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FIVE NEVADA CONTRACTORS DISCIPLINED BY CONTRACTORS BOARD

(*Reno, NV*) – At its meeting on May 13, 2009, the Nevada State Contractors Board adjudicated cases involving five contractors.

Christopher Morris Cohn., dba Groves Manufactured Homes, (Unlicensed) was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for contracting without a contractor's license. The respondent was fined \$250 and ordered to pay investigative costs.

Next Phase, LLC. dba Concrete Coatings & Sealants, license number 69349 (Concrete Coatings & Sealants) 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 in a contract or proposal; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; failure to include the monetary license limit on a contract or proposal; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$3,000 and 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, plus fines and investigative costs. The license was revoked.

Sierra Custom Concrete, LLC., dba Sierra Poolscapes, license numbers 70401 and 67736 (Residential Pools & Residential Spas) based out of Carson City, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to comply with the Board's notices to correct; for the partnership, corporation, firm or association participating in a prohibited act; failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information in a contract or proposal; aiding or abetting an unlicensed person; failure to comply with the regulations of the

Board concerning residential pools and spas; failure to include a completion date in the contract; for the deposit exceeding \$1,000 or 10 percent of the aggregate contract price; failure to provide mandatory information in a contract; failure to provide a change order in writing; failure to provide a schedule of payments; failure to provide copies of all signed documents; and failure to provide subcontractors and suppliers with prompt and full payments. The licensee was fined \$4,350 and ordered to pay investigative costs and make the homeowner whole.

Sierra General Contractors, Inc., license numbers 40928, 40928A and 40928B (Residential & Small Commercial, Carpentry, Remodeling & Repairs and Glass & Glazing), based out of Sparks, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to pay money due for materials and services; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; for the partnership, corporation, firm or association participating in a prohibited act; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licenses were revoked.

J W Smith Construction, LLC, license number 59312 (Residential & Small Commercial) 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 in a contract or proposal; abandonment; failure to include the monetary license limit on a contract or proposal; failure to provide the name, license number and business address and telephone number of all subcontractors on the project; acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license; failure to pay money due for materials or services; failure to respond to written requests from the Board; failure to comply with written requests from the Board; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$9,600; 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, plus fines and investigative costs. The license was revoked.

**The Business Review Program is one in which a contractor's business practices and regulatory compliance is examined by NSCB 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.