

## Recovery Fund celebrates milestone

October 1, 2019 marked the 20th anniversary of the Nevada State Contractor Board's Residential Recovery Fund. In recognition of the passage of this landmark legislation, the Board received two proclamations from state and local leaders.

The first was presented by the Clark County Commission and Chairwoman Marilyn Kirkpatrick, who proclaimed October 15th as Nevada State Contractors Board Day, and the second was presented by Governor Steve Sisolak in Carson City, who recognized the 20th anniversary of the Residential Recovery Fund.

Both events were well-attended celebrations, with Executive Officer Grein highlighting the value of the Recovery Fund and sharing testimonials with legislators, dignitaries, and the attending public.

Since its inception in 1999, the Residential Recovery Fund has received roughly 1,800 claims and has awarded more than \$12 million to homeowners who have suffered financial harm during their project with a licensed Nevada contractor.

Established during the 1999 Legislative Session to provide recourse for homeowners unable to have their concerns resolved by their contractor during the investigative process, the Recovery Fund was introduced through Assembly Bill 636, sponsored by Assemblywoman Barbara Buckley. Ms. Buckley attended the Clark County Commission event held during the 2nd quarter, where she shared her insights and

experiences with implementing the Residential Recovery Fund 20 years ago.



# Governor appoints Menzies to Board

Governor Steve Sisolak announced the appointment of Steve Menzies to the Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) for a three-year term, which will expire Oct. 31, 2022.

“The Nevada State Contractors Board welcomes Mr. Menzies and the expertise he brings to the Board,” NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein stated. “We are confident his diverse construction background and longevity in Nevada’s construction industry will continue to provide a balanced and thoughtful approach to decisions made by the Board.”



**STEVE MENZIES**

Menzies has over 40 years of experience in construction,

home building and land development. He is the principal and qualified individual on 14 Nevada contractor’s licenses, including, Focus Concrete, LLC, Focus Electric, LLC, Focus Framing Door & Trim, LLC, Focus Fire Protection, LLC, and GTI.

Menzies employs more than 1,800 workers across the state and is a member of the Southern Nevada Homebuilders Association and the Nevada Subcontractors Association.

The Contractors Board comprises seven members, including six licensed contractors and one representative of the public.

**Be direct and specific when communicating with a potential contractor.**

- What is your contractor's license number?
- These are my specific expectations...
- How will you address concerns I may have during the project?

**Specific answers help you make an informed decision on who to hire.**

Always verify a contractor's license!  
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## CONSUMER TIP



## Contractor referred for prosecution

The Nevada State Contractors Board revoked Reno Patio & Fireplaces’ three licenses and fined the contractor nearly \$73,000 at a disciplinary hearing on January 22. The Sparks-based company, operating under the legal name Affordable Patio & Sunrooms, was found in violation of numerous Nevada statutes, including four counts each of abandoning construction projects, stopping work on projects after receiving pay-

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- Checking and Savings Account and Routing number(s)
- If filling jointly, both spouses must be present and sign the return
- Health insurance coverage information for all members of the household (if applicable)

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ment, failure to prosecute projects with due diligence and diversion of money or property.


The Board revoked license numbers 56075 (prefabricated structures; awnings and louvers), 71993 (installing heaters) and 72332 (carpentry maintenance and small repairs).

While the charges were the result of the Board's initial investigation into six cases involving the company and its owner, Richard Taylor, it has since identified more than 30 potential victims. In ordering the licenses revoked and meting out the fine, the Administrative Law Judge also referred the cases to the Washoe County District Attorney for possible criminal prosecution.

Reno Patio & Fireplaces has filed for bankruptcy; however, homeowners who have incurred damages may file a claim with the Residential Recovery Fund.

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