

# **The Cost of Maintaining a Double Standard**

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Forget for a moment the arguments, both pro and con, regarding the ballot initiative that would limit the City to owning just one eighteen (18) golf course. Golf is not the issue. The issue is how scarce and diminishing resources are to being allocated. The City's revenue sources are going the way of the water in Lake Mead. If you look at Lake Mead you can see where the high water mark was. In Boulder City it is harder to find the financial high water mark. The current conditions are evidenced by the parking lots at community business which at times are almost empty, and an increasing number of homes with "for sale" sign in their front yards.

A visit to the City's website, [www.bcnv.org](http://www.bcnv.org), will give you a good feel for the drought. From the "Links" menu you can access Boulder City's Drought Management [Plan](#). There are watering schedules, restrictions on planting lawns on residential properties, and recommendations against washing your car in the traditional manner with a bucket and hose. Now, from the menu bar on the City's home page select "[Golf](#)." When the screen populates you will see a limitless vista of carefully manicured turf. It is as if you have been magically transported to a different planet or point in time. Select "Specials" and you will see that you can even get a promotional package for golf and lodging, provided that you stay at the Hacienda Casino, a physically located outside of Boulder City.

Waste is one thing and ignorance is another. When you combine the two you get the exact type of situation that we have here. There are established hotels and motels in Boulder City. Using tax dollars to promote competing businesses outside the City, which contribute neither licensing fees nor any portion of their room taxes to the community, is counter productive in the extreme. It is highly unlikely that any of the folks staying at the Hacienda are going to wander into Boulder City, other than to play golf. Everything they need is right on premises at the Hacienda, including gambling, which is prohibited in Boulder City. It is amazing that none of the supporters of the Historic Boulder City Hotel have objected to this.