IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF THE KENT AND JANE WHIPPLE TRUST, DATED MARCH 17, 1969, JANE WHIPPLE, CO-TRUSTEE (ERRONEOUSLY NAMED AS TRUSTEE), AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, JANE WHIPPLE.

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WARNER WHIPPLE, CO-TRUSTEE OF THE KENT AND JANE WHIPPLE TRUST, DATED MARCH 17, 1969, AS AMENDED,

Appellant,

VS.

JANE WHIPPLE, CO-TRUSTEE OF THE KENT AND JANE WHIPPLE TRUST, DATED MARCH 17,1969, AS AMENDED, AND JANE WHIPPLE,

Respondents.

Supreme Court No. 69945

District Court Case No. CV930015 Appeal from the Seventh Judicial District Court, The Honorable Steve L. Dobrescu, Judge

APPELLANT'S APPENDIX

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Reply in Support of Motion to Compel

Case No.: (1009-700)5 2015 SET 11 PM 1: 08 Dept. No.: 2 2 um let . 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT 11 LINCOLN COUNTY, NEVADA 12 13 In Re THE KENT AND JANE WHIPPLE 14 TRUST dated March 17, 1969, Jane Whipple, 15 Trustee, and amendments thereto, JANE WHIPPLE. 16 Petitioner. 17 PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF 18 (NRS 30.010 et seq.) 19 20 COMES NOW, the Trustee, JANE WHIPPLE, by and through her attorney of record, 21 MATTHEW D. CARLING, ESQ., of the Carling Law Office, PC, and moves this Honorable 22 Court for a Decree declaring the following: 23 24 That the Kent & Jane Whipple Trust dated March 17, 1969, remained in effect l. 25 in 1976 after the death of Kent Whipple; 26 2. That Jane Whipple is a trustee of the Kent & Jane Whipple Trust dated March 27 17, 1969; 28

- That the "A" and "B" trusts of the Kent & Jane Whipple Trust dated March 17, 3. 1969, were never partitioned and funded;
- That water right Permit 79132 was transferred to the Kent & Jane Whipple 4. Trust dated March 17, 1969, and the transfer is valid and said permit is an asset of said Trust;
- That water right Permits 28599, 55918, 55919, 55920, 79132 and Claim of 5. Vested right V-01394 were transferred to the Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC, by the Kent & Jane Whipple Trust dated March 17, 1969, and the transfers are valid and said permits and claim are assets of the Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC,
- That this Court confirm the appraisal (in 1976 dollars) of the Kent & Jane б. Whipple Trust dated March 17, 1969;
- 7. That the A trust (dba Jane Whipple Family Trust; Jane Whipple Trustee and/or Kent Whipple Trust; Jane Whipple Trustee) is the rightful owner of the Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC and that Jane Whipple has an absolute right to manage, sell; water right Permits 28599, 55918, 55919, 55920, 79132 and Claim of Vested right V-01394.
- 8. Therefore that the Kent & Jane Whipple Trust dated March 17, 1969, as the sole owner of the Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC has and continues to have authority to manage, sell, to otherwise convey water right Permits 28599, 55918, 55919, 55920, 79132 and Claim of Vested right V-01394

This Petition is made and based on the pleadings and papers on file herein, the attached exhibits and any arguments as may be presented at the hearing in this matter.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS

- Kent Whipple died on February 5, 1977.
- Prior to Kent Whipple's demise he and his wife, Jane Whipple, transferred their assets into the Kem and Jane Whipple Trust dated March 17, 1969 (hereinafter "the Trust"). (Exhibit "1")
- The Trust required that upon the death of either Kent Whipple or Jane Whipple,
 the assets of the Trust be valued and partitioned into an A and B trust under the terms of the
 trust.
- 4. The assets of the Trust were never valued nor was any transfer or partition of the Trust made as of the date of death of Kent Whipple pursuant to NRS 163.002 et seq. To date, the A and B trusts have not been partitioned.
- 5. An appraisal of the Trust assets has been requested with a value date of February 5, 1977 by the American Real Estate Appraisal. (Exhibit "2")
- 6. In March of 1991, approximately 15 years after the passing of Kent Whipple, the Trust filed applications with the State of Nevada, Division of Water Resources, Office of the State Engineer (hereinafter "State Engineer") for ground water in the common name of Kent Whipple Ranch (Applications 55918, 55919 and 55920). The Trust paid the application, permit and water right surveyor fees appurtenant to these applications. Prior to approval by the State Engineer these applications were conveyed to the misnamed Kent Whipple Trust pursuant to an unrecorded quit claim deed. (Exhibit "3")
- On January 1, 2006, the Trust applied to the State Engineer for a change in the point of diversion and place of use of a portion of water right Permit 55919 (Application

Fingineer on November 1, 2006. On December 28, 2009, the Trust applied to the State Engineer for a change of point diversion and place of use of water right Permit 73719 (Application 79132) in the properly named Kent and Jane Whipple Trust dated March 17, 1969. An Affidavit of Identity was filed with the State Engineer's Office acknowledging that the Kent and Jane Whipple Trust, Kent Whipple Trust, and Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC, are one and the same. (Exhibit "4") The State Engineer's Office accepted said Affidavit of Identity and water right Permits 55918, 55919, 55920 and 73719 became vested to the Trust and Application 79132 was subsequently permitted by the State Engineer on November 18, 2010, in the name of the Trust, abrogating Permit 73719. (Exhibit "5") Permit 79312 remains vested in the Trust.

- On July 1, 2010, the Trust conveyed water right Permits 28599, 55918, 55919,
 55920, 79312 and Claim of Vested right V01394 to the Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC. (Exhibit "6")
- On January 12, 2015, the Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC, applied to the State Engineer for a change in the point of diversion, place of use and manner of use of a portion of water right Permit 55918 (Application 84692).
- 10. On or about March 6, 2015, Betsy Whipple filed a Protest to Application 84692 stating that the "ownership of the well is questionable" and "all the assets are supposed to be in the Kent Whipple Ranch Trust." Additionally, through verbal communication with personnel of the Division of Water Resources, Betsy Whipple claims that assets acquired (apparently even if acquired 15 years after the passing of Kent Whipple) would be part of the "B" trust, of which she was a remaindermen beneficiary. (Exhibit "7")

11. On June 3, 2015, pursuant to NRS 533.386, the Division of Water Resources issued a letter to the parties informing them that the Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC's, application (84692) was being held from further consideration and that the ownership of water right Permits 28599, 55918, 55919, 55920, 79132 and Claim of Vested right V-01394 are considered questionable transfers of title of water rights until a court of competent jurisdiction determines the conflicting claims to ownerships of the water rights.

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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(DECLARATORY RELIEF NRS 30.030 and 30.040(1))

- Petitioner incorporates paragraphs 1-11 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 13. NRS 30.030 states, "Courts of record within their respective jurisdictions shall have power to declare rights, status and other legal relations whether or not further relief is or could be claimed. No action or proceeding shall be open to objection on the ground that a declaratory judgment or decree is prayed for. The declaration may be either affirmative or negative in form and effect; and such declarations shall have the force and effect of a final judgment or decree.
- 14. NRS 30.040(1) states, "Any person interested under a deed, written contract or other writings constituting a contract, or whose rights, status or other legal relations are affected by a statute, municipal ordinance, contract or franchise, may have determined any question of construction or validity arising under the instrument, statute, ordinance, contract or franchise and obtain a declaration of rights, status or other legal relations thereunder.

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	15.	NRS 163,008 states that a trust created in relation to real property is not valid
unless	it is c	reated by operation of law or is evidenced by a written instrument signed by the
trustee	, от by	the agent of the trustee.

- 16. The Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC, has made application for a change in usage of certain Permits. Betsy Whipple has challenged that Application alleging that the Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC, or Jane Whipple, as trustee of the Trust, does not have the authority to make such an application.
- 17. The State Engineer refuses to proceed with Application 84692 and that the ownership of water Permits 28599, 55918, 55919, 55930, 79132 and Claim of Vested right V-01394 are considered questionable transfers of title of water rights until a court of competent jurisdiction adjudicates that claims set forth herein.
- 18. Jane Whipple, the Petitioner, has never executed any documents creating an A or B trust pursuant to the Trust.
- 19. Jane Whipple, the Petitioner, has never executed any written instruments conveying any of the Trust assets to an A or B trust.

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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner prays that this Court declare the following:

- That the Kent & Jane Whipple Trust dated March 17, 1969, remained in effect in 1976
 after the death of Kent Whipple;
- That Jane Whipple is a trustee of the Kent & Jane Whipple Trust dated March 17, 1969;

- That the "A" and "B" trusts of the Kent & Jane Whipple Trust dated March 17, 1969, were never partitioned and funded:
- That water right Permit 79132 was transferred to the Kent & Jane Whippic Trust dated March 17, 1969, and the transfer is valid and said permit is an asset of said Trust;
- That water right Permits 28599, 55918, 55919, 55920, 79132 and Claim of Vested right V-01394 were transferred to the Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC, by the Kent & Jane Whipple Trust dated March 17, 1969, and the transfers are valid and said permits and claim are assets of the Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC.
- 6. That this Court confirm the appraisal (in 1976 dollars) of the Kent & Jane Whipple Trust dated March 17, 1969;
- That the A trust (d/b/a Jane Whipple Family Trust; Jane Whipple Trustee and/or Kent Whipple Trust; Jane Whipple Trustee) is the rightful owner of the Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC and that Jane Whipple has an absolute right to manage, sell; water right Permits 28599, 55918, 55919, 55920, 79132 and Claim of Vested right V-01394.
- Therefore that the Kent & Jane Whipple Trust dated March 17, 1969, as the sole owner of the Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC has and continues to have authority to manage, sell, to otherwise convey water right Permits 28599, 55918, 55919, 55920, 79132 and Claim of Vested right V-01394

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 For any other relief deemed necessary by this Court DATED this 31st day of August, 2015.

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEVADA)
COUNTY OF LINCOLN) ss:

That under penalties of perjury the undersigned, JANE WHIPPLE, declares that she is the Petitioner named in the foregoing Petition for Declaratory Relief, that he knows the contents thereof, and that the same are true of her own knowledge, except as to those matters therein alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters, she believes them to be true.

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to me this 21 May of Holtsut 2014

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Hotzry Public, State of Nevada
Appointment No. 12-5146-1
My Appl. Expires July 2, 2019

EXHIBIT "1"

UPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENT

THIS SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENT is entered into between KENT WHIPPLE, also known as KENT O'NELL WHIPPLE, and JANE WHIPPLE, also known as DETTY JANE WHIPPLE, also known as DETTY JANE WHIPPLE, his wife, hereinafter referred to as the "Trustore" or separately as "Bushand" and "wife" respectively, and KENT WHIPPLE and JANE WHIPPLE, hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Trustee".

WHEREAS these Trustors entered into a Trust Agreement dated March 17, 1969 and wish to hereby modify certain terms of the trust, and as modified to ratify, confirm and readopt said trust and all actions heretofore taken by the Trustors and Trustee.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the express powers reserved in each Trust Agreement of March 17, 1969, the following emendments and modifications are hereby made to said Trust Agreement:

FIRST: Article "SIX": (0) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(d) Upon the death of either Trustor, the Trustee shall divide the trust estate into two (2) trusts, hereinefter called Trust "A" and Trust "B", which shall constitute separate trusts and shall be held and administered as such. At the Trustee's discretion the assets of the trust estate to be divided pursuant bereto may be divided and allocated in kind, by undivided interest, by actual division, or by any combination of such methods of division."

SECOND: Article "SIX": (d) is hereby amended to read as follows:

- "(e) There shall be placed in Trust "A":
- (1) The surviving Trustor's share of the community property subject to the terms of this Trust.
- (2) Out of the other assets subject to the terms of this Trust, including the decedent's share of the community property in this Trust and those received VAUGHAN, HULL, MARKES & MULLER, LTD.

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by the Truscae upon or by reason of the decar of the first Trustor to die, the Trustee shall add to Trust A the fractional share of said assets which is equal to the maximum maritial deduction allowed for Federal Estate Tax purposes in the estate of said deceased Trustor, less the value of all assets or interest which pass or have passed to the surviving Trustor other than by the terms of this Trust, and which qualify for marital deduction in the estate of said decedent.

- (3) In making the computations and the allocations of proparty to Trust "A" required by the preceding paragraphs (1) and (2), the determination of the character and ownership of property and the value thereof shall be as finally established for Pederal Estate Tax purposes in said decedent's estate.
- (4) All of the rest, residue and remainder of the assets subject to the terms of this Trust shall be allocated to Trust "B"."

THIRD: As hereby amended and modified the Trust Agreement dated March 17, 1969 made by the undersigned Trustors and Trustee, and all actions of the Trustors and Trustees hereunder to date is hereby ratified, confirmed, approved, agreed to and said Trust Agreement as herein modified and amended shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this

30th day of January, 1977.

KENT O'NETE WHIPPLE

JANE ELEANOR R. WHIPPLE

COCHAN, HULL MARFIN & MILER, I.TD.

STATE OF NEVADA) SS. COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

On January 30, 1977, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, KENT WEIPPLE and JAME WEIPPLE, his wife, who acknowledged to me that they executed the above instrument.

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31. THIS TRUST AGREEMENT is entered ... to between KEMT.

WHIPPLE, also known as KENT O'NEIL WHIPPLE, and JAME WHIPPLE, also known as BETTY JAME WHIPPLE his wife, hereinafter referred to as the "Trustors", or separately as "Husband" and "Wife" respectively, and KENT WHIPPLE and JAME WHIPPLE, hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Trustee".

ONE: The Trustors, desiring to establish a Trust, have assigned, transferred and delivered, and by these presents do assign, transfer and deliver to the Trustee all of the real property and personal property of every nature whatsoever belonging to the Trustors, including, but not limited to, the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and made a part of this Trust Agreement. Receipt is hereby acknowledged by the Trustee of the assets enumerated in Schedule "A". The Trustors may from time to time add additional properties or policies of insurance to this Trust by transferring such property or assigning such policies to the Trustee, or by causing the Trustee to be named as beneficiary thereunder. In either case, such property and policies of insurance, and their proceeds, shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

TWO: No consideration was nor will be given to or by the Trustee for the conveyance or transfer to him of any of the Trust Estate. The Trustee accepts such title to the Trust Estate as is conveyed or transferred to him hereunder without liability or responsibility for the condition or validity of such title, and the Trust Estate has been or will be conveyed or transferred to the Trustee, IN TRUST, with power of sale, for the uses and purposes herein provided.

THREE: The Trustee acknowledges that he may be named as beneficiary under insurance policies of the Trustors, and agrees to hold the same and the proceeds thereof subject to the

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conditions he ! a stated.

FOUR: The Trustee, upon being informed as to the death of theinsured or the earlier maturity of any insurance policies, shall receive the proceeds thereof and is hereby authorized to execute the necessary receipts and releases to the insurance companies concerned.

<u>PIVE</u>: The Trustors reserve during such time as the Husband and Wife are both living the following rights and powers to be exercised by them, without the consent or participation of the Trustee or any beneficiary of this Trust, including, without limiting the generality, the following rights and powers:

- by supplemental agreement to modify the terms of this Trust from time to time without the consent of the Trustee, or any beneficiary, provided, however, that the duties, powers, and liability of the Trustee hereunder shall not be substantially changed without his written consent. Except as hereinafter provided, such powers of revocation and modification are personal to the Trustors and shall not be assignable nor accrue to any other person, nor shall they extend to their estates nor to their legal representatives, nor to any beneficiary named herein nor to any other person.
- (b) To receive or apply dividends, disability benefits, premium refunds, proceeds of matured insurance policies, loan or surrender or commuted values or any other sum due under any insurance policies contributed to this Trust.
- (c) To obtain and receive cash advances or loans as may be advisable under any life insurance policies contributed to this Trust.

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(d) To exercise any some or privileges granted in any such policies or plans.

The rights and powers reserved in (a) through (d), inclusive, in this Paragraph FIVE shall, except as hereinefter provided, cease upon the death of either Trustor, and thereafter this Trust shall be irrevocable and shall not be subject to amendment or modification.

SIX: All property now or hereafter subject to this Trust shall constitute the Trust Estate, and shall be held, managed and distributed as bereinafter provided:

During the lifetime of the Trustors, the Trustee shall distribute the income and principal in the following manner:

(a) The Trustee shall pay or reserve sufficient funds to pay all expenses of management and distribution of the Trust Estate, including the compensation of the Trustee, all or any part of which may, in the discretion of the Trustee, be charged either to income or principal of the Trust Estate.

The remaining income shall be and is hereafter referred to as "net income".

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Estate shall be distributed to or for the use and
benefit of the Trustors in monthly or other convenient installments, but not less frequently than
annually. If at any time during the lifetime of
both of the Trustors, the net income shall be inadequate for the needs, comfort and pleasure of the
Trustors, or their descendants, the Trustee may, in
its discretion, pay to or apply for the benefit of
said beneficiaries, in addition to the payments of
income as hereinabove provided, such amounts of the

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pri pal of the Trust Estate at he Trustee may deem necessary for said purposes.

- (c) If at any time during the period set forth in sub-paragraph (b) of Paragraph SIX, the Trustors shall be incompetent or shall in the judgment of the Trustee be unable for any other reason to act in their own behalf, the Successor Co-Trustees may, in their discretion, pay to or apply for the health, support, maintenance and comfort of the Trustors, or their descendants, in addition to the payments of income as herein-above provided, such amounts of the principal of the Trust Estate as the Successor Co-Trustees may from time to time deem necessary or advisable for their use or benefit.
- (d) Upon the death of either Trustor, the Trustee shall segregate and divide the Trust Estate into two trusts, hereinafter called Trust "A" and Trust "B", which shall constitute separate trusts and shall be held and administered as such.
 - (e) There shall be placed in Trust "A":
 - (1) The fractional share belonging to the surviving Trustor of the community property subject to the terms of this Trust.
 - (2) Out of the other assets subject to the terms of this Trust, including those received by the Trustee upon or by reason of the death of the first Trustor to die, which are eligible to satisfy the maxital deduction, the Trustee shall add to this Trust the fractional share of said assets which is equal to

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the maximum marital decention allowed for Federal Estate Tax purposes in the estate of said deceased Trustor, less the value of all assets or interest which pass or have passed to the surviving Trustor other than by the terms of this Trust, and which are eligible to satisfy said marital deduction.

- (3) In making the computations and the allocations of property to Trust "A" required by the preceding paragraphs (1) and (2), the determination of the character and ownership of property and the value thereof shall be finally established for Federal Estate Tax purposes.
- (4) All of the rest, residue and remainder of the assets subject to the terms
 of this Trust, including those received by
 the Trustee upon or by reason of the death
 of the first Trustor to die, shall be allocated to Trust "B".

PROVISIONS OF TRUST "A".

- (1) The entire net income from Trust "A" shall be paid to or applied for the benefit of the surviving Trustor in monthly or other convenient installments during his or her lifetime, but in no event less often than annually.
- (2) If the income is not adequate to maintain the surviving Trustor in a manner similar to his or her standard of living while living with the deceased Trustor, the Trustee may pay to him or her, or apply for his or her benefit so much of the principal of

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the Trust as he may, in his direction, deam proper or necessary for that purpose, taking into account any income available to him or her from other sources. The Trustee shall make such principal disbursements to the surviving Trustor out of the corpus of Trust "A" before making any disbursements of principal to the surviving Trustor from Trust "B".

- (3) In the event the Wife survives the Husband:
 - (a) She shall have the power, exercisable in all events and at any time or from time to time efter the Husband's demise, to withdraw all or any part of the principal of Trust "A", and to require the Trustee to distribute the same to her, discharged of this Trust. Such power may be exercised by written instrument filed with the Trustee. There is further conferred on the Wife, the absolute power to distribute by her Last Will and Testament the remaining assets of the Trust to anyone she chooses, including her estate, her creditors, or the creditors of her estate.
 - (b) If and to the extent that the Wife shall fail to exercise such powers, the principal and accrued and undistributed net income of this Trust shall, upon her demise, be transferred to and become a part of Trust "B" and shell be held, edministered and distributed as is hereinafter provided with respect to Trust "B", excepting

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however that the Trusta in its discretion may first pay out of the principal, the Wife's last illness and burial expenses. Federal Estate Taxes, Nevada Inheritance Taxes, and any gift taxes assessed against her estate, together with interest, penalties, costs, Trustees' compensation and attorney fees, unless other adequate provisions shall have been made therefor.

- (4) In the event the Husband survives the
 - cisable in all events and at any time or from time to time after the Wife's demise to withdraw all or any part of the principal of Trust "A", and to require the Trustee to distribute the same to him, discharged of this Trust. Such power may be exercised by written instrument filed with the Trustee. There is further conferred on the Husband, the absolute power to distribute by his LastWill and Testament the remaining assets of the Trust to anyone he chooses, including his estate, his creditors, or the creditors of his estate.
 - (b) If and to the extent that the Husband shall fail to exercise such powers, the principal and accrued and undistributed net income of this Trust shall, upon his demise, be transferred to and become a part

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and distributed as is hereinafter provided with respect to Trust "B", excepting, however, that the Trustee, in its discretion, may first pay out of the principal, the Eusband's last illness and burial expenses, Federal Estate Texes, Neveda Inheritance Taxes, and any gift texes assessed against his estate, together with interest, penalties, costs, Trustees' compensation and attorney fees, unless other adequate provisions shall have been made therefor.

(5) The interests of the beneficiaries in principal or income shall not be subject to claims of his or her creditors, nor others, nor to legal process, and may not be voluntarily nor involuntarily alienated nor encumbered.

PROVISIONS OF TRUST "B".

die, if the surviving Trustor shall be in want of additional monies to maintain himself or herself in a menner similar to his or her standard of living at the time of death of the Trustor who died first, taking into account any other assets or income available from other sources, including the aforesaid payments from Trust "A", the Trustee may, in its absolute discretion, pay to or apply for the benefit of the surviving Trustor so much of the income or principal from this Trust as the Trustee may from time to time deem necessary or advisable for the health, support, maintenance and comfort

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- contrary notwithstanding, no payment shall be made to the surviving Trustor from the principal or income of Trust "B" until such time as Trust "A" is substantially exhausted both as to principal and income. At such time as the income and principal of Trust "A" is substantially exhausted, the net income of Trust "B" shall be paid to the surviving Trustor in monthly or other convenient installments during his or her lifetime, but in no event less often than annually.
- Upon the death of the surviving Trustor, the remaining assets of the Trust shall be divided into as many separate trusts as there are children of the Trustors living, providing that if any such child be then deceased leaving issue surviving at the date of such division, such deceased child shall be considered as living for the purposes of such division, and in that event the Trustee shall set aside and distribute one of such equal shares to the issue of any such deceased child per stirpes. Each of the Trusts thus established shall be administered as separate Trusts, as hereinafter provided, but without the necessity of the Trustee making physical division of the assets unless the Trustee deems it necessary or advisable to do so. The assets set aside for the use and benefit of

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the: 'ustors' issue shall be hele administered and distributed as follows:

(a) The Trustee shall set aside

The Trustee shall set aside one of such sheres for each of the Trustors' children by right of representation in a separate trust and shall distribute so wuch of the net income derived therefrom as in the sole discretion of the Trustee may be deemed necessary or advisable for such child's health, support, maintenance or education, including study at an institution of higher learning, or to commence a business or profession, to or for the use or benefit of such child until he or she attains the age of twenty-one (21) years, and any accumulated income not so required shall be added to the principal of such share. Thereafter, the entire net income from said share shall be distributed quarterly to on for the use or benefit of such child until he or she attains the age of twenty-five (25) years, at which time one-half (1/2) of the then principal of such share shall be distributed to such child; and thereafter, the entire net income from the balance of the principal of such share shall be distributed quarterly to or for the use or benefit of such child until he or she attains the age of thirty (30) years, at which time the entire balance of the principal of such share together with any undiscributed income therefrom, shall be distributed to such child.

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Upon the d. h of any such (b) child before becoming entitled to receive the whole of his or her share of the Trust Estate, the Trustee, after paying the expanses of the last illness and burial of such deceased child, unless such expenses shall have been paid or provided for apart from this Trust, shall distribute the entire principal of such share, or so much thereof as then remains, together with any undistributed income therefrom, to the then surviving issue of such deceased child per stirpes, subject however, to the provisions of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) hereof. If such deceased child shall leave no such issue them surviving, the same shall be added in equal portions to the shares then held for the benefit of the other children, and to those previously distributed therefrom, excluding the share of each child theratofore deceased as to whom then survies no issue, but including by right of representation the issue of any deceased child. If any portion of a share has theretofore been distributed, then a similar portion of the added share shall likewise be distributed.

(a) If at any time during the lifetime of both Trustors, in the absolute discretion of the Trustee, any child or grandchild of the Trustors, or issue of such grandchildren, should be in want of

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WHIPPLE additional monies for their health, support and maintenance, the ..ustee may pay to or apply for the benefit of such individual such emounts from the income or principal of the Trust Estate as the Trustee may from time to time deem necessary or advisable for such beneficiary's health, support, maintenance or education, including study at an institution of higher learning.

- (b) If at any time after the death of one Trustor, and during the lifetime of the surviving Trustor, in the absolute discretion of the Trustee, any child or grandchild of the Trustors, or issue of such grandchild, should be in want of additional monies for their health, support and maintenance, the Trustee may pay to or apply for the benefit of such individual, such amounts from the income or principal of Trust "B" as the Trustee may from time to time deem necessary or advisable, provided such payments do not jeopardize the security of the surviving Trustor.
- (c) If at any time after the death of both Trustors, in the absolute discretion of Trustee, any child or grandchild of the Trustors should be in want of monies for their health, support or maintenance, or to commence a business or profession, the Trustee may pay to or apply for the benefit of such individual, in addition to the payments hereinabove provided, such amounts from the principal of his or her

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respective share of the must Estate, up to the whole of said part, as the Trustee may from time to time deem necessary or advisable for such beneficiary's health, support, maintenance, or education, including study at an institution of higher learning, or to commence a business or profession, or the Trustee may in its sole discretion during any calendar year pay to or apply for the benefit of such individual the greater of the following amounts: FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) or FIVE PER CENT (5%) of the aggregate value of the Trust Estate set aside for such beneficiary.

- (5) The interests of beneficiaries in principal or income shall not be subject to claims of their creditors nor others, nor to legal process, and may not be voluntarily nor involuntarily alienated nor encumbered.
- contrary notwithstanding, unless terminated at an earlier date under the foregoing provisions, all Trusts created herein shall terminate at the expiration of twenty-one (21) years after the death of the last surviving beneficiary living on the date of the execution of this Trust Agreement. If any Trust created herein is terminated by reason of the operation of this paragraph, the Trust as then existing shall go and be distributed to the persons then entitled to the income therefrom in the same proportions in which they were receiving or were entitled to receive said income.

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SEVEN: To carry out the purposes of this Trust,
the Trustee is vested with the following powers in addition to
those now or hereafter conferred by law, affecting the Trust
and the Trust Estates, subject to the provisions heretofore
set forth in Paragraph FIVE:

(a) The Trustee shall have the power to
manage and control, invest and reinvest, sell or

- manage and control, invest and reinvest, sell or assign, the proceeds of such life insurance policies and the funds of the Trust Estate, in such investments as the Trustee may elect, and also in such other investments as are hereinabove specifically authorized. He shall have the power to exercise any right or option of subscription or otherwise which may at any time be given to the holders of any securities of the Trust Estate.
- (b) To manage, control, sell, convey, exchange, partition, divide, subdivide, improve, repair; to grant options and to sell upon deferred payments; to lease for terms within or extending beyond the duration of this Trust for any purpose, including exploration for and removal of gas, oil or other minerals; and to enter into community oil leases.
- (c) To retain property and to invest, and reinvest as provided by law from time to time existing.
- (d) To borrow; to place, replace, renew, or extend any encumbrances upon any real property; and to institute, compromise and defend actions and proceedings.
- (e) To participate in voting trusts, pooling agreements, foreclosures, reorganizations, consoli-

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dar'ns, margers, and liquidate s, and in connection therewith, to deposit securities with and transfer title and delegate discretions to any protective or other committee as the Trustee way deem advisable.

- (f) Upon any division or partial or final distribution of the Trust Estate, to partition, allot, and distribute the Trust Estate in undivided interests or in kind, at valuations determined by the Trustee, and to sell such property as the Trustee may deem necessary to make division and distribution.
- (g) To determine what is principal or income of the Trust Estate and apportion and allocate in his discretion, receipts and expenses as between these accounts. Except insofar as the Trustee shall exercise this discretion, matters relating to the rights of beneficiaries among themselves as to principal and income shall be governed by the provisions of the Principal and Income Act from time to time existing.
- (h) The enumeration of certain powers of the Trustee shall not limit its general powers, the Trustee subject always to the discharge of its fiduciary obligations, being vested with and having all the rights, powers and privileges which an absolute owner of the same property would have.
- (i) Upon the death of the first to die of the Husband or Wife, or upon the death of any other beneficiary, the expenses of last illness and burial, and any estate, inheritance, succession or other death taxes, duties, charges, or assessments, together with interest, penalties, costs, Trustees' compensations and attorney fees, which shall become due or be occasioned by reason of the Trust Estate

of my interest therein being that the for such tex purposes, shall be paid by the Trustee out of his or her share of the community property interest in the Trust Estate, or his or her share of the Trust Estate, as the case may be, unless other adequate provisions shall have been made therefor. Any such payments shall be charged to principal of the share of the Trust Estate or the separate Trust so included.

- die, all estate, inheritance, succession, or other death taxes or duties (by whatever name called) which shall become due by reason of the Trust Estate or any portion thereof being includible for such tax purposes, shall be paid by the Trustee out of the said deceased beneficiary's Trust (the "A" Trust). Any other costs, including Trustees' compensation and attorney fees, which shall be due or be occasioned by the death of the Trustors, or either of them, may be paid by the Trustee out of income or principal from either Trust "A" or Trust "B", unless other adequate provisions shall have been made therefor.
- (k) The Trustee shall have full power and authority to pay from the Trust Estate any other taxes, charges or assessments for which the Trustee, the Trust Estate or any interest therein becomes liable, and any such payments shall be made from and charged to either income or principal of the Trust Estate or any share or separate trust thereof; as the Trustee, in its discretion, deems proper.
- (1) The Trustee may make such payments directly or to a personal representative or other

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f iary, the Trustee may rel. pon a written statement of such fiduciary as to the amount and propriety
of such taxes, interest, penalties, and other costs,
and shall be under no duty to see to the application
of any funds so paid.

- Trust 'A" to Trust "B" or between the separate Trusts or shares, as may exist from time to time, on such terms and at such fair market values as the Trustee may determine. The Trustee may loan or advance monies which are funds of the Trust Estate from any one of the several trusts or shares to any of the other trusts or shares as may exist from time to time upon such terms, conditions and security as the Trustee may, in its discretion, determine to be fair and reasonable.
- Trustee may, within its discretion, purchase assats from the escare of the deceased Trustor at a fair value. The propriety of the purchase, the amount of such assets purchased, and the ascertainment of fair value shall be solely within the discretion of the Trustee, and the Trustee shall incur no liability as a result of such purchase or purchases whether or not such assets constitute investments which may ordinarily be made by Trustees. At its discretion, the Trustee may loan monies which are funds of the Trust Estate to the estate of the deceased Trustor, upon such terms as the Trustee and the personal representative of the deceased Trustor may agree.
- (o) The Trustee shall have the power to budget the estimated income and expenses of the

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ist in such manner as to eq ize, as far as possible, periodic income payments to the beneficiaries.

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- (p) The Trustee shall not at any time be required to make any accounting of the administration of the Trust Estate to any court or public authority whatsoever. Any and all accounting shall be made to the beneficiaries of the Trust or to the legal guardian or conservator of any beneficiary who has not reached the age of majority, or who has been declared incompetent.
- For the purposes of allocation thereof between the Trusts, as hereinabove provided in Paragraph SIX, for the purpose of determining the nature and character of the property in the event the Trust is terminated or partially revoked and assets distributed to the Trustors, and for tax purposes, it is the express intent of the Trustors, that in the event either of the Trustors hereafter acquire any separate or community property and transfer the same to this Trust, said separate or community property shall retain its status as separate or community property subsequent to the time it is transferred to this Trust. the event that any separate or community property is at any time hereafter transferred out of the Trust, it shall retain its character as separate or community property subsequent to being transferred out of the Trust.

EIGHT: The Trustors declare that all property in which they have an interest or which stands in the name of KENT WHIPPLE, a/k/a KENT O'NEIL WHIPPLE, and/or JANE WHIPPLE, a/k/a

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JANE ELEANOP ". WHIPPLE, is wholly common by property under one laws of the State of Nevada, irrespective of the manner in which record title is held, or has been held prior to the transfer to the Trustee under this Trust.

The primary purpose of this instrument is to NINE: provide for the income beneficiaries, and the rights and incerests of remaindermen are subordinate to that purpose. The provisions of this instrument shall be construed liberally in the interests of and for the benefit of the income beneficiaries.

Upon the resignation, inability to act, or TEN: death of JANE WHIPPLE, them KENT WHIPPLE shall act as the sole Trustee. Upon the resignation, insbility to act, or death of KENT WHIPPLE, then JANE WHIPPLE and KEITH MURRAY WHIPPLE shall act as Successor Co-Trustees. Upon the resignation, inability to act, or death of both of the original Trustees, then KEITH MURRAY WHIPPLE shall act as the sole Successor Trustee. Upon the resignation, inability to act, or death of KEITH MURRAY WHIPPLE, then the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF NEVADA shall act as the Successor Trustee.

The individual Successor Co-Trustees shall be entitled to compensation for their services, which shall be the compensation normally charged by corporate trustees under similar The individual Trustees named herein shall serve circumstances. vithout bond.

Each Successor Co-Trustee must at all times be fully informed of each and every official act performed by the other Trustees and must be furnished with an accounting of all income, expenditures and activities of the Trust at least quarterly Each Co-Trustee at all times shall have the right to examine any and all Trust books of account, reports, files and papers of ever

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ELEVEN: As used in this Trust, the singular shall be deemed to include the plural, and the masculine, feminine, or neuter shall be deemed to include each of the other two genders.

TWELVE: This Agreement has been delivered in the State The laws of the State of Nevada shall govern the of Nevada. validity and interpretation and administration thereof, notwithstanding the residence in another jurisdiction of the Trustors or of any other beneficiary hereunder.

THIRTEEN: As used throughout this instrument, the term "issue" shall include any children of the Trustors, who may hereafter be born or legally adopted, and shall include children adopted by any descendent and their descendents by birth or adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 17 day of 1100ch 1969.

TRUSTORS :

KENT O'NEIL WHIPPLE

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STATE OF NEVADA } ss

On this 17th day of March, 1969, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally expeared KENT WRIPPLE and JANE WHIPPLE, husband and wife,
known to me to be the persons described in and whose signatures
are subscribed to the within Trust Agraement as "TRUSTORS", and
jointly acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely
and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Notary Public - State of Nevada
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WYRNA M. LOPARCO
By Commission Septes ANC, 18, 1970

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for said County and State

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EXHIBIT "2"

AMERICAN REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL

B. KENT VOLUMER, THE BUTTO SENSON APPROXISON.

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Matthew Carling - Attorney 51 East 400 North, Bldg I Cedar City, UT 84720

August 2, 2015

RE:

Kent Whipple Estate Whipple Ranch

Ash Springs, Lincoln County, NV

Total Acreage to be determined (Est to be approximately 500 acres)

Dear Mr. Matthew Carling,

Following is a standard Agreement for services and my proposal to complete the required appraisal work on the above referenced property. We are happy to offer this letter of engagement for the appraisal you have requested.

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

This Agreement entered into by and between B. Kent Vollmer, hereafter referred to as the Appraiser, and <u>Matthew Carling</u> hereafter referred to as the Contractor.

- Appraiser agrees to provide a written Summary Report on the above referenced property. The final concluded land Legal Descriptions and/or Assessor Parcels will be agreed upon by the Appraiser and the Contractor. This is estimated to be in the range of 500 acres. The valuation will account for the "as is" value of the property as of the date of valuation. The acope of work is to include the appropriate approaches to value, which appear to be the Sales Comparison Approach for farm and range land, with NO improvements. The Water Rights associated with this property, as of the effective date of valuation, are assumed to be adequate to utilize the property for farming ranching. There reportedly is not excessive water rights, and therefore, a water rights valuation will NOT be conducted.
- 2) The report will conform with the requirements and the code of Professional Conduct of USPAP. It is understood that the appraisal is prepared for the sole and exclusive use of Contractor. We require Appraiser's written authorization before releasing the reports to any other party. We conclude that to the best of our knowledge, we have provided NO services on this property is the past 5 years.
 - The intended user of the appraisal report is Matthew Carling Attorney for the Estate of Kent Whipple. The intended use of the report is for establishing market value for Estate Planning purposes. The type of value to be estimated is MARKET VALUE as defined in USPAP. The legal property right appraised would be the fee simple interest. The property will be valued as of a retrospective date of February 5, 1997.
- Based on a preliminary review of the subject property, the fee to appraise the properties will be \$3,000.00. It is understood that the fee is not contingent on any values to be reported. We will farmsh you with a digitally transmitted capies (in pdf format) of the finished appraisal reports. Hard bound capies can be requested at an additional fee of \$50.00 per copy

- Contractor agrees to pay the appraiser fee as follows: \$3,000.00 upon execution of this agreement. Any remaining balances are due and payable prior to release of the completed reports. Execution of this agreement begins with the return of a signed copy of this agreement, the deposit fee, and any pertinent items in Section 8 below. The appraisal fee is in no way based on the final value estimate of the appraised properties, and all sums herein are due and payable, regardless of the amount of the final value estimate. It is agreed that any values or reports can not be released until all fees are paid in full.
- This Agreement does not include Appraiser to and Appraiser shall not be required to give testimony or to attend any public hearing in court with reference to the properties appraised, provided however, in the event Appraiser is subpoented or otherwise commanded by lawful order or requirement to give testimony or attend any public or private hearing because of having prepared the appraisal reports. Contractor agrees to pay Appraiser \$150.00 per hour for preparation and attendance at such hearing, with a four hour minimum, plus expenses with the four hour minimum tee of \$600,00 paid prior to the bearing.
- 6) It is further agreed and understood that if any portion of the compensation or costs due to the appraiser become delinquent, the Contractor will pay late fees thereon at the rate of 10% per month on the said amount from the due date until paid, and further agrees to pay all costs of collection thereof, including all reasonable attorney's fees and court costs. Checks returned as not payable are charged a 5% fee.
- 7) If Contractor desires to cancel this Agreement, written notice thereof shall be delivered to Appraiser, and Contractor shall pay for all services to and through Appraiser's receipt of the written notice of termination at the rate of \$150.00 per hour.
- Contractor agrees to furnish at the request of Appraiser any necessary information or documentation, in its possession or access, relevant to the property being appraised. These items could include, but are nor limited to, water rights certificate #1s that apply to this property, copies of leases, rental income/expense statements, pro-formas, legal descriptions, detailed construction costs and plans, if applicable. If the property is currently under contract to sell, Appraiser is to be provided a copy of the contract including all addenda. Contractor shall provide the foregoing information and documentation to Appraiser in conjunction with Contractor's execution and return of this Agreement to Appraiser, and as soon as reasonable thereafter.
- Appraiser does not make warranties or guarantees of any kind regarding the condition of the properties, sufficiency of title, area and boundaries, mechanical and siructural conditions of the improvements, and with the agreement that the appraisal reports represent Appraiser's opinion of value only, without any warranty that the properties will sell for the appraised value. Contractor agrees to indemnify Appraiser, its employees and agents from all claims, suits and charges of any nature that may arise out of this Agreement.
- Time is of the essence and Appraiser will use deligence in completing this assignment within 2-3 week time frame, starting upon receipt of a signed copy of this agreement and of the information and documents set forth in sections #4 and #8. It is understood that Appraiser relies on certain information provided by others, including Contractor, and has no control over the timely availability of such information. It is agreed there will be no time constraints on the proper completion of the appraisal reports.

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8/3/2015

Accepted by,

B. Kent Vollmer

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BKVollmer@CiMail.Com

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EXHIBIT "3"



R. MICHAEL TURNIPSERD, P.C. State Englaser

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF WATER BESOURCES

Capitol Complex 123 W. Nya Lane Careon City, Nevada 89710 (702) 657-4380

55918, 55919, 55920

September 19, 1994

ATT: JAN BRADSHAW KENT WHIPPLE RANCH HIKO NV 69017

Dear Ms. Bradshaw:

Please be advised that Applications 55918, 55919 and 55920 have been assigned to show Kent Whipple Trust as current owner of record.

This assignment reflects only the information that has been filed with this office and may be subject to amendment upon receipt of additional documentation.

If you have any questions please contact this office at (702) 687-4381.

Sincerely.

Michagl J. Randall Hydraulic Engineer

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cc: Betsy Whipple

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THIS QUITCLAIM DEED, Executed this 30th day of December , 1993 Sest party, to Kant Whipple Ranch show post office eddings is General Delivery, Hiko, NV 89017 to eccompany: Kent Whipple Trust whome post office address is General Celivery, Kiko, NV 89017

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EXHIBIT "5"



THE STATE OF NEVADA

PERMIT TO CHANGE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA HERETOFORE APPROPRIATED

Name of applicant:

KENT AND JANE WHIPPLE TRUST

Source:

UNDERGROUND

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PAHRANAGAT VALLEY

Manner of Use:

IRRIGATION

Period of Use:

January 1st to December 31st 3/1 - 11/30

Priority Date:

10/01/2001

<u>APPROVAL</u> OF STATE ENGINEER

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing application, and do hereby grant the same, subject to the following limitations and conditions:

This permit to change the point of diversion and place of use of the waters of an underground source as heretofore granted under Permit 73719 is issued subject to the terms and conditions imposed in said Permit 73719 and with the understanding that no other rights on the source will be affected by the change proposed hereis. The well shall be equipped with a 2-inch opening and a totalizing meter must be installed and maintained in the discharge pipeline near the point of diversion and accurate measurements must be kept of water placed to beneficial use. The totalizing meter must be installed before any use of the water begins or before the Proof of Completion of Work is filed. If the well is flowing, a valve must be installed and maintained to prevent waste. This source is located within an area designated by the State Engineer pursuant to NRS 534.030. The State retains the right to regulate the use of the water herein granted at any and all times.

This permit does not extend the permittee the right of ingress and egress on public, private or corporate lands.

The well must be sealed with coment grout, concrete grout or neat cement from ground level to 100 feet.

The issuance of this permit does not waive the requirements that the permit holder obtain other permits from State, Federal and local agencies.

The point of diversion and place of use are as described on the submitted application to support this permit.

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The amount of water to be appropriated shall be limited to the amount which can be applied to beneficial use, and not to exceed 1.17 cubic feet per second or 271.0 acre-feet annually but not to exceed 5.0 acre feet per acre of land irrigated from any and all sources.

Work must be prosecuted with reasonable diligence and proof of completion of work shall be filed on or before:

Water must be placed to beneficial use and proof of the application of water to beneficial use shall be filed on or before:

November <u>18 2011</u>

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Map in support of proof of beneficial use shall be filed on or before:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, JASON KING, P.E.,

State Engineer of Nevada, have hereunto set my hand and the seal of my office, this <u>150</u> day of <u>November</u>, A.D. <u>2010</u>

	State Engineer 7. E -		
Completion of work filed			
Proof of beneficial use filed	<u> </u>		
Cultural map filed			
Certificate No			

Application No. 79132

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO CHANGE POINT OF DIVERSION, MANNER OF USE AND PLACE OF USE OF THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA HERETOFORE APPROPRIATED

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

901 South Stewart Street, Suite 2002 Carson City, Nevada 89701-8250 (778) 684-2800 • Fax (775) 684-2811 http://water.ay.gov January 6, 2015

Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC Ms. Jane H. Whipple HCR 61 Box 27 Hiko, NV 89017

RE: Water Rights Title

To Whom it May Concern:

Please be advised that your Reports of Conveyance received on September 26, 2014, are hereby confirmed to update ownership of Permits as listed in the table below. These water rights are now in the name of Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC. In addition, the following portion* of Permit 55918 is now in the name of Jane E. Whipple. Details of the permits, including the current ownership, can be viewed online. First, click on "Water Rights Database"; then "Permit Search".

Permit	CES.	Duty (afa)	Acres
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55919	0.5300	123.50	24.70
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Also be advised that according to NRS 533.386 (2.), this confirmation of your Report of Conveyance does not guarantee that a) the water right is in good standing with the office of the State Engineer; or b) the amount of water referenced in the notice or in the report of conveyance is the actual amount of water that a person is entitled to use; and c) this is not a determination of ownership and that only a court of competent jurisdiction may adjudicate conflicting claims to ownership of a water right.

This confirmation reflects only the information that has been filed with this office and may be subject to amendment upon receipt of additional documentation. The owner is responsible for notifying the State Engineer's office of any change of address in writing. If you have any questions, call (775) 684-2829.

Sincerely,

Dan Zampinto

Engineering Technician III

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cc: Mr. Robert Coache, Hydrotech Consulting Services, LLC

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EXHIBIT "7"

IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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March 3, 2015

Dan Randles Water Rights Specialist! Nevada Division of Water Resources 901 S. Stewart St. Suite 2002 Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Dan,

Enclosed is a copy of the Kent Whilppie Ranch Trust which, according to my Fathers Attorney, all assets were supposed to be deeded into upon my Father's death in 1977. The supplemental trust agreement which was signed on January 30, 1977 about a week before my Father died ensured all assets were placed into the trust.

My Sister and I have ordered a Title search to try to figure out what the Boys are up do. I'm very dishearten my Brother Bret, would use Robert Coache as an agent to try to remove assets from the trust. Robert Coache currently has 50 counts of criminal money laundering still pending against him in Clark County regarding the Water issue he was involved with in Virgin Valley. (See attachment)

As soon as we have the results of the title search, we may have the Co-Trustee order an audit of the Trust and all the assets involved with the Ranch and Trust. At this time, we will send a "report of conveyance" which will correct to current name changes on all the water assets in the Trust. I hope it won't, but this may lead to a legal issue, especially if we find quick-claim deeds were designed to remove assets from the trust illegally. In addition, if you receive a copy of the trust from Robert Coache, please forward it to me as I am interested to see If another trust was created.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Best regards.

Betsy L Whipple

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Re: Permit 28599, Permit 55918, Permit 55919, Permit 55920, Permit 79132, Claim V-01394 and Application 84692

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The above-referenced Permits, which were issued for irrigation purposes, and a Decreed right under the Pahranagat Lake Decree, all being associated with the Kent Whipple Ranch, are under review for various reasons by the State Engineer's office. However, the issue of ownership of water rights associated with the Kent Whipple Ranch has caused this office to determine that the related parties claiming ownership need to sort cut this matter prior to the State Engineer taking any further action regarding title to or changes of water rights associated with the ranch.

Nevedu Revised Statute § 533,386 provides that if, from the conveyance documents or other information in the Office of the State Engineer, it appears to the State Engineer that there is a coeffict in the chain of title, the State Engineer shall reject the report of conveyance and return it in the person who submitted it, together with an explanation that a conflict appears to exist in the chain of title; and a notice stating that the State Engineer will not take further action with respect to the report of conveyance until a court of competent jurisdiction has determined the conflicting claims to ownership of the water right and the determination has become final or until a final resolution of the conflicting claims has otherwise occurred. The notice must also include a statement of the provisions of subsection 5. Subsection 5 provides that:

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The State Engineer shall not consider or treat the person to whom:

(a) An application or permit to appropriate any of the public waters;

(b) A certificate of appropriation:

(c) An adjudicated or unadjudicated water right; or

(d) An application or permit to change the place of diversion, matter of use or place of use of water, is conveyed as the owner or holder of the application, right, certificate or permit for the purposes of this chapter, including, without limitation, all advisements and other notices required of the State Engineer and the granting of permits to change the place of diversion, manner of use or place of use of water, until a report of the conveyance is confirmed pursuant to subsection 1.

Before further consideration will be given toward the issuance of any change under Application 84692, a determination by a count of competent jurisdiction will be required as to the ownership of the above-referenced water rights...

Correspondence from Betsy Whipple, who is a protestant to Application 84692, and correspondence and information provided by Robert Coache, P.E., acting as representative of Jane E. Whipple, trustee and Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC, Applicant under Application 84692 raises a number of questions regarding the ownership of these water rights.

One item of concern is that Kent Whipple died in 1978 and the only two rights he hald prior to that date were Permit 28599 and Claim V-01394. The remaining three permits, 55918, 55919 and 55920 were filed on March 4, 1991, in the name of Kent Whipple Ranch as owner. Permits 55918, 55919 and 55920 were then conveyed by unrecorded Quitclaim deed to the Kent Whipple Trust, which at the time in 1994 was an acceptable transfer with the State Engineer's Office. At that time, the State Engineer did not have a copy of the trust to review and subsequently accepted an officavit by representative, at the time Lenard Smith, to confirm that the acquisition was in fact by the Kent and Jane Whipple trust and that it was one and the same as Kent Whipple Trust as listed in the unrecorded deed of 1993 submitted to update title. At this time, this office is not comfortable with the acceptance of that affidavit as Mr. Smith was a water right surveyor and to our knowledge was not qualified as a person to make determinations as to ownership under a trust. Upon recent review of the Kent and Jane Whipple trust, it has been found that the death of either trustes Kent or Jane Whipple created an "A" and "B" trust with co-trustees Kent and either surviving trustee Kent or Jane Whipple.

Betsy Whipple has informed this office that, upon the passing of Kent Whipple in 1978, it would have split the Kent and Jane Whipple trust into an "A" and "B" trust with co-trustees Keith and Jane Whipple. The split of the Kent and Jane Whipple trust into the "A" and "B" trusts with co-trustees Keith and Jane Whipple is also confirmed by affidavit by Jane Whipple, but does not clarify if the water rights were to be assets of irust "A" or "B" or both. At no point in any of the documents submitted to substantiate title with this office or within any of the affidavits claiming ownership of water rights in question is it mentioned that there is an "A" and "B" trust, only that Keith and Jane were co-trustees as noted on conveyance documents. At this time, it is unclear in what way the water rights are assets of the Kent and Jane Whipple "A" and "B" trusts. An Affidavit by Robert Chacke claims the water rights are sole property of Jane Whipple as trustee, but that is not clearly defined in any of the documents on file or submitted to this office and this office questions whether an engineer is qualified to make statements regarding ownership of water rights under said trust(s). In conversations with Betsy Whipple, she references the trust where on pages four, five and six, it states that assets acquired would be part of the "B" trust that is controlled by both co-trustees.

Previous title changes are subject to review if needed and/or additional information has been provided to the Office of the State Engineer that raises questions as to title. Any confirmation of a report of conveyance of a water right does not guarantee that the water right is in good standing with the Office of the State Engineer, that the amount of water referenced in the notice or in the report of conveyance is the actual amount of water that a person is entitled to use and is not a determination of ownership. MRS § 533,386(2b states that.2). Only a court of competent jurisdiction may adjudicate conflicting claims to ownership of a water right.

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In review of the Kent and Jane Whipple trust, and affidavits provided by Robert Coache and Jane Whipple, in addition to information provided by Betsy Whipple, it is determined that the current ownership on all Permits and Decreed right listed above are at this time considered questionable transfers of title of water rights. A determination of ownership may not be made by the Office of the State Engineer as to the conflicting claims by both parties and will require a decision by a court of competent jurisdiction. All of the Permits and the decreed right listed will need to be declared if they are associated with trust "A" or "B", who the trustees/co-trustees are, the amounts owned by each, explanation of the trust(s) holding the entity of Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC and if that is still operating, and if the conveyance of water rights by Quitelaim deeds to Kent Whipple Ranch LLC are valid transfers of title of water rights as submitted to the State Engineer's Office in September 2014.

Sincerely,

Rick Oliver

Chief, Title Section

RLO/sgc

Case No. CV 0930015 1 Dept. No.: 2 2 BINGHAM SNOW & CALDWELL Nick A. Moschetti, Nevada Bar No. 0920 3 Bo Bingham, Nevada Bar No. 9511 4 840 Pinnacle Court, Suite 202 Mesquite, Nevada 89027 5 (702) 346-7300 phone (702) 346-/313 fax 6 www.binghamsnow.com 7 Attorneys for Co-Trustee Warren Whipple 8 IN THE SEVENTH DISTRICT COURT, IN AND FOR 9 LINCOLN COUNTY, NEVADA 10 11 ĮΖ In re THE KENT AND JANE WHIPPLE MOTION: TRUST, dated March 17, 1969, Jane 1- TO DISMISS PETITION; 13 Whippple, Co-Trustee (erroneously 2- ALTERNATIVELY, TO STAY 14 named as Trustee), and amendments PETITION; and thereto, JANE WHIPPLE, 3- TO COMPEL ARBITRATION. 15 Petitioner. 16 17 18 19 20 COMES NOW Warner Whipple, duly appointed and acting Co-Trustee of the Kent and Jane Whipple Trust, dated March 17, 1969, by and through his 21 undersigned attorney Nick A. Moschetti, Jr. of the law firm of BINGHAM 22 SNOW & CALDWELL, and files this Motion to Dismiss Petition or Alternatively 23 to Stay Petition and to Compel Arbitration. This Motion is supported by the 24 Memorandum of Points and Authorities filed contemporaneously herewith. 25 Dated November 21, 2015. 26 Not A. Montion Nick A. Moschetti, Novada Bar No. 0020 27

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Attorneys for Warner Whipple, Co-Trustee

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The pending Petition seeks a declaration of ownership rights in specific Nevada water rights¹. The Petitioner, in her Petition, as an erroneously named sole Trustee (in fact Petitioner is a Co-Trustee) of the Kent and Jane Whipple Trust (herein "Trust") and as an individual, claims ownership and control of all of said specific Nevada water rights and all other Trust property.

The Petitioner alleges and admits that the Trust shares A and B have not been funded³. Funding is required/mandatory by the controlling and foundation Trust documents³. Without funding of the shares A and B, ownership of the specific Nevada water rights and specific real properties to which the specific water rights are appurtenant are unknown and must be determined.

The controlling and foundation Trust agreement requires unanimous agreement By both Co-Trustees of the Trust (herein "Co Trustee Jane" and "Co-Trustee Warner"). In the event there is not unanimous Co-Trustee agreement, then the Trust requires arbitration of the Co-Trustee disagreements. Jane Whipple is an initial Co-Trustee and upon the death of her husband Kent Whipple, Keith Whipple became the successor Co-Trustee⁴ and upon the resignation of Keith Whipple⁵, Warner Whipple became the successor Co-Trustee⁶.

¹ State of Nevada Division of Water Resources Permits 28599, 55919,55920,79132, Claim V-01394 and Application 84692, and successor historical Applications and Permits.

² Petition pg.2 lns1&2; pg.3 lns 11-14; pg.6 lns 14-18.

Exhibit A Keni and Jane Whipple Trust as Supplemented ("Trust") pgs 1 & 2 paragraphs FIRST & SECOND and pgs 7 through 16.

Exhibit A pg 22 paragraph TEN.

Exhibit B Resignation of Keith Whipple deted August 29, 2015.

 Co-Trustee Warner disagrees with the filing of the present Petition for Declaratory Relief by Co-Trustee Jane and disagrees with the Petition claims and allegations of Co-Trustee Jane, including without limitation that: (i) Share A and Share B have never been funded (conflicting Trust records state otherwise): (i) Share B is not to be funded; (iii) Jane, individually or as a sole Trustee of the share A Trust and/or Kent and Jane Whipple Trust, has full ownership and control of the specific Nevada water rights and all other Trust property; (iv) Kent and Jane Whipple Trust, Kent Whipple Trust and Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC are one and the same; and, (v) an appraisal of the Trust in 1976 dollars be confirmed.

The Petition is an attempt by one individual who is also one of two Trust

Co-Trustees to takeover all of the Trust property for herself: (i) to the extreme detriment

of specific Trust beneficiaries; (ii) in disregard of specific Trust terms; and (iii) in

complete disregard of the vote and opposing position of the Trust's other Co-Trustee,

who is under a fiduciary duty to administer the Trust, safeguard Trust properties, and

act in the best interests of Trust beneficiaties according to Trust terms and trust law.

II. LEGAL ARGUMENT

The undersigned Co-Trustee Warner respectfully requests that this Court

Compel arbitration under the Uniform Arbitration Act of Nevada as specifically mandated
in the Trust. Nevada has established a policy favoring arbitration, the Co-Trustees
have entered into a valid agreement requiring arbitration, and the arbitration clause in
in the Trust agreement is clear and unambiguous. As such this Court should

^o Exhibit C Order Amending Inter Vivos Trust entered November 16, 2007 in Case No. 3692 by the Fourth Judicial District Court of the State of Noveda in and for the County of Elko.

The alleged appraisal that has been requested by Petitioner's legal counsel, Petitioner's Exhibit 2, does not have the approval or agreement of Co-Trustee Warner as required by the Trust (see 60.4 above).

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A. ARBITRATION UNDER THE UNIFORM ARBITRATION ACT OF NEVADA.

Co-Trustee Warner opposes the Petition and argues that the Petition should be dismissed or alternatively stayed and arbitration compelled, based on the mandatory Trust language for arbitration of disagreements between Trust Co-Trustees. The Trust Agreement specifically provides:

"The concurring vote of two (2) Co-Trustees shall be necessary for the Trustees to act hereunder, when there are two (2) Co-Trustees. In the event of a disagreement at any time when there are only two (2) Co-Trustees, then the dispute shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the Uniform Arbitration Act of the State of Nevada."8

As stated in a recent 2015 Nevada Supreme Court Advance Opinion:

"NRS 38.219(1) expresses Nevada's fundamental policy favoring the enforceability of arbitration agreements"9.

"An agreement contained in a record to submit to arbitration any existing or subsequent controversy arising between the parties to the agreement is valid, enforceable and irrevocable ... (unless grounds exist for revocation of the agreement)10.

The Trust here involved is undeniably an agreement as recited and intended in opening lines of the Trust and Trust Supplement". The Trust language is specific and unambiguous in stating "In the event of a disagreement at any time,...then the dispute shall be submitted to arbitration..."

Further support for arbitration can be found in a Nevada Supreme Court decision. addressing an earlier version of the Uniform Arbitration Act. There the Court said that

⁸ Exhibit A Trust pg. 23 Ins 6-11.

Tallman v. The Eighth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, 131 Nev., Advance Opinion 71, at pg. 8 ¹⁰ NRS 38.219(1) of Nevada's Uniform Arbitration Ac-

¹¹ Exhibit A. Irust pgs. 1 & 4. 12 Exhibit A Trust pg. 23 in 8,

the reason for not allowing interlocutory appeals of orders compelling arbitration is "obvious". "[I]f at the very threshold of the proceeding the defaulting party could appeal and thereby indefinitely delay the matter of arbitration, the object of the law [favoring arbitration] and the purpose of the written agreement of the parties would be entirely defeated." Clark Cnty. V. Empire Elec., Inc., 96 Nev. 18, 20, 604 P.2d 352, 353 (1980). In the matter now before this Court, the "defaulting party" is the Petitioner, who has failed to obtain the concurring vote of Co-Trustee Warner regarding Trust matters and has refused to submit the Petition matters to mandatory arbitration as required by the terms of the Trust.

NRS 38.247 (a)(1) authorizes the interlocutory appeal of an order denying arbitration, since the appealing party is seeking to enforce the object of the law [favoring arbitration] and the written agreement of the parties.

"As a matter of public policy, Nevada courts encourage arbitration and liberally construe arbitration clauses in favor of granting arbitration." <u>State ex rel. Masto.</u>

125 Nev. At 44, 199 P.3d at 832. Similarly, Nevada law also recognizes that "strong public policy favors arbitration because arbitration generally avoids the higher costs and longer time periods associated with traditional litigation." <u>D.R. Horton v. Green</u>, 120 Nev. 549, 553 (2004), citing to <u>Burch v. Dist.Ct..</u>, 118 Nev. 438, 442, 49 P.3d 647, 650 (2002)

Nevada courts have further uniformly held that agreements to arbitrate are specifically enforceable. *Silverman v. Fireman's Fund Ins. Co.*, 96 Nev. 30, 604 P.2d 805 (1980). Any doubts concerning the arbitrability of the subject matter of the disputes are to be resolved in favor of arbitration and the parties are not to be deprived by the Court of the benefit of arbitration. *Exber. Inc. v. Sletten Const.Co.*, 92 Nev. 721, 558 P.2d

517 (1976). The U.S. Supreme Court has also held because of the strong policy favoring arbitration, any doubts are to be resolved in favor of the party moving to compel arbitration. Moses H. Cone Mem. Hosp. v. Mercury Const. Corp., 460 U.S. 1, 24 (1983).

B. ARBITRATION OF CO-TRUSTEE DISAGREEMENTS BASED ON TRUST TERMS.

The two leading cases in Arizona¹³ and California¹⁴ that held against enforcement of arbitration clauses in trusts have been overturned, by statute in Arizona¹⁵ and by case law in California¹⁶ enacted after those case decisions.

In 2007, Florida became the first state to enforce a Mandatory Arbitration Provision for trusts (and Wills) by a statute¹⁷ which states:

"Arbitration of disputes: A provision in a will or trust requiring the arbitration of disputes, other than disputes of the validity of all or a part of a will or trust, between or among the beneficiaries and a fiduciary under the will or trust, or any combination of such persons or entities, is enforceable."

Texas provides the leading case that enforces a mandatory arbitration clause in a trust.18

The Court addressed three theories for enforcement of a Mandatory Arbitration

Provision.

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in a trust. The Intent Theory, simply put, is justification to enforce a Mandatory

Arbitration Provision because it resulted from a clear manifestation of the trust

donor's intent. The Theory applies to trustees as well as beneficiaries.¹⁹

14 Diaz v. Bukey, 125 Cal. Rptr. 3d 610 (Ct. App. 2011).

¹⁹ ld. at 2 & 3.

¹³ Schoenberger v. Oelze, 96 P.3d 1078 (Ariz. Ct. App. 2004).

ARIZIREV, STAT, §14-10205, "A trust instrument may provide mandatory, exclusive and reasonable procedures." to resolve issues between the trustee and interested persons or among interested persons with regard to the administration or distribution of the trust."

¹⁶ Pinnacle Museum Tower Association v. Pinnacle Market Dev. (U.S.), LLC, 282 p.3D 1217 (Cal. 2012), where the California Supreme Court directed the Court of Appeals to vacate and reconsider its decision in Diaz, supra fr., 14. ¹⁷ FLA.STAT. §731.401(1)

¹⁸ Rachal v. Reitz, 11-0708, Supreme Court of Texas, May 3, 2013.

²⁰ Id. At 3&4. ²¹ Id. At 3 & 4. ²² Is. At 4.

The <u>Benefit Theory</u>, stands for the broad rule that a beneficiary who accepts

Benefits from a trust either (i) impliedly agrees to be bound by its terms or (ii) is

estopped from challenging the validity of the terms of the trust. This Theory only

Applies to beneficiaries, who receive/accept the benefits under the trust (a trustee does not receive benefits under the trust, but rather receives compensation for services).

The Contract Theory, briefly stated would be against enforcement of a trust's Mandatory Arbitration clause because a trust is not a contract; however, a trust is an "agreement" and the Texas Arbitration Act does not require a "contract" but rather requires an "agreement". The Court then analyzed the requirements for an "agreement" and held an "agreement" need not meet all the formal requirements of a contract, but it must be supported by mutual assent of the parties, which assent is typically manifested by signing an agreement. The Court finally relied on the doctrine of direct benefits estoppels (a form if equitable estoppel), and held "a beneficiary who attempts to enforce rights that would not exist without the trust manifests assent to the trust's arbitration clause."

The Texas Supreme Court also indicated that the claims for breach of fiduciary duty by misappropriating trust assets and failing to provide an accounting were within the scope of the arbitration provision.²²

Application of the *Rachal v. Reitz* holdings to the facts presented by the Petition now before this Court would support enforcement to the mandatory arbitration clause in the Trust on all three above Theories.

- Intent Theory supports enforcement because the creators of the Trust so intended to include and have the mandatory arbitration clause control. Petitioner Jane Whipple signed the Trust agreement, she also petitioned for the appointment to Co-Trustee Warner as reflected in the Elko County District Court Order appointing Co-Trustee Warner as a Successor Trustee. Which appointment Co-Trustee Warner accepted. See said Order, footnote 6 above. Co-Trustee Warner has again also signed his acceptance of the Trust and Co-Trustee position.²³
- 2. <u>Benefit Theory</u> supports enforcement because Trust beneficiary Jane Whipple has accepted the benefit of being and acting as a CoTrustee of the Trust and is now seeking, and in the past has used, Trust benefits through claims of ownership and control of the specific Nevada water rights and further asserts benefits of Trust share A ownership and benefits regarding Trust real property.²⁴
- 3. <u>Contract Theory</u> supports enforcement because the Trust is an agreement and both Co-Trustee Jane and Co-Trustee Warner have manifested their assent to the Trust by signing their acceptance.²⁵ Additionally the Uniform Arbitration Act of Nevada only requires "an agreement contained in a record to submit to arbitration".²⁶

C. STAY OF PETITION.

Co-Trustee Warner has submitted a demand for arbitration to legal counsel for Petitioner²⁷ and to date Petitioner has refused and declined to arbitrate the Matters set forth in the Petition and the other disagreed Trust matters. NRS 38.221(1)(b) provides:

"On motion of a person showing an agreement to arbitrate and alleging another person's refusal to arbitrate pursuant to the agreement: ...(b) If the refusing party opposes the motion, the court shall proceed summarily to decide the issue and order the parties to arbitrate unless it finds that there is no enforceable agreement to arbitrate."

NRS 38.221(6) provides:

"If a party makes a motion to the court to order arbitration, the court on Just terms shall stay any judicial proceeding that involves a claim alleged to be subject to the arbitration until the court renders a final decision under this

Exhibit D acceptance of Co-Trustee Warner.

²² Petition pp. 2-5.

New Exhibit A Trust signature pages, Exhibit C Order and Exhibit D Co Trustee Wanner acceptance. NRS 38.219(1).

²⁷ Exhibit H and F demands for arbitration.

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NRS 38.221(4) provides:

"The court may not refuse to order arbitration because the claim subject to Arbitration lacks merit or grounds for the claim have not been established."

Co-Trustee Warner has shown an agreement to arbitrate, as contained in the Trust agreement and its below mandatory arbitration language:

"The concurring vote of two (2) Co-Trustees shall be necessary for the Trustees to act hereunder, when there are two (2) Co-Trustees. In the event of a disagreement at any time when there are only two (2) Co-Trustees, then the dispute shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the Uniform Arbitration Act of the State of Nevada." ²⁸

To date, Petitioner has refused and failed to arbitrate.²⁹ Co-Trustee submits he has Meet the jurisdictional requirements of NRS 38.22(1) by showing an agreement to Arbitrate and alleging another person's refusal to arbitrate.

D. THE TRUST AGREEMENT IS CLEAR AND UNAMBIGUOUS.

The Trust agreement between Petitioner Co-Trustee Jane and this moving party

Co-Trustee Warner clearly and unambiguously requires arbitration "in the event of a

disagreement at any time" between the two (2) Co-Trustees. Nevada courts consistently
enforce unambiguous contracts according to their plain language. <u>Renshaw v. Renshaw</u>,

96 Nev. 541,611 P.2d 1070 (1980). Courts are bound by language that is clear and free of
ambiguity and cannot, using the guise of interpretation, distort the plain meaning of the
agreement. <u>Watson v. Watson</u>, 95 Nev. 495, 496 P.2d 507 (1979).

It is clear from the language of the Trust that arbitration was intended. As such, the Trust language clearly and unambiguously requires that the Co-Trustees arbitrate their disagreements regarding this Petition and its disputed contents, and this Court

²⁸ Fixhibit A Trust p. 23.

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should enforce the clear language of the Trust agreement. See, e.g., Southern Trust

Mortgage Co. v. Kay & Door Co., Inc., 104 Nev. 564, 763 P.2d 353 (1988) (holding that
where a document is clear and unambiguous, the court must construe the document
from its language); see, e.g., Love v. Love, 114 Nev. 572, 959 P.2d 523 (1983) (concluding
that a clear and unambiguous document on its face must be construed according to
its plain language). So, overwhelming Nevada authority holds that unambiguous
agreements must be construed according to their plain language.

III. CONCLUSION

Co-Trustee Warner respectfully requests that this Court compel the arbitration of the disagreements between Co-Trustee Jane and Co-Trustee Warner regarding their disputes relating to the Petition and its contents. There is a valid, clear and unambiguous Trust agreement requiring arbitration of Co-Trustee disagreements. Disputes and disagreements have now arisen concerning Petitioner's actions in filling the present Petition and concerning the disputed allegations contained in that Petition.

The Petition should be dismissed or stayed pending arbitration pursuant to the Uniform Arbitration Act of Nevada. Nevada law (as articulated by both the Nevada Legislature and the Nevada Supreme Court) uniformly holds that the agreed arbitrability of disputes must be enforced as provided in an agreement. The Trust agreement here involved requires in clear and unambiguous language arbitration "In the event of a disagreement at any time" between the two (2) Co-Trustees.

Arbitration should be compelled for the Co-Trustees' disagreements and disputes regarding the pending Petition and the Petition's related Trust matters, and the

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Petition and/or other action by Petitioner should be stayed in the interim. Attorney fees, costs and expenses, per the Trust are to be paid by the Trust for both Co-Trustees [Co-Trustee Jane and Co-Trustee Warner| so there will be an effective arbitration rather than a biased and unequal administration of the arbitration with the Trust only paying the fees, costs and expenses of one Co-Trustee [Co-Trustee Jane].

Respectfully submitted this ${\mathcal A}{\mathcal I}$ day of November, 2015.

Nick A. Moschetti, Nevada Bar No. 0920 BINGHAM SNOW & CALDWELL Attorneys for Warner Whipple, Co-Trustee

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b) I certify that I am an employee of Bingham Snow & Caldwell, and that on this day; I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing document to be served, to the following:

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Matthew D. Carling Cedar Legal 1100 S. 10 th St. Las Vegas, 89101 cedarlegal@gmail.com	Jane Whipple	☐ Personal Service ☑ Email / E- File ☐ Facsimile ☑ Mail

DATED this ____ day of November, 2015,

An employee of Bingham Snow & Caldwell

EXHIBIT- A

UPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENT

THIS SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENT is entered into between MENT WHIPPLE, also known as KENT D'NEIL WHIPPLE, and JAME WHIPPLE, also known as DETTY JAME WHIPPLE, also known as DETTY JAME WHIPPLE, his wife, hereinafter referred to as the "Trustors" or separately as "Busband" and "wife" respectively, and MENT WHIPPLE and JAME WHIPPLE, hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Trustoe".

WHEREAS these Trustors entered into a Trust Agreement dated March 17, 1969 and wish to hereby modify certain terms of the trust, and as modified to ratify, confirm and readopt said trust and all actions heretofore taken by the Trustors and Trustee.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the express powers reserved in said Trust Agreement of Morch 17, 1969, the following amendments and modifications are hereby made to said Trust Agreement:

FIRST: Article "SIX": (d) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"[d] Upon the death of either Trustor, the Trustee shall divide the trust estate into two (2) trusts, bereinefter called Trust "A" and Trust "B", which shall constitute separate trusts and shall be held and administered as such. At the Trustee's discretion the assets of the irust estate to be divided pursuant bereto may be divided and allocated in kind, by undivided interest, by actual division, or by any combination of such methods of division."

SECOND: Article "SIX": (d) is hereby amended to read as follows:

- "(e) There shall be placed in Trust "A":
- (1) The surviving Truston's share of the community property subject to the terms of this Trust.
- (2) Out of the other assets subject to the tarms of this Trust, including the decedent's share of the community property in this Trust and those received YARAHAMA, HULL MARKET & MALLER, LTD.

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- (3) In making the computations and the allocations of property to Trust "A" required by the preceding paragraphs (1) and (2), the determination of the character and connership of property and the value thereof shall be as finally established for Federal Estate Tax purposes in said decedant's estate.
- (4) All of the rest, residue and remainder of the assets subject to the terms of this Trust shall be allocated to Trust *B*.*

THIRD: As hereby amended and wodified the Trust Agreement dated March 17, 1963 made by the undersigned Trustors and Trustee, and all actions of the Trustors and Trustees hereunder to date is hereby retified, confirmed, approved, agreed to end said Trust Agreement as herein modified and amended shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITHERS WHEREOF, we have heremato set our hands this

30th day of Wahuary;, 1977.

REDT WHIPPLE, A/KAR RENT O'NEIL WHIPPLE

MANE WHIPPLE, Affa/a JANE ELPANOR R. WHIPPLE

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On January 30, 1977, personally appeared before me. a Rotery Public, KENT WHIPPLE and JAME WHIPPLE, his wife. Who asknowledged to me that they executed the above instrument.

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THIS TRUST AGREEMENT is entered .. to between KENT WHIPPLE, also known as KENT O'NEIL WHIPPLE, and JANE WHIPPLE, also known as JANE ELEANOR R. WHIPPLE, also known as BETTY JANE WHIPPLE, his wife, hereinafter referred to as the "Pruscors", or separately as "Husband" and "Wife" respectively, and KENT WHIPPLE and JANE WHIPPLE, hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Trustae".

The Trustors, desiring to establish a Trust, ONE: have assigned, transferred and delivered, and by these presents do assign, transfer and deliver to the Trustce all of the real property and personal property of every nature whatsoever belonging to the Trustors, including, but not limited to, the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and made a part of this Trust Agreement. Receipt is hereby acknowledged by the Trustee of the essets enumerated in Schedule "A". The Trustors may from time to time add additional properties or policies of insurance to this Trust by transferring such property or assigning such policies to the Trustee, or by causing the Trustee to be named as beneficiary thereunder. In either case, such property and policies of insurance, and their proceeds, shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

TWO: No consideration was nor will be given to or by the Trustee for the conveyance or transfer to him of any of the Trust Estate. The Trustee accepts such title to the Trust Estate as is conveyed or transferred to him hereunder withour liability or responsibility for the condition or validity of such title, and the Trust Estate has been or will be conveyed or transferred to the Trustee, IN IRUST, with power of sale, for the uses and purposes herein provided.

THREE: The Trustee acknowledges that he may be named as beneficiary under insurance policies of the Trustors, and agrees to hold the same and the proceeds thereof subject to the

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FOUR: The Trustee, upon being informed as to the death of theinsured or the earlier maturity of any insurance policies, shall receive the proceeds thereof and is bereby authorized to execute the necessary receipts and releases to the insurance companies concerned.

FIVE: The Trustors reserve during such time as the Husband and Wife are both living the following rights and powers to be exercised by them, without the consent or participation of the Trustee or any beneficiary of this Trust, Including, without limiting the generality, the following rights and powers:

- (a) The right to revoke this Trust, or by supplemental agreement to modify the terms of this Trust from time to time without the consent of the Trustee, or any beneficiary, provided, however, that the duries, powers, and liability of the Trustee hereunder shall not be substantially changed without his written consent. Except as hereinafter provided, such powers of revocation and modification are personal to the Trustors and shall not be assignable nor accrue to any other person, nor shall they extend to their estates nor to their legal representatives, nor to any beneficiary named herein not to any other person,
- (b) To receive or apply dividends, disability benefits, premium refunds, proceeds of matured insurance policies, loan or surrender or commuted values or any other sum due under any insurance policies contributed to this Trust.
- (c) To obtain and receive cash advances or loans as may be advisable under any life insurance policies contributed to this Trust.

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(d) To exercise any co ons or privileges granted in any such policies or plans.

The rights and powers reserved in (a) through (d), inclusive, in this Paregraph FIVE shall, except as hereinafter provided, cease upon the death of either Trustor, and thereafter this Trust shall be irrevocable and shall not be subject to amendment or modification.

SIX: All property now or hereafter subject to this Trust shall constitute the Trust Estate, and shall be held, managed and distributed as hereinafter provided:

During the lifetime of the Trustors, the Trustee shall distribute the income and principal in the following manner:

(a) The Trustee shall pay or reserve sufficient funds to pay all expenses of management and
distribution of the Trust Estate, including the compensation of the Trustee, all or any part of which
may, in the discretion of the Trustee, be charged
either to income or principal of the Trust Estate.
The remaining income shall be and is hereafter referred

to as "net income".

(b) During the lifetime of both of the
Trustors, the net income from the entire Trust
Estate shall be distributed to or for the use and

benefit of the Trustors in monthly or other convenient installments, but not less frequently than annually. If at any time during the lifetime of both of the Trustors, the net income shall be inadequate for the needs, comfort and pleasure of the Trustors, or their descendants, the Trustee may, in its discretion, pay to or apply for the benefit of

said beneficiaries, in addition to the payments of income as hereinabove provided, such amounts of the

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- If at any time during the period ser (e) forch in sub-paragraph (b) of Paragraph SIX, the Trustors shall be incompetent or shall in the judgment of the Trustee be unable for any other reason to act in their own behalf, the Successor Co-Trustees may, in their discretion, pay to or apply for the health, support, maintenance and comfort of the Trustors, or their descendants, in addition to the payments of income as hereinabove provided, such amounts of the principal of the Trust Estate as the Successor Co-Trustees may from time to time deem necessary or advisable for their use or benefit.
- (4) Upon the death of either Trustor, the Trustee shall segregate and divide the Trust Estate into two trusts, hereinafter called Trust "A" and Trust "B", which shall constitute separete trusts and shell be held and administered as such.
 - (e) There shall be placed in Trust "A":
 - The frectional share belonging to the surviving Trustor of the community property subject to the terms of this Trust.
 - Out of the other assets subject to (2) the terms of this Trust, including those received by the Trustee upon or by reason of the death of the first Trustor to die, which are aligible to satisfy the marital deduction, the Trustee shall add to this Trust the fractional share of said assets which is equal to

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- (3) In making the computations and the allocations of property to Trust "A" required by the preceding paragraphs (1) and (2), the determination of the character and ownership of property and the value thereof shall be finally established for Federal Estate Tax purposes.
- (4) All of the rest, residue and remainder of the assets subject to the terms of this Trust, including those received by the Trustee upon or by reason of the death of the first Truster to die, shall be allocated to Trust "B".

PROVISIONS OF TRUST "A".

- (1) The entire net income from Trust "A" shall be paid to or applied for the benefit of the surviving Truster in monthly or other convenient installments during his or her lifetime, but in no event less often than annually.
- (2) If the income is not adequate to maintain the surviving Trustor in a manner similar to his or her standard of living while living with the deceased Trustor, the Trustee may pay to him or her, or apply for his or her benefit so much of the principal of

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- (3) In the event the Wife survives the Musband;
 - (a) She shall have the power, exercisable in all avents and at any time or from time to time after the Husband's demise, to withdraw all or any part of the principal of Trust "A", and to require the Trustee to distribute the same to her, discharged of this Trust. Such power may be exercised by written instrument filed with the Trustee. There is further conferred on the Wife, the absolute power to distribute by her last Will and Testament the remaining assets of the Trust to anyone she chooses, including her estate, her creditors, or the creditors of her estate.
 - (b) If and to the extent that the Wife shall fail to exercise such powers, the principal and accrued and undistritabuted net income of this Trust shall, upon her demise, be transferred to and become a part of Trust "B" and shall be held, administered and distributed as is hereinafter provided with respect to Trust "B", excepting

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however that the Truste in its discretion may first pay out of the principal, the Wife's last illness and burial expenses. Federal Estate Taxes, Nevada inheritance Taxes, and any gift taxes assessed against her estate, together with interest, penalties, costs, Trustees' compensation and attorney fees, unless other adequate provisions shall have been made therefor.

- (4) In the event the Husband survives the
- cisable in all events and at any time or from time to time after the Wife's demise to withdraw all or any part of the principal of Trust "A", and to require the Trustee to distribute the same to him, discharged of this Trust. Such power may be exercised by written instrument filed with the Trustee. There is further conferred on the Husband, the absolute power to distribute by his LastWill and Testament the remaining assets of the Trust to anyone he chooses, including his estate, his
- (b) If and to the extent that the Rusband shall fail to exercise such powers, the principal and accrued and undistributed net income of this Trust shall, upon his demise, be transferred to and become a part

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(5) The interests of the beneficiaries in principal or income shell not be subject to claims of his or her creditors, nor others, nor to logal process, and may not be voluntarily nor involuntarily alienated nor encumbered.

PROVISIONS OF TRUST "B".

die, if the surviving Trustor shall be in want of additional monies to maintain himself or herself in a manner similar to his or her standard of living at the time of death of the Trustor who died first, taking into account any other assets or income available from other sources, including the aforesaid payments from Trust "A", the Trustee may, in its absolute discretion, pay to or apply for the banefit of the surviving Trustor so much of the income or principal from this Trust as the Trustee may from time to time deem necessary or advisable for the health, support, maintenance and comfort

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- contrary notwithstanding, no payment shall be made to the surviving Trustor from the principal or income of Trust "B" until such time as Trust "A" is substantially exhausted both as to principal and income. At such time as the income and principal of Trust "A" is substantially exhausted, the net income of Trust "B" shall be paid to the surviving Trustor in monthly or other convenient installments during his or her lifetime, but in no event less often than annually.
- Upon the death of the surviving Trustor, the remaining assets of the Trust shall be divided into as many separate trusts as there are children of the Trustors living, providing that if any such child be then deceased leaving issue surviving at the date of such division, such deceased child shall be considered as living for the purposes of such division, and in that event the Trustee shall set aside and distribute one of such equal shares to the issue of any such deceased child per stirpes. Each of the Trusts thus established shall be administered as separate Trusts, as hereinafter provided, but without the necessity of the Trustee making physical division of the assets unless the Trustee deems it necessary or advisable to do so. The assets set aside for the use and benefit of

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The Trustee shall set aside one of such shares for each of the Trustors' children by right of representation in a separate trust and shall distribute so much of the net income derived therefrom as in the sole discretion of the Trustee may be daemed necessary or advisable for such child's health, support, maintenance or education, including study at an institution of higher learning, or to commence a business or profession, to or for the use or benefit of such child until he or she attains the age of twenty-one (21) years, and any accumulated income not so required shall be added to the principal of such share. Thereafter, the entire net income from said share shall be distributed quarterly to on for the use or benefit of such child until he or she ettains the age of twenty-five (25) years, at which time one-half (1/2) of the then principal of such share shall be distributed to such child; and thereafter, the entire net income from the balance of the principal of such share shall be distributed quarterly to or for the use or benefit of such child until he or she attains the age of thirty (30) years, at which time the entire balance of the principal of such share together with any undistributed income therefrom, shall be distributed to such child.

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Upon the do h of any such child before becoming entitled to receive the whole of his or her share of the Trust Estate, the Trustee, after paying the expenses of the last illness and burial of such deceased child, unless such expenses shall have been paid or provided for apart from this Trust, shall distribute the entire principal of such share, or so much thereof as then remains, together with any undistributed income therefrom, to the then surviving issue of such deceased child per stirpes, subject however, to the provisions of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) bereof. If such deceased child shall leave no such issue then surviving, the same shall be added in equal portions to the shares then held for the benefit of the other children, and to those previously distributed therefrom, excluding the share of each child theretofora deceased as to whom them survies no issue, but including by right of representation the issue of any deceased child. If any portion of a share has theretofore been distributed, then a similar portion of the added share shall likewise be distributed.

(4) (a) If at any time during the lifetime of both Trustors, in the absolute discretion of the Trustee, any child or grandchild of the Trustors, or issue of such grandchildren, should be in want of

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additional monies for their health, support and maintenance, the Lustee may pay to or apply for the benefit of such individual such amounts from the income or principal of the Trust Estate as the Trustee may from time to time deem necessary or advisable for such beneficiary's health, support, maintenance or education, including study at an insti-

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- of one Trustor, and during the lifetime of the surviving Trustor, in the absolute discretion of the Trustee, any child or grandchild of the Trustors, or issue of such grandchild, should be in went of additional monies for their health, support and maintenance, the Trustee may pay to or apply for the benefit of such individual, such amounts from the income or principal of Trust "B" as the Trustee may from time to time deem necessary or advisable, provided such payments do not jeopardize the security of the surviving Trustor.
- (c) If at any time after the death of both Trustors, in the absolute discretion of Trustee, any child or grandchild of the Trustors should be in want of monies for their health, support or maintenance, or to commence a business or profession, the Trustee may pay to or apply for the benefit of such individual, in addition to the payments hereinabove provided, such amounts from the principal of his or her

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respective share of the fust Estate, up to the whole of said part, as the Trustee may from time to time deem necessary or advisable for such beneficiary's health, support, maintenance, or education, including study at an institution of higher learning, or to commence a business or profession, or the Trustee may in its sole discretion during any calendar year pay to or apply for the benefit of such individual the greater of the following amounts: FIVE TROUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) or FIVE PER CENT (5%) of the aggregate value of the Trust Estate set aside for such beneficiary.

- (5) The interests of beneficiaries in principal or income shall not be subject to claims of their creditors nor others, nor to legal process, and may not be voluntarily nor involuntarily alienated nor encumbered.
- contrary notwithstanding, unless terminated at an earlier date under the foregoing provisions, all Trusts created herein shall terminate at the expiration of twenty-one (21) years after the death of the last surviving beneficiary living on the date of the execution of this Trust Agreement. If any Trust created herein is terminated by reason of the operation of this paragraph, the Trust as then existing shall go and be distributed to the persons then entitled to the income therefrom in the same proportions in which they were receiving or were entitled to receive said income.

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SEVEN: To carry out the purposes of this Trust, the Trustee is vested with the following powers in addition to those now or hereafter conferred by law, affecting the Trust and the Trust Estates, subject to the provisions heretofore set forth in Paregraph FIVE:

- (a) The Trustee shall have the power to manage and control, invest and reinvest, sell or assign, the proceeds of such life insurance policies and the funds of the Trust Estate, in such investments as the Trustee may elect, and also in such other investments as are hereinabove specifically suthorized. He shall have the power to exercise any right or option of subscription or otherwise which may at any time be given to the holders of any securities of the Trust Estate.
- (b) To manage, control, sell, convey, exchange, partition, divide, subdivide, improve, repair; to grant options and to sell upon deferred payments; to lease for terms within or extending beyond the duration of this Trust for any purpose, including exploration for and removal of gas, oil or other minerals; and to enter into community oil leases.
- (c) To retain property and to invest, and reinvest as provided by law from time to time existing.
- (d) To borrow; to place, replace, renew, or extend any encumbrances upon any real property; and to institute, compromise and defend actions and proceedings.
- (e) To participate in voting trusts, pooling agreements, foreclosures, reorganizations, consoli-

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da' no, margers, and liquidati o, and in connection therewith, to deposit securities with and transfer title and delegate discrations to any protective or other committee as the Trustee may deem advisable.

- (#) Upon any division or partial or final distribution of the Trust Estate, to partition, allot, and distribute the Trust Estate in undivided interests or in kind, at valuations determined by the Trustee, and to sell such property as the Trustee may deem necessary to make division and distribution.
- (g) To determine what is principal or income of the Trust Estate and apportion and allocate in his discretion, receipts and expenses as between these accounts. Except insofer as the Trustee shell exercise this discretion, matters relating to the rights of beneficiaries among themselves as to principal and income shall be governed by the provisions of the Principal and Income Act from time to time existing.
- (h) The enumeration of certain powers of the Trustee shall not limit its general powers, the Trustee subject always to the discharge of its fiduciary obligations, being vested with and having all the rights, powers and privileges which am absolute owner of the same property would have.
- (1) Upon the death of the first to die of the Husband or Wife, or upon the death of any other beneficiary, the expenses of last illness and burial, and any estate, inhoritance, succession or other death taxes, duties, charges, or assassments, together with interest, penalties, costs, Trustees' compensations and attorney fees, which shall become due or be occasioned by reason of the Trust Estate

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- die, all astate, inheritance, succession, or other death taxes or duties (by whatever name called) which shall become due by reason of the Trust Estate or any portion thereof being includible for such tax purposes, shall be paid by the Trustee out of the said deceased beneficiary's Trust (the "A" Trust). Any other costs, including Trustees' compensation and attorney fees, which shall be due or be occasioned by the death of the Trustees out of income or principal from either Trust "A" or Trust "B", unless other adequate provisions shall have been made therefor.
- (k) The Trustee shall have full power and authority to pay from the Trust Estate any other taxes, charges or assessments for which the Trustee, the Trust Estate or any interest therein becomes liable, and any such payments shall be made from and charged to either income or principal of the Trust Estate or any share or separate trust thereof; as the Trustee, in its discretion, deems proper.
- (1) The Trustee may make such payments directly or to a personal representative or other

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- f iary, the Trustee way rel, pon a written statement of such fiduciary as to the emount and propriety
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- (m) The Trustee shall sell essets from Trust 'A" to Trust "B" or between the separate Trusts or shares, as may exist from time to time, on such terms and at such fair market values as the Trustee may determine. The Trustee may loan or advance monies which are funds of the Trust Estate from any one of the several trusts or shares to any of the other trusts or shares as may exist from time to time upon such terms, conditions and security as the Trustee may, in its discretion, determine to be fair and reasonable.
- Trustee may, within its discretion, purchase assets from the estate of the deceased Trustor at a fair value. The propriety of the purchase, the amount of such essets purchased, and the ascertainment of fair value shall be solely within the discretion of the Trustee, and the Trustee shall incur no liability as a result of such purchase or purchases whether or not such assets constitute investments which may ordinarily be made by Trustees. At its discretion, the Trustee may lose monies which are funds of the Trust Estate to the estate of the deceased Trustor, upon such terms as the Trustee and the personal representative of the deceased Trustor may agree.
- (c) The Trustee shall have the power to budget the estimated income and expenses of the

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- (p) The Trustee shall not at any time be required to make any accounting of the administration of the Trust Estate to any court or public authority whetsoever. Any and all accounting shall be made to the beneficiaries of the Trust or to the legal guardian or conservator of any beneficiary who has not reached the age of majority, or who has been declared incompetent.
- (q) For the purposes of allocation thereof between the Trusts, as hereinabove provided in Paragraph SIX, for the purpose of determining the nature and character of the property in the event the Trust is terminated or partially revoked and assets distributed to the Trustors, and for tax purposes, it is the express intent of the Trustors, that in the event either of the Trustors hereafter acquire any separate or community property and transfer the same to this Trust, said separate or community property shall retain its status as separate or community property subsequent to the time it is transferred to this Trust. the event that any separate or community property is at any time hereafter transferred out of the Trust, it shall retain his character as separate or community property subsequent to being transferred out of the Trust.

EIGHT: The Prustors declare that all property in which they have an interest or which stands in the name of KENT WHIPPLE, a/k/a KENT O'NEIL WHIPPLE, and/or JANE WHIPPLE, a/k/a

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JANE ELEANOP ". WHIPPLE, is wholly commu" by property under the laws of the State of Nevada, irrespective of the manner in which record title is held, or has been held prior to the transfer to the Trustee under this Trust.

The primary purpose of this instrument is to NINE: provide for the income baneficiaries, and the rights and incorests of remaindermen are subordinate to that purpose. The provisions of this instrument shall be construed liberally in the interests of and for the benefit of the income beneficiaries.

Upon the realgnation, inability to act, or THM: death of JANE WHIPPLE, then KENT WHIPPLE shall act as the sole Trustee. Upon the resignation, inability to act, or death of KENT WHIPPLE, then JANE WHIPPLE and KEITH MURRAY WHIPPLE shall act as Successor Co-Trustees. Upon the resignation, inability to act, or death of both of the original Trustees, then KEIJH MURRAY WHIPPLE shall act as the sole Successor Trustee. Upon the resignation, inability to act, or death of KEITH MURRAY WHIPPLE, then the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF NEVADA shall act as the Successor Trustee.

The individual Successor Co-Trustees shell be entitled to compensation for their services, which shall be the compensation normally charged by corporate trustees under similar The individual Trustees named herein shall serve circumstances. without bond.

Each Successor Co-Trustee must at all times be fully informed of each and every official act performed by the other Trustees and must be furnished with an accounting of all income, expenditures and activities of the Trust ar least quarterly Each Co-Trustee at all times shall have the right to examine any and all Trust books of account, reports, files and papers of ever

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nature whats er. Any individual Co-Tr see shall have the right to demand a complete audit of the Trust by an independent firm of Cartified Public Accountants at the expense of the Trust at any time or from time to time, without the consent of the other Co-Trustees, and this power shall not be subject to arbitration.

The concurring vote of two (2) Co-Trustees shall be necessary for the Trustees to act hereunder, when there are two (2) Co-Trustees. In the event of a disagreement at any time when there are only two (2) Co-Trustees, then the dispute shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the Uniform Arbitration Act of the State of Nevada.

ELEVEN: As used in this Trust, the singular shall be deemed to include the plural, and the masculine, feminine, or neuter shall be deemed to include each of the other two genders.

TWELVE: This Agreement has been delivered in the State of Nevada. The laws of the State of Nevada shall govern the validity and interpretation and administration thereof, notwithstanding the residence in another jurisdiction of the Trustors or of any other beneficiary hereunder.

THIRTEEN: As used throughout this instrument, the term "issue" shall include any children of the Trustors, who may hereafter be born or legally adopted, and shall include children adopted by any descendant and their descendants by birth or adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 17 day of 100-ch, 1969.

Kent Whipple
KENT WHIPPLE / 6/k/a KENT

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STATE OF NEVADA SS.

On this 17th day of March, 1969, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KENT WHIPPLE and JANE WEIPPLE, husband and wife, known to me to be the persons described in and whose signatures are subscribed to the within Trust Agreement as "TRUSTORS", and jointly acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

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My Experience Expire Aug. 18, 1970

MOTARY PUBLIC in and for said County and State

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EXHIBIT-B

RESIGNATION OF CO-TRUSTEE Of THE KENT AND JANE WHIPPLE TRUST

KEITH WHIPPLE HCR 61 BOX 2 Hiko, Nevada 89881

August 29, 2015

The Kent and Jane Whipple Trust c/o Wamer Whipple Eide Bailly LLP 975 5th Sireet Elko, NV 89801

RE: Resignation of Co-Trustee of the Kent and June Whipple Trust

To whom it may concern:

I, KEITH WHIPPLE, Co-Trustee of the Kent and Jane Whipple Trust, dated March 17, 1969, as amended, on this <u>Z.7</u> day of August, 2015, do hereby tender and give formal notice that I resign from my current position as Co-Trustee of said Trust, effective as of the day and year first hereinsbove written.

Sincerely,

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IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ELEO

IN THE MAYUER OF THE KENT WHITPLE AND JANE E. BRADSHAW, formerly JANE WHIPPLE, TRUST,

ORDER AMENDING INTER VIVOS TRUST

AN INTER VIVOS TRUST.

The Patition of Jane E. EPADSHAW, formerly known as Jane MHIPPLE, and KEITH MURRAY WHIPPLE, duly verified and filed herein on the 16th day of November, 1987, requests that this Court enter an Order amending an inter vivos trust established March 17, 1989 pursuant to a Trust Agreement between RENT WHIPPLE, also known as HERAMOR R. WHIPPLE, also known as Jane BLEAMOR R. WHIPPLE, also known as BETTY JANE WHIPPLE, as Trustors, and KENT WHIPPLE and JANE WHIPPLE, as Trustors. A copy of said Trust Agreement, as Emended, is attached to said Petition as Exhibit A and made a part thereof.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that all parties interested in thic proceeding, including all beneficiaries of said trust and the named successor trustee therein which is the subject of the Petition, to wit, FIRST

INTERSTATE BANK OF NEVADA, NA, have each filed herein their duly acknowledged appearance in this action, consented to the substitution of successor trustee and waived action of the hearing of this matter and further acknowledged the time set for the hearing of this action.

The Court, having duly and regularly heard this action on November 16, 1987 at 1:00 o'clock P.M. and Petitioner, JAME E. BRADSHAM, being present with her attorney JOHN E. MARVEL of the law firm of Marvel & HAMSEN of Elko, Nevada, and evidence having been adduced on the part of the Petitioner, the Court hereby finds as follows:

- 1. That due and legal Notice of the hearing of said Petition has been waived by all persons interested in said Trust.
- That the allegations of said Petition are true and correct.
- 3. That Petitionars are the Co-Trustees under the inter vivos trust established March 17, 1969, pursuant to the Trust Agreement between MENT WHIPPIE, also known as MENT O'MENT. WHIPPIE, and JAME WHIPPIE, also known as JAME ELEANOR R. WHIPPIE, also known as ERTTY JAME WHIPPIE, as Trustees, and KENT WHIPPIE and JAME WHIPPIE, as Trustees.
- That said XXMY BHIPPIR died on February 5,
 1977.
- 5. That Petitioner REITH HURRAY WHIPPLE thereupon succeeded said KENT WHIPPLE as Co-Trustee with JANE WHIPPLE, now known as JANE P. BRADSHAW, pursuant to Article TEN of said Trust Agreement.

- 7. That the terms and provisions of the Trust Agreement itself make no provision for such amendment and, by virtue of the death of Kent Whippie, said Trust Agreement is not otherwise subject to amendment or modification and no other legal procedure exists to accomplish the desired substitution of Successor Trustee except by an Order of this court.
- 8. That WARNER WHIPPLE should be substituted as Successor Trustee for the fullowing reasons:
 - a. That WARNER WHIPPLE is end has been the accountant nor the first since its creation and his detailed knowledge, expertise and experience in dealing with the Trust and Trust matters;
 - b. That WHENER WEIPPLE is personally familiar with the Trust beneficiaries and is knowledgeable of their respective health, support, maintenance and educational needs;
 - c. That the potential compensation to the Successor Trustee would be less for WARNER WEIPPLE

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than for FIRST INTERSTATE BANK OF MEVADA, thereby preserving estate property.

- d. That FIRST INTERSEATE BANK has had no past or present experience with the management, business or affairs of the Trust, has not undertaken any action whatsoever in regard thereto and has consented to the substitution in its place of MARKER WHIPPLE as Successor Trustee as evidenced by the Consent to Substitution of Successor Trustee by FIRST INTERSTATE BANK OF MEVADA, NA, filed herein.
- e. That no harm, prejudice or detriment whatsoever to the Trust estate, to the Trust beneficiaries or to any other parties whomsoever would result from . such substitution of Successor Trustee.
- f. That all of the Trust beneficiaries have concented to the substitution of Successor Trustee as evidenmed by the Consent thereto filed herein by each of said beneficiaries, to vit: JANE E.

WHIPPIE, BETSY LOU WHIPPIE and KIRT RANDALL.
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WHIPPIE, adult contingent beneficiarion; and JANE
E. ERADSHAW on behalf of PEGGY SUE WHIPPIE, CORY
KENT WHIPPIE and DAISON BRUCE EPADSHAW, Minor
contingent beneficiaries.

9. That WARNER WHIPPIE has agreed to accept the appointment as Successor Trusbes.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Article TEN of the above-described inter vivos

Trust agreement dated March 17, 1969, as amended, is hereby amended by substituting Warner Whipple as Successor Trusted in place of FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF NEVADA, now known as FIRST INTERSTATE BANK OF NEVADA, NA.

DATED this 18th day of November 1987.

DISTRICT JUDGE

EXHIBIT- D

The undersigned WARNER WHIPPLE hereby recites as follows:

- He has received the written Resignation of KIETH WHIPPLE as a Co-Trustee of the KENT AND JANE WHIPPLE TRUST dated March 17, 1969 (herein "Trust");
- He has previously been appointed as a successor co-trustee of said Trust pursuant to Elko County District Court Order filed on November 16, 1987 in Case No. 3692 of the Fourth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada in and for the County of Elko (berein "Order");
- He has previously accepted his successor Co-Trustee position of said Trust, as set forth in said Order;
- He confirms acceptance of his successor Co-Trustee position of said Trust and agrees to serve with presently acting Co-Trustee JANE WHIPPLE;
- 5. He has received a copy of a PET(TION filed in the Lincoln County District Court in Case No. CV0930015 of the Seventh Indicial District Court of the State of Nevada in and for the County of Lincoln signed by MATTHEW D. CARLING as the attorney for JANE WHIPPLE the Petitioner and a trustee of said Trust (herein "Petition");
- He has concerns as a Co-Trustee of said Trust regarding the filing and contents of said Petition; and,

BASED ON THE ABOVE RECITALS, hereby incorporated, WARNER WHIPPLE as a Co-Trustee of said Trust hereby appoints and retains, as an expense of said Trust, NICK A. MOSCHETTI, JR. and his law firm of BINGHAM SNOW & CALDWELL of Mesquite, Nevada as his attorney(s) regarding all matters relating to said Petition and Trust and any other matters that involve the said Co-Trustees and/or the said Trust.

DATED this ______ day of October, 2015.

WARNER WHIPPLE, as Co-Trustee of the KENT AND JANE WHIPPLE TRUST

State of Nevada)

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County of Elko 📑

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this _____ day of October, 2015, by WARNER WHIPPLE in his capacity as a Co-Trustee of the KENT AND JANE WHIPPLE_TRUST_2_____

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(Signature of Notary Public)

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October 8, 2015

CARLING LAW OFFICE, PC Matthew D. Carling, Esq. 1100 Tenth Street Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Via: US Mail and

Fax: 702-446-8065

RE: PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF LINCOLN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT FILED ON September 11, 2015

CASE NO. CV-0930015

In Rc THE KENT AND JANE WHIPPLE TRUST Dated March 17, 1969, Jane Whipple, Trustee, and Amendments thereto, JANE WHIPPLE, Petitioner

Dear Mr. Carling:

This firm represents Warner Whipple, Co-Trustee of THE KENT AND JANE WHIPPLE TRUST, dated March 17, 1969, as amended (herein "Trust"). On the referenced matter, attached please find the following documents:

- Elko County District Court Order filed on November 16, 1987 in Case No. 3692 appointing Warner Whipple as a successor Trustee of said Trust;
- 2. Resignation of Keith Whipple as Co-Trustee of said Trust, dated August 29, 2015.
- Appointment and retainer of, as an expense of said Trust, Nick A. Moschetti, Jr. and the law firm of BINGHAM SNOW & CALDWELL as the attorneys for Co-Trustee Warner Whipple.

You are hereby **NOTIFIED** as follows:

- a. Co-Trustee Warner Whipple (herein "our client") disputes and disagrees with the filing of the referenced Petition and further disputes and disagrees with its contents, and Co-Trustees Warner Whipple and Jane Whipple are therefore in disagreement.
- b. The last paragraph of Article TENTH of said Trust states:

"The concurring vote of two (2) Co-Trustees shall be necessary for the Trustees to act hereunder, when there are two (2) Co-Trustees. In the event of a disagreement at any time when there are only two (2) Co-Trustees, then the dispute shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the Uniform Arbitration Act of the State of Nevada."



- Demand for Arbitration is hereby made by our client as specifically provided in and required by said Trust.
- d. No action is to be taken, directly or indirectly, by you, your office or your client Jane Whipple (whether in her capacity as a Trustee or Co-Trustee or in her individual capacity) regarding the referenced Petition and/or said Trust, unless this law office is first notified in writing according to the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure, Nevada District Court Rules, Lincoln County Local Court Rules and/or Nevada Arbitration statutes.
- e. Neither you nor your office personnel is authorized to directly contact Co-Trustee Warner Whipple unless the prior written authorization of this law office is first provided.

We look forward to your prompt response in order to establish how the referenced matter, Arbitration of the referenced matter, the Co-Trustee's disagreement(s) and payment of our fees and costs for representing Co-Trustee Warner Whipple can be successfully addressed and resolved. At this time our client seeks to address and establish funding of the Trust's A and B sub-trusts in order to determine ownership of water rights and satisfy the fiduciary duties of his Co-Trustee position.

Sincerely,

BINGHAM SNOW & CALDWELL

Nick A. Moschetti, Jr.

Licensed in Nevada & California

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November 6, 2015

Matthew D. Carling, Esq.

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1100 South Tenth Street Las Vegas, NV 89101

Re: In Re Kent and Jane Whipple Trust matters (collectively "Trust" without limitation)

Dear Mr. Carling:

I received your letter dated November 5, 2015 and the Notice of Hearing with a file-stamp date of October 22, 2015 this morning, 11/06/2015, via email. Clearly I was quite surprised since our telephone conversation of October 13, 2015 and my letter of same date confirming our telephone conversation provided for 10 days notice prior to any filing or action in the referenced matter.

Obviously, the 10 day notice was not honored since you took action without notice to me when the Notice of Hearing was filled shortly after our conversation and was further not honored since that Notice provides less than 10 days before the Hearing date of November 13, 2015.

Your 11/05/2015 letter states your client intends to adjudicate the Petition, even though my letters of October 08, 2015 and October 13, 2015 to you specifically state our Co-Trustee client's demand for Arbitration as mandatorily required by the Keut and Jane Whipple Trust.

As an attorney who has practiced, litigated, and taught in the area of trusts, estates and family ranch differences for 40 years, I am honestly shocked that you have: (i) taken the positions recited in the Petition; (ii) avoided my attempts for negotiation/settlement discussions in light of the problems associated with the Trust and the potential for protracted expert, accounting and legal fees and costs; and, (iii) ignored specific directives contained in the controlling and foundation Trust document.

Whatever your legal plan or client's intentions may be, I am just an attorney representing my client, who intends to perform his fiduciary duties. I am not steeped in the "family differences",



and we both know it is in the best interest of the Co-Trustees, and all Trust beneficiaries to seek resolution of the differences involved in the referenced matter.

It appears my client is now required to engage in this un-necessary "battle" because attorney commitments have not been honored, resolution efforts are being ignored, and your client is not honoring the terms of the Trust.

Co-Trustee Warner Whipple is now involved because that is what the Kent and Jane Whipple Trust provides. Our Co-Trustee client definitely disagrees with the filing and contents of the pending Petition. We will proceed accordingly in order to enforce the provisions of the Kent and Jane Whipple Trust.

Experience and judgment have taught that we will be available to put the "battle" on hold and engage in meaningful efforts to resolve our clients' differences,; however, you are on notice that we always reserve, without any waiver or release, all claims, rights, causes of action, offsets, and/or defenses that we may have in law or equity.

Sincerely,

Nick A. Moschetti, Jr.

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Attorneys for Co-Trustee Warner Whipple

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IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR

LINCOLN COUNTY, NEVADA

IN RE THE KENT AND JANE WHIPPLE TRUST, dated March 17, 1969, Jane Whipple, Trustee, and amendments thereto, JANE WHIPPLE,

Petitioner.

CASE NO.: CV-0930015

OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISMISS/STAY PETITION PENDING MANDATORY ARBITRATION

COMES NOW, Petitioner, Jane Whipple, by and through her attorney of record ALISSA ENGLER. Esq., of Justice Law Center, and hereby files this Opposition to Motion to Dismiss/Stay Petition. This Opposition is based upon the points and authorities contained herein as well as any other pleadings or hearings held in this matter.

JUSTICE LAW CEMPER

/S/ Alissa Engler / //

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I. Factual and Procedural Background

Kent and Jane Whipple created the Kent and Jane Whipple Trust dated March 17, 1969 (hereinafter "the Trust") in 1969. Jane and Kent Whipple were to serve as the trustees of the trust, for which they were also the beneficiaries during their lifetimes.

Upon the death of either spouse, the trustee was to divide the assets of the Trust into two sub-trusts; Trust A and Trust B. Additionally, if Kent passed away such that Jane was the surviving spouse, a co-trustee would be appointed upon Kent's death. The co-trustee was originally Keith Murray Whipple. The co-trustee is currently Warner Whipple.

Keith Murray Whipple and Jane Whipple have served as co-trustees for the majority of the last thirty-eight years, up notil approximately 2015, Jane Whipple successfully managed the ranch, and the Kent Whipple Ranch Trust and LLC to be profitable and to increase the value of the assets held by the family over that time. See Afficavit of Jane Whipple. It has been her primary purpose, following the intent and wishes of herself and her husband expressed in the Trust, to keep the Ranch together for the ongoing benefit of the entire family. Id.

During this time, the Co-Trustees never divided the property into Trust A or Trust B. The property Trust A was to be created based on the following terms: "The surviving Trustor's share of the community property subject to the terms of this Trust." Additionally, Trust A was to retain a portion of the other property sufficient to cover the marital tax credit at that time. The remainder of the property held in the Trust was to be transferred to Trust B. Presumably, this would have allowed Jane Whipple to bolster the holdings of Trust A at any time, including

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therein her ability to acquire or sell assets held by Trust A. Subsequently to the death of Kent Whipple, Jane Whipple continued to manage the ranch and the family's assets. The Trust, through Jane Whipple, acquired water rights that did not exist prior to the death of Kent Whipple. These water rights were placed in the ownership of Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC. The Trust is the sole owner of Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC.

Jane Whipple subsequently entered into a potential agreement to modify and/or transfer those water rights. At that time, her daughter, Betsy Whipple, started agitating and attempting to prevent Jane Whipple from being able to complete that modification and/or transfer. Betsy Whipple agitated Warner Whipple to get involved as co-trusted. This necessitated the fitting of the Petition for Declaratory relief. Jane Whipple filed a Petition seeking declaratory relief that she had the authority to modify the water rights owned by Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC, that she herself acquired long after the death of her husband.

Warner Whipple has filed a motion to dismiss/stay that Petition, claiming that (1) he is the co-trustee; (2) that both co-trustees have to unanimously agree on any decision regarding the Trust, (3) that he does not agree with Jane's ability to exercise control over the water rights without his agreement. Warner Whipple has moved this Court to compel the co-trustees to go to arbitration pursuant to an arbitration clause contained within the Trust agreement.

II. Legal Argument.

A. This Matter should not be submitted to Arbitration.

The Kent and Jane Whipple Trust arbitration clause should not compel arbitration because even if the clause itself is valid, its scope is limited and would not set to require arbitration under the facts here.

For instance, other courts have often found that arbitration clauses can be similarly limited in this manner. In Royal Indem. Co. v. Chi. Hosp. Risk Pooling Program, 406 III. App. 3d 1211, 376 III. Dec. 174, 998 N.E.2d 716 (2011), the court analyzed an arbitration clause in which the parties had agreed to arbitrate any failure to agree to a settlement in negotiations contemplated by the underlying agreement for a "covered loss". Id. When one party sued the other for a cause of action laying outside of a "covered loss" the dispute was outside of the scope of the arbitration clause and the district court therefore retained jurisdiction. Id.

In another case, the parties disputed the scope of an arbitration clause in a trust that had language applying it to "any controversy among the parties arising out of or in connection with this [Trust]." Lusk v. AmeriServ Fin., Inc., 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 55775, *15-16, 41 Employee Benefits Cas. (BNA) 2923 (S.D. Ind. July 31, 2007) In. Ross Brothers Construction Co. Inc. v. International Steel Services, Inc., the 7th Circuit recognized that the phrase, "any controversy," is the "broadest conceivable language" which thereby creates an ali-encompassing arbitration clause.

The arbitration clause at issue here is not of the "all encompassing" variety. First of all, the arbitration clause is tucked in as a sub-set of Section Ten of the Trust, which primarily deals with successor trustees. The arbitration clause is not its own section. The natural reading, then, is to understand the arbitration clause by reference to its limited relation to successor co-trustees. Additionally, the arbitration clause is limited to the "event of a disagreement" at a time when there are only two co-trustees, where the trustees aim to act "hereunder" the Trust powers assigned to them. Properly understood, this means that whenever the co-trustees disagree on how to exercise their explicit powers, the dispute raust be arbitrated.

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Flowever, the dispute raised by the petition is not a dispute about how to act, it is a dispute regarding the underlying power of the trustees. The Petition for declaratory relief lies outside the scope of the arbitration clause. As argued above, the property in question are water rights which would fall under the property of "Trust A", which the founding trust documents say that she has the full ability to control or transfer for her own benefit. The water rights property in question should not be subject to an arbitration dispute with co-Trustee Warner Whipple because there is no trustor, trustee, or beneficiary other than Jane Whipple, at least as it portains to the property in Trust A.

The arbitration clause does not cover disputes over the powers of the Trustees or the meaning of the terms that created the Trust. This dispute is over a more complex legal matter, namely, what property belongs to which Trust now that Trust A and Trust B have sat unpartitioned for decades and Jane Whipple has acquired additional property rights during that time. This is not simply a matter of the co-trustees disagreeing with one another on a decision which lies within the scope of their powers pursuant to the Trust, but is a dispute over the nature of the Trust, the owners of property, and the powers and responsibilities of the co-trustees. Jane Whipple is not asking for the Court to resolve a dispute between co-Trustees, she is asking the Court to declare that she does not need the permission of the co-Trustee to modify water rights acquired after Kent Whipple's death.

The Motion spends considerable time arguing that the arbitration clause is enforceable. Petitioner does not argue that the arbitration clause is unenforceable in principle, but rather that the arbitration clause's scope is limited to situations where the co-trustees cannot agree on how to act within their clearly defined powers. This dispute is over the definition of the powers of the

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co-trustees as applied to the facts of this case, and whether Warner Whipple has any say over what happens to the water rights all-together. For this reason, the Court should deny the Motion and should gram the relief requested in the Petition.

В. Establishing Trusts A and B.

Even if this Court believes that the Trust should have been divided into Trust A and Trust B. Warner Whipple now seeks to compel arbitration on property that would definitively be a part of Trust A, and the co-trustee has no authority to dictate what happens with that property. Specifically, Jane Whipple has the complete authority to utilize, exhaust, or remove the property held by Trust A at any time before her death. The property of Trust A only goes to the benefit of the potential beneficiaries if Trust A contains property at the time of Jane Whipple's death.

The Trust's establishing document indicates that: "The entire net income from Trust A shall be paid to or applied for the benefit of the surviving trustor [...]* (pg. 08/24). Furthermore, the Trust indicates that if Jane shall survive Kent, that: "She shall have the power, exercisable in all events and at any time [...] to withdraw all or any part of the principle of Trust "A", and require the Trustee to distribute the same to her, discharged of this Trust. Such power may be exercised by written instrument filed with the Trustee." In this basis, it is clear that Jane was intended to have complete control of the subdivision of the Trust entitled Trust A. She should be considered the sole trustor and trustee of Trust A and should not need the permission of the co-Trustee to manage the assets of Trust A.

As the sole truster and trustee of Trust A, Jane Whipple founded Kent Whipple Ranch. LLC, which at that point would have been recognized as property which belonged solely to Trust A. Subsequently, water rights were obtained by that LLC, and as a result, are owned by Trust A.

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of which Jane Whipple is the sole trustor and trustee. As a result, Warner Whipple should not have the ability to dictate what happens (or prevent Jane from deciding what happens) to the water rights which were obtained subsequent to Kent Whipple's death. Such water rights were never community property, and could not have become part of Trust B if the trusts were portioned upon Kent Whipple's passing.

In sum, the Motion to Dismiss the Petition should be decied. The co-trustee, even under a reading most favorable to Warner Whipple, has no authority under the trust to dictate what happens with property acquired by Jane Whipple after Kent Whipple's death. Any such property would naturally fall under Trust A which can be exhausted or removed from the Trust at the sole discretion of Jane Whipple. Arbitration would be entirely inappropriate as it pertains to property in Trust A and/or any property acquired by Jane Whipple after Kent Whipple's death.

C. Warner Whipple has Breached his Fiduciary Duty as Trustee

Furthermore, Warner Whipple has breached and is continuing to breach his fiduciary duty as the appointed co-trustee. At minimum, the theoretical Trust A is intended to be used solely for the benefit of Jane Whipple, in her complete discretion, yet Warner Whipple's actions have been entirely against the interests of Jane Whipple.

As co-trustee, Warner Whipple has a fiduciary duty to Jane Whipple and any other beneficiaries. This duty includes that he should not act willfully and purposefully to delay or hinder the Trust's valid and everyday functioning. Specifically, the co-trustee must "at all times be fully informed" regarding the Trust, communicate with the other parties, and do his due diligence regarding the trust's assets (Section Ten of the Trust).

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Warner Whipple has an ongoing duty to communicate with the other parties. Instead, he has acted to bully Jane Whipple and delay property modifications which would henefit all the possible beneficiaries of the trust. This Motion would only further the ongoing breach of his tiduciary duty, and on that basis, should be denice.

D. Conclusion.

In sum, the Motion filed to dismiss or stay the Petition should be defied. First, the arbitration clause is inapplicable here because that clause only set out that the co-trustees would utilize an arbitrator after they feiled to reach an agreement on how to act under the trust. Here, Warner Whipple has not done any of his due diligence or even attempted to work with the co-trustee Jane Whipple, and therefore he carnot invoke arbitration. Second, the arbitration clause was limited in scope. The dispute here is about the power(s) of the trustees and not about any disagreement about how to act.

For these reasons, we ask that this Court deny the Motion to stay/deny the petition, and instead to grant the declaratory relief requested in that petition.

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law is clear. A motion to compel arbitration must be granted unless it appears "with positive assurance" that an arbitration clause does not apply to a particular controversy.2 Significantly, the party opposing arbitration bears the extremely heavy burden of overcoming the presumption in favor of arbitration by proving beyond a reasonable doubt that the subject dispute is not subject to arbitration.3

Once the Court determines that an arbitration clause is valid, all other matters as to the scope of arbitration are to be decided by the arbitrator. Further, the reviewing court is not to make any determinations regarding the merits of the parties' contentions; its only role is to "summarily" determine the validity of an arbitration agreement. The Court's role here is plain. because the arbitration agreement clearly encompasses any disagreement between co-trustees, the instant dispute must go to arbitration.

REBUTTAL FACTS

As for the undisputed facts, Kent and Jane Whipple set up the Trust to provide both income for the surviving spouse and to protect the inheritances of the remainder beneficiaries, their five children.⁵ To accomplish this goal, Kent and Jane dictated that, upon the death of either of them, the Trust res must be divided into two sub-trusts.6 The surviving spouse's subtrust (the "A Share") was to be funded with the surviving spouse's share of the community property and the surviving spouse was to be granted liberal access to the income from the A Share. The decedent's sub-trust (the "B Share") was to be funded with all property of the Trust not put into the A Share and preserved (expect for any amounts necessary to maintain the surviving spouse's standard of living after exhaustion of the A Share) exclusively for the benefit of the remaining beneficiaries, the Trustors' five children.

In addition to requiring the Trust property to be divided into the separate shares upon the first spouse's death; the Trust also provided that Jane would never have unilateral control over Trust assets. Instead, the Trust required co-trustees for all matters relating to the Trust. Section

Dryer v. Los Angeles Rams, 709 P.2d 826, 830 (Cal. 1985) (In Bank).

Dryer, 709 P.2d 826, 830 (Cal. 1985) (In Bank). 4 NRS 387.221(2) (West 2015).

See generally Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 3-7.

Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 4-5. Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 8-9.

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Ten of the Trust sets forth the means by which trustees and successor trustees for the Trust are selected and governed. Significantly, the trustors determined that if Jane died first, Kent would be the sole trustee with control over all Trust assets, including those in the A Share and B Share. However, the Trust mandated that, should Kent die first (which is what actually occurred), Jane would always serve as co-Trustee only, with at least one co-Trustee always overseeing her actions in regards to Trust assets:

Upon the resignation, inability to act, or death of JANE WHIPPLE, then KENT WHIPPLE shall act as the sole Trustee. Upon the resignation, inability to act, or death of KENT WHIPPLE, then JANE WHIPPLE and KEITH MURRAY WHIPPLE shall act as Successor Co-Trustees.

Each Successor Co-Trustee must at all times be fully informed of each and every official act performed by the other Trustees and must be furnished with an accounting of all income, expenditures and activities of the Trust at least quarterly.

The concurring vote of two (2) Co-Trustees shall be necessary for the Trustees to act hereunder...In the even of a disagreement at any time when there are only two (2) Co-Trustees, then the dispute shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the Uniform Arbitration Act of the State of Nevada.

Contrary to Petitioner's contention, Section Ten does not distinguish between the A and B Shares in regards to the co-Trusteeship.¹⁰ Instead, the Trust requires co-trustees for "cach and every" matter pertaining to the Trust "at all times." Further, Section Ten mandates that Jane secure co-Trustee approval for all actions she proposes to undertake with Trust assets by requiring unanimity in decision making and arbitration in the event of any disagreement.¹¹ The unanimity and arbitration requirements, likewise, do not distinguish between the A and B shares as Peritioner asks this court to do.¹²

Unfortunately, following Kent's death the A and B shares were never funded, ¹³ meaning all Trust assets remain assets of the original Trust, not either of the sub-trusts. All income or

Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 19-20.

⁹ Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 19-20 (emphasis added).

Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 20.

¹¹ Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 20.

¹² Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 20.

¹³ See Petition at ¶4.

increase derived from Trust property belongs to the Trust and must be administered for the beneficiaries equally.

At various times following Kent's death, the Trust obtained certain water rights from the State Engineer for the benefit of Trust land (the "Water Rights"). ¹⁴ Jane acknowledges that the Water Rights are Trust assets and that the Trust paid all necessary fees for the Water Right applications, etc. ¹⁵ Despite these undisputed facts, Jane now claims the Water Rights are held by the Trust for her exclusive benefit only. In reality, the Water Rights are inquestionably held by the Trust and cannot be unilaterally controlled by Jane.

LEGAL ARGUMENT

1. The Water Rights, as after-acquired Trust property, are subject to Co-Trustee authority and mandatory Arbitration.

Property acquired by a trustee using trust assets or by way of trust assets are trust property and, as such, are subject to the terms of the documents governing the trust. ¹⁶ Indeed, a trustee's fiduciary duty bars her from gaining any *personal* benefit from the trust property. ¹⁷ For example, a trustee may not use trust property as collateral for a personal loan, even if the loan is repaid in full and the trust suffers no direct harm thereby. ¹⁸ In the same vein, a trustee's application for water rights for use on trust property, means that any water rights ultimately obtained are assets owned by the trust, not the trustee personally. ¹⁹ It follows then, that water rights obtained by a trustee for beneficial use on trust land are trust assets, subject to the provisions of the governing trust documents.

¹⁴ See e.g. Exhibit 3 to Petition, Jane cites to her affidavit for the proposition that she was instrumental in getting the water rights granted by the State Engineer. Warner and his counsel were never provided with a copy of Jane's affidavit and thus oppose it being provided to the Court as an *ex parte* communication. Further, as to the substantive claim than Jane had a role in securing the Trust's water rights, Warner disputes any such claim.

¹⁵ See Petition at ¶8 and Opposition at p. 4.

See generally NRS 164.067 (West 2015).
 Ashley v. Burton, No. B160305, 2003 WL 22871829 at *6 (Cal. Ct. App. 2003)

⁽unpublished).

18 People v. Larkin, 41.3 F. Supp. 978, 983 (N.D. Cal. 1976).

¹⁹ See Benson v. State Engineer, 131 Nev. Adv. Op. 78, 358 P.3d 221, 222, n. 1 (2015) (opining that even though a petition for review of State Engineer actions was filed individually, the right was actually held by the trust due to the fact that the trust was the manager of real property for which the water right was applied).

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In this case, there can be no dispute that the Water Rights are held by the Trust, not the Jane personally and not the A Share which was never established or funded. Further, any act or decision regarding the ownership or transfer of the Water Rights is subject to the provisions of the Trust. Of particular import are, of course, the provisions requiring the co-trustees to reach a unanimous decision as to any trust action or, in the event of a disagreement, to submit to arbitration.

Jane's claim to the contrary flies in the face of the law, the terms of the Trust, and the undisputed facts. Jane acknowledges that the A Share was never created or funded.²⁰ Jane also acknowledges that the Water Rights are trust assets and that the Trust paid all of the fees associated with the water right applications.21 Finally, all the deeds associated with the Water Rights indicate that either the Kent and Jane Whipple Trust or the Kent Whipple Trust²² owns the Water Rights. 23 Based on the undisputed facts Jane must concede and already has conceded, the Motion should be granted and the parties referred to arbitration. Indeed, the facts lead to only one conclusion, the co-trustees' present disagreement regarding the disposition of the Water Rights requires arbitration.

However, rather than admit the inevitable and save the Trust and all parties considerable time and money, Petitioner makes the completely circular argument that if the A Share had been funded, the Water Rights would have fallen into the A Share (for reasons unknown and wholly unsupported) and therefore, Jane is entitled to 100% decision making power. Petitioner's argument fails for multiple reasons. First, it omits a crucial factor, namely that at Kent's death, the A Share was to be funded with only Jane's share of the community property; all of the rest of the Trust property was to be placed in Share B exclusively for the benefit of the remaining beneficiaries (Kent and Jane's children).24 Moreover, Jane couldn't touch the B Share until the A Share was completely exhausted and the co-trustee was satisfied that distributions from the B

²⁰ See Petition at ¶4.

²⁷ Opposition at p. 3.

¹² If anything, the fact that the Water Rights were granted to the Kent Whipple Trust or the Kent Whipple Ranch would indicate intent, at the time the Water Rights were granted, that they held by the B Share, which was the decedent's (Kent Whipple) trust, not the survivor's trust for Jane. See Exhibit 3 to Petition (included herewith as Exhibit B for reference).

²⁴ Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 8-9.

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 part of the trustors to set aside a portion of the Trust property for the near-exclusive benefit of their children and to protect those assets from all other claims and actions, including those of Jane. Thus, contrary to Petitioner's claims, other than Jane's share of the community property (the extent of which is currently unknown), Jane is prohibited from making any use at all of the Trust assets without the express agreement or consent of the co-Trustee.

Share were necessary for Jane's maintenance.25 This structure evidenced a clear intent on the

How many of the Water Rights (if any) would have been fallen into the A or B Shares had those been properly funded is unknown and undetermined. However, Petitioner's claim that the entirety of the Trust assets—including the Water Rights (which are presumably the most valuable of the Trust assets)—somehow belong in the A Share simply because the A and B Shares were not funded or because she allegedly had some role in filling out water right applications after Kent's death fails on its own terms. Moreover, Petitioner's argument, if true, would circumvent the Trust protections and fail to carry out the Trustors' intent to preserve Trust assets for the children. More specifically, the Trust documents mandate that at least half (assuming 100% of the Trust assets were community assets, which is also undetermined at this point) if not more of the Trust assets be preserved for the benefit of the Trustors' children. The Petition, if granted, would undermine the Trust and the trustors' intent at the expense of the children. For this and related reasons, Warner disagrees with and opposes the Petition, thereby requiring arbitration of the dispute, which is precisely what the Trust contemplates in such a situation.

Given that the A and B Shares were not funded, the Trust assets (including the Water Rights) are not a priori assets of the non-existent A Share, rather they are owned by the Trust and must be managed by the co-Trustees for the benefit of all Trust beneficiaries, including the beneficiaries of the B Share, the children.

²⁵ Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 8-9.

2. The clear language of the trust documents mandate arbitration of all disputes and the Opposition does not overcome the presumption in favor of arbitration.

Nevada law is clear that *any* agreement to arbitrate must be enforced and the matter submitted to arbitration. ²⁶ Arbitration agreements are to be interpreted and enforced according to their plain language. This strict requirement is at least part of the reason why any court decision not to enforce an arbitration clause is reviewed *de novo*. ²⁷ Under the Uniform Arbitration Act, although the court can decide whether a controversy is subject to arbitration, the arbitrator must decide if conditions precedent to arbitration have been satisfied. ²⁸ Further, because of the strong public policy favoring arbitration of disputes, even if an arbitration clause contains ambiguities or raises a reasonable doubt as to the enforceability or applicability of an arbitration clause to a particular dispute, it must be interpreted in favor of arbitration if at ail possible. ²⁹ A motion to compel arbitration should not be denied unless it appears "with positive assurance" that an arbitration clause should not apply to a particular controversy. ³⁰ A party opposing arbitration has an extremely heavy burden in seeking to overcome the presumption in favor of arbitration.

Even the cases cited by Petitioner in the Opposition support the well-accepted majority position cited above. They also make clear that the only circumstance where an arbitration clause may be unenforceable is where the arbitration clause itself limits the scope of mandatory arbitration and where the subject dispute is significantly removed from the ambit of that scope. This is not one of those cases. The *Royal Indemnification* case, an unpublished Illinois opinion cited by Petitioner, simply upheld the well-established proposition that one cannot be required to arbitrate under an arbitration agreement it did not consent to. I Likewise, the *Lusk* and *Ross Brothers* cases actually support sending the parties in this matter to arbitration because the Trust includes the same type of broad arbitration language, which likewise mandated arbitration in

²⁶ NRS 38.219(1) (West 2015),

²⁷ Mediterranean v. Ssangyong, 708 F.2d 1458,

²⁸ NRS 38,219(3) (West 2015).

²⁹ Titolo c. Cano, 68 Cal. Rptr.3d 616, 620 (Cal. Ct. App. 2007).

²⁰ Dryer v. Los Angeles Rams, 709 P.2d 826, 830 (Cal. 1985) (In Bank).

³¹ Royal Indem. v. Hosp. Risk, 2011 WL 9693718 at *6 (III. Ct. App. 2011) (unpublished) (erroncously cited by Jane as 406 III. App. 3d 1211, 998 N.E.2d 716 (2011)) (holding that subrogee was not bound by insured's agreement to arbitrate).

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Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 19-20.

²⁶ Exhibit A. Whipple Trust at p. 20.

Lusk, 2007 WL 2228561 at *6.

those cases.32 As the court in Lusk pointed out, when an agreement includes language requiring "any controversy" to be arbitrated, the agreement is an unlimited submittal to arbitration. 23 In such a case, no disagreement or controversy between the parties falls outside the scope of the mandated arbitration and motions to compel should be granted as a matter of course.34

The arbitration clause in this matter is an unlimited agreement to arbitrate. The operative language is not "tucked away" in the Trust documents; rather, it is front and center in Section Ten setting forth the nature and powers of the co-trusteeship:

The concurring vote of two (2) Co-Trustees shall be necessary for the Trustees to act hereunder...In the event of a disagreement at any time when there are only two (2) Co-Trustees, then the dispute shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the Uniform Arbitration Act of the State of Nevada. 35

Section Ten sets forth the manner in which the decision making for the Trust was to be governed, which depended upon which spouse died first. It clearly provided that if Kent died first, Janc's authority over Trust assets would be limited. It was "necessary" for Jane to act with a co-trustee.36 Section Ten further set forth that any disputes between Jane and the co-trustee were to be resolved through arbitration. The plain language of Section Ten requires co-trustees over all matters and there is nothing whatsoever suggesting that co-trustees were only intended as to subtrust B.

Equally clear is the fact that there was no limitation on the type of disputes mandating arbitration. This is an arbitration agreement like that in the Lusk case, by which the co-trustees are required to submit any disagreement whatsoever between them to arbitration. On its face, the language belies any interpretation that the arbitration clause only applies to the selection of co-trustees or management of B Share assets. The Trust says: "In the event of a disagreement at

³² See Lusk v. Ameriserve Financial, No. 1:06-cv-1820-SEB-JMS, 2007 WL 2228561 at *6-*7

any time when there are only two Co-Trustees, then the dispute shall be submitted to arbitration..."³⁷

The language of Section Ten is not ambiguous, but even if it were, Petitioner would have the burden of proving beyond a reasonable doubt that the instant controversy is not subject to arbitration.³⁸ This Petitioner cannot do. Petitioner claims that Jane is, in essence the sole trustee of "Share A" and as such, Section Ten whereby she is required to always act with a cotrustee, does not apply to her. As an initial matter, this argument fails because Share A was never funded following Kent's death.³⁹ All of the Trust assets, including the Water Rights are in the Trust and are subject to Co-Trustee Warner Whipple's joint decision making powers.

Even if Share A had been funded following Kent's death, Jane's authority to act would nonetheless be constrained by the co-trustee unanimity requirement and the arbitration clause. The Trust itself does not anywhere distinguish between trustees' authority to act as to the Trust as a whole or the trustees' authority to act as to Share A or Share B. It simply says that, in the event Kent died first, that Jane's could not act in relation to the Trust without the mutual consent of the co-trustee. Section Ten itself shows that Jane and Kent understood how to exempt trustee actions from the arbitration provision: the clause requiring the co-trustees to account to each other and provide audits upon request is specifically exempted from arbitration:

Any individual Co-Trustee shall have the right to demand a complete audit of the Trust by an independent firm of Certified Public Accountants at the expense of the Trust at any time or from time to time, without the consent of the other Co-Trustees, and this power shall not be subject to arbitration.⁴¹

If there had been intent by the trustors to exempt either the A or B shares from co-trustee joint decision making or mandatory arbitration, they certainly would have done so. The fact that Share A is not specifically exempted from either the co-trustee decision making process or mandatory arbitration language is fatal to Petitioner's claim. Even if the A Share had been

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³⁷ Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 20.

³⁸ Dryer, 709 P.2d 826, 830 (Cal. 1985) (In Bank).

³⁹ See Petition for Declaratory Relief at ¶3.

⁴⁰ Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 20.

⁴¹ Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 20 (emphasis added).

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 funded and the Water Rights were in the A Share (which the Co-Trustee does not concede), decisions as to the ownership or disposition of those Water Rights would still be subject to joint enanimous decision making and mandatory arbitration. That is not to say that Jane is not a beneficiary of the Trust. It simply means that the trustors expressly agreed and took explicit steps to ensure that Jane would not be acting alone in relation to the Trust. Failing to enforce the arbitration provision would undermine those efforts and throw the long-standing rules governing estate planning into chaos. The principal objective when interpreting a trust is to carry out the intent of the trustor.

Petitioner argues that, because Jane has the unexercised authority to demand a distribution from the A Share, she is in fact the sole trustee of the A Share. The plain language of the Trust (and the words omitted from Jane's quotations of the Trust) belies this claim. An accurate quotation of the clause Jane claims makes her a sole trustee of the A Share actually makes explicit the co-trusteeship:

She shall have the power, exercisable in all events and at any time or from time to time after the Husband's demise to withdraw all or any part of the principal of Trust "A" and to require the Trustee to distribute the same to her, discharged of this Trust. Such power may be exercised by written instrument filed with the Trustee. 42

If the A Share had been funded and if Jane had been inclined to exercise this power, she still would have been required to make a written demand for distribution on the co-trustee and establish that the A Share had not already been fully dissipated or distributed.⁴³ Even before getting to that point, a determination would be required as to what assets were in Share A and what assets in Share B. To do that would require the assets to be valued. It may be that the Water Rights in question exceed the total value that could be properly assigned to Share B. At this point, there is certainly no agreement as to the value of the Trust assets or that the Water Rights are part of Share A.

Notwithstanding the need to first resolve those overarching disagreements, Petitioner's argument still fails because the exercise of power over Share A would still be subject to co-.

²² Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 6 (emphasis added).

⁷³ Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 6.

trusteeship authority and decision making (and thus the arbitration clause). In any event, the effect of Jane's right to demand a distribution from the trustee (as set forth above) as to Share A is purely hypothetical because the A Share has never been funded and there is no consensus as to value, which means Petitioner cannot use a tortured interpretation of a clause which applies to a non-existent sub-trust to wish away Co-Trustee Warner Whipple's duties and decision making authority in connection with the Trust and the distribution or transfer of its assets.

The only other basis put forward by Petitioner is the location of the arbitration clause in the Trust. The contention is weak and wholly insufficient for the court to depart from the clear statement of intent in the Trust. Indeed, in the *Lusk* case cited by Petitioner, the arbitration agreement (which the court concluded was fully enforceable), was contained only in Sections 4.6 and 9.11 and of the agreements between those parties.⁴⁴ An arbitration clause must be located somewhere in the agreement and the fact that it is one particular section does not suggest that it only applies to that section. Further, given that Section Ten of the Trust in this case governs the selection and operation of the trustees, it makes sense that the unanimity and arbitration clauses were included there. Section Ten shows that Kent was concerned about Jane exercising sole authority over the Trust assets following his death and Jane accepted and agreed to the provisions included to address those concerns. Jane and Kent agreed that Jane could not make any decisions without the full consent of the co-trustee. Petitioner's arguments to the contrary fall well short of the burden of proof she is required to carry to exempt this case from arbitration.

3. Warner has not violated but is fulfilling his fiduciary duties by seeking to protect all beneficiaries of the Trust.

It goes without saying that the trustee of a trust owes fiduciary duties to *all* beneficiaries of the trust; this includes the duty to treat fairly all beneficiaries of the trust.⁴⁵ Warner's disagreement with Jane regarding the Water Rights and her Petition with this court comes down to the fact that the Trust itself evidences a clear intent on the part of the Trustors that a significant portion of the Trust assets (at least half, and potentially much more) be protected from Jane and preserved for the benefit of the other beneficiaries. The Petition is, as Jane

⁴⁴ Lusk, 2007 WL 2228561 at *3.

⁴⁵ In re Orpheus Trust, 124 Nov. 170, 174, 179 P.3d 562, 565-66 (2008).

admits, a means by which she hopes to gain exclusive control over the Water Rights. Warner disagrees with the proposed action and the claimed right of title. He is fulfilling his duties in ensuring that the trustors' intent is respected and carried out. Accordingly, he requests that the parties' dispute be submitted to arbitration as required by the Trust.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Warner requests that the court refer this case to arbitration forthwith.

Respectfully submitted this ____day of December, 2015.

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Pursuant to NRCP 5(b) I certify that I am an employee of Bingham Snow & Caldwell, and that on this day, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing document to be served, to the following:

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EXHIBIT - A

31. THIS TRUST AGREEMENT is entered into between KENT,
WHIPPLE, also known as KENT O'NEIL WHIPPLE, and JANE WHIPPLE, also
known as JANE ELEANOR R. WHIPPLE, also known as BETTY JANE WHIPPLE,
his wife, hereinafter referred to as the "Trustors", or separately
as "Husband" and "Wife" respectively, and KENT WHIPPLE and JANE
WHIPPLE, hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Trustee".

ONE: The Trustors, desiring to establish a Trust, have assigned, transferred and delivered, and by these presents do assign, transfer and deliver to the Trustee all of the real property and personal property of every nature whatsoever belonging to the Trustors, including, but not limited to, the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and made a part of this Trust Agreement. Receipt is hereby acknowledged by the Trustee of the assets enumerated in Schedule "A". The Trustors may from time to time add additional properties or policies of insurance to this Trust by transferring such property or assigning such policies to the Trustee, or by causing the Trustee to be named as beneficiary thereunder. In either case, such property and policies of insurance, and their proceeds, shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

TWO: No consideration was nor will be given to or by the Trustee for the conveyance or transfer to him of any of the Trust Estate. The Trustee accepts such title to the Trust Estate as is conveyed or transferred to him hereunder without liability or responsibility for the condition or validity of such title, and the Trust Estate has been or will be conveyed or transferred to the Trustee, IN TRUST, with power of sale, for the uses and purposes herein provided.

THREE: The Trustee acknowledges that he may be named as beneficiary under insurance policies of the Trustors, and agrees to hold the same and the proceeds thereof subject to the

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ONE: The Trustors, desiring to establish a Trust, have assigned, transferred and delivered, and by these presents do assign, transfer and deliver to the Trustee all of the real property and personal property of every nature whatsoever belonging to the Trustors, including, but not limited to, the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and made a part of this Trust Agreement. Receipt is hereby acknowledged by the Trustee of the assets enumerated in Schedule "A". The Trustors may from time to time add additional properties or policies of insurance to this Trust by transferring such property or assigning such policies to the Trustee, or by causing the Trustee to be named as beneficiary thereunder. In either case, such property and policies of insurance, and their proceeds, shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

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FIVE: The Trustors reserve during such time as the Musband and Wife are both living the following rights and powers to be exercised by them, without the consent or participation of the Trustee or any beneficiary of this Trust, including, without limiting the generality, the following rights and powers:

- (a) The right to revoke this Trust, or by supplemental agreement to modify the terms of this Trust from time to time without the consent of the Trustee, or any beneficiary, provided, however, that the duties, powers, and liability of the Trustee hereunder shall not be substantially changed without his written consent. Except as hereinafter provided, such powers of revocation and modification are personal to the Trustors and shall not be assignable nor accrue to any other person, nor shall they extend to their estates nor to their legal representatives, nor to any beneficiary named herein nor to any other person.
- (b) To receive or apply dividends, disability benefits, premium refunds, proceeds of matured insurance policies, loan or surrender or commuted values or any other sum due under any insurance policies contributed to this Trust.
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The remaining income shall be and is hereafter referred to as "net income".

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- (d)Upon the death of either Trustor, the Trustee shall segregate and divide the Trust Estate into two trusts, hereinafter called Trust "A" and Trust "B", which shall constitute separate trusts and shall be held and administered as such.
 - (e) There shall be placed in Trust "A":
 - The fractional share belonging to (1) the surviving Trustor of the community property subject to the terms of this Trust.
 - Out of the other assets subject to the terms of this Trust, including those received by the Trustee upon or by reason of the death of the first Trustor to die, which are eligible to satisfy the marital deduction, the Trustee shall add to this Trust the fractional share of said assets which is equal to

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- In making the computations and the allocations of property to Trust "A" required by the preceding paragraphs (1) and (2), the determination of the character and ownership of property and the value thereof shall be finally established for Federal Estate Tax purposes.
- All of the rest, residue and remainder of the assets subject to the terms of this Trust, including those received by the Trustee upon or by reason of the death of the first Trustor to die, shall be allocated to Trust "B".

PROVISIONS OF TRUST "A".

- The entire net income from Trust "A" shall (1)be paid to or applied for the benefit of the surviving Trustor in monthly or other convenient installments during his or her lifetime, but in no event less often than annually.
- (2) If the income is not adequate to maintain the surviving Trustor in a manner similar to his or her standard of living while living with the deceased Trustor, the Trustee may pay to him or her, or apply for his or her benefit so much of the principal of

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 - (a) She shall have the power, exercisable in all events and at any time or from time to time after the Husband's demise, to withdraw all or any part of the principal of Trust "A", and to require the Trustee to distribute the same to her, discharged of this Trust. Such power may be exercised by written instrument filed with the Trustee. There is further conferred on the Wife, the absolute power to distribute by her Last Will and Testament the remaining assets of the Trust to anyone she chooses, including her estate, her creditors, or the creditors of her estate.
 - If and to the extent that the Wife shall fail to exercise such powers, the principal and accrued and undistributed net income of this Trust shall, upon her demise, be transferred to and become a part of Trust "B" and shall be held, administered and distributed as is hereinafter provided with respect to Trust "B", excepting

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PROVISIONS OF TRUST "B".

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- (a) The Trustee shall have the power to manage and control, invest and reinvest, sell or assign, the proceeds of such life insurance policies and the funds of the Trust Estate, in such investments as the Trustee may elect, and also in such other investments as are hereinabove specifically authorized. He shall have the power to exercise any right or option of subscription or otherwise which may at any time be given to the holders of any securities of the Trust Estate.
- (b) To manage, control, sell, convey, exchange, partition, divide, subdivide, improve, repair; to grant options and to sell upon deferred payments; to lease for terms within or extending beyond the duration of this Trust for any purpose, including exploration for and removal of gas, oil or other minerals; and to enter into community oil leases.
- (c) To retain property and to invest, and reinvest as provided by law from time to time existing.
- (d) To borrow; to place, replace, renew, or extend any encumbrances upon any real property; and to institute, compromise and defend actions and proceedings.
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- (b) To manage, control, sell, convey, exchange, partition, divide, subdivide, improve, repair; to grant options and to sell upon deferred payments; to lease for terms within or extending beyond the duration of this Trust for any purpose, including exploration for and removal of gas, oil or other minerals; and to enter into community oil leases.
- (c) To retain property and to invest, and relevest as provided by law from time to time existing.
- (d) To borrow; to place, replace, renew, or extend any encumbrances upon any real property; and to institute, compromise and defend actions and proceedings.
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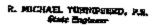
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September 19, 1994

ATT: JAN BRADSHAW RENT WHIPPLE RANCH HIKO NV 89017

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This assignment reflects only the information that has been filed with this office and may be subject to amendment upon receipt of additional documentation.

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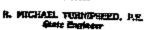
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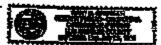
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(Decision 299)

UPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENT

THIS SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENT is entered into between MENT WEIPPLE, also known as KENT O'NEIL WEIPPLE, and JANE WHIPPLE, also known as DENTY JANE WHIPPLE, also known as DENTY JANE WHIPPLE, his wife, hereinafter referred to as the "Trustore" or separately as "Bushand" and "wife" respectively, and KENT WHIPPLE and JANE WHIPPLE, hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Trustee".

WHEREAS these Trustors entered into a Trust Agreement dated Harch 17, 1969 and wish to bereby modify certain terms of the trust, and as modified to ratify, confirm and readopt said trust and all actions heretofore taken by the Trustors and Trustee.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the express powers reserved in said Trust Agreement of March 17, 1969, the following amendments and modifications are hereby made to said Trust Agreement:

FIRST: Article "SIX": (d) is hereby smended to read as follows:

"(d) Upon the death of either Trustor, the Trustee

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- (3) In making the computations and the allocations of property to Trust a required by the preceding paragraphs (1) and (2), the determination of the character and comerchip of property and the value thereof shall be as finally established for Pederal Estate Tax purposes in said decedent's estate.
- (4) All of the rost, residue and remainder of the Assets subject to the terms of this Trust shall be allocated to Trust "B"."

THIRD: As hereby amended and modified the Trust Agreement dated March 17, 1969 made by the undersigned Trusters and Trustee, and all actions of the Trusters and Trustees here-under to date is hereby ratified, confirmed, approved, agreed to and said Trust Agreement as herein modified and amended shall remain in full force and effect.

IS WITHESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this

30th day of Wahnary; 1977.

BUT WHIPPLE, a/k/a KENT O'NEIL WHIPPLE

AND WHEEPLE, A/R/A JANE CLEANOR R. HEIPPLE

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On January 35, 1977, personally appeared before $m_{\rm H}$, a Hotary Public, KENT WHIPPLE and JAME WHIPPLE, his wife, who acknowledged to me that they executed the above instrument.

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 THIS TRUST ACREMENT is entered ... to between KENT.

WHIPPLE, also known as KENT O'NEIL WHIPPLE, and JANE WHIPPLE, also known as JANE ELEANOR R. WHIPPLE, also known as BETTY JANE WHIPPLE his wife, hereinafter referred to as the "Trustors", or separately as "Husband" and "Wife" respectively, and KENT WHIPPLE and JANE WHIPPLE, hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Trustee".

ONE: The Trustors, desiring to establish a Trust, have assigned, transferred and delivered, and by those presents do assign, transfer and deliver to the Trustee all of the real property and personal property of every nature whatsoever belonging to the Trustors, including, but not limited to, the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and made a part of this Trust Agreement. Receipt is hereby acknowledged by the Trustee of the assets enumerated in Schedule "A". The Trustors may from time to time add additional properties or policies of insurance to this Trust by transferring such property or assigning such policies to the Trustee, or by causing the Trustee to be named as beneficiary thereunder. In either case, such property and policies of insurance, and their proceeds, shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

TWO: No consideration was nor will be given to or by the Trustee for the conveyence or transfer to him of any of the Trust Estate. The Trustee accepts such title to the Trust Estate as is conveyed or transferred to him hereunder without liability or responsibility for the condition or validity of such title, and the Trust Estate has been or will be conveyed or transferred to the Trustee, IN TRUST, with power of sale, for the uses and purposes herein provided.

THREE: The Trustee acknowledges that he may be named as beneficiary under insurance policies of the Trustors, and agrees to hold the same and the proceeds thereof subject to the

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FOUR: The Trustee, upon being informed as to the death of theinsured or the earlier maturity of any insurance policies, shall receive the proceeds thereof and is hereby authorized to execute the necessary receipts and releases to the insurance companies concerned.

FIVE: The Trustors reserve during such time as the Husband and Wife are both living the following rights and powers to be exercised by them, without the consent or participation of the Trustee or any beneficiary of this Trust, including, without limiting the generality, the following rights and powers:

- by supplemental agreement to modify the terms of this Trust from time to time without the consent of the Trustee, or any beneficiary, provided, however, that the duries, powers, and liability of the Trustee hereunder shall not be substantially changed without his written consent. Except as hereinafter provided, such powers of revocation and modification are personal to the Trustors and shall not be assignable not accrue to any other person, nor shall they extend to their estates nor to their legal representatives, nor to any beneficiary named herein nor to any other person.
- (b) To receive or apply dividends, disability benefits, premium refunds, proceeds of matured insurance policies, losm or surrender or commuted values or any other sum due under any insurance policies contributed to this Trust.
- (c) To obtain and receive cash advances or loans as may be advisable under any life insurance policies contributed to this Trust

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(d) To exercise any come or privileges granted in any such policies or plans.

The rights and powers reserved in (a) through (d), inclusive, in this Paragraph FIVE shall, except as hereinafter provided, coase upon the death of either Trustor, and thereafter this Trust shall be irrevocable and shall not be subject to amendment or modification.

All property now or hereafter subject to this <u>S</u>IX: Trust shall constitute the Trust Estate, and shall be held, managed and distributed as hereinafter provided:

During the lifetime of the Trustors, the Trustee shall distribute the income and principal in the following manner:

> The Irustee shall pay or reserve suf-(*) ficient funds to pay all expenses of management and distribution of the Trust Estate, including the compensation of the Trustee, all or any part of which may, in the discretion of the Trustee, be charged either to income or principal of the Trust Estate. The remaining income shall be and is hereafter referred

During the lifetime of both of the Trustors, the net income from the entire Trust Estate shall be distributed to or for the use and benefit of the Trustors in monthly or other convenient installments, but not less frequently than annually. If at any time during the lifetime of both of the Trustors, the net income shall be inadequate for the needs, comfort and pleasure of the Trustors, or their descendants, the Trustee may, in its discretion, pay to or apply for the benefit of said beneficiaries, in addition to the payments of income as hereinabove provided, such amounts of the

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- (c) If at any time during the period set forth in sub-paragraph (b) of Paragraph SIX, the Trusters shall be incompetent or shall in the judgment of the Trustee be unable for any other reason to act in their own behalf, the Successor Co-Trustees may, in their discretion, pay to or apply for the health, support, maintenance and comfort of the Trustors, or their descendants, in addition to the payments of income as hereinshove provided, such amounts of the principal of the Trust Estate as the Successor Co-Trustees may from time to time deem necessary or advisable for their use or benefit.
- (d) Upon the death of either Trustor, the Trustee shall segregate and divide the Trust Estate into two trusts, hereinafter called Trust "A" and Trust "B", which shall constitute separate trusts and shall be held and administered as such.
 - (e) There shall be placed in Trust "A":
 - (1) The fractional share belonging to the surviving Trustor of the community property subject to the terms of this Trust.
 - (2) Out of the other assets subject to the terms of this Trust, including those received by the Trustee upon or by reason of the death of the first Trustor to die, which are eligible to satisfy the marital deduction, the Trustee shell add to this Trust the fractional share of said assets which is equal to

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the maximum marical der tion allowed for Federal Estate Tex purposes in the estate of said deceased Trustor, less the value of all assets or interest which pass or have passed to the surviving Trustor other than by the terms of this Trust, and which are eligible to satisfy said marital deduction.

- (3) In making the computations and the allocations of property to Trust "A" required by the preceding paragraphs (1) and (2), the determination of the character and ownership of property and the value thereof shall be finally established for Federal Estate Tax purposes.
- (4) All of the rest, residue and remainder of the assets subject to the terms
 of this Trust, including those received by
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PROVISIONS OF TRUST "A".

- (1) The entire net income from Trust "A" shall be paid to or applied for the benefit of the surviving Trustor in monthly or other convenient installments during his or her lifetime, but in no event less often than annually.
- (2) If the income is not adequate to maintain the surviving Trustor in a manner similar to his or her standard of living while living with the deceased Trustor, the Trustee may pay to him or her, or apply for his or her benefit so much of the principal of

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the frust as he may, in his die etion, deem proper or necessary for that purpose, taking into account any income available to him or her from other sources. The Trustee shall make such principal disbursements to the surviving Trustor out of the corpus of Trust "A" before making suy disbursements of principal to the surviving Trustor from Trust 11B11

- (3) In the event the Wife survives the Rusband:
 - (a) She shall have the power, exercisable in all events and at any time or from time to time after the Husband's demise, to withdraw all or any part of the principal of Trust "A", and to require the Trustee to distribute the same to her, discharged of this Trust. Such power may be exercised by written instrument filed with the Trustee. There is further conferred on the Wife, the absolute power to distribute by her Last Will and Testament the remaining assets of the Trust to anyone she chooses, including her estate, her creditors, or the creditors of her estate.
 - If and to the extent that the Wife shall fail to exercise such powers. the principal and accrued and undistributed net income of this Trust shall, upon her demise, be transferred to and become a part of Trust "B" and shell be held, administered and distributed as is hereinafter provided with respect to Trust "B", excepting

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however that the Truste in its discretion may first pay out of the principal, the Wife's last illness end burial expenses. Federal Estate Taxes, Nevada Inheritance Taxes, and any gift taxes assessed against her estate, together with interest, penalties, costs, Trustees' compassation and attorney fees, unless other adequate provisions shall have been made therefor.

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- (b) If and to the extent that the Rusband shall fail to exercise such powers, the principal and accrued and undistributed not income of this Trust shall, upon his demise, be transferred to and become a part

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of Trust "B" and shall held, administered and distributed as is hereinafter provided with respect to Trust "B", excepting, however, that the Trustee, in its discretion, may first pay out of the principal, the Rusband's last illness and burial expenses, Federal Estate Taxes, Neveda Inheritance Taxes, and any gift taxes assessed against his estate, together with interest, penalties, costs, Trustees' compensation and attorney fees, unless other adequate provisions shall have been made therefor.

(5) The interests of the beneficiaries in principal or income shall not be subject to claims of his or her creditors, nor others, nor to legal process, and may not be voluntarily nor involuntarily alienated nor encumbered.

PROVISIONS OF TRUST "B".

(1) Upon the death of the first Trustor to die, if the surviving Trustor shall be in want of additional monies to maintain himself or herself in a manner similar to his or her standard of living at the time of death of the Trustor who died first, taking into account any other assets or income available from other sources, including the aforesaid payments from Trust "A", the Trustee may, in its absolute discretion, pay to or apply for the benefit of the surviving Trustor so much of the income or principal from this Trust as the Trustee may from time to time deem necessary or advisable for the health, support, maintenance and confort

of the surviving Trustor.

contrary notwithstanding, no payment shall be made to the surviving Trustor from the principal or income of Trust "B" until such time as Trust "A" is substantially exhausted both as to principal and income. At such time as the income and principal of Trust "A" is substantially exhausted, the net income of Trust "B" shall be paid to the surviving Trustor in monthly or other convenient installments during his or her lifetime, but in no event less often than annually.

(3) Upon the death of the surviving Trustor, the remaining assets of the Trust shall be divided into as many separate trusts as there are children of the Trustors living, providing that if any such child be then deceased leaving issue surviving at the date of such division, such deceased child shall be considered as living for the purposes of such division, and in that event the Trustee shall set eside and distribute one of such equal shares to the issue of any such deceased child per stirpes. Each of the Trusts thus established shall be administered as separate Trusts, as hereinafter provided, but without the necessity of the Trustes making physical division of the assets unless the Trustee deems it necessary or advisable to do so. The assets set aside for the use and benefit of

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The Trustee shall set aside one of such shares for each of the Trustors' children by right of representation in a separate trust and shall distribute so much of the net income derived therefrom as in the sole discretion of the Trustee may be deemed necessary or advisable for such child's health, support, maintenance or education, including study at an institution of higher learning, or to commence a business or profession, to at for the use or benefit of such child until he or she attains the age of twenty-one (21) years, and ony accumulated income not so required shall be added to the principal of such share. Thereafter, the entire net income from said share shall be distributed quarterly to ox for the use or benefit of such child until he or she attains the age of twenty-five (25) years, at which time one-half (1/2) of the then principal of such share shall be distributed to such child; and thereafter, the entire net income from the belence of the principal of such share shall be distributed quarterly to or for the use or benefit of such child until he or she attains the age of thirty (30) years, at which time the entire balance of the principal of such share together with any undistributed income therefrom, shall be distributed to such child.

(b) Upon the do the of any such child before becoming entitled to receive the whole of his or her share of the Trust Estate, the Trustee, after paying the expenses of the last illness and burial of such deceased child, unless such expenses shall have been paid or provided for apart from this Trust, shall distribute the entira principal of such share, or so much thereof as then remains, together with any undistributed income theraftom, to the then surviving issue of such deceased child per stirpes, subject however, to the provisions of sub-paragraphs (s) and (b) hereof. If such deceased child shall leave no such issue then surviving, the same shall be added in equal portions to the shares then held for the benefit of the other children, and to those previously distributed therefrom, excluding the share of each child theretofore deceased as to whom them survies no issue, but including by right of representation the issue of any deceased child. If any portion of a share has theretofore been distributed, then a similar portion of the added share shall likewise be distributed.

(4) (a) If at any time during the lifetime of both Trustors, in the absolute disexetion of the Trustee, any child or grandchild of the Trustors, or issue of such grandchildren, should be in want of

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- (b) If at any time after the death of one Trustor, and during the lifetime of the surviving Trustor, in the absolute discretion of the Trustee, any child or grandchild of the Trustors, or issue of such grandchild, should be in want of additional monies for their health, support and maintenance, the Trustes may pay to or apply for the benefit of such individual, such amounts from the income or principal of Trust "B" as the Trustee may from time to time deem necessary or advisable, provided such payments do not jeopardize the security of the surviving Trustor.
- (c) If at any time after the death of both Trustors, in the absolute discretion of Trustee, any child or grandchild of the Trustors should be in want of monies for their health, support or maintenance, or to commence a business or profession, the Trustee may pay to or apply for the benefit of such individual, in addition to the payments hereinabove provided, such amounts from the principal of his or her

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respective share of the sust Estate, up to the whole of said part, as the Trustee may from time to time deem necessary or advisable for such beneficiary's health, support, maintenance, or education, including study at an institution of higher learning, or to commence a business or profession, or the Trustee may in its sole discretion during any calendar year pay to or apply for the benefit of such individual the greater of the following amounts: FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) or FIVE PER CENT (5%) of the aggregate value of the Trust Estate set eside for such beneficiary.

- (5) The interests of beneficiaries in principal or income shall not be subject to claims of their creditors nor others, nor to legal process, and may not be voluntarily nor involuntarily alienated nor encombered.
- contrary notwithstanding, unless terminated at an earlier date under the foregoing provisions, all Trusts created herein shall terminate at the expiration of twenty-one (21) years after the death of the last surviving beneficiary living on the date of the execution of this Trust Agreement. If any Trust created herein is terminated by reason of the operation of this paragraph, the Trust as then existing shall go and be distributed to the persons then entitled to the income therefrom in the same proportions in which they were receiving or were entitled to receive said income.

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<u> Seven:</u> To carry out the purposes of this Trust, the Trustee is vested with the following powers in eddition to those now or hereefter conferred by law, affecting the Trust and the Trust Estates, subject to the provisions heretofore set forth in Paragraph FIVE:

- (B) The Trustme shall have the power to menage and control, invest and reinvest, sell or assign, the proceeds of such life insurance policies and the funds of the Trust Estate, in such investments as the Trustee may elect, and also in such other investments as are hereinabove specifically suthorized. He shall have the power to exercise any right or option of subscription or otherwise which may at any time be given to the holders of any securities of the Trust Estate.
- To manage, control, sall, convey, exchange, partition, divide, subdivide, improve, repair; to grant options and to sell upon deferred payments; to lease for terms within or extending beyond the duration of this Trust for any purpose, including exploration for and removal of gas, oil or other minerals: and to enter into community oil leases.
- To retain property and to invest, and reinvest as provided by law from time to time existing.
- (d)To borrow; to place, replace, renew, or extend any encumbrances upon any real property; and to institute, compromise and defend actions and proceedings.
- To participate in voting trusts, pooling (e) agreements, foreclosures, reorganizations, consoli-

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de'ns, mergers, and liquidat's, and in connection therewith, to deposit securities with and transfer title and delegate discretions to any protective or other committee as the Trustee may deem advisable.

- (f) Upon any division or partial or final distribution of the Trust Estate, to partition, allot, and distribute the Trust Estate in undivided interests or in kind, at valuations determined by the Trustee, and to sell such property as the Trustee may deem necessary to make division and distribution.
- (g) To determine what is principal or income of the Trust Estate and apportion and ellocate in his discretion, receipts and expenses as between these accounts. Except insofar as the Trustee shall exercise this discretion, matters relating to the rights of beneficiaries among themselves as to principal and income shall be governed by the provisions of the Principal and Income Act from time to time existing.
- (h) The enumeration of certain powers of the Trustee shall not limit its general powers, the Trustee subject always to the discharge of its fiduciary obligations, being vested with end having all the rights, powers and privileges which an absolute owner of the same property would have.
- (i) Upon the death of the first to die of the Husband or Wife, or upon the death of any other beneficiary, the expenses of last illness and burial, and any estate, inheritance, succession or other death taxes, duties, charges, or assessments, together with interest, penalties, costs, Trustees' compensations and attorney fees, which shall become due or be occasioned by reason of the Trust Estate

of my interest therein being the hudible for such tax purposes, shall be paid by the Trustee out of his or her share of the community property interest in the Trust Estate, or his or her share of the Trust Estate, as the case may be, unless other adequate provisions shall have been made therefor. Any such payments shall be charged to principal of the share of the Trust Estate or the separate Trust so included.

- die, all estate, inheritance, succession, or other death taxes or duties (by whatever name cailed) which shall become due by reason of the Trust Estate or any portion thereof being includible for such tax purposes, shall be paid by the Trustee out of the said deceased beneficiary's Trust (the "A" Trust). Any other costs, including Trustees' compensation and attorney fees, which shall be due or be occasioned by the death of the Trustors, or either of them, may be paid by the Trustee out of income or principal from either Trust "A" or Trust "E", unless other adequate provisions shall have been made therefor.
- (k) The Trustee shall have full power and authority to pay from the Trust Estate any other taxes, charges or assessments for which the Trustee, the Trust Estate or any interest therein becomes liable, and any such payments shall be made from and charged to either income or principal of the Trust Estate or any share or separate trust charges; as the Trustee, in its discretion, deems proper.
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- f iary, the Trustee may rel. pon a written statement of such fiduciary as to the amount and propriety of such taxes, interest, penalties, and other costs, and shall be under no duty to see to the application of any funds so paid.
- (m) The Trustee shall sell assets from Trust 'A" to Trust 'B" or between the separate Trusts or shares, as may exist from time to time, on such terms and at such fair market values as the Trustee may determine. The Trustee may loan or savence monies which are funds of the Trust Estate from any one of the several trusts or shares to any of the other trusts or shares as may exist from time to time upon such terms, conditions and security as the Trustee may, in its discretion, determine to be fair and reasonable.
- In the death of either Trustor, the Trustee may, within its discretion, purchase assets from the estate of the deceased Trustor at a fair value. The propriety of the purchase, the amount of such assets purchased, and the ascertainment of fair value shall be solely within the discretion of the Trustee, and the Trustee shall incur no liability as a result of such purchase or purchases whether or not such assets constitute investments which may ordinarily be made by Trustees. At its discretion, the Trustee may loan monies which are funds of the Trust Estate to the estate of the deceased Trustor, upon such terms as the Trustee and the personal representative of the deceased Trustor may agree.
- (c) The Trustee shall have the power to budget the estimated income and expenses of the

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? st in such manner as to eq .ize, as far as possible, periodic income payments to the beneficiaries.

- (p) The Trustee shall not at any time be required to make any accounting of the administration of the Trust Estate to any court or public authority whatsoever. Any and all accounting shall be made to the heneficiaries of the Trust or to the legal guardien or conservator of any beneficiary who has not reached the age of majority, or who has been declared incompetent.
- For the purposes of allocation thereof between the Trusts, as hereinebove provided in Paragraph SIX, for the purpose of determining the nature and character of the property in the event the Trust is rerminated or pertially revoked and assets distributed to the Trustors, and for tax purposes, it is the express intent of the Trustors, that in the event either of the Trustors hereafter acquire any separate or community property and transfer the same to this Trust, said separate or community property shall retain its status as separate or community property subsequent to the time it is transferred to this Trust. the event that any separate or community property is at any time hereafter transferred out of the Trust, it shall retain its character as separata or community property subsequent to being transferred out of the Trust.

EIGHT: The Trustors declare that all property in which they have an interest or which stands in the name of KENT WHIPPLE; a/k/a WHIPPLE, a/k/a

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JANE ELEANOP . WHIPPLE, is wholly community property under the laws of the State of Neveda, irrespective of the manner in which record title is held, or has been held prior to the transfer to the Trustee under this Trust.

The primary purpose of this instrument is to NINE: provide for the income baneficiaries, and the rights and interests of remaindermen are subordinate to that purpose. The provisions of this instrument shall be construed liberally in the interests of and for the benefit of the income beneficiaries.

Upon the resignation, inability to act, or TRM: death of JAME WHIPPLE, then KENT WHIPPLE shall act as the sole Trustee. Upon the resignation, inability to act, or death of KENT WHIPPLE, then JANE WHIPPLE and KETTE MURRAY WHIPPLE shall act as Successor Co-Trustees. Upon the resignation, inability to act, or death of both of the original Trustees, then KELTH MURRAY WHIPPLE shall got as the sole Successor Truscec. Upon the resignation, inability to act, or death of KEITH MURRAY WHIPPLE, then the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF NEVADA shall act as the Successor Trustae.

The individual Successor Co-Trustees chall be entitled to compensation for their services, which shall be the compensation normally charged by corporate trustees under similar The individual Trustees named herein shall serve circumstances. without bond.

Each Successor Co-Trustee must at all times be fully informed of each and every official act performed by the other Trustees and must be furnished with an accounting of all income, expenditures and activities of the Trust at least quarterly Each Co-Trustee at all times shall have the right to examine any and all Trust books of account, reports, files and papers of ever

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Any individual Co-Tr see shall have the ne**ture whats** er. right to demand a complete audit of the Trust by an independent firm of Certified Public Accountants at the expense of the Thust at any time or from time to time, without the consent of the other Co-Trustees, and this power shall not be subject to arbitration.

The concurring vote of two (2) Co-Trustees shall be necessary for the Trustees to act hereunder, when there are two (2) Co-Trustees. In the event of a disagreement at any time when there are only two (2) Co-Trustees, then the dispute shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the Uniform Arbitration Art of the State of Nevada.

ELEVEN: As used in this Trust, the singular shall be deemed to include the plural, and the masculine, feminine, or neuter shall be deemed to include each of the other two genders.

TWELVE: This Agreement has been delivered in the State of Nevada. The laws of the State of Nevada shall govern the validity and interpretation and administration thereof, notwithstanding the residence in another jurisdiction of the Trustors or of any other beneficiary hereunder.

THIRTREN: As used throughout this instrument, the term "issue" shall include any children of the Trustors, who may hereafter be born or legally adopted, and shall include children adopted by any descendant and their descendants by birth or edoption.

IN WITHESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 1959.

A/k/a KENT O'NEIL WHIPPIE

JANE ELEANOR R. WHIPPLE

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On this 17th day of March, 1969, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KENT WHIPPLE and JANE WHIPPLE, husband and wife,
known to me to be the persons described in and whose signatures
are subscribed to the within Trust Agraement as "TRUSTORS", and
jointly acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely
and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

Capitul Complex 123 W. Nye Lane Carson City, Nevada 89710 (702) 687-4380

55918, 55919, 55920

September 19, 1994

ATT: JAN BRADSHAW KENT WHIPPLE RANCH HIKO NV 89017

Dear Ms. Bradshaw:

Please be advised that Applications 55918, 55919 and 55920 have been assigned to show Kent Whipple Trust as current owner of record.

This assignment reflects only the information that has been filed with this office and may be subject to amendment upon receipt of additional documentation.

If you have any questions please contact this office at (702) 687-4381.

Sincerely

Michael J. Randall Hydraulic Engineer

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cc: Betsy Whipple

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IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR LINCOLN COUNTY, NEVADA

IN RE THE KENT AND JANE WHIPPLE TRUST, dated March 17, 1969, Jane Whipple, Trustee, and amendments thereto, JANE WHIPPLE,

Petitioner.

CASE NO.: CV-0930015

ERRATA TO OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISMISS/STAY PETITION PENDING MANDATORY ARBITRATION

COMES NOW, Petitioner, Jane Whipple, by and through her attorney of record ALISSA ENGLER, Esq., of Justice Law Center, and hereby files this Errata to her Opposition to Motion to Dismiss/Stay Petition. The attached Errata includes the Affidavit of Jane Whipple which was inadvertently not included in the original Opposition.

Dated this ____day of January, 2016.

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Dated this A day of January, 2016.

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AFFIDAVIT OF JANE WHIPPLE.

- I, Jane Whipple, am the Petitioner in the underlying action.
- I am the original trustee of the trust, sole living trustor, and a heneficiary of the trust that
 was set up by me and my Husband, Kent Whipple.
- 3. I have acted as original trustee of the trust and I have ran the Whipple Ranch (now owned by Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC) for the 38 years after my husband died and prior to Warner Whipple becoming the alleged co-Trustee.
- The Ranch is debt free; I have managed the ranch profitably and improved the value of the assets owned by the Trust, and the Ranch itself.
- Warner Whippic has recently contacted me and attempted to bully me regarding the Trust's actions.
- Warner Whipple did not do any investigation or make any good faith effort to work with me regarding the Trust or the water rights at issue in the Petition.
- 7. It is my belief that Warner Whipple's sole purpose in this action is to delay the use of the property and to the detriment of the beneficiary and sole living trustor of the trust, and that his actions will be harmful to the Trust and the Trust's assets.
- 8. It is my belief that Warner Whipple is acting solely on the behalf of my daughter Betsy Whipple and not in the interests of the remaining beneficiaries of the Trust, and that Betsy's has been acting against my interests and the interests of our family over the course of the last five years.
- 9. It has always been my intent and wish, and the intent wish of my hosband before his death, to keep the ranch together and to utilize that ranch for the benefit of the entire family, and that Betsy Whipple has acted against this interest.
- 10. It is my belief that this latest action is an attempt by Betsy Whipple, through Warner Whipple, to unilaterally determine what happens with the ranch for her own benefit and not for the benefit of the rest of the family.

- 11. That my intent remains the same today as it was thirty-eight years ago when my husband died, and that is to keep the ranch together for the benefit of the entire family.
- 12. That I believe that this action has been taken to stall the transfer of water rights in a deal that is already in place and that the actions of Betsy Whipple and Warner Whipple have placed that deal in jeopardy.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT,

DATED this Laday of December, 2015.

Subscribed and sworn to before me This _____day of December 2015.

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In the THE KENT AND JANE WHIPPLE TRUST, dated March 17, 1969, Jane Whipple, Co-Trustee (erroneously named as Trustee), and amendments thereto, JANE WHIPPLE,

REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO COMPEL ARBITRATION

Petitioner.

COMES NOW Warner Whipple, duly appointed and acting Co-Trustee of the Kent and Jane Whipple Trust, dated March 17, 1969 (the "Trust"), by and through his undersigned attorney Nick A. Moschetti, Jr. of the law firm of Bingham Snow & Caldwell, and files this Reply in Support of the Motion to Dismiss Petition or Alternatively to Stay Petition and to Compel Arbitration.1

INTRODUCTION

While there is a material disagreement as to certain underlying issues, there is no significant disagreement between the Co-Trustees regarding the salient facts in this Motion. The

¹ Although the Motion is styled as a Motion to Dismiss or to Stay Proceedings, pursuant to case law from the Nevada Supreme Court, the appropriate procedural course is to stay the Petition, pending arbitration, not dismiss it. See AJS Const. v. Pankoff, 2013 WI. 5445188 at *1 (Nev. 2013) (unpublished).

law is clear. A motion to compel arbitration must be granted unless it appears "with positive assurance" that an arbitration clause does not apply to a particular controversy. Significantly, the party opposing arbitration bears the extremely heavy burden of overcoming the presumption in favor of arbitration by proving beyond a reasonable doubt that the subject dispute is not subject to arbitration.

Once the Court determines that an arbitration clause is valid, all other matters as to the scope of arbitration are to be decided by the arbitrator. Further, the reviewing court is not to make any determinations regarding the merits of the parties' contentions; its only role is to "summarily" determine the validity of an arbitration agreement. The Court's role here is plain, because the arbitration agreement clearly encompasses any disagreement between co-trustees, the instant dispute must go to arbitration.

REBUTTAL FACTS

As for the undisputed facts, Kent and Jane Whipple set up the Trust to provide both income for the surviving spouse and to protect the inheritances of the remainder beneficiaries, their five children. To accomplish this goal, Kent and Jane dictated that, upon the death of either of them, the Trust res must be divided into two sub-trusts. The surviving spouse's sub-trust (the "A Share") was to be funded with the surviving spouse's share of the community property and the surviving spouse was to be granted liberal access to the income from the A Share. The decedent's sub-trust (the "B Share") was to be funded with all property of the Trust not put into the A Share and preserved (expect for any amounts necessary to maintain the surviving spouse's standard of living after exhaustion of the A Share) exclusively for the benefit of the remaining beneficiaries, the Trustors' five children.

In addition to requiring the Trust property to be divided into the separate shares upon the first spouse's death; the Trust also provided that Jane would never have unilateral control over Trust assets. Instead, the Trust required co-trustees for all matters relating to the Trust. Section

² Dryer v. Los Angeles Rams, 709 P.2d 826, 830 (Cal. 1985) (In Bank),

³ Dryer, 709 P.2d 826, 830 (Cal. 1985) (In Bank).

NRS 387.221(2) (West 2015).
 See generally Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 3-7.

Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 4-5.

Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 8-9.

Ten of the Trust sets forth the means by which trustees and successor trustees for the Trust are selected and governed. Significantly, the trustors determined that if Jane died first, Kent would be the sole trustee with control over all Trust assets, including those in the A Share and B Share.³ However, the Trust mandated that, should Kent die first (which is what actually occurred), Jane would always serve as co-Trustee only, with at least one co-Trustee always overseeing her actions in regards to Trust assets:

Upon the resignation, inability to act, or death of JANE WEJPPLE, then KENT WHIPPLE shall act as the sole Trustee. Upon the resignation, inability to act, or death of KENT WHIPPLE, then JANE WHIPPLE and KEITH MURRAY WHIPPLE shall act as Successor Co-Trustees.

Each Successor Co-Trustee must at all times be fully informed of each and every official act performed by the other Trustees and must be furnished with an accounting of all income, expenditures and activities of the Trust at least quarterly.

The concurring vote of two (2) Co-Trustees shall be necessary for the Trustees to act hereunder...In the even of a disagreement at any time when there are only two (2) Co-Trustees, then the dispute shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the Uniform Arbitration Act of the State of Nevada.

Contrary to Petitioner's contention, Section Ten does not distinguish between the A and B Shares in regards to the co-Trusteeship. ¹⁰ Instead, the Trust requires co-trustees for "each and every" matter pertaining to the Trust "at all times." Further, Section Ten mandates that Jane secure co-Trustee approval for all actions she proposes to undertake with Trust assets by requiring unanimity in decision making and arbitration in the event of any disagreement. ¹¹ The unanimity and arbitration requirements, likewise, do not distinguish between the A and B shares as Petitioner asks this court to do. ¹²

Unfortunately, following Kent's death the A and B shares were never funded, 13 meaning all Trust assets remain assets of the original Trust, not either of the sub-trusts. All income or

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⁸ Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 19-20.

⁹ Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 19-20 (emphasis added).

Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 20.

Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 20.

¹² Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 20.

¹³ See Petition at ¶4,

increase derived from Trust property belongs to the Trust and must be administered for the beneficiaries equally.

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At various times following Kent's death, the Trust obtained certain water rights from the State Engineer for the benefit of Trust land (the "Water Rights"). ¹⁴ Jane acknowledges that the Water Rights are Trust assets and that the Trust paid all necessary fees for the Water Right applications, etc. ¹⁵ Despite these undisputed facts, Jane now claims the Water Rights are held by the Trust for her exclusive benefit only. In reality, the Water Rights are unquestionably held by the Trust and cannot be unilaterally controlled by Jane.

LEGAL ARGUMENT

I. The Water Rights, as after-acquired Trust property, are subject to Co-Trustee authority and mandatory Arbitration.

Property acquired by a trustee using trust assets or by way of trust assets are trust property and, as such, are subject to the terms of the documents governing the trust. If Indeed, a trustee's fiduciary duty bars her from gaining any *personal* benefit from the trust property. For example, a trustee may not use trust property as collateral for a personal loan, even if the loan is repaid in full and the trust suffers no direct harm thereby. In the same vein, a trustee's application for water rights for use on trust property, means that any water rights ultimately obtained are assets owned by the trust, not the trustee personally. If follows then, that water rights obtained by a trustee for beneficial use on trust land are trust assets, subject to the provisions of the governing trust documents.

¹⁴ See e.g. Exhibit 3 to Petition. Jane cites to her affidavit for the proposition that she was instrumental in getting the water rights granted by the State Engineer. Warner and his counsel were never provided with a copy of Jane's affidavit and thus oppose it being provided to the Court as an ex parte communication. Further, as to the substantive claim than Jane had a role in securing the Trust's water rights, Warner disputes any such claim.

See Petition at ¶8 and Opposition at p. 4.

¹⁶ See generally NRS 164.067 (West 2015).

¹⁷ Ashley v. Burton, No. B160305, 2003 WI. 22871829 at *6 (Cal. Ct. App. 2003) (unpublished).

¹⁸ People v. Larkin, 413 F. Supp. 978, 983 (N.D. Cal. 1976).

¹⁹ See Benson v. State Engineer, 131 Nev. Adv. Op. 78, 358 P.3d 221, 222, n. 1 (2015) (opining that even though a petition for review of State Engineer actions was filed individually, the right was actually held by the trust due to the fact that the trust was the manager of real property for which the water right was applied).

In this case, there can be no dispute that the Water Rights are held by the Trust, not the Jane personally and not the A Share which was never established or funded. Further, any act or decision regarding the ownership or transfer of the Water Rights is subject to the provisions of the Trust. Of particular import are, of course, the provisions requiring the co-trustees to reach a unanimous decision as to any trust action or, in the event of a disagreement, to submit to arbitration.

Jane's claim to the contrary flies in the face of the law, the terms of the Trust, and the undisputed facts. Jane acknowledges that the A Share was never created or funded. Jane also acknowledges that the Water Rights are trust assets and that the Trust paid all of the fees associated with the water right applications. Finally, all the deeds associated with the Water Rights indicate that either the Kent and Jane Whipple Trust or the Kent Whipple Trust owns the Water Rights. Based on the undisputed facts Jane must concede and already has conceded, the Motion should be granted and the parties referred to arbitration. Indeed, the facts lead to only one conclusion, the co-trustees' present disagreement regarding the disposition of the Water Rights requires arbitration.

However, rather than admit the inevitable and save the Trust and all parties considerable time and money. Petitioner makes the completely circular argument that if the A Share had been funded, the Water Rights would have fallen into the A Share (for reasons unknown and wholly unsupported) and therefore, Jane is entitled to 100% decision making power. Petitioner's argument fails for multiple reasons. First, it omits a crucial factor, namely that at Kent's death, the A Share was to be furded with only Jane's share of the community property; all of the rest of the Trust property was to be placed in Share B exclusively for the benefit of the remaining beneficiaries (Kent and Jane's children).²⁴ Moreover, Jane couldn't touch the B Share entil the A Share was completely exhausted and the co-trustee was satisfied that distributions from the B

²⁴ Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 8-9.

²⁰ See Petition at ¶4.

²¹ Opposition at p. 3.

²² If anything, the fact that the Water Rights were granted to the Kent Whipple Trust or the Kent Whipple Ranch would indicate intent, at the time the Water Rights were granted, that they held by the B Share, which was the decedent's (Kent Whipple) trust, not the survivor's trust for Jane. ²³ See Exhibit 3 to Petition (included herewith as Exhibit B for reference).

Share were necessary for Jane's maintenance. This structure evidenced a clear intent on the part of the trustors to set aside a portion of the Trust property for the near-exclusive benefit of their children and to protect those assets from all other claims and actions, including those of Jane. Thus, contrary to Petitioner's claims, other than Jane's share of the community property (the extent of which is currently unknown), Jane is prohibited from making any use at all of the Trust assets without the express agreement or consent of the co-Trustee.

How many of the Water Rights (if any) would have been failen into the A or B Shares had shose been properly funded is unknown and undetermined. However, Petitioner's claim that the entirety of the Trust assets—including the Water Rights (which are presumably the most valuable of the Trust assets)—somehow belong in the A Share simply because the A and B Shares were not funded or because she allegedly had some role in filling our water right applications after Kent's death fails on its own terms. Moreover, Petitioner's argument, if true, would circumvent the Trust protections and fail to carry out the Trustors' intent to preserve Trust assets for the children. More specifically, the Trust documents mandate that at least half (assuming 100% of the Trust assets were community assets, which is also undetermined at this point) if not more of the Trust assets be preserved for the benefit of the Trustors' children. The Petition, if granted, would undermine the Trust and the trustors' intent at the expense of the children. For this and related reasons, Warner disagrees with and opposes the Petition, thereby requiring arbitration of the dispute, which is precisely what the Trust centemplates in such a situation.

Given that the A and B Shares were not funded, the Trust assets (including the Water Rights) are not a priori assets of the non-existent A Share, rather they are owned by the Trust and must be managed by the co-Trustees for the benefit of all Trust beneficiaries, including the beneficiaries of the B Share, the children.

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²⁵ Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 8-9.

2. The clear language of the trust documents mandate arbitration of all disputes and the Opposition does not overcome the presumption in favor of arbitration.

Nevada law is clear that *any* agreement to arbitrate must be enforced and the matter submitted to arbitration. ²⁶ Arbitration agreements are to be interpreted and enforced according to their plain language. This strict requirement is at least part of the reason why any court decision not to enforce an arbitration clause is reviewed *de novo*. ²⁷ Under the Uniform Arbitration Act, although the court can decide whether a controversy is subject to arbitration, the arbitrator must decide if conditions precedent to arbitration have been satisfied. ²⁸ Further, because of the strong public policy favoring arbitration of disputes, even if an arbitration clause contains ambiguities or raises a reasonable doubt as to the enforceability or applicability of an arbitration clause to a particular dispute, it must be interpreted in favor of arbitration if at all possible. ²⁹ A motion to compel arbitration should not be decide unless it appears "with positive assurance" that an arbitration clause should not apply to a particular controversy. ³⁰ A party opposing arbitration has an extremely heavy burden in seeking to overcome the presumption in favor of arbitration.

Even the cases cited by Petitioner in the Opposition support the well-accepted majority position cited above. They also make clear that the only circumstance where an arbitration clause may be unenforceable is where the arbitration clause itself limits the scope of mandatory arbitration and where the subject dispute is significantly removed from the ambit of that scope. This is not one of those cases. The Royal Indemnification case, an unpublished Illinois opinion cited by Petitioner, simply upheld the well-established proposition that one cannot be required to arbitrate under an arbitration agreement it did not consent to. I Likewise, the Lusk and Ross Brothers cases actually support sending the parties in this matter to arbitration because the Trust includes the same type of broad arbitration language, which likewise mandated arbitration in

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²⁶ NRS 38.219(1) (West 2015),

²¹ Mediterranean v. Ssangyong, 708 F.2d 1458,

²⁸ NRS 38.219(3) (West 2015).

²⁹ Titolo c. Cano, 68 Cal. Rptr.3d 616, 620 (Cal. Ct. App. 2007).

³⁰ Dryer v. Los Angeles Rams, 709 P.2d 826, 830 (Cal. 1985) (In Bank).

Royal Indem. v. Hosp. Risk, 2011 WL 9693718 at *6 (Ill. Ct. App. 2011) (unpublished) (erroneously cited by Jane as 406 Ill. App. 3d 1211, 998 N.E.2d 716 (2011)) (holding that subrogee was not bound by insured's agreement to arbitrate).

those cases.³² As the court in *Lusk* pointed out, when an agreement includes language requiring "any controversy" to be arbitrated, the agreement is an *unlimited* submittal to arbitration.³³ In such a case, no disagreement or controversy between the parties falls outside the scope of the mandated arbitration and motions to compel should be granted as a matter of course.³⁴

The arbitration clause in this matter is an unlimited agreement to arbitrate. The operative language is not "tucked away" in the Trust documents; rather, it is front and center in Section Ten setting forth the nature and powers of the co trusteeship:

The concurring vote of two (2) Co-Trustees shall be necessary for the Trustees to act hereunder...In the event of a disagreement at any time when there are only two (2) Co-Trustees, then the dispute shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the Uniform Arbitration Act of the State of Nevada.³⁵

Section Ten sets forth the manner in which the decision making for the Trust was to be governed, which depended upon which spouse died first. It clearly provided that if Kent died first, Jane's authority over Trust assets would be limited. It was "necessary" for Jane to act with a co-trustee. Section Ten further set forth that any disputes between Jane and the co-trustee were to be resolved through arbitration. The plain language of Section Ten requires co-trustees over all matters and there is nothing whatsoever suggesting that co-trustees were only intended as to subtrust B.

Equally clear is the fact that there was no limitation on the type of disputes mandating arbitration. This is an arbitration agreement like that in the *Lusk* case, by which the co-trustees are required to submit *any* disagreement whatsoever between them to arbitration. On its face, the language belies any interpretation that the arbitration clause only applies to the selection of co-trustees or management of B Share assets. The Trust says: "In the event of a disagreement at

³² See Lusk v. Ameriserve Financial, No. 1:06-cv-1820-SEB-JMS, 2007 WL 2228561 at *6-*7 (S.D. Ind. 2007) (unpublished).

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³⁵ Exhibit A, Waipple Trust at p. 19-20,

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any time when there are only two Co-Trustees, then the dispute shall be submitted to arbitration...*37

The language of Section Ten is not ambiguous, but even if it were, Petitioner would have the burden of proving beyond a reasonable doubt that the instant controversy is not subject to arbitration.³⁸ This Petitioner cannot do. Petitioner claims that Jane is, in essence the sole trustee of "Share A" and as such, Section Ten whereby she is required to always act with a cotrustee, does not apply to her. As an initial matter, this argument fails because Share A was never funded following Kent's death.³⁹ All of the Trust assets, including the Water Rights are in the Trust and are subject to Co-Trustee Warner Whipple's joint decision making powers.

Even if Share A had been funded following Kent's death, Jane's authority to act would nonetheless be constrained by the co-trustee unanimity requirement and the arbitration clause. The Trust 'tself does not anywhere distinguish between trustees' authority to act as to the Trust as a whole or the trustees' authority to act as to Share A or Share B. It simply says that, in the event Kent died first, that Jane's could not act in relation to the Trust without the mutual consent of the co-trustee. Section Ten itself shows that Jane and Kent understood how to exempt trustee actions from the arbitration provision: the clause requiring the co-trustees to account to each other and provide audits upon request is specifically exempted from arbitration:

Any individual Co-Trustee shall have the right to demand a complete audit of the Trust by an independent firm of Certified Public Accountants at the expense of the Trust at any time or from time to time, without the consent of the other Co-Trustees, and this power shall not be subject to arbitration.⁴¹

If there had been intent by the trustors to exempt either the A or B shares from co-trustee joint decision making or mandatory arbitration, they certainly would have done so. The fact that Share A is not specifically exempted from either the co-trustee decision making process or mandatory arbitration language is fatal to Petitioner's claim. Even if the A Share had been

²⁷ Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 20.

³⁸ Dryer, 709 P.2d 826, 830 (Cal. 1985) (In Bank).

See Petition for Declaratory Relief at ¶3.
 Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 20.

⁴¹ Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 20 (emphasis added).

funded and the Water Rights were in the A Share (which the Co-Trustee does not concede), decisions as to the ownership or disposition of those Water Rights would still be subject to joint unanimous decision making and mandatory arbitration. That is not to say that Jane is not a beneficiary of the Trust. It simply means that the trustors expressly agreed and took explicit steps to ensure that Jane would not be acting alone in relation to the Trust. Failing to enforce the arbitration provision would undermine those efforts and throw the long-standing rules governing estate planning into chaos. The principal objective when interpreting a trust is to carry out the intent of the trustor.

Petitioner argues that, because Jane has the unexercised authority to demand a distribution from the A Share, she is in fact the sole trustee of the A Share. The plain language of the Trust (and the words omitted from Jane's quotations of the Trust) belies this claim. An accurate quotation of the clause Jane claims makes her a sole trustee of the A Share actually makes explicit the co-trusteeship:

She shall have the power, exercisable in all events and at any time or from time to time after the Husband's demise to withdraw all or any part of the principal of Trust "A" and to require the Trustee to distribute the same to her, discharged of this Trust. Such power may be exercised by written instrument filed with the Trustee. 42

If the A Sharc had been funded and if Jane had been inclined to exercise this power, she still would have been required to make a written demand for distribution on the co-trustee and establish that the A Share had not already been fully dissipated or distributed. Even before getting to that point, a determination would be required as to what assets were in Share A and what assets in Share B. To do that would require the assets to be valued. It may be that the Water Rights in question exceed the total value that could be properly assigned to Share B. At this point, there is certainly no agreement as to the value of the Trust assets or that the Water Rights are part of Share A.

Notwithstanding the need to first resolve those overarching disagreements, Petitioner's argument still fails because the exercise of power over Share A would still be subject to co-

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⁴² Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 6 (emphasis added).

⁴³ Exhibit A, Whipple Trust at p. 6.

trusteeship authority and decision making (and thus the arbitration clause). In any event, the effect of Jane's right to demand a distribution from the trustee (as set forth above) as to Share A is purely hypothetical because the A Share has never been funded and there is no consensus as to value, which means Petitioner cannot use a tortured interpretation of a clause which applies to a non-existent sub-trust to wish away Co-Trustee Warner Whipple's duties and decision making authority in connection with the Trust and the distribution or transfer of its assets.

The only other basis put forward by Petitioner is the location of the arbitration clause in the Trust. The contention is weak and wholly insufficient for the court to depart from the clear statement of intent in the Trust. Indeed, in the Lush case cited by Petitioner, the arbitration agreement (which the court concluded was fully enforceable), was contained only in Sections 4.6 and 9.11 and of the agreements between those parties. An arbitration clause must be located somewhere in the agreement and the fact that it is one particular section does not suggest that it only applies to that section. Further, given that Section Ten of the Trust in this case governs the selection and operation of the trustees, it makes sense that the unanimity and arbitration clauses were included there. Section Ten shows that Kent was concerned about Jane exercising sole authority over the Trust assets following his death and Jane accepted and agreed to the provisions included to address those concerns. Jane and Kent agreed that Jane could not make any decisions without the full consent of the co-trustee. Petitioner's arguments to the contrary fall well short of the burden of proof she is required to carry to exempt this case from arbitration.

3. Warner has not violated but is fulfilling his fiduciary duties by seeking to protect all beneficiaries of the Trust.

It goes without saying that the trustee of a trust owes fiduciary duties to all beneficiaries of the trust; this includes the duty to treat fairly all beneficiaries of the trust. Warner's disagreement with Jane regarding the Water Rights and her Petition with this court comes down to the fact that the Trust itself evidences a clear intent on the part of the Trustors that a significant portion of the Trust assets (at least half, and potentially much more) be protected from Jane and preserved for the benefit of the other beneficiaries. The Petition is, as Jane

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⁴⁴ Lusk, 2007 Wt. 2228561 at *3.

⁴⁵ In re Orphous Trust, 124 Nev. 170, 174, 179 P.3d 562, 565-66 (2008).

admits, a means by which she hopes to gain exclusive control over the Water Rights. Warner disagrees with the proposed action and the claimed right of title. He is fulfilling his duties in ensuring that the trustors' intent is respected and carried out. Accordingly, he requests that the parties' dispute he submitted to arbitration as required by the Trust.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Warner requests that the court refer this case to arbitration forthwith.

Respectfully submitted this 22day of December, 2015.

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IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

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In re THE KENT AND JANE WHIPPLE TRUST, dated March 17, 1969, Jane Whipple, Co-Trustee (erroneously names as Trustee), and amendments thereto, JANE WHIPPLE,

Petitioner

ORDER

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On September 11, 2015, Petitioner "Jane" filed a Petition for Declaratory Relief. On November 25, 2015, Warner Whipple "Warner" filed a Motion to Dismiss/Stay Petition Pending mandatory arbitration. Jane filed an opposition to the motion and Warner filed a Reply. Warner filed a Request for Submission on December 28, 2015. On January 7, 2016. Jane filed an "Errata to Opposition to Motion to Dismiss/Stay Petition Pending Mandatory Arbitration" and a Request for Oral Argument. On January 11, 2016, Warner filed an Opposition to Errata and Untimely Request for Oral The court has reviewed the file and finds that additional briefing or argument is not necessary.

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FACTUAL SUMMARY

For the purposes of deciding Warner's motion, the court finds the following facts to be undisputed.

On March 17, 1969, Kent and Jane Whipple, husband and wife, created a trust. Kent and Jane amended the trust on January 30, 1977. Subsequently, Kent died.

After Kent's death, the trust acquired water rights "permits" from the State Engineer. Prior to 2015, several of the permits were conveyed to the Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC. In January 2015, the Kent Whipple Ranch applied to the State Engineer to change the point of diversion, place of use and manner of use of a portion of one of the water permits. Betsy Whipple, a remainder beneficiary of the trust protested and the State Engineer stayed his consideration of the application.

On August 29, 2015, Keith Whipple, Co-Trustee of the Trust resigned. Pursuant to a Court order filed in Elko County in 1987, Warner would succeed Keith as Co-Trustee. On October 15, 2015, Warner confirmed his acceptance of appointment as successor Co-Trustee.

Jane's filing is styled as a "Petition for Declaratory Relief (NRS 30.010 et seq.)" Although not cited by Jane, NRS 30.060(1)(c) allows a Trustee to have a declaration of "rights or legal relations" to "determine any question arising in the administration of . . . the trust, including questions of construction" of the trust. In addition, various sections of NRS Chapter 164 provide for a trustee to petition a court for advice and instruction.

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In her petition Jane seeks the following relief: A declaration that:

- The Kent and Jane Whipple Trust dated March 17, 1969, remained in effect in 1976 after the death of Kent Whipple;
- Jane Whipple is a trusted of the Kent and Jane Whipple Trust dated March 17, 1969;
- 3. The "A" and "B" trusts of the Kent and Jane Whipple Trust dated March 17, 1969, were never partitioned and funded;
- 4. Water right Permit 79132 was transferred to the Kent and Jane Whipple Trust dated March 17, 1969, and the transfer is valid and said permit is an asset of said Trust;
- Water right Permits 28599, 55918, 55919, 55920, 79132 and Claim of Vested right V-01394 were transferred to the Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC, by the Kent and Jane Whipple Trust dated March 17, 1969, and the transfers are valid and said permits and claim are assets of the Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC.
- 6. This Court confirm the appraisal (in 1976 dollars) of the Kent and Jane Whipple Trust dated March 17, 1969;
- 7. The A trust (d/b/a Jane Whipple Family; Jane Whipple Trustee and/or Kent Whipple Trust; Jane Whipple Trustee) is the rightful owner of the Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC and that Jane Whipple has an absolute right to manage, sell; water right Permits 28599, 55918, 55919, 55920, 79132 and Claim of Vested right V-01394.
 - 8. The Kent and Jane Whipple Trust dated March 17, 1969, as the sole

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owner of the Kent Whipple Ranch, LLC has and continues to have authority to manage, sell, to otherwise convey water right Permits 28599, 55918, 55919, 55920, 79132 and Claim of Vested right V-01394.

In the motion to compel arbitration, Warner argues that it is "unclear" if the A and B trusts were funded; whether the water rights acquired after the death of Kent Whipple are in the A trust or B trust, and whether the Kent Whipple Ranch is an entity separate from the trust. It is alleged that these uncertainties have caused Warner "considerable concern" and because the co-trustees have not unanimously agreed to the transfer of the water rights or what the ownership interest is, arbitration is required. An affidavit from Warner is attached as an exhibit in which Warner states "He has concerns as a Co-Trustee of said Trust regarding the filing and contents of said Petition "

The motion relics on section Ten of the Trust which provides as follows:

TEN: Upon the resignation, inability to act, or death of JANE WHIPPLE, then KENT WHIPPLE shall act as the sole Trustee. Upon the resignation, inability to act, or death of KENT WHIPPLE, then JANE WHIPPLE and KEITH MURRAY WHIPPLE shall act as Successor Co-Trustees. Upon the resignation, inability to act, or death of both the original Trustees, then KEITH MURRAY WHIPPLE shall act as the sole Successor Trustee. Upon the resignation, inability to act, or death of KEITH MURRAY WHIPPLE, then the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF NEVADA shall act as the Successor Trustee.

The individual Successor Co-Trustees shall be entitled to compensation for their services, which shall be the compensation normally charged by corporate trustees under similar circumstances. The individual Trustees named herein shall serve without bond.

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Each Successor Co-Trustee must at al! times be fully informed of each and every official act performed by the other Trustees and must be furnished with an accounting of all income, expenditures and activities of the Trust at least quarterly. Each Co-Trustee at all times shall have the right to examine any and all Trust books of account, reports, filed and papers of every nature whatsoever. Any individual Co-Trustee shall have the right to demand a complete audit of the trust by an independent firm of Certified Public Accountants at the expense of the Trust at any time from time to time, without the consent of the other Co-Trustees, and this power shall not be subject to arbitration.

The concurring vote of two (2) Co-Trustees shall be necessary for the Trustees to act hereunder, when there are two (2) Co-Trustees. In the event of a disagreement at any time when there are only two (2) Co-Trustees, then the dispute shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the Uniform Arbitration Act of the State of Nevada.

Based on these facts and the trust language, Warner requests the Court to "compel the arbitration of the disagreements between Co-Trustee Jane and Co-Trustee Warner regarding their disputes relating to the petition and its contents."

In 2000, Nevada adopted the Uniform Arbitration Act (NRS 38.206 et seg). NRS 38.219 provides in part that an "agreement contained in a record to submit to arbitration any existing or subsequent controversy . . . is valid, enforceable and irrevocable " The party moving to enforce an arbitration clause has the burden of persuading the district court that the clause is valid."

Here, it is not disputed that the arbitration language in the trust is valid.

See D.R. Horton, Inc., v. Green, 120 Nev. 549 (2004).

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Although Jane does not dispute the validity of the arbitration agreement, she argues that the scope of the clause does not encompass the relief she seeks in her petition.

In her petition, Jane is in essence seeking judicial ratification of actions she has taken a Trustee, and confirmation (or declaration) of her authority to act in the future. Although somewhat non-specific, Warner disagrees with Jane's "proposed action" and her claimed right of title (presumably to the water permits and the Kent Whipple Ranch).

Whether a dispute arising under a contract is arbitable is a matter of contract interpretation, which is a question of law. NRS 38.219(1) refers to arbitration of "an existing or subsequent controversy" between the parties.

An examination of the arbitration language in Section Ten of the trust reveals a focus on acts of a trustee. The relevant provisions provide that each Co-Trustee "must at all times be fully informed of each and every official act performed by the other Trustees [sic]. . .. " The section further provides that "the concurring vote of two (2) Co-Trustees shall be necessary for the Trustees to act hereunder . . . " and "in the event of a disagreement . . . the dispute shall be submitted to arbitration "

On the record before the court, it appears that all of Warner's disagreements or concerns relate to actions taken prior to the resignation of Warner's predecessor Co-Trustee. Nothing in the record suggests that Warner's predecessor was not "fully informed" or did not concur with Jane's action. Neither party cited any law to

State Ex Rel. Masto v. Second Judicial District Court, 125 Nev. 37; 199 P.3d 828 (2009).

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support Warner's authority to dispute actions taken before his appointment as Co-Trustee.

Based on the foregoing, the Court finds that the "dispute" raised by Warner is not arbitable under Section Ten of the trust.

Further, the issue of what authority a trustee has pursuant to the terms of the trust is a question of law, and does not require a consideration of how a trustee should exercise that authority. For example, a determination of the authority of the trustees to allocate property between the A and B trusts, or the authority of either to control the A or B trusts is a question of law based on the trust language. A dispute between Trustees as to the existence of their authority is not a dispute as to the existence of that authority. On the other hand, a dispute as to what particular property should be allocated to each trust, or a dispute as to how property should be managed or disposed of would clearly fall within the arbitration language.3

At the risk of redundancy, a further example may help illustrate the point. If the court determined that the "concurring vote" language applies to actions regarding either the A or B trust (or unallocated property in the original trust) any proposed action by either trustee would be subject to arbitration in the event of a dispute. If however, the court found that Jane has sole authority to act in regard to the A trust. Warner's disagreement with her proposed action would not be subject to arbitration.

Overall, the court finds that Jane's petition and Warner's response does

This point assumes of course, that the "concurring vote" language applies to the action proposec.

not present a dispute or disagreement that falls within the arbitration language of the trust. Good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Warner's Motion to Dismiss/Stay Petition Pending Mandatory Arbitration is DENIED.

day of February, 2016.

DISTRICT JUDGE

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I hereby certify that I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court for the Nevada Supreme Court by using the appellate CM/ECF system on September 15, 2016.

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