### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA GENERAL INFORMATION

#### **INDICATE FULL CAPTION:**

ABC RECYCLING INDUSTRIES, LLC, Appellant

No.83027

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VS.

NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION; STATE ENVIRONMENTAL **COMMISSION** 

Respondents

Appellants must complete this docketing statement in compliance with NRAP 14(a). The purpose of the docketing statement is to assist the Supreme Court in screening jurisdiction, identifying issues on appeal, assessing presumptive assignment to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17, scheduling cases for oral argument and settlement conferences, classifying cases for expedited treatment and assignment to the Court of Appeals, and compiling statistical information.

#### WARNING

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

A complete list of the documents that must be attached appears as Question 27 on this docketing statement. Failure to attach all required documents will result in the delay of your appeal and may result in the imposition of sanctions.

This court has noted that when attorneys do not take seriously their obligations under NRAP 14 to complete the docketing statement properly and conscientiously, they waste the valuable judicial resources of this court, making the imposition of sanctions appropriate. See KDI Svlvan Pools v. Workman. 107 Nev. 340, 344, 810 P.2d 1217, 1220 (1991). Please use tab dividers to separate any attached documents.

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# 1. Eighth Judicial District

# **Department 1**

**County Clark** 

Judge Hon. Bita Yeager

**District Ct. Case No.** . <u>A-20-818624-J</u>

# 2. Attorney filing this docketing statement:

**Attorney** Byron E. Thomas

**Telephone** <u>702 747-3103</u>

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Address: 3275 S. Jones Blvd., ste 104, Las Vegas Nevada, 89146

## **Client(s):**

# LAW OFFICES OF BYRON THOMAS: JO & MIKE PROPERTIES, LLC

If this is a joint statement by multiple appellants, add the names and addresses of other counsel and the names of their clients on an additional sheet accompanied by a certification that they concur in the filing of this statement.

# 3. Attorney(s) representing respondents(s):

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**Telephone** 775 684-1225

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Address 100 N, Carson St, Carson City Nevada 89701

(List additional counsel on separate sheet if necessary)

4. Nature of disposition below (check all	that apply):
Judgment after bench trial	Dismissal:
Judgment after jury verdict	Lack of jurisdiction
Summary judgment	Failure to state claim
Default judgment	Failure to prosecute
Grant/Denial of NRCP 60(b) relief	Other (specify):
Grant/Denial of injunction	Divorce Decree:
Grant/Denial of declaratory relief	OriginalModification
_X _Review of agency determination	Other disposition (specify):
5. Does this appeal raise issues concerning any of	the following? No
Child Custody	
<ul><li>Venue</li><li>Termination of parental rights</li></ul>	
	List the case name and docket number of all appeals or ing before this court which are related to this appeal:
None	
7. Pending and prior proceedings in other courts. prior proceedings in other courts which are related bifurcated proceedings) and their dates of disposit	
None	

## 8. Nature of the action. Briefly describe the nature of the action and the result below:

This is an appeal of an agency decision to revoke Appellant's water permit. Appellant asserts that the revocation was made in bad faith and with malice and ill will. Therefore the revocation was improper and was an example of arbitrary and capricious behavior on the part of Respondents. The Respondents contend that the revocation was based on the failure to pay fees. The district court ruled in favor of Respondents.

9. Pending proceedings in this court raising the same or similar issues. If you are aware of any proceedings presently pending before this court which raises the same or similar issues raised in this appeal, list the case name and docket numbers and identify the same or similar issue raised:

None that Appellant counsel is aware of.

10. Constitutional issues. If this appeal challenges the constitutionality of a statute, and the state, any state agency, or any officer or employee thereof is not a party to this appeal, have you notified the clerk of this court and the attorney general in accordance with NRAP 44 and NRS 30.130?  N/A  Yes  No If not, explain:
11. Other issues. Does this appeal involve any of the following issues?
Reversal of well-settled Nevada precedent (identify the case(s))
_ An issue arising under the United States and/or Nevada Constitutions
A substantial issue of first impression
<ul> <li>_x_An issue of public policy</li> <li>_An issue where en banc consideration is necessary to maintain uniformity of this court's decisions</li> <li>_ A ballot question</li> </ul>
If so, explain: .
12. Assignment to the Court of Appeals or retention in the Supreme Court. Briefly set forth whether the matter is presumptively retained by the Supreme Court or assigned to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17, and cite the subparagraph(s) of the Rule under which the matter falls. If appellant believes that the Supreme Court should retain the case despite its presumptive assignment to the Court of Appeals, identify the specific issue(s) or circumstance(s) that warrant retaining the case, and include an explanation of their importance or significance:
Appellant believes this matter is a retained matter that should be heard Supreme Court pursuant to NRAP 17(a)((8) Administrative agency cases involving tax, water, or public utilities commission determinations;
13. Trial. If this action proceeded to trial, how many days did the trial last? <u>It did not proceed to</u>
<u>trial.</u>
Was it a bench or jury trial? N/A

	4.     Judicial Disquamication. Do you intend to file a motion to disquamy or have a justice recuse im/herself from participation in this appeal? If so, which Justice?
A	ppellant's counsel does not intend to file a motion to disqualify or have a justice recuse him/herself at
th	is time.
Dat	TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL te of entry of written judgment or order appealed from April 26. 2021
	If no written judgment or order was filed in the district court, explain the basis for seeking appellate review:
16.	Date written notice of entry of judgment or order was served April 30, 2021
	Was service by:
	Delivery
	X Mail/electronic/fax
	If the time for filing the notice of appeal was tolled by a post-judgment motion (NRCP 50(b), b), or 59). Not Applicable
	(a) Specify the type of motion, the date and method of service of the motion, and the date of filing.
	NRCP 50(b) Date of filing
	NRCP 52(b) Date of filing
	NRCP 59 Date of filing
N	OTE: Motions made pursuant to NRCP 60 or motions for rehearing or reconsideration may toll the time for filing a notice of appeal. See AA Primo Builders v. Washington. 126 Nev, 245 P.3d 1190 (2010).
	(b) Date of entry of written order resolving tolling motion
	(c) Date written notice of entry of order resolving tolling motion was served

**15.** 

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19. Date notice of appear filed June 1, 2021
If more than one party has appealed from the judgment or order, list the date each notice of appeal was filed and identify by name the party filing the notice of appeal:
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20. Specify statute or rule governing the time limit for filing the notice of appeal, e.g., NRAP 4(a) or other
NRAP 4(a)(1).
SUBSTANTIVE APPEALABILITY
21. Specify the statute or other authority granting this court jurisdiction to review the judgment or order appealed from:
(a)
NRAP 3A(b)(l) NRS 38.205
NRAP 3A(b)(2)
NRAP 3A(b)(3) NRS 703.376
Other (specify)
(a) Explain how each authority provides a basis for appeal from the judgment or order:
NRS 233B.150 provides as that an aggrieved party can file an appeal of any final judgment entered by

the district court. The district court's order was a final order.

	List all parties involved in the action or consolidated actions in the district court:  (a) Parties:				
ABC	ABC Recycling Industries, LLC, State Environmental Commission Nevada Division				
of E	nvironmental Protection				
	(b)If all parties in the district court are not parties to this appeal, explain in detail why those parties are not involved in this appeal, e.g., formally dismissed, not served, or other:				
	Not Applicable				
	Give a brief description (3 to 5 words) of each party's separate claims, counterclaims, s-claims, or third-party claims and the date of formal disposition of each claim.				
	Appellant sought a determination that the revocation of the water permit was arbitrary and				
	capricious, and Respondents claimed the revocation was due to unpaid fees. The issues for				
	Appellants and Respondents were resolved on April 26, 2021				
	Did the judgment or order appealed from adjudicate ALL the claims alleged below and the ts and liabilities of ALL the parties to the action or consolidated actions below?				
	_XYes				
	_No				
	If you answered "No" to question 24, complete the following: (a) Specify the claims remaining pending below: b) Specify the parties remaining below:				
	c) Did the district court certify the judgment or order appealed from as a final judgment oursuant to NRCP 54(b)?				
	_Yes				
	No				
	d) Did the district court make an express determination, pursuant to NRCP 54(b), that there is no just reason for delay and an express direction for the entry of judgment?				
	_Yes				
	No				

- 26. If you answered "No" to any part of question 25, explain the basis for seeking appellate review (e.g., order is independently appealable under NRAP 3A(b)):
- 27. Attach file-stamped copies of the following documents:
  - The latest-filed complaint, counterclaims, cross-claims, and third-party claims
  - Any tolling motion(s) and order(s) resolving tolling motion(s)
  - Orders of NRCP 41(a) dismissals formally resolving each claim, counterclaims, crossclaims and/or third-party claims asserted in the action or consolidated action below, even if not at issue on appeal
  - Any other order challenged on appeal
  - · Notices of entry for each attached order

# **VERIFICATION**

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read this docketing statement, that the information provided in this docketing statement is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I have attached all required documents to this docketing statement.

ABC Recycling, LLC Appellant

Byron E. Thomas
Name of counsel of Record

Signature of Counsel of Record

July 13, 2021

<u>Clark County Nevada</u> State and County Where Signed

# **EXHIBIT "1" TO DOCKETING STATEMENT**

7/27/2020 5:28 PM Steven D. Grierson CLERK OF THE COURT 1 LAW OFFICES OF BYRON THOMAS BYRON E. THOMAS, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 8906 3275 S. Jones Blvd. Ste. 104 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146 CASE NO: A-20-818624-Phone: 702 747-3103 Department 19 Facsimile: (702) 543-4855 5 Byronthomaslaw@gmail.com Attorney for ABC Recycling Industries LLC 6 **DISTRICT COURT** 7 **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** 8 Case No.: ABC RECYCLING INDUSTRIES, LLC 9 Dept. No: Petitioner, 10 VS. 11 STATE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION 12 political subdivision of the State of Nevada; NEVADA DIVISION OF 13 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION a** 14 political subdivision of the State of Nevada and DOES I through X and ROE CORPORATIONS XX through XXX, 16 Respondents. 17 18 PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW 19 COMES NOW the Petitioner, ABC Recycling Industries, LLC, domiciled in Clark 20 County, Nevada, appearing in the above-entitled action, and hereby petitions this Court for 21 judicial review of the Decision and Order of the State Environmental Commission and Nevada 22 Division of Environmental Protection (the "Commission") dated June 26, 2020, a copy of which 23 is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. 24 25 26 27 28

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This Petition for Judicial Review is filed pursuant to NRS233B.130 which provides for judicial review of contested cases Petitioner alleges that the Commission exceeded its statutory authority, was clearly erroneous in view of the reliable, probative and substantial evidence on the whole of the record; and was, arbitrary, capricious, characterized by abuse of discretion and erroneously interpreted a statute and rule of civil procedure.. Petitioner files this Petition pursuant to NRS 233B LAW OFFICES OF BYRON THOMAS /s/ Byron E. Thomas BYRON E. THOMAS, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 8906 3275 S. Jones Blvd. Ste. 104 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146 Phone: 702 747-3103 Facsimile: (702) 543-4855 Byronthomaslaw@gmail.com Attorney for ABC Recycling Industries, LLC 

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In the Matter of:

ABC RECYCLING LLC'S APPEAL OF NDEP'S FEBRUARY 6, 2020 DECISION TO REVOKE THE LATHROP MILL RECLAMATION PERMIT #0171; AND FORFEIT OF THE RECLAMATION SURETY CASH DEPOSIT

ORDER GRANTING THE NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

On February 15, 2020, ABC Recycling Industries, LLC ("ABC") filed its appeal of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's ("NDEP") February 6, 2020, decision to revoke the Lathrop Mill Reclamation Permit #0171 and forfeit of the reclamation surety cash deposit. ABC's grounds of appeal stated that the "final decision was affected by other error of law."

On March 11, 2020, NDEP submitted a Motion for Summary Judgment (the "Motion"). ABC submitted its Opposition to NDEP's Motion on April 24, 2020. NDEP submitted its Reply in Support of its Motion on May 15, 2020. Utilizing its powers under NAC 445B.8913, the State Environmental Commission ("SEC") set a prehearing conference date of June 12, 2020, to rule on NDEP's Motion.

# SUMMARY OF HEARING

On June 12, 2020, a three member panel of the SEC convened to rule on NDEP's Motion for Summary Judgment. The SEC Panel consisted of Chairman James Gans and Commissioners Tom Porta and Kacey KC. The three member panel constituted a quorum of that body. The SEC Panel was represented by Senior Deputy Attorney General Henna Rasul.

Appellant, ABC Recycling Industries, LLC, was present and represented by Byron Thomas, Esq. of Law Offices of Byron Thomas, and Appellee, NDEP, was present and 1 2

represented by counsel, Deputy Attorney General Daniel Nubel of the State of Nevada, Office of the Attorney General.

The prehearing conference proceeded in due course. ABC and NDEP provided opening statements. Once opening statements had concluded, the SEC Panel asked both parties to answer questions relating to the Motion. The Panel then deliberated on the legal and factual issues raised during the prehearing conference. The Panel found that no genuine issue of material fact existed in this case because both parties agreed that ABC had failed to pay its required annual fee of \$4,166 by April 15, 2019. NDEP gave ABC several opportunities to come into compliance, but ABC admitted that it never availed itself of those opportunities. Under NRS 519.260 and NAC 519A.235, ABC was legally required to pay its annual fee by April 15, 2019. Given the uncontested fact that ABC failed to pay its legally required fee by April 15, 2019, NDEP justifiably utilized its powers under NRS 519A.150(9) to revoke ABC's Permit. Further, NDEP properly forfeited ABC's reclamation surety cash deposit pursuant to NAC 519A.390.

During the deliberation, Commissioner KC made a motion to grant NDEP's Motion for Summary Judgment, and thereby enter judgment affirming NDEP's decision to revoke ABC's Permit and forfeit ABC's reclamation surety cash deposit. Commissioner Porta seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote of the Panel.

# CONCLUSION

The State Environmental Commission hereby grants the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's Motion for Summary Judgment. As such, the State Environmental Commission affirms the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's decision to revoke ABC Recycling LLC's Reclamation Permit #0171 and forfeit of the reclamation surety cash deposit.

DATED this 25th day of June, 2020.

By:

T-JH Member

State Environmental Commission

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Valerie King, certify that I am an employee of the State of Nevada, State Environmental Commission, and do hereby certify on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, I electronically mailed and deposited in the U.S. mail in Carson City, Nevada, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document, postage prepaid, to the following:

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1	AFFIRMATION	
$_2$	The undersigned does hereby affirm that the forgoing Notice of Entry of Order	
3	Denying Petition for Judicial Review does not contain the social security number of any	
$_4$	person.	
5	DATED this 30th day of April, 2021.	
6	AARON D. FORD	
7	Attorney General	
8	By: /s/ Daniel P. Nubel DANIEL P. NUBEL	
9	Deputy Attorney General	
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11	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
12	I certify that I am an employee of the State of Nevada, Office of the Attorney General,	
13	and that on this 30th day of April, 2021, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing	
14	NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW, by	
15	electronic service to the participants in this case who are registered with the Eighth	
16	Judicial District Court's Odyssey eFileNV File & Serve system to this matter:	
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