

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
LAHONTAN REGION

RESOLUTION NO. R6T-2005-0014

**REQUEST BY GARY THOMAS THAT THE REGIONAL BOARD REQUIRE ALLIED  
WASHOE TO PAY FOR A CITY WATER CONNECTION TO THE THOMAS  
PROPERTY, LASSEN COUNTY**

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**WHEREAS**, the California Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region finds:

1. In 1993, approximately 6,000 gallons of gasoline spilled on Allied Washoe's property and contaminated the groundwater beneath Allied's property and beneath nearby properties, including Gary Thomas' property. The Vineyards owned the Thomas property at the time of the spill. Thomas bought the property at a tax sale in 2004, long after the property was contaminated.
2. As a result of the 1993 gasoline spill, groundwater beneath all or part of Mr. Thomas' property is unsuitable for domestic use without treatment. Mr. Gary Thomas requests that the Board require Allied Washoe pay for a water connection to his property.
3. Mr. Thomas believed the Vineyard property had a water connection based on a staff letter that incorrectly stated the Vineyard property had been connected to the City water supply. Mr. Thomas purchased the Vineyard property in 2004 in an estate tax sale and made no other effort to verify a water supply.
4. Allied made several attempts to provide a water supply to the Vineyard property after the 1993 spill, but could not gain access.
5. A jury ruled in favor of Allied and against the claims of the Vineyards and other plaintiffs for their claims.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Board deny Thomas' request that the Board require Allied Washoe pay for a water connection to the Thomas property.

I, Harold J. Singer, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, on June 15, 2005.

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HAROLD J. SINGER  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER