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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** February 25, 2020

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Julie Patterson Hunter

**SUBJECT:** Resolution endorsing and certifying the Kentucky Flat School, located at 13281 Newtown Road, Nevada City, CA 95959 (APN) 052-090-007-000) as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 20-02.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the attached resolution requested by the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission to approve the designation of the Kentucky Flat School, located at 13281 Newtown Road, Nevada City, CA 95959 (APN 052-090-007-000) as a Nevada County Historical Landmark.

**FUNDING:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:** At its meeting on January 24, 2020 the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission unanimously approved the application submitted by the Grass Valley School District, for registration of the Kentucky Flat School, located at 13281 Newtown Road, Nevada City, CA 95959 (APN 052-090-007-000) and recommends that the Board of Supervisors designate this site as a Nevada County Historical Landmark. The Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission recommended that the Kentucky Flat School be designated as NEV 20-01; however, Staff is recommending that the site be designated as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 20-02 due to the pre-submitted concurrent application designation of the John Woolman School coming before you at the same meeting on February 25, 2020. Please see Agenda Item SR 20-0909 for details.

The current property owner, the Grass Valley School District, submitted an application to designate the site on September 9, 2019 outlining the historic nature and value of the Kentucky Flat School. Specifically, the Kentucky Flat School “originally existed on Kentucky Ridge and Kentucky Flat mining camp on Bridgeport Road. It became too small and was moved to the current site in 1855. The property that it exists on [now] was dedicated over to the Kentucky Flat School District on August 21, 1877. It was rebuilt in 1895 after the school [was destroyed in a fire]. An addition in the back [of the property] was added in the 1950s. It was used as a school until 1963 and then was annexed into Grass valley School District on July 1, 1964.” The site is currently used as a pre-school called the Kentucky Flat Community Preschool.

The Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission submitted a letter to the Board of Supervisors on January 24, 2020, requesting the Board of Supervisors approve the designation of the Kentucky Flat School, located at 13281 Newtown Road, Nevada City, CA 95959 (APN 052-090-007-000) and recommends that the Board of Supervisors designate this site as a Nevada County Historical Landmark. As noted above, Staff is recommending that the site be designated as a Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 20-02.

**Item Initiated by:** Jeffrey Thorsby, Senior Administrative Analyst  
**Item Approved by:** Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board  
Submittal Date: February 3, 2020