



# COUNTY OF NEVADA COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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Honorable Board of Supervisors  
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**DATE OF MEETING:** February 10, 2015

**SUBJECT:** 2015 Board Objectives and Legislative Priorities

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the Resolution

**FUNDING:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:** The Board at their January 2015 workshop reviewed the 2014 Objectives and Legislative Priorities and created the Board's 2015 Objectives and Legislative Priorities. The list of objectives includes generally prioritized objectives at levels A, B and C. "A" indicating the highest priority and "C", indicating a lower priority. The objectives are as follows:

#### Priority A

- Maintain County's financial stability and core services in light of economic conditions.
- Review the County's existing set of fire-related policies and programs to identify those that have been implemented and those that remain to be implemented. Prioritize the implementation of existing County policies and programs to reduce the risk of wildfire and the effects of wildfire on life, property and the environment.
- Assist water agencies as requested during this drought as appropriate.

#### Priority B

- Work with our legislative advocates to introduce flexibility with rural counties in the affordable housing element policy.
- Support and advocate for services that promote the well-being and self-sufficiency of individuals and families.

- Explore a partnership with Placer County to implement the mPOWER Property Assessed Clean Energy PACE program in Nevada County.
- Support job-enhancing economic development efforts where appropriate.
- Support efforts to enhance and improve emergency department psychiatric services for mentally ill patients, their families, hospital staff, and law enforcement.
- Re-evaluate the County's sphere policies.

#### Priority C

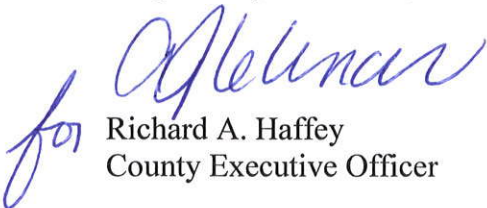
- Increase public awareness and civic engagement through educational information programs.
- Evaluate the options and feasibility of establishing a Business License process in the County.

Included in the proposed legislative platform are the Board's two top legislative priorities and State budget priorities. The appendices include an outline of future infrastructure project needs, the Board's 2015 objectives and legislation being pursued by our departments through their associations.

The Board's Legislative Priorities will be actively pursued and submitted to our legislative advocates at the State and Federal level in order to address the County's most critical needs. Department Association interests included in Appendix C will be fully advocated for by County agency directors during 2015.

Attached for your approval is the resolution adopting the 2015 Board Objectives and Legislative Priorities for Nevada County.

Respectfully submitted,

for  
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County Executive Officer