

**Churchill County
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: February 4, 2008

Agenda Item: Letters Received: A
Agenda Date Requested: February 20, 2008

To: Board of Churchill County Commissioners
From: Brad T. Goetsch, Churchill County Manager
Subject Title: Letter from Congressman Dean Heller regarding disaster assistance for businesses being provided by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Type of Action Requested:

Resolution Ordinance
 Formal Action/Motion Other – Informational Only

Does this action require a Business Impact Statement? No

Recommended Board Action:

Discussion: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) now has disaster assistance available for many of the businesses affected by the devastating fires and droughts during this past year. Low-interest loans are being offered to small, non-farm businesses in seventeen Nevada counties to help offset economic losses suffered by drought and wildfires. Businesses engaged in farming and ranching may be eligible for assistance through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

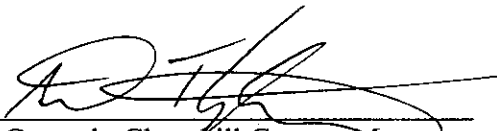
Fiscal Impact: NA

Explanation of Impact: NA

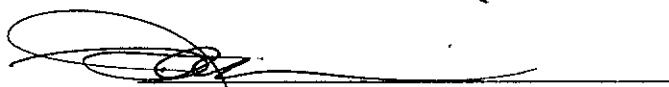
Funding Source: NA

Prepared By: Brad T. Goetsch

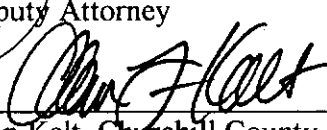
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Reviewed By: 
Brad Goetsch, Churchill County Manager

Date: 04 Feb 08


Rusty Jardine, Churchill County Civil
Deputy Attorney

Date: 4 Feb, 2008


Alan Kalt, Churchill County Comptroller

Date: Feb 11, 2008

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

1) _____

2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2802

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County Manager

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January 24, 2008

Dear Colleagues,

This past year was devastating due to fires and droughts. Many businesses were affected economically because of losses resulting directly from these disasters. It was difficult, but now there is disaster assistance available from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Small, non-farm businesses in seventeen Nevada counties may now apply for low-interest loans. These loans are meant to offset economic losses caused by drought and wildfires beginning January 1, 2007 and continuing until the present. The loans have an interest rate of 4%, a maximum term of 30 years and are restricted to small businesses without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship. Qualifying businesses may receive up to \$1.5 million to help meet their financial obligations and operating expenses which could have otherwise been met had the disasters not occurred.

Although eligibility for these loans is based on a number of factors, the primary factor is based upon the financial impact of the disaster only, not upon any property damage inflicted by the fires or droughts. In addition, businesses engaged primarily in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance, but they may be eligible for any assistance made available by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and should call the farm Services Agency for further information about what is available. However, nurseries may be able to apply for assistance to the SBA in drought disasters.

For more information and application forms, please call toll-free (800) 659-2955, or visit the SBA's website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339.

The deadline to apply for these loans is July 28, 2008.

Thank You,



Dean Heller
Member of Congress