



NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 10, 2026

TO: Nevada County Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Craig Griesbach, Director, Information and General Services Agency**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the transfer of funds in the total amount of \$447,158 to the Truckee Library Joint Powers Authority in support of the activities related to completing Phase 2 design for the new Truckee Regional Library, bringing the project to a shovel-ready state and directing the Auditor-Controller to increase the fiscal year 2025-26 Library and Facilities budgets by \$223,579 each (4/5 affirmative vote required)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The \$447,158 requested to be transferred to the Truckee Library JPA reflects the balance of the County's pre-development and construction project commitment confirmed by Resolution 23-382. In alignment with Phase 1 design contributions (Resolution 24-151 and Resolution 24-152), this request will be funded by both the Library Budget (\$223,579) and Facilities Budget (\$223,579) through the Fiscal Year 2025-26 amendment contained in the proposed resolution.

BACKGROUND: A new Truckee Regional Library facility has been a long-standing goal of the County of Nevada. The project is a collaborative, multi-jurisdictional effort led by the Town of Truckee, Nevada County, and Placer County through the Truckee Library Joint Powers Authority, with strong support from Friends of the Truckee Library as a key nonprofit partner. This public-private collaboration reflects a shared regional commitment to delivering efficient, high-impact public infrastructure that serves residents across county lines.

The project will construct a new, fully accessible regional library to replace the existing Truckee library, which was built in 1975 for a much smaller population and is now undersized and not fully ADA compliant. The new facility aims to adequately support modern library services, technology access, and the needs of a growing and diverse community.

As a result of a collaborative design process, the new facility will provide ADA-compliant spaces, high-speed broadband, public technology access, and flexible areas for learning, workforce development, and community engagement. For students and families who lack reliable internet, quiet study spaces, or access to technology, the library will serve as a critical point of access, supporting education and economic opportunity in an underserved rural region.

Beyond traditional library services, the facility will function as a community emergency and

resilience hub, with permanent backup power, communications capability, and clean indoor air. It will remain operational during wildfire smoke events, Public Safety Power Shutoffs, winter storms, and other emergencies, all of which advance County priorities of public health, emergency preparedness, climate resilience, clean air access, and life safety while maximizing the value of public infrastructure.

At the January 2023 board workshop, the Board of Supervisors discussed a \$1,000,000 County contribution to assist with the design, development, and construction of the new facility. This commitment was formalized in July 2023 through approval of Resolution 23-382, which included both the \$1,000,000 in direct funding as well as in-kind staff support.

In January 2024, the Board approved Resolution 24-050 authorizing the formation of the Truckee Library Joint Powers Authority (JPA), with the County of Nevada and the Town of Truckee as members. In October 2024, Placer County joined the JPA as a non-voting member pursuant to Resolution 24-539. This newly formed Joint Powers Authority is responsible for constructing and maintaining the new Truckee library.

On March 9, 2024, the Board approved Resolution 24-151, authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Nevada, the Town of Truckee, and Friends of the Truckee Library to fund Phase 1 design services. Phase 1 focused on schematic design and entitlements and included a \$1.5 million budget shared equally among the three partner organizations. Phase 1 design was completed under budget, resulting in a total per partner contribution of \$402,746.

Also in October 2024, the Board approved Resolution 24-540 authorizing the transfer of \$150,000 to the Truckee Library JPA. These funds, along with a matching \$150,000 contribution from the Town of Truckee, supported JPA operations and consultant services associated with placing a special tax measure (Measure G) on the November 2025 ballot, allowing the voters to weigh in on the opportunity to support project funding.

In November 2025, Measure G passed with 72.4% voter approval, securing critical funding and solidifying the Truckee community's support for the project. Currently, staff anticipate the bond being issued in summer 2027 or 2028. No county dollars will secure repayment of the bond.

The next critical step for the project is the completion of Phase 2 design, which will lead to construction drawings and a shovel-ready project. The Phase 2 design budget totals \$1,534,178 and includes the design contract, JPA operational expenses, and a 10% contingency. As with the Phase 1 design budget, the Town of Truckee Town Council will be considering approval of a resolution to fund 1/3 of the cost of Phase 2 design on March 10th. The Friends of the Truckee Library Board approved funding 1/3 of the cost of Phase 2 design on February 5, 2026.

Table 1: Summary of County Project Funding		
<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Note</u>
2023 County Commitment	\$1,000,000	Resolution 23-382
2024 Phase 1 Design Contribution	\$402,746	Resolution 24-151
2024 JPA Contribution	\$150,000	Resolution 24-540
<i>Phase 2 Design Contribution</i>	<i>\$ 447,158</i>	<i>(requested)</i>
Total Contribution	\$999,904	

If approved, the \$447,158 staff is requesting be moved to the Truckee Library JPA will be added to the existing JPA fund balance for a total county contribution of approximately \$511,394, equaling the Town of Truckee and Friends of the Truckee Library's Phase 2 design contributions.

County In-Kind Staff Support

As outlined in Resolution 23-382, the Board also committed \$468,000 of in-kind staff time through FY27/28. This commitment has been sufficient to account for staff's time spent on the project through Phase 1 and will support the administrative and project management staff time expected during Phase 2.

Partner Contributions

Since 2023, the Town of Truckee and Friends of the Truckee Library have made significant financial and in-kind contributions to the project. The Town of Truckee has matched the County's contribution to the JPA and Phase 1 design funding, performed all JPA clerking duties to date, and contributed consistent senior executive in-kind staff time in support of project planning and coordination. The Friends of the Truckee Library have contributed an estimated \$2,189,107 to date through supporting contracts, volunteer hours, Phase 1 design funding, community engagement, and fundraising efforts.

In addition to the contributions outlined above, the Friends of the Truckee Library are leading the LibraryUP Capital Campaign with the goal of raising philanthropic, grant, and foundation contributions to support overall construction costs of the new facility.

The project has received additional support from partner public agencies in the area. The Truckee Donner Recreation and Park District and the Truckee Donner Public Utility District entered into a lease option agreement with the JPA to provide a centrally located site for the future library at a nominal cost. In addition, the Truckee Tahoe Airport District approved a \$2 million construction funding contribution on January 28th, 2026.

The combination of agency contributions, public support via the approval of Measure G, and the successful capital campaign demonstrates the incredible ability of partners to leverage funding opportunities to back this critical infrastructure project.

Continued support from the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, along with sustained regional collaboration and strong community support, has enabled this multijurisdictional project to achieve major milestones and will position the new Truckee Library to successfully meet the diverse needs of the region.

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