

**Water Conservation Plan
March 18, 2014**

Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino
P. O. Box 500/1650 South Casino Drive
Laughlin, Nevada 89029

*This Water Conservation Plan is Presented Under Provision of NRS 540.121 – 151
According to 540.121 (3) Any Other Private Entity*

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Purpose

This Water Conservation Plan is submitted in compliance with NRS 540.131 Plan of Water Conservation, Nevada State Water Plan to conform with NRS 540.011 Legislative Declaration consistent with a letter from Kim A. Davis, P.E., Division of Water Resources, State of Nevada, dated February 11, 2014 (Appendix, Exhibit A). This letter notifies Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino of a required review and update of the existing Water Conservation Plan, to include changes or additions since the previous Water Conservation Plan submittal dated December 10, 2007.

The revised Plan is submitted to allow temporary reduction in the amount of beneficial use of water due to drought conditions without loss of rights retained by the State of Nevada under Certified Water Rights in use at Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino. These rights are defined under NRS 540.121, 3 Supplier of Water (Exhibit B), holding that a private entity which is not a public purveyor nor a public utility is a legal supplier of water.

Beneficial Use of Water

The Plan includes those parts of Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino that are supplied by the groundwater from three (3) permitted wells, designated as Wells # 4, 5 and 6, certified by the Nevada Division of Water Resources for existing water rights totaling 348.78 acre feet per year. This water is monitored daily and records kept of all consumption. All of the water from pumped ground water is used beneficially and solely to serve Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino.

A portion of the water for the property is supplied by the Big Bend Water District. The water supplied by the Big Bend Water District is separately plumbed and metered and not included in this Plan.

Conformance with Nevada State Statutes

These water rights are protected under the following Nevada laws:

NRS 534.090, 2.(a), (b), and (c) –

- (a) Whether the holder has shown good cause for the holder's failure to use all or any part of the water beneficially for the purpose for which the holder's right is acquired or claimed;
- (b) The unavailability of water to put to a beneficial use which is beyond the control of the holder;
- (c) Any economic conditions or natural disasters which made the holder unable to put the water to that use;

NRS 540.131

1. In accordance with the provisions of NRS 540.141 and NRS 540.131, paragraph (c) of subsection 4, the Plan will be updated every five (5) years.

NRS 540.141

1. Required provision of the plan or joint plan of water conservation.

(a) Methods of public education:

A notice is mounted in each hotel room and on each restaurant table advising customers of the need to conserve water. Appended to this Plan is a copy of the notice provided to the public and employees of the property (Exhibit C).

(b) Specific measures of conservation:

Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino uses water primarily to serve hotel rooms, restaurants and recreational vehicle spots. Water required for landscaping and other uses is significantly less in volume. The property has a lease agreement with the Nevada Department of Wildlife to design, construct and maintain a 9.55 acre parcel along the Colorado River, north of the north casino tower. The portion of this parcel is planted in grass has been reduced from 3.127 acres to 2.167 acres since 2007, resulting in a reduction in the amount of water required for irrigation. In 2013, the Owner replaced old ice machines with low-flow machines (Hoshazaki America, Inc.) throughout the property.

An itemized list follows showing actions recommended for a Stage 1 drought, represented by a drop of five (5) feet in the pumping level of the well-field, which will result in substantial savings in gallons of water per year.

- 1) Swimming Pool #1: Discontinue use
- 2) Car Wash: Reduce time of car wash cycle by 30% or discontinue use
- 3) Landscaping: Replace selected plant species with drought tolerant, low water use, native plant species (with approval of the Nevada Division of Wildlife)

(c) The management of water:

- 1) Continue daily monitoring of water consumption as measured by the well meters on three wells (#s 4, 5 and 6)
- 2) Use effluent for irrigation, where possible, consistent with systems identified in NRS 540.141 (1) (b).

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NRS 540.141 (1), continued

(d) Contingency plan for ensuring the continued supply of potable water:

To assure a continuing potable water supply in case of a Stage 2 drought, or worse, Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino has the facility to purchase water from Big Bend Water District. This water would be pumped directly to the existing, but separate, groundwater distribution system in such an emergency.

(e) A schedule for carrying out the plan:

The Plan presented herein becomes effective in Stage 1 drought conditions, when the pumping water levels in any of the producing wells (Well #'s 4, 5 or 6) drops over five (5) feet.

(f) Measures to evaluate the effectiveness of the plan:

The effectiveness of the Plan is measured by the daily record of consumption on the meters according to the Plan. The recording of water consumption is in effect as a standard procedure.

(g) Estimate of the amount of water to be conserved as a result of the adoption of the plan:

Estimating the amount of water to be conserved each year in terms of gallons of water per person as a result of the adoption of the Plan is not feasible.

2. Plan submittal to be accompanied by required analyses addressing the feasibility of charging variable rates for water usage to encourage water conservation.

The requirement for the plan to address the feasibility of charging variable rates for water usage in order to encourage water conservation is not applicable. Water usage in hotel rooms and in public facilities within Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino are part of the service provided. A separate fee for water usage by guests and visitors is not charged by this property.

3. Review of the plan by the Nevada Division of Water Resources.

This Plan is submitted for review, suggestions for improvement, and approval, and includes changes made since the original Plan was approved by the State in 2007.

4. Exemption by the Chief from provisions of this Section which do not reasonably apply.

Subsection NRS 540.141 (4), addressing wholesale water purveyors, is not applicable to Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino.

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NRS 540.151

1. Each supplier of water shall adopt a plan with incentives for water conservation.

(a.) A Plan is adopted with incentives to employees for water-saving practices enforced in their service areas.

(b.) Consideration was given to installing self-closing, electronically operated valves throughout the property. This was deemed not to be cost effective (over 3,000 individual valves – lost cost, small savings). Instead, the self-closing valves have been installed only in public restrooms and operational water facilities throughout the property, except in individual hotel rooms and suites.

(c.) With the approval and cooperation of the Nevada Department of Wildlife, changes have been made in the selection of desert landscaping species installed within the State of Nevada wildlife lease area (9.55 acres).

2. Any interested person may submit suggestions for additions or improvements to the Plan as prepared in NRS 540-151 (1)(b) and (c) by contacting Mark Osborn, Business Office, Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino.

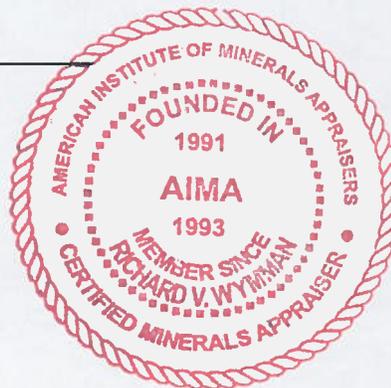
3. A copy of this Plan is filed with the Office of the Nevada State Engineer (901 South Stewart Street, Suite 2002, Carson City, Nevada 89701) for public information purposes.

4. The Plan is available to members of the public at the business office of Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino (1650 South Casino Drive, Laughlin, Nevada 89029; 702-298-2622) during regular office hours.

5. An Internet address shall be provided to the State Engineer to allow the Plan to be linked to the Internet website of the State Engineer for public information purposes.

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EXHIBIT A

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES**

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February 11, 2014

Riverside Hotel and Casino, Inc.
P.O. Box 500
Laughlin, NV 89029

Re: Water Conservation Plan

Dear Sir or Madam:

Each water supplier that provides water for municipal, industrial, and domestic purposes is required to adopt a water conservation plan that must be updated every 5 years. Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) §540.121 through NRS §540.151 define the required contents of water conservation plans and a copy of these statutes is enclosed for your reference. In addition to contents required by statute, the following should also be included:

- General description of water source (e.g. spring, well, stream),
- Total number of connections served, including any outstanding commitments,
- Annual amount of water served.

In addition to the benefits of water conservation for energy savings, water quality and the environment, water conservation planning is important for defining your system's response to drought. NRS §540.141(1)(d) requires that water conservation plans include a contingency plan for drought conditions that ensures a supply of potable water. In view of continuing conditions of below average precipitation throughout much of the state, your water conservation planning is timely and important.

Please review your water conservation plan for Riverside Hotel and Casino, Inc.; if it is older than five (5) years, then it will need to be updated. If you do not have a water conservation plan, then you will need to create one. All water conservation plans must be forwarded to the Division of Water Resources for review. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (775) 684-2884.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kim A. Davis in black ink.

Kim A. Davis, P.E.
Water Planning Engineer

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Enclosure

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EXHIBIT B

WATER CONSERVATION

NRS 540.121 "Supplier of water" defined. As used in NRS 540.121 to 540.151, inclusive, "supplier of water" includes, but is not limited to:

1. Any county, city, town, local improvement district, general improvement district and water conservancy district;
 2. Any water district, water system, water project or water planning and advisory board created by a special act of the Legislature; and
 3. Any other public or private entity,
↳ that supplies water for municipal, industrial or domestic purposes. The term does not include a public utility required to adopt a plan of water conservation pursuant to NRS 704.662.
- (Added to NRS by 1991, 520)

NRS 540.131 Plan of water conservation: Procedure for adoption and updating of plan; review of plan by Section; joint plans permitted by certain suppliers; duties of local governing body.

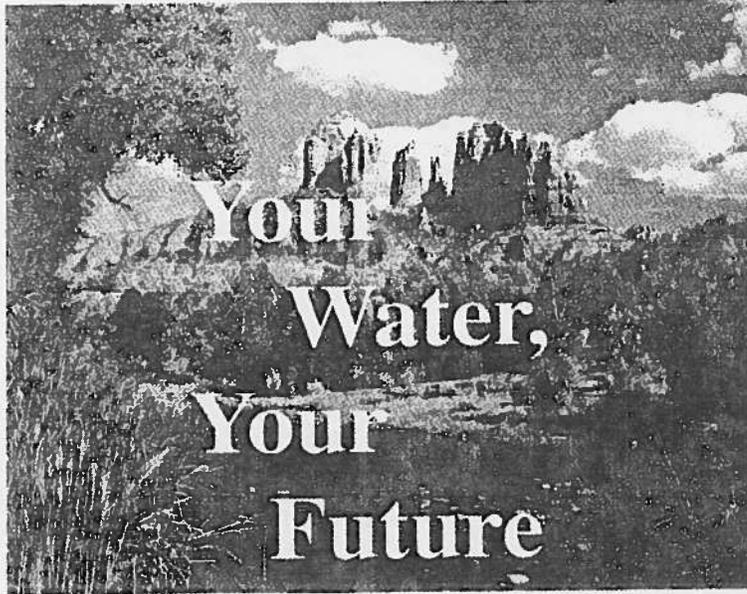
1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, each supplier of water which supplies water for municipal, industrial or domestic purposes shall, on or before July 1, 1992, adopt a plan of water conservation based on the climate and the living conditions of its service area in accordance with the provisions of NRS 540.141, and shall update the plan pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 4. The provisions of the plan must apply only to the supplier's property and its customers. The supplier of water shall submit the plan to the Section for review by the Section pursuant to subsection 3.
2. As part of the procedure of adopting a plan, the supplier of water shall provide an opportunity for any interested person, including, but not limited to, any private or public entity that supplies water for municipal, industrial or domestic purposes, to submit written views and recommendations on the plan.
3. The plan must be reviewed by the Section within 30 days after its submission and approved for compliance with this section and NRS 540.141 before it is adopted by the supplier of water.
4. The plan:
 - (a) Must be available for inspection by members of the public during office hours at the offices of the supplier of water;
 - (b) May be revised from time to time to reflect the changing needs and conditions of the service area. Each such revision must be made available for inspection by members of the public; and
 - (c) Must be updated every 5 years and comply with the requirements of this section and NRS 540.141.
5. Suppliers of water:
 - (a) Who are required to adopt a plan of water conservation pursuant to this section; and
 - (b) Whose service areas are located in a common geographical area,
↳ may adopt joint plans of water conservation based on the climate and living conditions of that common geographical area. Such a plan must comply with the requirements of this section and NRS 540.141.
6. The board of county commissioners of a county, the governing body of a city and the town board or board of county commissioners having jurisdiction of the affairs of a town shall:
 - (a) Adopt any ordinances necessary to carry out a plan of conservation adopted pursuant to this section which applies to property within its jurisdiction;
 - (b) Establish a schedule of fines for the violation of any ordinances adopted pursuant to this subsection; and
 - (c) Hire such employees as it deems necessary to enforce the provisions of any ordinances it adopts pursuant to this subsection.

(Added to NRS by 1991, 520; A 2005, 2570; 2007, 1253)

NRS 540.141 Required provisions of plan or joint plan of water conservation; review by Section; posting of plans and joint plans on Internet website.

1. A plan or joint plan of water conservation submitted to the Section for review must include provisions relating to:
 - (a) Methods of public education to:
 - (1) Increase public awareness of the limited supply of water in this State and the need to conserve water.
 - (2) Encourage reduction in the size of lawns and encourage the use of plants that are adapted to arid and semiarid climates.
 - (b) Specific conservation measures required to meet the needs of the service area, including, but not limited to, any conservation measures required by law.

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Did you know that it takes eight glasses of water to clean one water glass ?

In an arid region like the Colorado River Area, water resources are limited. As an environmentally conscious member of your community, The Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino is only serving water to our guests upon request. So if you'd like a glass of water, we'll be glad to bring it to you - just ask.



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