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**NEVADA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Nevada County Board of Supervisors
Eric Rood Administrative Center
950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 200
Nevada City, CA 95959

Re: Update of Nevada County Ordinance No. 2459 An Ordinance amending Section G-VII a.27 of Article I of Chapter VII of the Nevada County General Code Pertaining to Discharging a Firearm.

Honorable Supervisors,

I was contacted by Michael Caston from the Nevada County Sportsmen, Inc. regarding to the above ordinance as it relates to Red Flag Warnings and the use of organized ranges during this time. The Nevada County Sportsmen, Inc. is located within the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District. I learned that a proposal to update the Ordinance was going before the Board of Supervisors in the near future, so I was asked to respond on the topic of Red Flag Warnings.

Organized ranges such as the Nevada County Sportsmen, as long as they are maintained in a fire safe condition pose no real fire danger and are relatively safe to use during all weather conditions including Red Flag Weather.

The Fire District concurs with adding Section I to allow organized ranges with a current fire clearance from the fire district to continue operations during Red Flag Weather. I recommend you add at the end of the sentence "and with supervision on site".

Personal or Private ranges on the owner's open land or at their residence is beyond our normal inspection authority. I believe it would be appropriate to require no shooting during Red Flag Weather. In my experience if the range is not properly maintained in a fire safe manner rounds being fired down range could easily start a fire.

Mr. Caston also discussed Section C and the proposal to change the shooting hours from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Fire District has no concern one way or another on the shooting times and we would support the change of time.

If you have any questions or I can be of further assistance feel free to contact me.

Terry McMahan
Fire Marshal