appeal said notice to the Storey County Board of Commissioners within fifteen (15) days of receipt of such notice. In the event of an appeal, HI-SHEAR shall be afforded all its procedural due process rights under existing local, state or faderal law.

Any notices given pursuant to this stipulation and Special Use Permit shall be sent by certified mail to:

Hi-Shear Tachnology Corporation 204 Edison Reno, Nevada 89502

Attn: President

Stephen C. Mollath. Esq. One East Liberty St., Suite 600 Reno, Nevada 89501

Gordon Martin, Esq. MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS 801 Grand Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90017-3189

STOREY COUNTY reserves its right to independently enforce the provisions of the Uniform Building Code (UBC). Uniform Fire Code (UFC), and other duly enacted codes of Storey County. Nevada, as they may relate to the HI-SHEAR facility and

operation, to include responding to any immediate emergency situation. DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of June, 1989. STEPHEN C. MOLLATH STOREY COUNTY A Professional Corporation Stephen C. Balkenbush, and Attorney for STOREY COUNTY Stephen C. Hollath, Esq. Attorney for HI-SHEAR 

IN THE PRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF REVALE

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HI-SHEAR TECHNOLOGY CORP., a New York and Delaware Corporation,

Case No. 187/5 ALLEN STONEY COUNTY

Petitioner and Plaintiff,

Il vs.

ORDER FOR DISMISSAL

STOREY COUNTY and its BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, a political subdivision of the STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondents and Defendants.

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PURSUANT to stipulation of counsel and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Special Use Permit be amended as set forth in the Stipulation for Dismissal dated June 6, 1989.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above action is hereby dismissed, each party to bear their own attorney's fees and costs.

DATED this 29 day of

1989.

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Executive Offices 1900 Richmond Road Cleveland, OH 44124

Office of Counsel

Phone:

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Fax:

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June 4, 1997

Mr. Dean Haymore Storey County Building Department P.O. Box 526 Virginia City, NV 89440

Ra: Notification of Transfer of the Special Use Permit

#### Dear Dean:

In accordance with the Special Use Permit, Case No. 18745, page 3, lines 27 and 26, and page 4, lines 1 and 2, the Special Use Permit is fully assignable upon sale or transfer of ownership.

This letter is to inform you that on May 29, 1997, TRW Inc. took over ownership of the Aerojet-General Corporation property in Storey County, NV.

Thank you for your help and guldance in this transition.

Best regards.

Peter S. Levine

Senior Counsel

cc: Peter Astrauskas

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One Aerojet Way, P.O. Box AB Sparks, NV 89492-8627 Tel: 702-972-5558 Fex: 702-972-5599

To: Dean Haymore From: Randy Young

Subject: Notification of Transfer of the Special Use Permit

Date: 2-11-92

In accordance with the Special Use Permit, case # 18745 page 3. lines 27 and 28, and page 4, lines 1 and 2, the Special Use Permit is fully assignable upon sale or transfer of ownership.

This letter is to inform you that on 11-15-91, GenCorp Aerojet Nv. took over ownership of Hi-Shear Technology Property in Storey County Nv.

Thank you for your help and guidance in this transition.

despectfully,

Randy Young

CC: Terry Griffin Tom Brown File

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STOREY COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT

#### Chapter 17.38

#### **'I-S' SPECIAL INDUSTRIAL ZONE**

#### Sections:

- 17.38.010 Applicability.
- 17.38.020 Purpose and intent.
- 17.38.030 Permitted uses.
- 17.38.040 Required criteria for permitted use.
- 17.38.050 Special zoning limitations to assure separation of incompatible uses.
- 17.38.060 Building requirements.
- 17.38.070 Parcel size requirements.
- <u>17.38.010</u> Applicability. The I-S special industrial zone shall be governed by the provisions set forth in this chapter.
- 17.38.020 Purpose and intent. The I-S special industrial zone is intended to provide areas for special industrial and manufacturing uses characterized by activities which require distance separated from other less intensive uses. Such uses are necessary and appropriate for the planned development of Storey County and shall be protected from encroachment through proper land use controls and buffering. The provisions of the I-S special industrial zone are designed to allow safe operation of uses within the zone while providing protection from encroachment on other uses which may be impacted by special industrial and manufacturing activities.
- <u>17.38.030 Permitted uses</u>. In the I-S special industrial zone the following uses shall be permitted, provided compliance with the provisions of section 17.38.040 is met and maintained:
  - (A). Ammunition manufacture, testing and storage.
  - (B). Chemical manufacture, testing and storage.
  - (C). Air bag and other passive restraint system manufacture, testing and storage.
  - (D). Explosive, propellant, and pyrotechnic manufacture, testing and storage.
  - (E). Ignitors and ignition systems manufacture, testing and storage.
  - (F). Research and development activities related to any of the uses described in this section 17.38.030.
  - (G). Hazardous materials, treatment, storage and disposal sites, including refuse disposal sites for hazardous materials produced or used on the site in connection with the uses permitted by this section 17.38.030.

- (H). Hazardous waste management facilities involving use, recovery, recycling, storage, treatment and management of hazardous materials for hazardous materials produced or used on the site.
- (I). Environmental testing facilities such as simulation of temperature, vibration, fire, explosion, high altitude, etc.
- (J). Employee service facilities, operated in connection with, and on the same property as, a use permitted by this section 17.38.030. Such facilities shall be for the exclusive use of the property owner's invitees and invitees' employees and shall not be open to the public.
- (K) Office, security and related functions operated in connection with, and on the same property as, any of the uses permitted by this section 17.38.030.
- (L). Open air testing of materials developed for any of the uses described in this section 17.38.030, including testing to obtain design criteria for building construction, personnel safety, shipping requirements and anything useful for those purposes.
- (M). Other uses which are consistent with or related to the uses described in this section 17.38.030.

17.38.040 Required criteria for permitted use. Any use listed in section 17.38.030 of this chapter which can be demonstrated by the applicant to meet the following criteria shall be a permitted use in the I-S special industrial zone. Any use listed in section 17.38.030 of this article which does not meet all of the following criteria may be permitted by Special Use Permit pursuant to chapter 17.62 of this ordinance.

- (A). No use or building except structures used for office or employee service facilities shall be located closer than five hundred (500) feet from the boundary of the site unless the applicant can demonstrate that the distance from the boundary of the site is adequate to protect surrounding uses.
- (B). In lieu of subsection (A), the boundaries of the site may be surrounded by a buffer area of the same distance. The buffer area shall not contain any uses or buildings except that a use or building permitted in the I-S special industrial zone may be allowed provided such use or building is not less than five hundred (500) feet from the boundaries of the property making the application unless the applicant can demonstrate that the distance from the boundary of the site is adequate to protect surrounding uses. The buffer area may consist of property restricted by fee ownership, lease, easement, license or other manner which the applicant demonstrates will assure the existence of the buffer area for as long as the permitted use remains on the property. The buffer area may be provided by open space areas, wilderness land or land restricted in use by a governmental agency or private entity, if the applicant demonstrates that the buffer area requirements will be met and retained for the life of the permitted use.
- (C). The boundaries of the property shall not be located closer than one (1) mile to

property which permits a residential use, except for those boundaries permitting a residential use at the time of the passage of this zoning ordinance.

- (D). The boundaries of the property shall not be closer than two (2) miles from a permitted city or town.
- (E). Posting, marking and fencing of the property shall be in accordance with the requirements of agencies having regulatory jurisdiction of the activity.
- (F). Weaponry, ammunition or explosives testing shall not include the intentional flight of any missile, aircraft or projectile outside of the area zoned I-S special industrial zone.

17.38.050 Special zoning limitations to assure separation of incompatible uses. The purpose of these special limitations is to prohibit the encroachment of incompatible uses into areas adjacent to lands zoned for I-S special industrial use. Such limitations are intended to preserve the continued usability of those areas zoned I-S special industrial zone for permitted uses and to protect other uses from the impacts and hazards which could result if such uses were established near areas zoned I-S special industrial zone.

All properties zoned within one (1) mile of any area zoned I-S special industrial shall be zoned and maintained in one or more of the following zone zones.

- (A). The F forestry zone; or
- (B). The I-2 heavy industrial zone.

In addition, no high explosive structures shall be constructed on the property within 1,320 feet of the boundary of the I-S special industrial zoned property.

<u>17.38.060 Building requirements</u>. Building siting and construction shall conform with applicable federal, state and local health, fire and safety codes applicable to the permitted use.

<u>17.38.070 Parcel size and width requirements</u>. Each property shall meet the required criteria of section 17.38.040 of this chapter. The minimum width of any property shall be 5,280 feet.

ster Plan Conformance		Page
als and Objectives  upter 2 - Propolation	Consistency	veshause
	Yes	The Cordevista development is a response to the county's approval of TRI and the
al 1: Anticipate population changes and the el of county provided services needed to	res	subsequent impacts that have resulted from that action. Cordevista intends to provide the
commodate the changes.		services required to accommodate the population that is required to support TRI.
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mographic data be presented to the Board of		
unty Commissioners annually from the office		
the Nevada State Demographer and review		
me for impacts to county finances and county olded services.		
apter 1 - Economy		
pal 1: Enhance diversification of economic	Yes	Cordevista, as well as other residential developments, will support TRI and therefore
portunities within the county.		enhance the viability of Storey County's expanded industrial tax revenue base. In addition, Cordevista, as a mixed-use community, will contain a wide variety of amenities including
		retail/commercial and office which will enhance diversification of economic opportunities
		within the county.
bjective 1.1: Develop and adopt standards for	N/A	Not applicable to this project,
dustrial park development before a large		
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District.	All cost eventures visual vi	
huptin 4 - Housing		
Goal 1: Encourage that adequate housing is	Yes	Cordevista provides adequate housing for the surplus of employment due to TRI. Sound
provided for all residents of the county through	1	planning practices suggest the need for a jobs/housing balance. Cordevista helps the
coning and planning.		county to reach this balance.
Objective 1.1: Encourage development of	Yes	Cordevista will contain an affordable/attainable housing component.
affordable housing.		
Chapter 6 - Conservation and Natural		AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPER
Resources		
Goal 1: Ensure that present and future county	Yes	Cordevista will import culinary water for its residents. The ground water supply will not be
residents have an adequate water supply	1	used to support the project. Cordevista has also pledged to extend water lines to the proje
meeting safe drinking standards.	1	boundary for others within the county to access, thus providing a future water supply
Otto di Calabarria di Calabarria	<del></del>	alternative for existing residents.
Objective 1.1: Require all proposed developme		Zoning is contingent upon proof of availability of culinary water. Cordevista will provide
furnish proof of the availability of owned rights		required information at that point.
adequate water meeting safe drinking standard	IS	
before necessary land use or building permit	1	
applications are approved.	<del></del>	
Objective 1.2: Actively participate on regional	Yes	Cordevista recognizes that Storey County has ground water concerns. Cordevista has
governmental water agencies to ensure the	1	pledged to import water, therefore, it will not negatively impact the ground water supply.
water rights of all owners and residents are		
protected. In addition, actively protest the	1	
granting of water rights or land development	. 1	
proposals which will have a negative impact of	n	
the quantity and/or quality of Storey County	{	
resident's water supply.		
Objective 1.3: Investigate the feasibility of using		The feasibility of using recycled, treated effluent water for recreational uses will be
recycled, treated effluent water for agrarian ar		analyzed at a future date.
recreational uses. Establish the county's prior	ity ]	
of right to the use of this water.	ì	
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Objective 1.4: Working with the Nevada divisi		This objective will be met in future stages of the project.
of Water Planning, create and maintain within	. [	
the Public Works Department a data base of	1	
water resources within the county.	ł	
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Objective 1.5: Request the Nevada State	Yes	Cordevista has retained the services of a hydrologist. Their findings were included with
Engineer to undertake a hydrologic study of	1	applications for master plan amendment and application for zone change.
water resources in the undeveloped northerly	, 1	-PP
and easterly portion of the county.	'	
Objective 1.6: The condition of the Martette		Net applicable to this project
	N/A	Not applicable to this project.
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as necessary.		
		s Cordevista has pledged to import water, therefore, it will not impact the ground water supply.

jective 2.1: Refuse special use permitting of lustries which cannot guarantee the quality of	Yes	Subsequent to this effort, Cordevista will request a zone change from Special Industrial 2 (IS) to PUD. This zone change will eliminate the ability of toxic or hazardous material from
luent produced by their activity. Require users		being tested or stored on the site, therefore this objective will be satisfied with the zone
toxic or hazardous materials to provide		change.
onitoring capabilities to assure protection from riace and groundwater contamination.		
pal 3: Minimize risks to public welfare and	Yes	Cordevista will implement safe building practices including respecting buffer zones from
ivate property resulting from seismic activity.		fault lines.
pjective 3.1: Review the seismic activity map	Yes	This objective will be met in future stages of the project.
quire sufficient engineering structural aleguards when building construction is		
oposed on or near active seismic areas.		
oal 4: Regulate use of open range and atershed areas to minimize fire danger and	Yes	Studies will be initiated in future stages of the project including a fire management plan which will include fuel modification strategies and an emergency access and evacuation
revent degradation.		plan.
bjective 4.1: Assist property owners and	Yes	Studies will be initiated in future stages of the project including a wildlife management study
Iterested groups in controlling grazing and ublic use of critical watershed and riparian		to protect critical watershed and riparian areas.
reas. Objective 4.2: Cooperate with ranchers, property	Yes	Cordevista will explore all options in maintaining open access for wild horses and other
wners and interested groups in the county in		grazing animals throughout the development. Over 40% of the development will remain as
naintaining wild horses and other grazing inimals, but in numbers which will not exceed		open space.
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Soal 1: Provide county residents with more	Yes	Cordevista has pledged the use of the existing structures on site for county administrative
efficient means of communicating their needs to county administrators.		uses. Within the plan, a civic component will be included to facilitate communication between the county and its residents.
Objective 1.1: Provide efficient transportation	Yes	Cordevista will provide transportation routes between those communities that have
routes between all communities in the county.		expressed the desire for improved connectivity.
Objective 1.2: Form local advisory boards as	Yes	This objective will be met in future stages of the project.
necessary within each community to advise county commissioners regarding problems of		
concern to their community. Advisory boards can	1	
be requested for their input regarding		
controversial land use permits affecting their		
communities.		
Goal 2: Provide adequate park and recreation	Yes	Cordevista will include passive and active recreational amenities accessible to all county
facilities for all residents of the county.  Objective 2.1: Undertake a study of the	Yes	residents.  Recreational amenities within Cordevista will be scaled to comply with the National Parks
adequacy of existing facilities and prepare a plan		and Recreation Standards.
for developing additional facilities as anticipated population increases require.	Ì	and necreation organizates.
Objective 2.2: Initiate a study of the feasibility of	N/A	Not applicable to this project.
a regional or county park along portions of the	1	
Truckee River riparian zone including an	Į.	
examination of the availability of federal, state	1	
and private development grants. Goal 3: Anticipate future public building new	Yes	Cordevista will have a phasing plan to provide for the orderly construction of all buildings,
construction, renovation and repair requirement resulting from projected population growth.		roads, and infrastructure within the project. Cordevista will work closely with county official to ensure that public health, safety, and welfare are maintained.
Objective 3.1: Prepare a study of future	Yes	Cordevista will work with county staff to identify future needs of the various departments
requirements of each county department based upon expansion requirements.		before, during, and after construction.
Goal 4: Anticipate costs of expansion of county provided public services and/or utilities.	Yes	Cordevista will construct the infrastructure, systems, and facilities for the provision of pub services. These facilities will be deeded to the county and maintained by a General Improvement District (GID).
Objective 4.1: Prepare a study of county	Yes	
absorbed costs of future development projects	1	the project.
and consider the implementation of a capital		
improvement development fee schedule.		
Objective 4.2: Establish and adopt regulatory standards for present and future private	Yes	All regulatory standards will be established and enforced by the GID.
operations of water supply and sewage dispos	al	
systems to ensure that the county will not be	1	
required to maintain such systems due to poor		
management or operation or due to insufficien	t	
capital investment on the part of the private developer.		
Goal 5: Protect the public safety and welfare of	f Ye	Police, fire, and medical will be provided within the Cordevista development and will
the residents of newly developing areas.		provide a shorter response time to residents. Amenities within the project include acces schools, access to water, parks and trails, retail/commercial, etc.

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onsultation between the Storey County Planning	l	
ommission and the Comstock Historic District	Į.	
ommission.	<del></del>	Dute at the within the Condensate development will be appeared and protected
oal 3: Protect the petroglyphs from vandalism.	Yes	Petroglyphs within the Cordevista development will be preserved and protected.
bjective 3.1: Review ownership of the site and	Yes	
equest state or federal assistance in protecting		
nis resource.		
Napter S. Land Uses		
County Wide		
Goal 1: Maintain a healthy environment for all esidents of the county.	Yes	Police, fire, and medical will be provided within the Cordevista development and will provide a shorter response time to residents. Amenities within the project will be accessible to all county residents. These amenities include access to schools, access to water, parks and trails, retail/commercial, etc.
Objective 1.1: Ensure that land use permit	Yes	In section 4.5 ("Land Inventory") of the Storey County Master Plan it states, " There is a
lecisions are compatible with the zoning map,		large amount of land in the north-central section of the county which is in private ownership
master plan, and previous planning decisions.		and has considerable development potential" (pg 24). This is referring to the Cordevista property.
Goal 2: Minimize conflicts between	N/A	Not applicable to this project.
mobile/manufactured and site built housing units.		
Objective 2.1: Determine the impact on county	N/A	Not applicable to this project.
revenues and services of present and increased mobile home residential development.		
Objective 2.2: Creation of mobile home overlay	N/A	Not applicable to this project.
zoning districts with distinct tax rebates to ensure		
that property owners pay their fair share of the		
property tax burden.		
Goal 3: Provide for the orderly development of	Yes	Cordevista will provide for the orderly development of the largest undeveloped area in the
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loogh and each of Virginia City and the nouth of 1		
north and east of Virginia City and the south of		
the Truckee River.		
the Truckee River. Objective 3.1: Working with regional economic	Yes	The Cordevista development is a response to the county's approval of TRI and the
the Truckee River. Objective 3.1: Working with regional economic development authorities, private land owners	Yes	subsequent impacts that have resulted from that action. Cordevista intends to provide the
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ted lands in Storey County, particularly in			
Comstock Lode area. Generally these			
lems have resulted from faulty land surveys			
ertaken during the 19th century mining days			
result in a significant reluctance and outright sal of lending institutions to loan funds for			
perty improvement. Therefore, starting with			
Planning Commission the county should			
ertake appropriate actions necessary to			
ate a federal resurvey of section, township,			
range baselines and a redefinition of the			
indaries of Land Patents issued by the			
eau of Land Management and its		ţ	
decessor, the General Land Office.	,		
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ginia City/Gold Hill			
al 1: Reduce land use conflicts between	N/A	Not applicable to this project.	
ning operations and other private and public id users.			
jective 1.1: Actively advise new residents of	N/A	Not applicable to this project.	
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unty and the proximity of patented and			
ssessory mining property when they apply for			
ilding and/or Special Use Permits.		<u> </u>	
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ement into Special Use Permit requirements r mining operations within the Comstock			
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formational signs explaining the history of the			
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oal 2: Preserve the historic heritage of the	N/A	Not applicable to this project.	
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f present and future residents and visitors and			
e economic opportunities at affords.			
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nportant buildings are lost through neglect (See	]		
Cultural resources, Objective 1.1)			
Objective 2.2: Adopt the Uniform Code of	N/A	Not applicable to this project.	
listoric building Preservation to allow flexibility	1		
n plans of the rehabilitation of buildings	1	•	
contributing to the historical significance of the	Ì		
area.	NUA.	No.	<del></del>
Objective 2.3: Develop a sub-area land use plan or the Comstock Lode area which recognizes	N/A	Not applicable to this project.	
or the Comstock Lode area which recognizes and enhances its unique attraction to tourists and	d		
forms the economic base of the area.	"]		
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Recommendation: A portion of development and	d N/A	Not applicable to this project.	
land use permit fees be placed in a separate	1		
fund for the development of an updated land use	9		
plan.	+	- N	<u> </u>
Goal 3: Ensure that an adequate drinking water supply is available for anticipated growth in the	N/A	Not applicable to this project.	
supply is available for anticipated growth in the Comstock region.	1	1	
Objective 3.1: Maintain the primacy of the	N/A	Not applicable to this project.	
Virginia City/Gold Hill water allotment allocated		The approache to this project.	
in the Franktown Water Decree.	1	1	
Objective 3.2: Enhance local water conservation	n N/A	Not applicable to this project.	
awareness and prioritize needed repairs on the			
antiquated water delivery system.	<b>,</b>	<b>\</b> •	
Objective 3.3: Redefine by County Ordinance	N/A	Not applicable to this project.	
the geographic boundaries of the townsite of	1		
Gold Hill as originally written.			
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Virginia Highlands Goal 1: Ensure efficient and safe transportation	n N//	Not applicable to this period	
routes for community residents.	"   14//	Not applicable to this project.	
Touce for continuous residence.	]	1	
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Objective 1.1: Require that future road and	NI/	Not applicable to this project	
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2: Minimize county financial jeopardy		
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Goal 3: Retain existing water resources for the	N/A	Not applicable to this project.
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Objective 3.1: Require new development to	Yes	This objective will be met as required when land use permits are being submitted.
obtain water rights before land use permits are		
approved.		
Objective 3.2: With local residents and	N/A	Not applicable to this project.
levelopment firms, investigate the development		
of a unified water and sewer district for the River		
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Goal 4: Coordinate land uses on the south side	N/A	Not applicable to this project.
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Objective 4.1: Maintain liaison with the Washoe	N/A	Not applicable to this project.
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Objective 4.2: Send the WCPC notification of	N/A	Not applicable to this project.
pending planning decisions regarding		
developments on the south side of the river and		
request the SCPC be added to their mailing list		
regarding planning actions.	<del></del>	
Objective 4.3: If and when the WCPC approves	N/A	Not applicable to this project.
the proposed race track at the I-80 Patrick		
interchange, rezone adjacent areas of Storey		
County as appropriate.		
Goal 5: Design zoning districts to allow for a mix	Yes	Cordevista is a mixed-use master planned community.
in land use development.		
Objective 5.1: Consider zoning the Tracy-Clark	N/A	Not applicable to this project.
and area for industrial use.		
Objective 5.2: Set aside a site for a small retail	N/A	Not applicable to this project.
commercial area at Lockwood.	1	
Objective 5.3: Define and designate the area	Yes	With the approval of the master plan amendment for Cordevista, there will not be a "high
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Goal 1: Minimize the potential for uncontrolled	N/A	Not applicable to this project.
negative land use of the relatively undeveloped	1	
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Objective 1.1: Redefine the boundaries of Gold	N/A	Not applicable to this project.
Hill to once again include American Flat (See	1	
Virginia City/Gold Hill Object 3.3)	1	

#### **Application Inclusions**

#### **Project Location**

The project is located in a secluded valley within the Virginia Range adjacent to Long Valley Creek in Storey County, Nevada. The project area consists of approximately 8,600 acres. The project is encompassed to the North, East, and South by the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center (TRI). The project is 3.9 miles from Lockwood, 4.3 miles from Virginia Highlands fire house, and 5.2 miles from TRI currently built facilities. The land to the West is privately owned by Storey County Properties Partnership. The project is isolated and will have no impact on any existing communities.

#### Justification Statement

For the past two decades the project site was considered isolated enough from other residential areas in Storey County that the County created a Special Industrial (IS) zone classification for the property. This zone designation allows ammunition manufacture, testing and storage, chemical manufacture, testing and storage, airbag and other passive restraint system manufacture, testing and storage, explosive, propellant, and pyrotechnic manufacture, testing and storage, ignitors and ignition systems manufacture, testing and storage, etc... In essence the zone designation allows hazardous uses to occur in an isolated location. The TRW Company's operation, which manufactured explosive modules for automobile air bags, took advantage of the zoning and occupied the site for several years. That operation no longer exists and a change in ownership coupled with a dramatic shift in County land uses has produced a situation where a change in land use on this site makes sense.

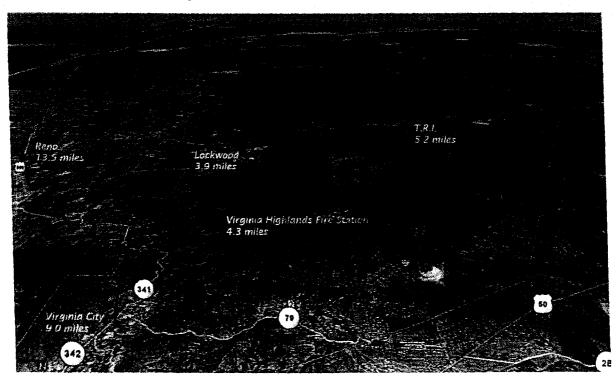
In July 1999 the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center (TRI) obtained the required zoning from Storey County to allow heavy industrial development to occur on their 102,000 acre site. Storey County and this project are affectively in the heart of all of Northern Nevada. In February of 2000 the Development Agreement was approved granting entitlement from the County to begin developing the first phase of the six phase project. Each phase will contain approximately 5,000 acres of heavy industrial and manufacturing use and produce approximately 100,000,000 square feet of buildings, creating an estimated 30,000 to 35,000 jobs per phase. When the sixth and final phase of the TRI project is complete there will be approximately 600,000,000 square feet of building for a projected 180,000 to 210,000 employees on the 30,000 acre site. The success of TRI is evidenced by the rapid absorption of the first phase. To date, the County has received applications that will in essence complete sales of phase one in 7 years; 13 years ahead of schedule. Currently, as of February 2007, 6,000,000 square feet of buildings are in the Storey County Building department for building permit approval which will produce an anticipated 8,000 new jobs by December 2008. The existence of TRI changes the land use potential of the Cordevista site as there is a great need in Storey County to provide mixed uses of office, retail, and housing for the current and future employees that will work within TRI and the County. The surrounding Counties have discussed and are requesting that Storey County deliver a balance of office, retail, and housing for all the growth in TRI.

The vision for this project is to create a self sustaining mixed use development that will assist Storey County in maintaining a balance between the rapid growth in employment and the need for office, retail, housing, and amenities. This community will supply commercial/retail, civic, parks, trails, and other land uses for its residences. It will provide essential utilities and services including water, power, & sewer, and will not rely upon existing Storey County developments for these resources.

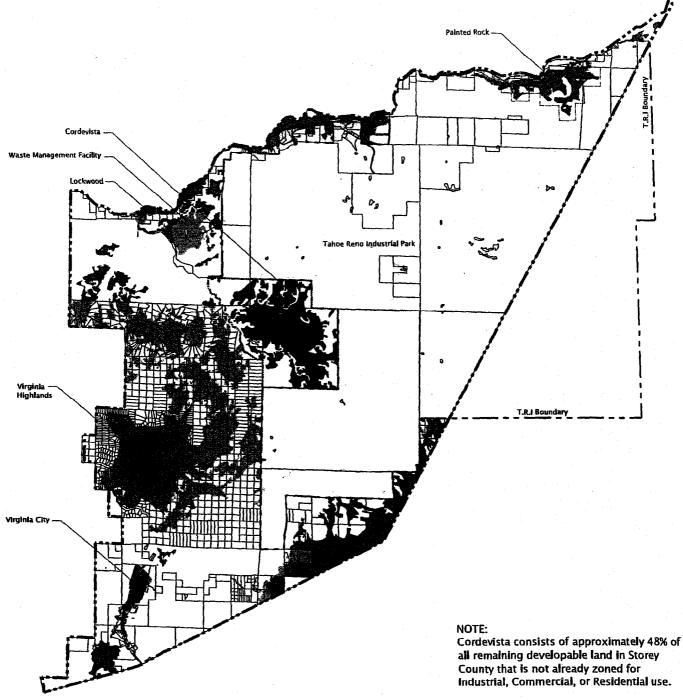
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Water for this project will be imported from other sources and not from ground water basins from the Virginia Highlands or Lockwood areas. The ground water supply for existing Storey County residents will not be affected in any negative way as a result of this project. In fact, with current development technology and storage techniques, this project may present an opportunity to improve the amount of available water for existing residents through ground water storage and recharge practices.

All environmental and cultural studies conducted on the 6,800 acres of property are complete. However, these studies have now been expanded to include the newly purchased portion of land (approximately 1,800 acres). All studies for the entire property will be complete at the time of PUD or Development Agreement submittal.



### Storey County Slope Map/Remaining Developable Land



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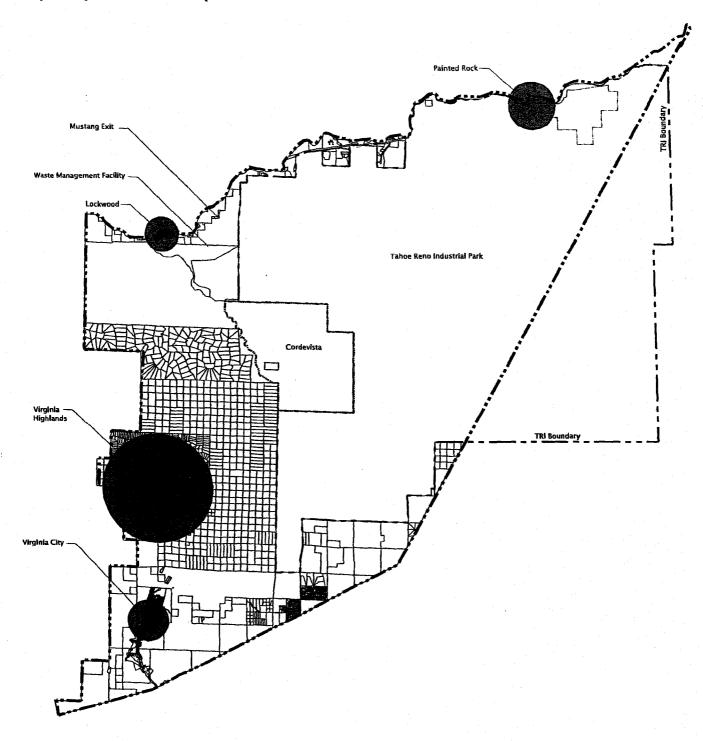
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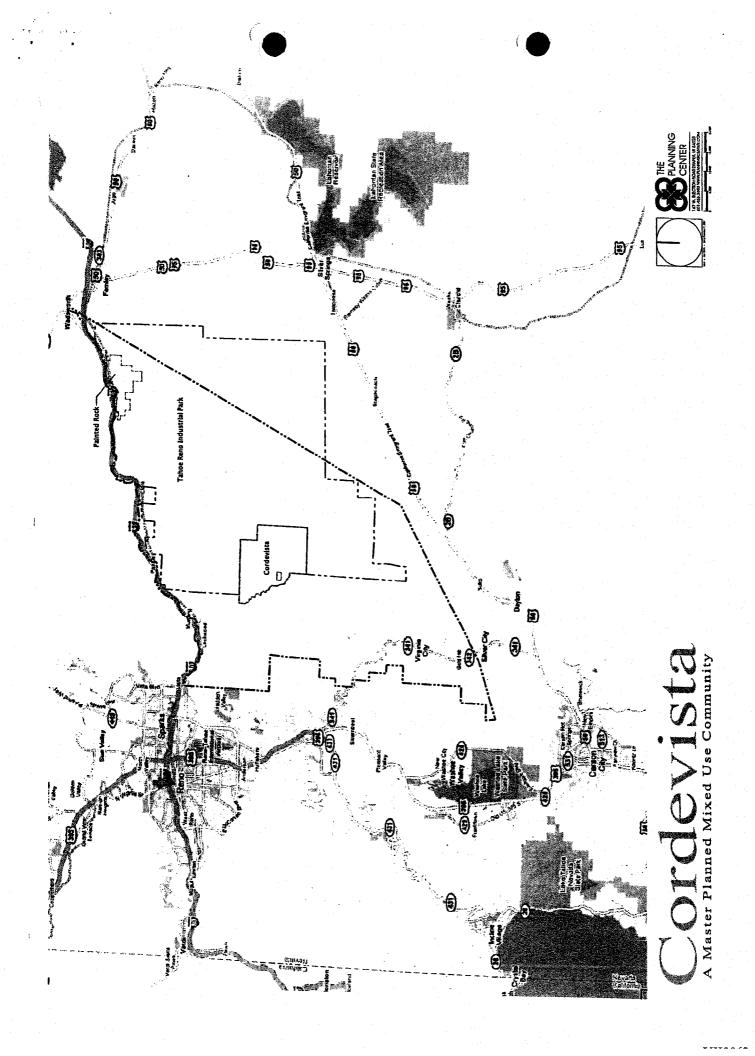


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STOREY COUNTY, NEVADA

#### VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS, LLC

#### **CORDEVISTA PROJECT**

- 2007-049 Master Plan Amendment for 8,590 acres, Special Industrial and Forestry to PUD
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A copy of the Decision and Order is attached as Exhibit 1 which is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth at this point.

DATED this W day of October, 2008.

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On December 20, 1994, Storey County adopted its Master Plan. The Master Plan

contained the following statement regarding the property now owned by Virginia Highlands:

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A short distance beyond the disposal site is the turnoff to the Aerojet of Nevada facility, which is at the end of a winding two lane road. This high-tech explosives manufacturing and testing facility is intentionally located in an area four miles from any other development. As such it provides an unusual planning and land use opportunity. With the existing two-plus mile buffer around it, consideration should be given to classifying the area a "high risk industrial" zone. The "high risk industrial" classification could be defined to include similar facilities. Property tax rates for this classification would reflect costs related to providing additional services. It is likely that many firms involved in same or similar types of manufacturing and/or testing would be interested in relocating to an area which already had the necessary regulatory framework in place.

Virginia Highlands' argument regarding its application for the Master Plan amendment is two-fold. First it argues that the statement regarding the Aerojet property was not the result of a rational planning process, but was rather merely the recognition of a prior existing Special Use Permit which was imposed by a prior Stipulation and Court Order involving a predecessor of Virginia Highlands. Therefore, it argues, the statement is not really a part of the Master Plan and should be given no consideration.

The second argument of Virginia Highlands regarding the amendment application is that even if the Special Industrial designation of the property is consistent with the Storey County Master Plan, Virginia Highlands' request for a Mixed Use Residential designation is also consistent with the Master Plan; and the high risk industrial designation is no longer appropriate since those high-risk functions have been abandoned. Therefore, for both reasons, the Master Plan Amendment Application was unnecessary and the Commissioners had to consider the Zone Change Application.

At the Commission meeting on August 21st, 2007, at which the amendment application was considered, the Storey County Commission denied the Master Plan Amendment Application and did not consider the Zone Change Application. The question for this court, then, is whether the denial of the Master Plan Amendment Application was appropriate.

Virginia Highlands maintains that the statement in the Master Plan regarding its property is not to be considered because it was not part of a rational and deliberative planning process, but rather merely recognition of a prior court order allowing high-risk use. The

language of the statement belies that view. The statement recognizes that because of the location of the property four miles from any other development "it provides an unusual planning and land use opportunity." It goes on to say:

Property tax rates for this classification would reflect costs related to providing additional services. It is likely that many firms involved in the same or similar types of manufacturing and/or testing would be interested in relocating to an area which already had the necessary regulatory framework in place.

The Commissioners were looking to attract other businesses of the same type, thereby generating more taxes. They were not looking to the past, but had a rational basis for maintaining the high-risk use designation into the future. The statement in the Master Plan regarding the property now owned by Virginia Highlands cannot be ignored or read out of the plan. The Commission clearly intended to maintain the property for special industrial use as part of the Master Plan.

The housing development proposed by Virginia Highlands for its property is not consistent with this Master Plan. A master plan is to serve as a pattern and guide for the growth and development of the county. Therefore, an amendment to the Master Plan would be necessary if the Virginia Highlands development project were to go forward.

This court must give deference to the legislative determination of the Storey County Commission that it did not wish to amend its Master Plan. Although the Nevada Supreme Court has not dealt directly with the standard of review of a county decision not to amend a master plan, it is clear that the court must be highly deferential to the enacting body. As the Nevada Supreme Court said in *Coronet Homes, Inc. v. McKenzie*, 84 Nev. 250, 255-56, 439 P.2d 219, 223 (1968), in the context of a land use request:

The days are fast disappearing when the judiciary can look at a zoning ordinance and, with nearly as much confidence as a professional zoning expert, decide upon the merits of a zoning plan and its contribution to the health, safety, morals or general welfare of the community. Courts are becoming increasingly aware that they are neither super boards of adjustment nor planning commissions of last resort.

Nevada law, thus, is consistent with the law of Minnesota as articulated in Concept Properties, LLP v. City of Minnetrista, 694 N.W. 2d 804, 814 (Minn. App. 2005). A

municipal body acts in a legislative capacity when it adopts or amends a comprehensive land-use plan. *Id.* Municipal bodies have broad discretion in making zoning and land-use decisions. *Id.* Courts will reverse zoning decisions only where there are no grounds for reasonable debate and where the action of the municipal body is arbitrary, capricious, discriminatory, or illegal. *Id.* The evidence presented by Virginia Highlands was not sufficient to support the view that any of these defects apply to the Storey County refusal to amend its Master Plan.

For the foregoing reasons, this court denies Virginia Highlands' prayer that Storey County be ordered to approve the Application for Amendment to the Master Plan. Since this court has concluded that the Virginia Highlands' Zoning Application was inconsistent with the Master Plan and finds that the Storey County Commission never considered the Zoning Application, this court also denies Virginia Highlands' prayer that its Zoning Application be approved. This court also concludes that there is no basis for any relief to Virginia Highlands under NRS 278.0237.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 24 day of September, 2008.

Miriam Shearing Senior Judge

1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of the First Judicial District 2 Court in and for Carson City and Storey County, and that on this 25th day of September, 3 2008, served by the following method of service: 4  $\boxtimes$ 5 regular U.S. Mail overnight UPS overnight Federal Express certified U.S. Mail 6 7 registered U.S. Mail Fax to # hand delivery D personal service 9 a true copy of the foregoing DECISION AND ORDER addressed to: 10 Mark E. Amodei, Esq. 9210 Prototype Way, Suite 200 11 Stephen Mollath, Esq. Prezant & Mollath 12 Reno, NV 89521 6560 S.W. McCarran Blvd., Suite A Reno, NV 89509 13 Mark H. Gunderson, Esq. 14 5345 Kietzke Lane, Suite 200 Reno, NV 89511 15 The Honorable Miriam Shearing 16 **17** 18 19 20

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Petitioner,

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Respondent.

Case No. CV-20121 Department No. II (Case assigned to Justice Miriam Shearing)

#### **NOTICE OF APPEAL**

VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, the above-named Petitioner, appeals to the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada from the Decision and Order dated September 25, 2008, pursuant to the hearing of the Court on September 22, 2008 and entered on October 8, 2008.

The party to the above Decision and Order appealed from, and the name and address of its attorneys, is as follows:

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# FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF STOREY, STATE OF NEVADA

## AFFIRMATION Pursuant to NRS 239B.030

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