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Dealing With Creditors, Vendors, Suppliers When Payments Are Late

By Shane Norman

You just got off the phone with the general contractor (GC), and the check you were expecting won't be coming today, tomorrow, or maybe ever. "How in the world am I going to pay for all the bills on this job? I've already pushed my vendors and suppliers to the breaking point. And now I don't know how I am going to make payroll."

Sound familiar? Many contractors are currently dealing with these same difficult questions. Unfortunately, I can't answer the most important ones for you (when,

where, and how much your next payment is going to be), but I am in a position to pass on a bit of advice regarding what you might say to the suppliers and vendors you can't pay as promised.

Communication is Critical!

Tell your creditors what the circumstances are and what you anticipate happening. Not only does this give them vital information, but it also helps re-establish your professional credibility. Here are several ideas for efficiently connecting with your creditors:

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Contractors Can Take Advantage of IRS Expanded Loss Carry-Back Options

By Randal S. Kuckenmeister, CPA, MST

In this troubled economy, many contractors are struggling, even those who have been successful in years past. However, with the new tax act that passed Nov. 6, 2009, contractors may now be able to take advantage of the expanded loss carry-back option.

The old law allowed a net operating loss to be carried back two years and forward 20 years. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (passed Feb. 17, 2009) allows eligible small businesses an extended net operating loss carry-back period from two years to three, four, or five years for 2008 net operating losses. The extended loss carry-back previously was only for eligible small businesses (gross receipts test under \$15 million).

With the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, because of the sub-

stantial construction industry losses incurred in 2008, contractors can now receive substantial tax refunds from prior years taxes paid, when the construction industry was booming.

The Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009, which was signed into law on Nov. 6, 2009, may benefit many contractors in the construction industry again in 2009. With the new law, the extended loss carry-back applies to all businesses of every size (removes the eligible small business \$15 million in gross receipts test) and allows the extended loss carry-back for the 2009 tax year. There is also a provision for contractors with more than \$15 million in gross receipts to carry-back their 2008 losses, via an amended return in order to realize tax refunds much more quickly.

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Across The Board

Nov. 1 through Dec. 31, 2009

Investigations Division

Compliance Investigations

Investigations Conducted	424
Investigations Closed	434
Licenses Revoked	34
Fines Assessed	\$75,600
Investigative Costs Assessed	\$57,394
Recovery Fund Claims Awarded	\$239,782

Criminal Investigations

Investigations Conducted	185
Investigations Closed	77
Felony Cases Filed	2
Criminal Complaints Filed with District Attorney	35
Citations Issued	27
Convictions	58
Restitution Ordered by Court	\$197,687
Fines Assessed by Court	\$16,887

Licensing Division

New License Applications Received	510
New Licenses Issued	387
License Change Applications Received	1,021
Licensed Nevada Contractors	17,386

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Dealing With Creditors ...

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- **Communicating with the right person** is imperative in effectively working on the challenges you face. Ultimately, the credit department (i.e., accounts receivables, collections, customer service) will be the ones asking the questions, and your salesman may not be authorized to work on this for you. In times of significant delinquency, speak with the credit department representative directly. Developing a relationship with the credit department is **always** a good idea, regardless of the circumstances.

- **Start the conversation with hard facts, then share all other pertinent details.** Don't just tell a creditor what you think they want to hear — "I'm going to pay you on such and such a date." Explain **how** you're going to do that. If you are promising to pay on the 12th of the month, because the GC committed to you that he would pay you on the 11th because the owner and bank said they would pay them on the 10th... let your creditor know that. Payments that are contingent on third parties can easily result in you being unable to pay, through no fault of your own. Make sure you inform your creditors of all the variables. Also, don't make misleading commitments. For example, if you state, "When I receive my next job payment check, it's going right to you." This could be interpreted as a commitment to pay the entire debt. Always clearly state the precise dollar amount you will be paying. Any confusion on the issue puts you in hot water with the creditor and continues to damage your creditability with them. Think



about your future business relationships.

- **Develop a plan.** Suppliers and vendors are more willing to work with you, if you have a feasible plan to recover from the rough patch, and you've established a relationship of trust. Your plan is better than no money coming at all. However, you need to be aware that creditors won't give up any lien rights in the plan, unless alternative collateral is offered. Also, if the case warrants, trade creditors have the ability to provide promissory note options, which will generally convert your balance from being entirely due to just those smaller more manageable payments. Keep in mind this is a **serious** concession by the creditor and with that you will likely have to give up additional security for this relief.

- **Be proactive.** Instead of waiting for a call regarding payments you know you cannot make... take your best plan of action and notify your creditor. The chances of your proposal being accepted go up significantly, if you make the first call. Consider sending an email to all creditors involved. It will save time by eliminating the need to explain the predicament

a dozen times, and it makes updates very easy. Additionally, you and your creditor are now working together on the problem, and they know you are making an effort.

- **Be honest.** If you have **no hope**, be straightforward about it. Unfortunately, this situation is more common than ever in our current market conditions. If your creditor knows your enterprise is ending, they can make justified reasons for either pursuing or not pursuing the matter further. If you are in a position to make a weak settlement offer, this is the time to do so (i.e., some is better than none.) If you are not in that position, let them know that, too.

Effectively communicating these financial situations is difficult enough when so much is on the line. Don't make it worse by failing to communicate and limiting options that may still be available!

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Here's What's Happening at the Board

Investigators Target Unlicensed Activity

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators recently conducted sting operations in the Reno and Las Vegas areas for unlicensed contracting activity.

Those cited in Northern Nevada included:

James Gott III, dba J.G. Painting, was issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. He submitted a painting bid for \$3,150. Gott was advertising his services on a local bulletin board. Gott has a cancelled Nevada State Contractors Board license, **James Gott Painting, license number 67881**, (Painting, Wall Covering, Taping & Finishing, and Sandblasting), based out of Sparks, NV.

Esvin "Eddy" Ambrocio-Gonzalez was issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. He submitted a painting bid for \$2,300. Ambrocio-Gonzalez was advertising his services on a local bulletin board.

Jason J. Damron was issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. He submitted a painting bid for \$2,096. Damron was advertising his services on a local bulletin board.

Kris Youngquist received a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*.

He submitted a bid for electrical work. Youngquist was advertising his services on Craig's List as "Electrician for Hire."

Douglas Vaughn received a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. He submitted a bid for electrical work. Vaughn was advertising his services on Craig's List as "Electrician-Journeyman." **Scott Garrett, dba SG Sierra Services**, cancelled license number 67300 (*Painting and Decorating*), received a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. He was cited for painting a house in Sparks.

Individuals cited in Southern Nevada included:

Jose Luis Del Toro-Vargas received a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. He submitted a bid for the installation of a concrete driveway.

Jose Alvarado-Leon received a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. He submitted a bid for the installation of kitchen cabinets and a granite countertop.

Ricardo Morales received a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. He submitted a bid for the installation of a walkway cover.

Abraham Solano received a criminal

citation for *contracting without a license*. He submitted a bid for landscaping.

Arturio Tapia-Ramirez received a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. He submitted a bid to tile and plaster a swimming pool.

Contracting without a license in Nevada is a misdemeanor for the first offense, a gross misdemeanor for the second offense and a Class E felony for the third offense. Homeowners who use unlicensed contractors are not eligible for the Residential Recovery Fund, and by law their contracts are null and void.

The NSCB recommends that homeowners not use unlicensed contractors because their work is generally poor quality, they are often uninsured and may not maintain Workman's Compensation coverage for their employees, and the homeowner may be liable for all injuries to workers.

Consumers can check whether a contractor is licensed by calling: (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada, or (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada. License checks can also be conducted on the NSCB website at: www.nscb.state.nv.us by clicking on the "**Contractor License Search & Disciplinary Actions Search**" icon.

\$215,000 In Construction Education Grants Awarded

On Nov. 12, 2009, the Nevada State Commission on Construction Education awarded grants to five Nevada organizations totaling \$215,000 for furthering their educational services in construction.

Associated General Contractors, Las Vegas Chapter, received \$60,000 for training classes.

Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Las Vegas Chapter, received \$60,000 for

training and safety classes.

Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno, received \$17,000 to purchase an integrated software package.

Lincoln County School District, Panaca, received \$18,000 in funding for a student project to build a permanent building on campus.

Construction Training Center, Reno, received \$60,000 to provide safety training.

The commission is totally funded through

voluntary contributions and fines levied through the Nevada State Contractors Board disciplinary process. A goal of the program is to increase awareness that a career in the construction trade is a viable profession that offers competitive salaries and high job satisfaction.

Grant applications are available on the Nevada State Contractors Board website at: www.nscb.state.nv.us.

Board Disciplinary Actions: Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, 2009

The Nevada State Contractors Board adjudicated the following cases from Nov. 1 through Dec. 31, 2009.

Western Roofing, Inc., license number 27187 (Roofing) and **Western Roofing, Inc., dba Western Roofing and Painting**, license number 37077 (Painting & Decorating) based out of Las Vegas, NV, were found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to take appropriate corrective action; willful disregard of the plans for a construction project; failure to establish financial responsibility; and for the partnership, firm or association participating in a prohibited act. The licensee was fined \$1,000; ordered to pay investigative costs; and to provide a current financial statement. The licenses were suspended.

Todd Alan Brossard, dba Air Knight, license number 56482 (Air Conditioning) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for committing a fraudulent or deceitful act; failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal; failure to keep company records open to the Board; failure to notify the Board of a change in personnel or address within 30 days of the change; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$1,300; ordered to pay investigative costs and pay restitution to the homeowner. The license was suspended, and the license limit is reduced to \$10,000.

American General Contractors, LLC., license numbers 71155 and 70507 (Residential & Small Commercial and Carpentry); **RDM Home Services, LLC, dba RDM Construction**, license numbers 67643, 69415, 69416 and 69417 (Carpentry, Finishing Floors, Install Terazzo & Marble and Tiling) based out of Las Vegas, NV, were found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to respond to a written request from the Board and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licenses 67643, 69415, 69416 and 69417 were revoked. Licenses 71155 and 70507 are suspended.

Exterior Designs Landscape, LLC., license number 71087 (Landscape Contracting), based out of Fort Mohave, AZ, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to comply with a written citation. The licensee was fined \$500 and ordered to pay investigative costs. The license was revoked.

Specialized Industries, LLC., license number 68912 (Finishing Floors), based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for willful disregard of the laws of the State regarding industrial insurance and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$1,500 and ordered to pay investigative costs. The license was revoked.

Bluedorn Landscape Management, Inc., license numbers 59109 and 59638 (Water Features & Pond Installation and Landscaping) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624

for failure to comply with the terms of a construction contract, thereby causing material injury to another; failure to take appropriate corrective action; abandonment of a construction project; acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; obtaining money under false pretenses; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; failure to establish financial responsibility; and for the partnership, corporation, firm or association participating in a prohibited act. The licensee was fined \$7,500; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. License number 59638 was revoked.

Tycorp Development, Inc., license number 56834 (Residential & Small Commercial), based out of Henderson, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to pay money due for materials or services; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$2,000; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

Granite Excellence, Inc., license number 67264 (Install Terazzo & Marble), based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to comply with the terms of a construction contract, thereby causing material injury to another; failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund documents on a contract or proposal; failure to include the monetary license limit and license number on a contract or proposal; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$2,250; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

L & C Lath & Plastering, Inc., dba Southern Nevada Stucco and Drywall, license number 53759 (Lathing, Plastering and Drywall) and **M & L Construction**, license number 64307 (Lathing & Plastering) based out of Las Vegas, NV, were found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to establish financial responsibility and for the partnership, corporation, firm or association participating in a prohibited act. The licensee was fined \$500; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The licenses were revoked.

C S E Construction, license number 47122 (Residential & Small Commercial) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$500; ordered to pay investigative costs and repay the bond. The license was revoked.

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Blue Diamond Pool & Spa, LLC., license number 71204 (Commercial & Residential Pools); **Dream Crafters, LLC.**, license number 54864 (Residential & Small Commercial); **Creative Tile & Stone, LLC., dba Heritage Tile & Stone**, license numbers 72378 and 72413 (Install Terrazzo & Marble and Tiling) based out of Reno, NV, were found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to comply with the terms of a construction contract; failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal; failure to include the license number and monetary license limit on a contract or proposal; for the partnership, corporation, firm or association participating in a prohibited act; improper acts involving liens; failure to make required disclosures; failure to provide a schedule of payments; and failure to provide mandatory elements and required information on a contract. The licensee was fined \$1,000; ordered to pay investigative costs and replaster the homeowner's pool.

B I C Construction, license number 39595 (Residential & Small Commercial and Speculative Building), based out of Reno, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal. The licensee was ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to the homeowner. The license was revoked.

William F. Woolsey, license number 41197; **SVWW, LLC.**, license number 55484; and **Grey Hawk Construction, Inc.**, license number 66254 (Residential & Small Commercial) based out of Fernley, NV, were found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to comply with a written request from the Board; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; for the partnership, corporation, firm or association participating in a prohibited act; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$1,000; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The licenses were revoked.

Quality Glass and Window Installation, Inc., license number 52407 (Glass & Glazing), based out of Reno, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to comply with the Board's notice to correct; failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$1,000; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

Leisure Lawn, Inc., license number 59951 (Landscaping and Artificial Turf Installation) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship. The licensee

was ordered to pay \$2,200 in restitution.

Christopher Homes, LLC., license number 51938 (General Building) based out of Las Vegas, NV; **J Christopher Stuhmer, Inc.**, license number 21076 (Residential & Small Commercial) based out of Henderson, NV, and **Christopher Commercial, LLC.**, license number 57851 (Residential & Small Commercial) based out of Las Vegas, NV, were found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to establish financial responsibility and for the partnership, corporation, firm, association participating in a prohibited act. The licensee was fined \$500; ordered to pay investigative costs and provide additional financial information.

Tori Si Staben, dba Staben Painting, license number 46782 (Painting & Decorating) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for willful disregard of the laws of the state; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$1,500; ordered to pay investigative costs and ordered to make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

Thomas Henry Dube, dba Thomas Dube Construction & Development, license number 41872 (Residential & Small Commercial), based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to take appropriate corrective action; allowing a license to be used by an unlicensed person; bidding on a construction contract in excess of the limit placed on the license; failure to include the monetary license limit and license number on a contract or proposal; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$3,000; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

Thomas Alan Jelinek, dba Pahrum Valley Granite, license number 60134 (Install Terazzo & Marble), based out of Pahrum, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to comply with a written citation and failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. The licensee was fined \$1,000; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

Empire Tile, dba Empire Tile and Stone, license numbers 53544 and 53800 (Tiling and Install Terazzo & Marble) based out of Henderson, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to establish financial responsibility and for the partnership, corporation, firm or association participating in a prohibited act. The licensee was fined \$500; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The licenses were revoked.

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Robert David Kahre, dba Production Plumbing and Air Conditioning, license number 45606 (Air Conditioning and Sheet Metal), based out of Las Vegas, NV; **Bobby K's Home Case Service, Inc., dba Wright Painting and Drywall**, license number 26399 (Painting & Decorating) based out of Las Vegas, NV; **Robert David Kahre, dba Production Electric**, license number 49752 (Electrical Contracting), based out of Las Vegas, NV; **Robert David Kahre, dba Union Pacific Construction**, license numbers 50528, 50529 and 59254, (General Building, Carpentry, Painting & Decorating) based out of Las Vegas, NV; were found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for misrepresentation; failure to establish financial responsibility; for the conviction of a felony relating to the practice of a contractor; lack of character; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; and for the partnership, corporation, firm or association participating in a prohibited act. The licensee was fined \$6,000; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The licenses were revoked.

Good Guys Heating & Cooling, Inc., license number 65078 (Air Conditioning), based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to comply with a written citation. The licensee was fined \$1,000; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

Triangle Electric, Inc., license number 21226 (Electrical Contracting), based out of North Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for willful disregard of the laws of the state and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$1,500; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

Larry Patrick Clouse, dba Larry Patrick Clouse, license number 27343 (Residential & Small Commercial and Speculative Building), based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to take appropriate corrective action; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$2,000; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

Southwest Rebar, LLC., license number 62399 (Steel Reinforcing & Erection), based out of North Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. The licensee was fined \$1,000; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution

to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

Southwest Reinforcing, Inc., license number 50334 (Steel Reinforcing & Erection), based out of North Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$500; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

High Mark Development, LLC., license number 63855 (Residential & Small Commercial), based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to respond to a written request from the Board and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$1,000; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

****The Business Review Program is one in which a contractor's business practices and regulatory compliance is examined by NSCB's investigative staff. The program is a part of NSCB's proactive investigative efforts.**

The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare through licensing and regulation of the construction industry. Under Nevada Revised Statutes, a licensee is subject to disciplinary action by the Board for failure to comply with the requirements of the laws or regulations governing contractors. Violations may result in Board action against the contractor's license. The State Contractors Board has the power to regulate contractors and discipline licensees who violate NRS 624. Disciplinary action may consist of a fine of up to \$10,000 per offense, order corrective action, suspension, revocation or other action.

Criminal Cases Prosecuted: Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, 2009

Code:

IC = Investigative Costs

F = Fine

R = Restitution

PB = Plea Bargain

** By Nevada law, the Nevada State Contractors Board has the authority to issue citations and pursue prosecution of individuals for violations ranging from contracting without a license to fraud. The following are the convictions and penalties imposed by the courts.*

Southern Nevada			
Donate, Sipriano	PB	Sheraton, Doug DBA Water Creations	IC
Billings, William DBA Pools By Bill	IC	TY King Hardwood Flooring	IC
Foley Brother's Inc	IC	Spalding, Scott Raymond	IC
Custom Plumbing	IC	Gabinos Marble And Granite LLC	PB
Erives, Guadalupe Castillo	IC	Bai, Gang	IC
Kitchen Concepts Inc.	\$2,000 R; IC	Pineda, Jose	IC
All Seasons Landscaping	IC	Banks, Cedric	PB
Guajardo, Jessie	IC	J D M Development And Maintenance	IC
Brothers Glass	PB	Treeshrub Landscaping LLC	PB
Stinson, Glen	PB	Mojica, Alberto	PB
Bourgon, Ernest	IC	Perry, Athena RL Remodeling & Repair	IC
Green, Zach	PB		
Northern Nevada			
Richter, Robert Irwin	\$250 F	Carlyle, Don Cecile	\$635 F; \$1,560.09 R; IC
Flores-Aguirre, Antonio	\$200 F; IC	White, Willy John	\$193 F
Williams, James Jude	PB	Townsend, Steven R	\$300 F; IC
Boswell, Henry Lawrence	\$430 F; IC	Redman, Ernest Elliott	\$635 F; IC
Carraway, Vernon A	\$91 F	Kabler, Troy Brian	\$110 F; IC
Giles, Paul Baxter	\$632 F; IC	Aguilar, Jesus	\$110 F; IC
Villalpando-Arriga, Armando	\$632 F; IC	Rodriguez-Lopez, Reniery Alonso	\$632 F; IC
Wiley, Brandon Rands	\$632 F; IC	Youngquist, Kris Jon	\$635 F; IC
Hoerth, Matthew Champion	\$403 F	Salkeld, Steven James	\$640 F; Community Service; IC
Garrett, Scott Matthew	\$635 F; IC	Ambrocio-Gonzalez, Esvin	\$403 F
Damron, Jason James	\$530 F; IC	Logginos, Kostantinos Alexis	\$2,275 F; \$3,941.97 R; Probation
Schroeder, James Corwin DBA Schroeder Enterprises LTD. DBA Hilltop Buildings	\$130,991.97 R; PB		

New Hours At Clark County's Permit Application Center, Field Services Counter

Effective Feb. 1, 2010, new hours of operation will go into effect for the Clark County Development Services' Permit Application Center and Field Services counter, 4701 W. Russell Road, Las Vegas. New hours will be from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Permit Application Center is accessed by turning left upon entering the

main entrance to the Russell Road building. It's in this area where plan submittal, zoning and building plans examination, permit issue and inspection scheduling take place. The Field Services counter is accessed by turning right upon entering the Russell Road building. Mix designs, structural fixes, final quality assurance agency reports, epoxy clearances and

final grading reports are submitted at this counter.

In addition to the services provided Monday through Friday in person, Development Services' automated phone system at: (702) 455-3000 and website <http://dsnet.co.clark.nv.us> allow the opportunity to request inspections 24/7.

Administrative Citations

Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, 2009
(Investigative Costs Assessed)

Contractor	Lic. No	Fine
Allied Electric, Inc.	1000A	\$1,000.00
Millenium Mechanical Corp.	72834	\$1,000.00
B & H Interiors	73608	\$1,000.00
Matrix Communications	69048	\$1,250.00
Lawrence Homes & Development Corp.	39205	\$500.00
Pen Gulf, Inc.	72894	\$500.00
Union Plumbing Co.	43524A	\$1,000.00
B L Ingram & Associates Inc.	72631	\$500.00

Washoe County Battles Illegal Grading

By Trevor Lloyd

Grading violations have been a significant issue in Washoe County for years. Even with the recent slowdown of construction activity, Washoe County has received 35 complaints of illegal grading activities through 11 months of 2009.

Violations usually occur when a property owner or developer begins a grading project without obtaining the necessary permit(s), or exceeds the scope of an approved permit. In Washoe County, a permit is required for all instances of grading that exceed 50 yards of disturbance on a property. A special-use permit is needed when more than 1,000 cubic yards of earth are excavated, or when there is more than 25,000 square feet of disturbance.

Oftentimes landowners are unaware of laws pertaining to grading and development of property. Ignorance of the law can be problematic, when an owner neglects to hire a licensed contractor or opts to perform the work himself. Occasionally, work of this type is also performed by licensed contractors, and when necessary Washoe County will report these acts to the Nevada State Contractors Board.

The problem is further exacerbated when a grading violation occurs within an environmentally sensitive area such as wetlands, critical flood storage areas, identified critical or sensitive significant hydrologic resources (SHRs), major drainage areas, historically important areas, etc. Unanticipated consequences can result in the alteration of natural drainage patterns leading to extensive damage to neighboring properties.

In an effort to curb the number of grading violations, Washoe County is exploring opportunities to deter such actions. Efforts will include community outreach and public education through community meetings and public-access television.

Additionally, the Community Development staff is in the early stages of amending grading standards of the development code and will be seeking public input throughout the process.

For more information, contact Roger Pelham or Trevor Lloyd at: (775) 328-6100.

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**Snow & Ice Accumulation
 Bad For Gas Meters**

By Eric C. Smith

When installing LP-Gas meters, regulators and piping in areas of heavy snow accumulation, care must be taken to ensure equipment is protected against potential damage. This is not only a good work practice, but is required by code:

NFPA 58 (2008)
Installation in Areas of Heavy Snowfall. *In areas where heavy snowfall is anticipated, piping, regulators, meters, and other equipment installed in the piping system shall be protected from the forces anticipated as a result of accumulated snow.*



Here are some tips to help protect gas equipment:

- Whenever possible, install gas meters and/or regulators on the gable end of the home to isolate them from heavy snow and ice shedding off of the roof.
- Install a shelter above the meter and/or regulator to prevent snow and ice accumulation.
- Use schedule 80 piping for gas lines installed in areas that will be exposed to snow and ice. The extra wall thickness gives you added protection from breakage, which usually occurs at the threads.
- Regulators installed at the tank should be placed under the tank's protective dome.

As always, only persons or businesses licensed with the LP-Gas Board may install or service LP-Gas piping, equipment or appliances.

To apply for a license with the LP-Gas Board, or for further information, contact the LP-Gas Board office at: (775) 687-4890, or visit their website at: www.lpg.nv.gov

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2010 Nevada State Contractors Board Meetings

The following 2010 Nevada State Contractors Board meetings will take place at: 2310 Corporate Circle, Suite 200, Henderson, NV 89074 and 9670 Gateway Drive, Suite 100, Reno, NV 89521 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

- January 28, 2010
- February 25, 2010
- March 25, 2010
- April 22, 2010
- May 20, 2010
- June 17, 2010
- July 29, 2010
- August 26, 2010
- September 23, 2010
- October 21, 2010
- November 18, 2010
- December 16, 2010

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