

1 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
 2 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

3  
 4 Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, et al.,

5 Plaintiffs

6 v.

7 Shadow Springs Community Association, et al,

8 Defendants

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 10 ALL OTHER CLAIMS AND PARTIES

Case No.: 2:16-cv-02677-JAD-DJA

**Order Granting Summary Judgment  
 in Favor of Plaintiffs Based on  
 Federal Foreclosure Bar, Dismissing  
 Remaining Claims, and Denying  
 Remaining Motions as Moot**

[ECF Nos. 48, 61, 70]

11 Nevada law holds that a properly conducted nonjudicial foreclosure sale by a  
 12 homeowners' association to enforce a superpriority lien extinguishes a first deed of trust. But  
 13 when that deed of trust belongs to government-sponsored lender Freddie Mac, and the  
 14 foreclosure sale occurs while Freddie Mac is under the conservatorship of the Federal Housing  
 15 Finance Agency (FHFA) and without that agency's consent, federal law shields that security  
 16 interest from extinguishment. That shield is known as the Federal Foreclosure Bar.

17 Freddie Mac and its loan servicer Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC bring this quiet-title  
 18 action to determine the effect of a 2013 nonjudicial foreclosure sale on the deed of trust securing  
 19 the mortgage on a home.<sup>1</sup> Because plaintiffs have shown that the Federal Foreclosure Bar  
 20 prevented that sale from extinguishing the deed of trust, I grant summary judgment in their favor  
 21 and close this case.

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<sup>1</sup> This is but one of hundreds of similar cases between lenders and HOA-foreclosure-sale purchasers that have inundated this district.

1 **Background**

2 The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, better known as Freddie Mac, which has  
3 been under the conservatorship of the FHFA since 2008,<sup>2</sup> purchased the mortgage on the home  
4 located at 6364 Glenolden Street in North Las Vegas, Nevada in 2005, along with the deed of  
5 trust that secures it.<sup>3</sup> The deed of trust has been assigned several times to various nominees  
6 acting as Freddie Mac’s loan-servicing agents.<sup>4</sup> Bayview currently services the loan and has  
7 since August 11, 2015; before that, the loan was serviced by Bank of America.<sup>5</sup> The home is  
8 located in the Shadow Springs common-interest community and subject to its homeowners’  
9 association’s covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CC&Rs), which require the owners of  
10 property within this planned development to pay assessments.<sup>6</sup>

11 The Nevada Legislature gave homeowners associations (HOAs) a superpriority lien  
12 against residential property for certain delinquent assessments and established in Chapter 116 of  
13 the Nevada Revised Statutes a nonjudicial foreclosure procedure for HOAs to enforce that lien.<sup>7</sup>  
14 When the owner of this Glenolden Street home, Cesar Gomez, fell behind on his assessments,

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20 <sup>2</sup> I take judicial notice of this well-known fact, which no party disputes.

21 <sup>3</sup> ECF No. 61-2 at 4, ¶ 5(d).

22 <sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 4–5, ¶¶ 5(g) & (h).

23 <sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> ECF No. 61-1 at 18 (planned-unit-development rider).

<sup>7</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. § 116.3116; *SFR Invs. Pool 1 v. U.S. Bank* (“*SFR I*”), 334 P.3d 408, 409 (Nev. 2014).

1 the Shadow Springs HOA sold it to the 6364 Glenolden Street Trust in such a nonjudicial  
2 foreclosure sale on November 20, 2013.<sup>8</sup> The sale recorded six days later.<sup>9</sup>

3 As the Nevada Supreme Court held in *SFR Investments Pool 1 v. U.S. Bank* in 2014,  
4 because NRS 116.3116(2) gives an HOA “a true superpriority lien, proper foreclosure of” that  
5 lien under the non-judicial foreclosure process created by NRS Chapters 107 and 116 “will  
6 extinguish a first deed of trust.”<sup>10</sup> But the Federal Foreclosure Bar in 12 U.S.C. § 4617(j)(3)  
7 creates an exception to that rule.<sup>11</sup> This safeguard is contained in the Housing and Economic  
8 Recovery Act (HERA, codified at 12 U.S.C. § 4511 et seq.), which went into effect in 2008,  
9 established the FHFA and placed Freddie Mac under that agency’s conservatorship.<sup>12</sup> Under  
10 HERA’s Federal Foreclosure Bar, when Freddie Mac is the beneficiary of the deed of trust at the  
11 time of the foreclosure sale and Freddie Mac is under the conservatorship of the FHFA, the deed  
12 of trust is not extinguished and instead survives the sale unless the agency affirmatively  
13 relinquished that interest.<sup>13</sup>

14 Freddie Mac and Bayview sue the foreclosure-sale purchaser Trust, the Shadow Springs  
15 Community Association (the HOA), and the HOA’s foreclosure agent, Red Rock Financial

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18 <sup>8</sup> ECF No. 61-10 (foreclosure deed); ECF No. 61-7 (Notice of Default and Election to Sell); ECF  
19 No. 61-9 (Notice of Trustee’s Sale). I take judicial notice of all recorded documents in the  
record.

19 <sup>9</sup> ECF No. 61-10 at 2.

20 <sup>10</sup> *SFR I*, 334 P.3d at 419.

21 <sup>11</sup> See *Berezovsky v. Moniz*, 869 F.3d 923, 927 n.1 (9th Cir. 2017).

22 <sup>12</sup> *Berezovsky*, 869 F.3d at 925.

23 <sup>13</sup> *Id.* at 933; *Saticoy Bay LLC Series 9641 Christine View v. Fed. Nat’l Mortg. Ass’n*, 417 P.3d  
363, 368 (Nev. 2018) (“Because Fannie Mae was under the FHFA’s conservatorship at the time  
of the homeowners’ association foreclosure sale, the Federal Foreclosure Bar protected the deed  
of trust from extinguishment.”).

1 Services.<sup>14</sup> They plead declaratory-relief and quiet-title claims under three theories, asserting  
2 that the Federal Foreclosure Bar or the tender of the full superpriority portion of the HOA’s lien  
3 by Bayview’s predecessor servicer BAC Home Loans Servicing prevented the foreclosure sale  
4 from extinguishing the deed of trust and, alternatively, that Nevada’s HOA lien-foreclosure  
5 scheme was unconstitutional as the Ninth Circuit held in *Bourne Valley Court Trust v. Wells*  
6 *Fargo*.<sup>15</sup> Plaintiffs also plead alternative claims for breach of NRS 116.1113 and wrongful  
7 foreclosure that are conditioned on the failure of their quiet-title claims, and a claim for  
8 injunctive relief during the pendency of this case. I find that the declaratory-relief and quiet-title  
9 claims are all the type of claim recognized by the Nevada Supreme Court in *Shadow Wood*  
10 *Homeowners Association, Inc. v. New York Community Bancorp*—an action “seek[ing] to quiet  
11 title by invoking the court’s inherent equitable jurisdiction to settle title disputes.”<sup>16</sup> The  
12 resolution of such a claim is part of “[t]he long-standing and broad inherent power of a court to  
13 sit in equity and quiet title, including setting aside a foreclosure sale if the circumstances  
14 support” it.<sup>17</sup>

15       The Trust counterclaims against Bayview, seeking a *Shadow Wood*-type declaration that  
16 the deed of trust was extinguished and preventing Bayview from selling or transferring the  
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21 <sup>14</sup> ECF No. 26 (amended complaint).

22 <sup>15</sup> *Bourne Valley Court Trust v. Wells Fargo Bank*, 832 F.3d 1154 (9th Cir. 2016).

23 <sup>16</sup> *Shadow Wood Homeowners Ass’n, Inc. v. New York Cmty. Bancorp*, 366 P.3d 1105, 1110–1111 (Nev. 2016).

<sup>17</sup> *Id.* at 1112.

1 property.<sup>18</sup> The HOA crossclaims against Red Rock for indemnity, contribution, and breach of  
2 contract.<sup>19</sup>

3 Discovery has closed,<sup>20</sup> and plaintiffs move for summary judgment, arguing that the  
4 Federal Foreclosure Bar and Bank of America’s pre-foreclosure tender of the full superpriority  
5 portion of the HOA’s lien saved Freddie Mac’s deed of trust on this property from  
6 extinguishment.<sup>21</sup> The Trust opposes that motion.<sup>22</sup> The HOA, joined by Red Rock,<sup>23</sup> moves  
7 both to dismiss plaintiffs’ claims against it<sup>24</sup> and for summary judgment in its favor<sup>25</sup> on those  
8 claims. Because I find that the plaintiffs are entitled to summary judgment on the quiet-title  
9 claims under a Federal Foreclosure Bar theory, I enter judgment in their favor on that theory,  
10 declare that the foreclosure sale did not extinguish the deed of trust, and dismiss all remaining  
11 claims and deny the HOA’s motions as moot.

## 12 Discussion

### 13 A. Summary-judgment standard

14 Summary judgment is appropriate when the pleadings and admissible evidence “show  
15 there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the movant is entitled to judgment as a  
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18 <sup>18</sup> ECF No. 47 (Trust’s counterclaim).

19 <sup>19</sup> ECF No. 23. Although Red Rock’s response to the HOA’s crossclaim is entitled “Response . . .  
and Counter Cross-claim,” the document contains no crossclaims by Red Rock. *See* ECF No.  
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21 <sup>20</sup> ECF No. 58.

22 <sup>21</sup> ECF No. 61.

23 <sup>22</sup> ECF No. 63.

24 <sup>23</sup> ECF Nos. 50, 71.

25 <sup>24</sup> ECF No. 48.

<sup>25</sup> ECF No. 70.

1 matter of law.”<sup>26</sup> When considering summary judgment, the court views all facts and draws all  
2 inferences in the light most favorable to the nonmoving party.<sup>27</sup> If reasonable minds could differ  
3 on material facts, summary judgment is inappropriate because its purpose is to avoid unnecessary  
4 trials when the facts are undisputed, and the case must then proceed to the trier of fact.<sup>28</sup> If the  
5 moving party satisfies Rule 56 by demonstrating the absence of any genuine issue of material  
6 fact, the burden shifts to the party resisting summary judgment to “set forth specific facts  
7 showing that there is a genuine issue for trial.”<sup>29</sup> “To defeat summary judgment, the nonmoving  
8 party must produce evidence of a genuine dispute of material fact that could satisfy its burden at  
9 trial.”<sup>30</sup>

10 **B. The Federal Foreclosure Bar saved the deed of trust from extinguishment.**

11 In *Berezovsky v. Moniz*, the Ninth Circuit held that “the Federal Foreclosure Bar  
12 supersedes the Nevada superpriority lien provision,”<sup>31</sup> preventing a non-judicial foreclosure sale  
13 under NRS Chapter 116 from extinguishing a Freddie Mac deed of trust while this lender is  
14 under the FHFA’s conservatorship. The question here is whether plaintiffs have shown that a  
15 Freddie Mac interest in this property was protected from the legal effect of NRS 116.3116 by the  
16 Federal Foreclosure Bar. The record supports that conclusion, leaving no genuine issue of  
17 material fact.

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20 <sup>26</sup> See *Celotex Corp. v. Catrett*, 477 U.S. 317, 330 (1986) (citing Fed R. Civ. P. 56(c)).

<sup>27</sup> *Kaiser Cement Corp. v. Fishbach & Moore, Inc.*, 793 F.2d 1100, 1103 (9th Cir. 1986).

21 <sup>28</sup> *Warren v. City of Carlsbad*, 58 F.3d 439, 441 (9th Cir. 1995); see also *Nw. Motorcycle Ass’n*  
22 *v. U.S. Dep’t of Agric.*, 18 F.3d 1468, 1471 (9th Cir. 1994).

<sup>29</sup> *Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc.*, 477 U.S. 242, 256 (1986); *Celotex*, 477 U.S. at 323.

23 <sup>30</sup> *Sonner v. Schwabe N. Am., Inc.*, 911 F.3d 989, 992 (9th Cir. 2018).

<sup>31</sup> *Berezovsky*, 869 F.3d at 931.

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2 ***1. The record establishes that Freddie Mac owned the deed of trust at the time of the foreclosure sale.***

3 There is no dispute that Freddie Mac was under the FHFA’s conservatorship at the time  
4 of the 2013 foreclosure sale. But the Trust challenges whether plaintiffs have established that the  
5 deed of trust belonged to Freddie Mac at the time of the foreclosure sale and that Bayview is the  
6 servicer. The Trust argues that the deed of trust made it clear that MERS was the nominee of  
7 “the Lender,” who was KB Home Mortgage Company, and its successors and assigns. And even  
8 if Freddie Mac purchased the loan and deed of trust in August 2005 and MERS was its agent,  
9 MERS transferred that interest away to BAC Home Loans Servicing in 2010.<sup>32</sup> So it was BAC,  
10 not Freddie Mac, who owned the deed of trust at the time of the foreclosure sale, thus the Federal  
11 Foreclosure Bar could not apply.<sup>33</sup>

12 Plaintiffs offer the declaration of Freddie Mac’s Director of Loss Mitigation, Dean  
13 Meyer, and corroborating documents to show that Freddie Mac had a valid and enforceable deed  
14 of trust on the property at the time of the sale. That declaration establishes that Freddie Mac  
15 purchased the loan and deed of trust on or about August 8, 2005, and has owned the loan ever  
16 since.<sup>34</sup> It further establishes that, at the time of the foreclosure sale, Bank of America was  
17 servicing the loan under the terms of Freddie Mac’s Single-Family Seller/Servicer Guide “on  
18 behalf of Freddie Mac from on or about August 8, 2005[,] when Freddie Mac purchased the  
19 Loan until July 16, 2015[,] when servicing of the Loan was transferred from” Bank of America  
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<sup>32</sup> ECF No. 63 at 8–9.

23 <sup>33</sup> *Id.* at 9.

<sup>34</sup> ECF No. 61-2 at ¶ 5.

1 to Bayview.<sup>35</sup> The corroborating documents include printouts of computer records,<sup>36</sup> which  
2 Meyer explains in detail, and relevant portions of Freddie Mac’s publicly available Servicer  
3 Guide.<sup>37</sup>

4 I find that Meyer’s declaration sufficiently establishes his familiarity with Freddie Mac’s  
5 recordkeeping system and the authenticity of the printouts and Guide to lay the foundation  
6 required by Federal Rule of Evidence 902(11). And it establishes—with no contradictory  
7 evidence from the purchaser—that the security interest on this property belonged to Freddie Mac  
8 at the time of the 2013 foreclosure sale, as it does today. Although the deed of trust is held in  
9 Bayview’s name,<sup>38</sup> Freddie Mac’s documents (including the Guide) show that Bayview is  
10 merely its agent for loan-servicing purposes and that the beneficial interest belongs to Freddie  
11 Mac.<sup>39</sup> The Nevada Supreme Court found a similar record sufficient to support summary  
12 judgment in favor of Freddie Mac based on the Federal Foreclosure Bar earlier this year in *Daisy*  
13 *Trust v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*<sup>40</sup> And the Ninth Circuit reached the same conclusion on near-  
14 identical records in *Berezovsky* and *Fed. Home Loan Mortg. Corp. v. SFR Investments Pool 1,*  
15 *LLC.*<sup>41</sup>

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17 <sup>35</sup> *Id.* at ¶ 5(i).

18 <sup>36</sup> *Id.* at 8–21.

19 <sup>37</sup> *Id.* at 23–130.

20 <sup>38</sup> ECF No. 61-4 (assignment from BAC Home Loans Servicing LP to Bayview).

21 <sup>39</sup> *See also Berezovsky*, 869 F.3d at 932 (recognizing that “Nevada law thus recognizes that, in an  
22 agency relationship, a note owner remains a secured creditor with a property interest in the  
23 collateral even if the recorded deed of trust names only the owner’s agent,” and concluding that  
24 “[a]lthough the recorded deed of trust here omitted Freddie Mac’s name, Freddie Mac’s property  
25 interest is valid and enforceable under Nevada law”).

26 <sup>40</sup> *Daisy Trust v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, 445 P.3d 846, 850–51 (Nev. 2019).

27 <sup>41</sup> *Fed. Home Loan Mortg. Corp. v. SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC*, 893 F.3d 1136, 1150 (9th Cir.  
28 2018), *cert. denied*, 139 S. Ct. 1618 (2019) (“The district court based its finding that an  
29 Enterprise had an interest in each Property on the fact that, in each case, a servicer acquired a



1           **2.       *Freddie Mac’s failure to record its interest is inconsequential here.***

2           The Trust next contends that the deed of trust had to have been recorded in Freddie Mac’s  
3 name for plaintiffs to assert the Federal Foreclosure Bar “because NRS 106.210 required all such  
4 assignments to be recorded in order to be enforceable.”<sup>42</sup> It was not until 2011 that NRS  
5 106.210 was amended to state that assignments of beneficial interests under deeds of trust  
6 “must”—instead of “may”—be recorded.<sup>43</sup> In doing so, the Nevada Legislature made it clear  
7 that this new version “appl[ies] only to an assignment . . . of the beneficial interest under a deed  
8 of trust, which is made on or after July 1, 2011.”<sup>44</sup> Because Freddie Mac acquired its interest in  
9 this property in 2005, NRS 106.210 does not preclude plaintiffs from enforcing that unrecorded  
10 interest.

11           The notion that Freddie Mac’s failure to record its interest renders it unenforceable  
12 against the foreclosure-sale purchaser was also expressly rejected in *Daisy Trust*. Like the Trust  
13 here, the purchaser in *Daisy Trust* argued “that Nevada’s recording statutes required Freddie Mac

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16 beneficial interest in the respective Property’s deed of trust, and serviced the respective mortgage  
17 loan on behalf of one of the Enterprises. Each acquisition of a Property’s deed of trust by a  
18 servicer occurred on a date prior to the respective HOA foreclosure sale. The district court thus  
19 found that FHFA, which succeeded to the Enterprises’ assets per HERA, held an interest in the  
20 Properties prior to the sales. Accordingly, the named beneficiary under the recorded deed of  
21 trust in each case is someone other than the note owner, one of the Enterprises.”).

19 <sup>42</sup> ECF No. 63 at 9.

20 <sup>43</sup> See 2011 Nev. Stat., ch 81, § 14.5 (A.B. 284); *Daisy Trust*, 445 P.3d at 849 (discussing  
21 statutory history of NRS 106.210(1)). Plus, the *Daisy Trust* court further found that even if the  
22 current version of the statute or NRS 111.325 applied, these statutes would have no effect  
23 “because there is no requirement that the beneficial interest in the deed of trust needed to be  
‘assigned’ or ‘conveyed’ to Freddie Mac in order for Freddie Mac to acquire ownership of the  
loan.” *Id.*

23 <sup>44</sup> *Id.* The Trust’s bald argument that the amended version of this statute is not restricted to  
mortgages assigned after this effective date, see ECF No. 63 at 10, is belied by the legislative  
history of the statute.

1 to record its interest in the loan.”<sup>45</sup> But the Nevada Supreme Court disagreed. It reasoned that,  
2 under Nevada precedent, a “deed of trust [need not] be ‘assigned’ or ‘conveyed’ to Freddie Mac  
3 in order for Freddie Mac to own the secured loan,” as long as “the record deed of trust  
4 beneficiary is in an agency relationship with” Freddie Mac.<sup>46</sup> So “Nevada’s recording statutes  
5 did not require Freddie Mac to publicly record its ownership interest as a prerequisite for  
6 establishing [that] interest.”<sup>47</sup> Because Nevada law recognizes that it is an acceptable practice  
7 for a loan servicer to serve as the beneficiary of record for the actual deed-of-trust beneficiary,  
8 and plaintiffs have shown that BAC was in an agency relationship with Freddie Mac at the time  
9 of the foreclosure sale,<sup>48</sup> it is inconsequential that Freddie Mac’s interest is not reflected in the  
10 official record.<sup>49</sup>

11 Nor can the purchaser invoke the statute of frauds to preclude plaintiffs from enforcing  
12 Freddie Mac’s interest.<sup>50</sup> “The defense of the statute of frauds is personal, and available only to  
13 the contracting parties or their successors in interest.”<sup>51</sup> The Trust, “as a stranger to” the transfer  
14 of the loan and deed of trust, “is without standing” to invoke that defense.<sup>52</sup>

15 **3. *There is no evidence that the FHFA consented to extinguish the deed of trust.***

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17 <sup>45</sup> *Daisy Trust*, 445 P.3d at 849.

18 <sup>46</sup> *Id.* (citing *Edelstein v. Bank of New York Mellon*, 286 P.3d 249, 259–60 (Nev. 2012); *In re*  
*Montierth*, 354 P.3d 648, 650–51 (Nev. 2015)).

19 <sup>47</sup> *Id.*

20 <sup>48</sup> ECF No. 61-2 at ¶ 5(g)–(i).

21 <sup>49</sup> *See also Fed. Home Loan Mortg. Corp. v. SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC*, 893 F.3d at 1150  
22 (“HERA does not require the Enterprises to have recorded their ownership of the liens in local  
recording documents for FHFA to have succeeded to those valid interests upon inception of  
conservatorship.”).

23 <sup>50</sup> ECF No. 63 at 11.

<sup>51</sup> *Harmon v. Tanner Motor Tours of Nev., Ltd.*, 377 P.2d 622, 628 (Nev. 1963).

<sup>52</sup> *Id.*

1           There is also no material issue of fact that the FHFA did not consent to wiping out  
2 Freddie Mac’s deed-of-trust interest through this foreclosure. The FHFA issued a statement  
3 dated April 21, 2015, “confirm[ing] that it has not consented, and will not consent in the future,  
4 to the foreclosure or other extinguishment of any Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac lien or other  
5 property interest in connection with HOA foreclosures of super-priority liens.”<sup>53</sup> The Trust  
6 offers no evidence to suggest that the agency did consent. Instead, it argues that this agency  
7 statement is unauthenticated, inadmissible hearsay.<sup>54</sup> But courts may take judicial notice of  
8 records like this on government websites,<sup>55</sup> the statement is also admissible under the public-  
9 records exception to the hearsay rule,<sup>56</sup> and it is self-authenticating because it can be verified by  
10 visiting the FHFA’s website.<sup>57</sup> With this statement, plaintiffs have met their burden to show that  
11 they can prove lack of consent at trial.<sup>58</sup>

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13 <sup>53</sup> ECF No. 61-11 at 2; <https://www.fhfa.gov/Media/PublicAffairs/Pages/Statement-on-HOA-Super-Priority-Lien-Foreclosures.aspx>, last visited 11/20/19.

14 <sup>54</sup> ECF No. 63 at 12.

15 <sup>55</sup> See *Daniels-Hall v. Nat’l Educ. Ass’n*, 629 F.3d 992, 998–99 (9th Cir. 2010) (noting that court  
16 may take judicial notice of information made publicly available by a government entity when the  
17 authenticity of the web site and accuracy of the information displayed is not in dispute).

18 <sup>56</sup> Fed. R. Evid. 803(8).

19 <sup>57</sup> Fed. R. Evid. 901; *Qiu Yun Chen v. Holder*, 715 F.3d 207, 212 (7th Cir. 2013) (“A document  
20 posted on a government website is presumptively authentic if government sponsorship can be  
21 verified by visiting the website itself”).

22 <sup>58</sup> The Trust’s assertion that only admissible evidence can be considered at summary judgment is  
23 based on an outdated standard. See ECF No. 63 at 12 (citing a 1969 decision for this  
proposition). The 2010 amendment to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 56 “eliminate[d] the  
unequivocal requirement” that evidence must be admissible in its present *form* in order to be  
considered at summary judgment. *Romero v. Nev. Dep’t of Corr.*, 673 F. App’x 641, 644 (9th  
Cir. 2016) (unpublished). The rule now mandates that the *substance* of the proffered evidence be  
admissible at trial. *Id.*; see also Fed. R. Civ. P. 56 advisory comm. note to 2010 amendment; *Lee*  
*v. Offshore Logistical & Transp., LLC*, 859 F.3d 353, 355 (5th Cir. 2017); *Fraternal Order of*  
*Police, Lodge 1 v. City of Camden*, 842 F.3d 231, 238 (3d Cir. 2016); *Humphreys & Partners*  
*Architects, LP v. Lessard Design, Inc.*, 790 F.3d 532, 538 (4th Cir. 2015); *Jones v. UPS Ground*  
*Freight*, 683 F.3d 1283, 1293–94 (11th Cir. 2012).

1 The Trust also contends that it is “entitled to the benefit” of the presumptions in NRS  
2 47.250(16)–(18) that the law was obeyed in the course of this foreclosure sale, and because the  
3 Federal Foreclosure Bar required consent to extinguish the deed of trust, it should be rebuttably  
4 presumed that such consent was given.<sup>59</sup> But the Trust’s argument ignores how the consent  
5 requirement works. As the Ninth Circuit explained in *Federal Home Loan Mortgage*  
6 *Corporation v. SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC*, “the bar on foreclosure sales lacking [the] FHFA’s  
7 consents applies by default.”<sup>60</sup> Based on this feature of the Federal Foreclosure Bar, the Nevada  
8 Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit have expressly rejected the notion that inaction can be  
9 construed as consent.<sup>61</sup> Because this federal statutory language specifically “cloaks Agency  
10 property with Congressional protection unless or until the Agency affirmatively relinquishes it,”  
11 generally applicable state presumptions cannot stand in for that consent.<sup>62</sup>

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13 **4. The Ninth Circuit has held that the Federal Foreclosure Bar does not violate  
HOA foreclosure-sale purchasers’ due-process rights.**

14 Next, the Trust contends that the Federal Foreclosure Bar “is unconstitutional because it  
15 Lacks a process to request consent or an opportunity to contest” the FHFA’s decision.<sup>63</sup> The  
16 Ninth Circuit expressly rejected this argument in *Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation v.*  
17 *SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC* because any theoretical injury would befall the foreclosing HOA,  
18 not the purchaser:

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<sup>59</sup> ECF No. 63 at 12.

21 <sup>60</sup> *Fed. Home Loan Mortg. Corp. v. SFR Invs. Pool 1, LLC*, 893 F.3d at 1149.

22 <sup>61</sup> See, e.g., *Saticoy Bay LLC Series 9641 Christine View v. Fed. Nat’l Mortg. Ass’n*, 417 P.3d  
363, 368 (Nev. 2018); *Berezovsky*, 869 F.3d at 929.

23 <sup>62</sup> *Berezovsky*, 869 F.3d at 929–30.

<sup>63</sup> ECF No. 63.

1 [The purchaser SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC] argues that it was  
2 deprived of due process because the Federal Foreclosure Bar lacks  
3 integral procedural protections, such as the ability to obtain consent  
4 to the HOA sales from FHFA. [The purchaser]’s argument fails. . .  
5 . [T]he [Federal Foreclosure Bar] patently modifies the conduct of a  
6 party seeking to foreclose upon or sell FHFA property. Therefore,  
7 a theoretical deprivation of due process under [the Federal  
8 Foreclosure Bar] involving an HOA foreclosure sale[] would  
9 implicate the potential seller, or the foreclosing HOA, and not the  
10 buyer. Accordingly, [the purchaser] articulates no risk of erroneous  
11 deprivation of a buyer’s interest under the statute’s procedures, and  
12 any additional procedures so providing would burden the  
13 government’s interest, as codified in the Federal Foreclosure Bar, in  
14 protecting the Enterprises’ assets from foreclosure. We are not  
15 persuaded that the absence of an explicit procedural avenue through  
16 which a possible buyer may obtain, from FHFA, consent to a  
17 foreclosure sale by an HOA constitutes an impermissible lack of  
18 procedural safeguards.<sup>64</sup>

19 The Trust ignores this authority in its briefing, and its argument fails for the same reason that  
20 SFR’s did.

21 **5. Bayview has standing to assert the Federal Foreclosure Bar.**

22 Finally, I address the Trust’s argument that Bayview lacks standing to prosecute this  
23 action “because Bayview is not in possession and/or control of the original promissory note.”<sup>65</sup>

This argument disregards the numerous cases in this nuanced area of the law in which the  
Nevada Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit have recognized that “the servicer of a loan owned  
by a regulated entity may argue that the Federal Foreclosure Bar preempts NRS 116.3116.”<sup>66</sup>

Plus, the Nevada Supreme Court held in *Daisy Trust* that a loan servicer need not produce the  
original promissory note in order to argue that the Federal Foreclosure Bar prevented the sale

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<sup>64</sup> *Fed. Home Loan Mortg. Corp. v. SFR Invs. Pool 1, LLC*, 893 F.3d at 1150–51 (internal citations omitted).

<sup>65</sup> ECF No. 63 at 14.

<sup>66</sup> *Nationstar Mortg., LLC v. SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC*, 396 P.3d 754, 758 (Nev. 2017).

1 from extinguishing a Freddie Mac deed of trust, as long as the evidence in the record is sufficient  
2 to show that the servicer is in fact the loan servicer with authority to assert the Federal  
3 Foreclosure Bar on behalf of Freddie Mac.<sup>67</sup> And because such evidence exists here,<sup>68</sup> Bayview  
4 is not required to produce the original promissory note.

### 5 **Conclusion**

6 The Ninth Circuit’s decisions in *Berezovsky* and *Federal Home Loan Mortgage*  
7 *Corporation v. SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC* provide the applicable legal principles for  
8 plaintiffs’ Federal Foreclosure Bar theory. I am bound by those principles, and plaintiffs have  
9 shown through evidence not subject to genuine dispute that they are entitled to summary  
10 judgment on their quiet-title claims based on this theory. So, I grant summary judgment in favor  
11 of plaintiffs on their Federal Foreclosure Bar claims and declare that 12 U.S.C. § 4617(j)(3)  
12 prevented the 2013 foreclosure sale from extinguishing the deed of trust. Because I am granting  
13 complete quiet-title relief on this theory, I need not and do not reach the merits of, or arguments  
14 challenging, any of the plaintiffs’ other quiet-title theories.<sup>69</sup> And because the plaintiffs’

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16 <sup>67</sup> *Daisy Trust*, 445 P.3d at 850.

17 <sup>68</sup> *See supra* at pages 7–8.

18 <sup>69</sup> I note, without deciding, that it appears that plaintiffs would be entitled to the same declaration  
19 based on the tender of the full superpriority portion of the HOA lien because the tender in this  
20 case is materially indistinguishable from that in *Bank of America v. SFR Investments Pool 1,*  
21 *LLC*, in which the Nevada Supreme Court held that a nearly identical “tender cured the default as  
22 to the superpriority portion of the HOA’s lien, [so] the HOA’s foreclosure on the entire lien  
23 resulted in a void sale as to the superpriority portion. Accordingly, the HOA could not convey  
full title to the property, as [the] first deed of trust remained after foreclosure,” so the  
foreclosure-sale purchaser took the property subject to the deed of trust.” *Bank of America v.*  
*SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC*, 427 P.3d 113, 121 (Nev. 2018). But were I to reach plaintiffs’  
due-process-based quiet-title claim, I would grant the HOA’s motion to dismiss it (ECF No. 61  
at 18) because that claim is founded upon *Bourne Valley*, which is no longer good law. *See*  
*discussion in Nationstar Mortg., LLC v. Saticoy Bay LLC*, No. 2:15-cv-01507-JAD-VCF, 2019  
WL 4773772, at \*3 (D. Nev. Sept. 29, 2019), which I incorporate herein.

1 remaining claims as pled either are contingent upon a determination that the sale extinguished  
2 the deed of trust<sup>70</sup> or seek a pre-judgment remedy,<sup>71</sup> I dismiss all remaining claims and deny the  
3 HOA's motions as moot.

4 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment against  
5 6364 Glenolden Street Trust [ECF No. 61] is **GRANTED in part. Summary judgment is**  
6 **entered in favor of the plaintiffs on their quiet-title claims based on the Federal Foreclosure**  
7 **Bar and on Defendant 6364 Glenolden Street Trust's counterclaim.**<sup>72</sup> Because 12 U.S.C. §  
8 4617(j)(3) prevented the extinguishment of the deed of trust during the 2013 HOA foreclosure  
9 sale, plaintiffs are entitled to a declaration that the Trust took the property subject to that interest.

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **all remaining claims are DISMISSED**, and the  
11 Shadow Springs Community Association's Motion to Dismiss and Motion for Summary  
12 Judgment [ECF Nos. 48, 70] are **DENIED** as moot.

13 And with good cause appearing and no reason to delay, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED  
14 that the Clerk of Court is directed to **ENTER FINAL JUDGMENT** in favor of plaintiffs

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21 <sup>70</sup> See ECF No. 26 at ¶ 102 (breach of NRS 116.1113 claim), ¶ 110 (wrongful foreclosure claim).

22 <sup>71</sup> *Id.* at ¶ 114 (seeking an injunction "during the pendency of this action").

23 <sup>72</sup> Because the Trust's counterclaim rises and falls on the same theories and considerations,  
which the Trust has had a full opportunity to brief, I grant summary judgment on that  
counterclaim, too, even though the plaintiffs did not specifically ask for me to resolve that claim.  
*See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(f)(2).

1 Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation,

2 **DECLARING that:**

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the deed of trust for the property located at 6364 Glenolden Street,  
North Las Vegas, Nevada, recorded as Instrument # 20050624-  
0004982 in the real property records of Clark County, Nevada, on  
6/24/05, was not extinguished by the 11/20/13 foreclosure sale, so  
foreclosure-sale purchaser 6364 Glenolden Street Trust took the  
property subject to the deed of trust,

7 and **CLOSE THIS CASE.**

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U.S. District Judge Jennifer A. Dorsey  
Dated: November 21, 2019

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