

MAY 3, 2007

STATEMENT TO:

STOREY COUNTY COMMISSION

STOREY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS:

MY NAME IS JACK MOTTER. I AM THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR MOANA NURSERY WHICH IS CELEBRATING ITS 40TH YEAR OF OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN NEVADA. MOANA NURSERY HAS PROVIDED LANDSCAPING, EROSION CONTROL SERVICES AND RELATED SERVICES TO SOMERSETT DEVELOPMENT SINCE 1999. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION WITH SOME VERY BRIEF REMARKS CONCERNING OUR EXPERIENCE WITH MR. BLAKE SMITH, THE QUALITY OF HIS PROJECTS, AND HOW HE HONORS HIS COMMITMENTS.

WHILE MOANA HAS, AND CONTINUES TO WORK WITH MANY DEVELOPERS, INCLUDING NATIONAL "BIG-5" FIRMS, NONE DO MORE IN TERMS OF DELIVERING HIGH-QUALITY PROJECTS INTEGRATED INTO THE ENVIRONMENT. WE'VE SEEN MR. SMITH WORK CLOSELY WITH HIS

ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS TO ENSURE THEY EXECUTE HIS VISION, WHILE DELIVERING BOTH AMENITIES, AND PROVIDING SENSIBLE INTERFACE WITH THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENT. AT SOMERSETT, FOR EXAMPLE, WE NOT ONLY DID PARKWAY STYLE LANDSCAPING, BUT ALSO FIRE STATIONS, PARKS, TRAILS (BOTH PAVED AND NATURAL), PLANTED WILDLIFE BUFFERS AND ENHANCEMENT PLANTINGS FOR WILDLIFE, AND IN MANY CASES IMPROVED PRE-EXISTING EROSION AND RUN-OFF PROBLEMS. THESE INCLUDED NOT ONLY ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS, BUT PLANTING OF THOUSANDS OF NATIVE PLANTS NEAR CREEKS AND ON SLOPES TO MINIMIZE RUN-OFF AND STREAM SEDIMENTATION.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, IN MY EXPERIENCE MR. SMITH HAS SAID WHAT HE PLANNED TO DO, AND THEN MORE IMPORTANTLY DID WHAT HE SAID. IN OTHER WORDS, MR. SMITH, A NATIVE NEVADAN, HAS ALWAYS MET HIS COMMITMENTS. I THINK THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR THE COMMISSION AND FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO CONSIDER AS THEY CONSIDER THE PROPOSED CORDEVISTA DEVELOPMENT. THANK YOU.