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HOMEOWNERS HARMED BY RENO PATIO & FIREPLACES AWARDED OVER \$321,000 FROM RECOVERY FUND

RENO and HENDERSON, Nev. – A Residential Recovery Fund hearing was held May 7, where the Committee considered damage-related claims of 36 homeowners harmed by Reno Patio & Fireplaces; a Sparks-Nev. based contractor. The Committee validated all 36 claims, awarding homeowners a collective total of \$321,507.74 from the Recovery Fund.

“Licensed contractors are expected to adhere to the laws and regulations that promote the integrity of the construction industry and protect the public’s health and safety,” explains Nevada State Contractors Board Executive Officer Margi Grein. “The Contractors Board established the Recovery Fund to provide an additional resource to owners of single-family residences who hire licensed contractors and become subject to poor workmanship, project abandonment, and unlawful business practices.”

Affordable Patios & Sunrooms, dba Reno Patio & Fireplaces, came before the Contractors Board at its Jan. 22 disciplinary hearing after multiple complaints from homeowners alleged the contractor performed little or no work after receiving payment. The owner of the company, Richard Taylor, was found in violation of numerous Nevada statutes, including abandoning construction projects, stopping work on projects after receiving payment, failure to prosecute projects with due diligence, and diversion of money or property. The Board revoked license numbers 56075 (prefabricated structures; awnings and louvres), 71993 (installing heaters) and 72332 (carpentry maintenance and small repairs). The case was also referred to the Washoe County District Attorney for possible criminal prosecution.

The Residential Recovery Fund was established in 1999 to provide owners of single-family residences who hire licensed contractors and incur damages that could not be remedied during the investigative process, an additional avenue of recourse. The Recovery Fund is supported solely by assessments paid by licensed residential contractors.

Since inception, the Recovery Fund has awarded nearly \$13 million to harmed homeowners. Homeowners have up to four years to file a complaint with the Contractors Board with construction-related concerns, which are investigated by the Board. Owners who are unable to remedy validated damages through the investigative process may be eligible to file a claim with the Recovery Fund.

Complaint forms can be found on the Board’s website at www.nscb.nv.gov, or by contacting the Board’s offices directly at (702) 486-1100 or (775) 688-1141.

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