



JOINT COUNTY-CITIES-TOWN MEETING

COUNTY OF NEVADA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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SUMMARY MINUTES

Date	Time	Location
Friday, May 31, 2024	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	The Center for the Arts 314 West Main Street Grass Valley, California

SPECIAL MEETING: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

The County of Nevada Board of Supervisors, Town of Truckee Town Council, City of Nevada City City Council, and City of Grass Valley City Council held a special meeting from inside the Center for the Arts, 314 West Main Street, Grass Valley, CA. Several Truckee Town Council Members attended remotely from the Trout Creek conference room, Truckee Town Hall Administrative Center, 10183 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee, CA.

Rollcall:

The following Nevada County Supervisors present:

Heidi Hall, 1st District
Ed Scofield, 2nd District
Lisa Swarthout, 3rd District (departed at 4:16pm)
Susan Hoek, 4th District
Hardy Bullock, 5th District

The following Grass Valley Council Members present:

Jan Arbuckle, Mayor (arrived at 1:07pm)
Hilary Hodge, Vice Mayor
Bob Branstrom, Council Member
Haven Caravelli, Council Member
Tom Ivy, Council Member

The following Nevada City Council Members present:

Daniela Fernández, Mayor

Gary Petersen, Vice Mayor

Doug Fleming, Council Member (arrived at 1:06pm)

Adam Kline, Council Member

Lou Ceci, Council Member

The following Truckee Council Members present:

Jan Zabriskie, Vice Mayor

Courtney Henderson, Council Member (arrived at 1:09pm; attended remotely at the Trout Creek Conference Room)

Anna Klovstad, Council Member (departed at 4:24pm; attended remotely at the Trout Creek Conference Room)

The following Truckee Council Members absent:

Dave Polivy, Mayor

Lindsay Romack, Council Member

Standing Orders

Board of Supervisors Chair Bullock called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was held.

No corrections or deletions to agenda were noted.

1. Emergency Preparedness

Emergency preparedness collaboration between the elected leaders from the County of Nevada, City of Grass Valley, City of Nevada City, and Town of Truckee in partnership with local and regional first responders.

- a. [SR 24-0966](#) Welcome - Board Chair Hardy Bullock - 1:00 pm (5 min)

ACTION TAKEN: Chair Bullock welcomed the public and participants. He provided announcements and procedural information.

- b. [SR 24-0973](#) Leadership in an Emergency - 1:05 pm (45 min)
Chair Hardy Bullock will facilitate a conversation with the elected leaders about their experiences during a recent emergency, and what their constituents have told them are their top needs.

ACTION TAKEN: Council and Board members discussed the needs of the community and their constituents. Members discussed communications, information sharing with the public, coordination between jurisdictions, infrastructure maintenance, and instances of communications going down during emergencies. Members discussed from where they and the public disseminate and receive information during emergencies, and social media, evacuation tools, fire districts, and Firewise communities were mentioned. In regard to what communities expect and what they as leaders should be investing in, vegetation control, evacuation routes, pre-emergency preparedness and education, tourist population outreach, and fire insurance were discussed. Members discussed cross-jurisdictional accountability, and also discussed relationships with neighboring elected officials and staff, aging populations, community leaders, slow moving emergencies, and resilience. Members discussed teaming up for regional asks, utilizing organizations such as leagues of cities and as well as regular coordination meetings between jurisdictions, and ensuring that leaders work together to learn after emergencies.

- c. [SR 24-0998](#) Current Tools and Collaboration Opportunities - 1:50pm (60 min)
County of Nevada OES Director Craig Griesbach will facilitate a panel discussion with local and regional first responders about what we are already doing collaboratively, and where we might expand collaborative efforts to better prepare and respond to emergencies.

Invited panelists include representatives from City of Nevada City, Nevada County Consolidated Fire District, Truckee Police Department (Disaster Preparedness), Nevada County Sheriff's Office, CAL FIRE, Truckee Fire Protection District, and Grass Valley Police Department.

ACTION TAKEN: Panelists discussed successes and needs for improvement, and emphasized the desire to work together to multiply successes on a regional level, learning together so as to not repeat each other's failures. Many successful programs and initiatives were mentioned, and areas for improvement were identified. Discussion included mentions of strategic planning, funding and unfunded mandates, joint messaging, critical infrastructure, defensible space, mutual aid, recruitment and retention, federal and state advocacy, environmental review and regulation, evacuation planning, recreation, and tourism. The roles that leaders play during emergencies was discussed. Additional Board and Council member discussion followed. Elected leaders, panelists, and the public participated in a straw poll weighing in on the most emergent of the major issues raised (vegetation management, home hardening, education and communication, green waste, and resources and staffing); vegetation management polled the highest.

- d. [SR 24-0975](#) Break - 2:50 pm (10 min)

ACTION TAKEN: Break held.

- e. [SR 24-1000](#) Insights and Lessons Learned from Communities - 3:00pm (60 min)
CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit Chief Brian Estes will facilitate a panel discussion on lessons learned from recent wildfires with elected officials from Butte County.

Invited panelists include Butte County Supervisor Bill Connelly and Town of Paradise Council Member Steve Crowder.

ACTION TAKEN: The panel discussed responsibilities before, during, and after an emergency event, including policy roles, information dissemination, and investment in public education. Dead end roads, vegetation management, emergency sirens, access and egress, biomass, compounding emergencies, partnership with schools, technology, long range planning, recovery, property maintenance, and insurance were discussed. Panelists reviewed lessons learned and emphasized advocacy efforts, partnerships, and relationships.

- f. [SR 24-1001](#) Public Comment - 4:00pm (45 min)
Members of the public are invited to participate. Comments will be limited to topics on the agenda.

ACTION TAKEN: Public comment was received. (Supervisor Swarthout left the meeting at 4:16pm; Council Member Klovstad left the meeting at 4:24pm, at which point the Town of Truckee Town Council no longer had quorum.)

- g. [SR 24-1002](#) Next steps - 4:45pm (15 min)
i. Key takeaways
ii. Next meeting

ACTION TAKEN: Elected leaders provided additional comments and takeaways. Evacuations, NEPA/CEQA relief, support for vulnerable populations, and legislative and regulatory action were emphasized. Strategies moving forward include prioritizing relationships, communications, and combating complacency.

Adjournment

ACTION TAKEN: Chair Bullock noted that the next joint meeting would be held on October 8th, and he adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

Signature and Attestation

Heidi Hall, Chair of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

By:

Tine Mathiasen, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board