



Board of Supervisors'

2022 Objectives

Year-end Update

January 24, 2023



Board Objectives End-of-Year Report

- Track status of 8 objectives and 44 initiatives
- Updated quarterly
- Public facing/online
- Promote transparency
- Community communication



Message from the Chair



Last quarter, I started this letter with a recap of the winter storms that battered our area in late December. Now I'm here again, writing just after the Ricas Fire burned 904 acres before being contained by the incredible work of CAL FIRE, our first responders, the volunteers who assisted with animal evacuations, and all the good people out there who helped their friends and neighbors. In situations like this, our teamwork really gets tested and, once again, you have proven that we are a mighty team.

Here at the County, we continue to make **emergency preparedness** a high priority. This Spring we held a series of green waste disposal events in Grass Valley and Truckee, where we collected over 3500 tons of vegetation. It was truly an example of the kind of community partnership we need to

reduce the threat of wildfire.

Still, the challenge of removing storm debris continues. Thanks to a [\\$950,000 grant from CAL FIRE](#), we worked to remove hazardous vegetation from County roads and ensure key evacuation routes are clear before peak fire season.

In May, Congressman Doug LaMalfa announced \$6.6 million in federal funding for three critical projects in Nevada County, including \$4.8M for Sheriff's Office radio infrastructure improvements, \$1.1M for a North San Juan fire suppression system, and \$750,000 for the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone, Phase II.

Through our **economic development** objective, the County continues to focus on resiliency. Nevada County awarded \$107,500 to 43 microbusinesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. And [Nevada County was awarded a \\$1.7 million workforce development grant](#) from the State's California Volunteers program to increase youth employment and strengthen our community's capacity to address urgent community challenges related to climate change, food insecurity, and local COVID-19 recovery.

Homelessness continues to be a concern for the County. According to the [2022 Point-in-Time \(PIT\) count](#), there were 527 people experiencing homelessness in Nevada County on the night of February 23, 2022, including 60 children under the age of 18. The Nevada County Health and Human Services Agency recently presented an [updated draft Homeless Plan](#) to the Board of Supervisors, which includes specific strategies and goals to address homelessness in Nevada County over the next two years. I am proud to say that Nevada County is in the last mile of reaching functional zero for veteran homelessness.

Finally, I want to thank Nevada County's fiscal team for their ongoing work to maintain the County's **financial stability and core services**. The approved [Fiscal Year 2022/2023 budget](#) includes a healthy reserve that will help Nevada County weather potential economic threats, including a recession.

I'm proud of the work we've done so far this year in support of these important objectives, and I look forward to continuing our work with the community to improve this place we all love.

Susan Hoek, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Board Objective Process



2022 Board Objectives



Fiscal Stability/
Core Services



Emergency
Preparedness



Broadband



Economic
Development



Housing



Cannabis



Homelessness



Recreation

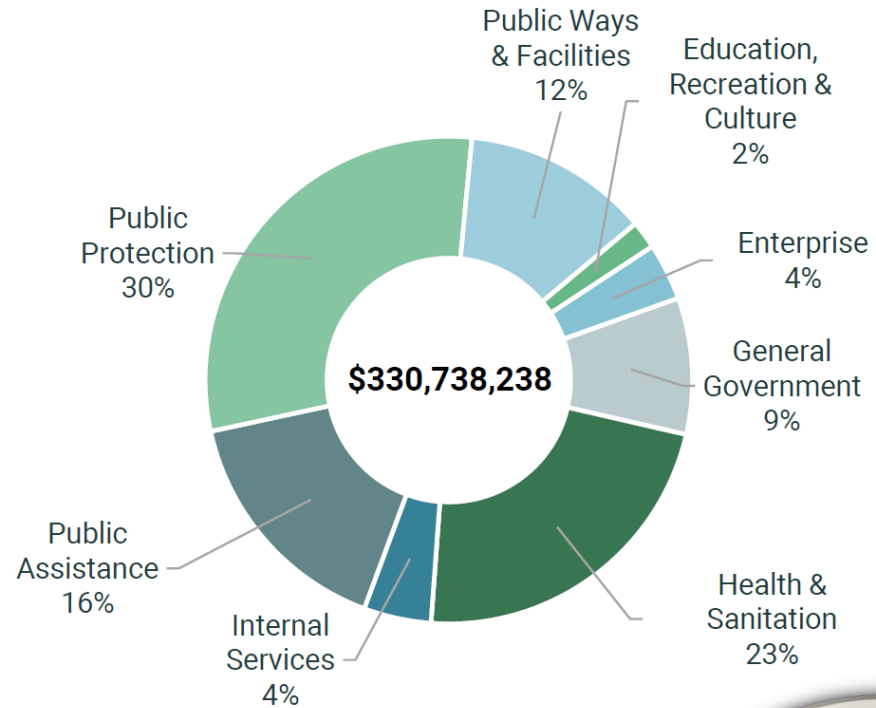


Fiscal Stability & Core Services

Continued fiscal stability and support for core service delivery

- General Fund revenues and expenses on track as compared to adopted budget and historical trends
- Property tax revenues in line with budget
- Softening in real estate transfer taxes continues
- Staff monitoring broader economy for potential impacts to County revenues

Spending by Function





Emergency Preparedness

- Grant Awards
- AFN Grant Program
- Evacuation Route Vegetation Clearance
- Disaster Recovery (Jones & River Fires, Winter Storm, Rices Fire)



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Economic Development

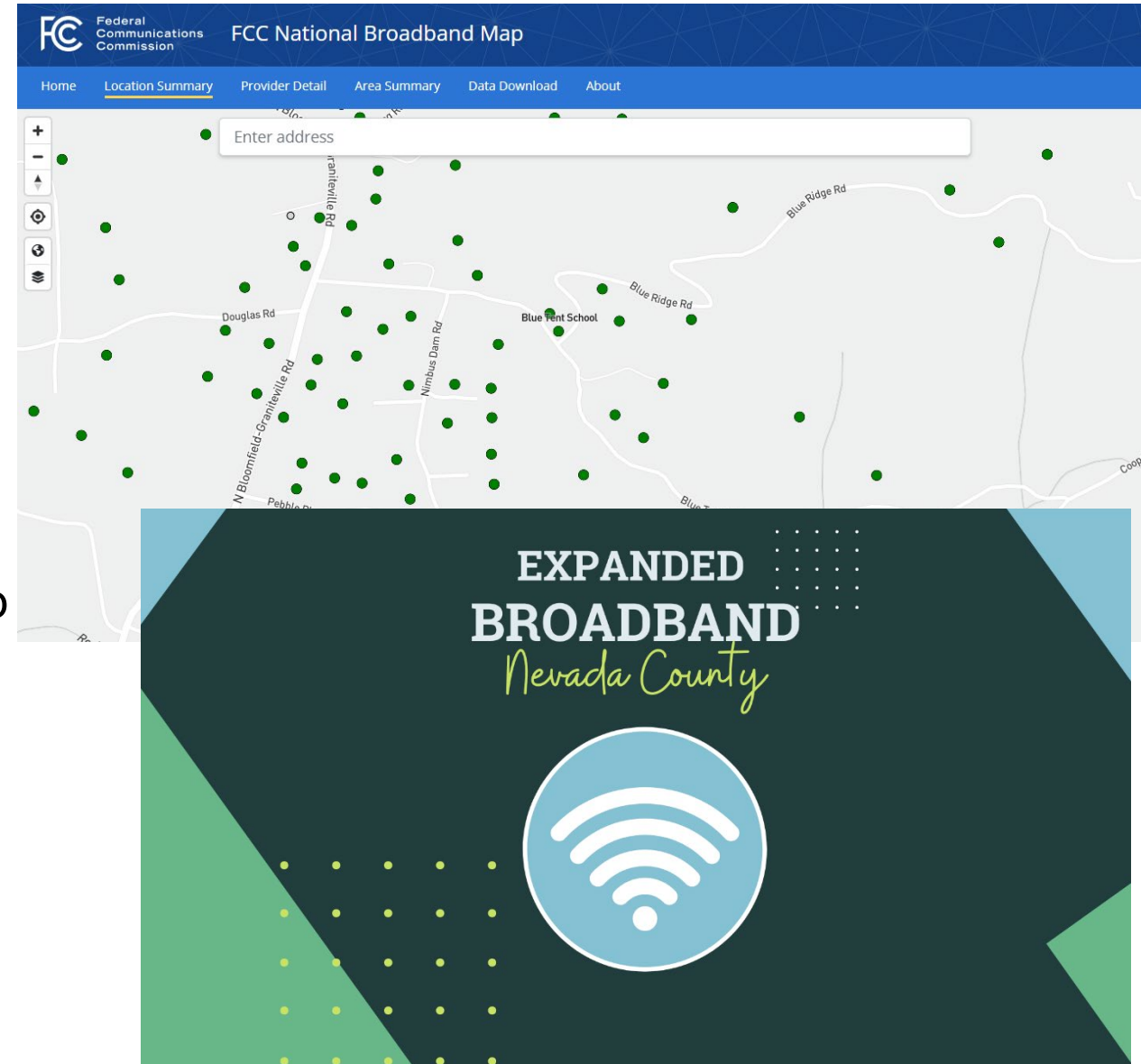
- Over 300 community surveys were received that will help inform the upcoming Comprehensive Economic Resiliency Fund (CERF) process and its future grant opportunities.
- SBC provided individual technical assistance to 124 businesses with 228.5 hours of advisory services.
- The Building Department completed initial drafts of the affordable housing master plan.
- The South County Area Plan draft is complete and was reviewed by the SC Municipal Advisory Council.
- Gonevadacounty.com articles are strategically featuring retail businesses in the three downtown areas.





Broadband

- Final countywide programmatic EIR has been provided to staff. This tool will expedite future broadband construction projects.
- Digital equity: promoted the Affordable Connectivity Program, which subsidizes low-income households' internet service.
- Advocacy: reviewed and prepared challenges to FCC broadband maps in order to more accurately portray broadband availability in Nevada County and position us for future waves of federal funding.
- Secured \$500,000 grant from CPUC to fund broadband network design and engineering for expanded broadband in unincorporated Nevada County.





Cannabis

- Applied for \$2.4M Go-Biz Cannabis Equity Grant
- Brought proposed changes to the cannabis ordinance before the Planning Commission
- Collaborated with NCSO and state agencies to address egregious sites
- Completed 150 hours of FAA UAS Pilot Training
- Received \$41k tax so far Fiscal Year 2022/2023





Housing

- **Cashin's Field** opening January 2023; 51 units of workforce housing
- **Brunswick Commons** opened August 2022; 41 Units with 12 units for individuals with a mental health disability
- NPLH funding awarded for **Pacific Crest Commons**, a collaboration between HCS, RHA, and Truckee, and developer
- **Ranch House** in development with 6 units of permanent supportive housing





Homelessness

- Renovating **Empire Mine Courtyard** for permanent housing for families- 9 units converted and additional 9 units in February 2023
- Purchased property on Sutton Way for **day and navigation center**
- Expansion of **Permanent Supportive Housing** by 28 units through Ranch House, Pacific Crest Commons, and Brunswick Commons
- Purchased house and put into operation 6 units of **justice involved diversion housing**
- Launched **Enhanced Care Management Team** to improve connectivity to behavioral health treatment for homeless individuals
- **Campaign to End Veterans Homelessness** by the end of 2022





Recreation

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- ❑ **Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan** underway; 90+ organizations participating
- ❑ **South Yuba River Public Safety Cohort** providing 5 years of health + safety solutions!
- ❑ **Nevada County Library Recreation Collection** increases access to recreation!
- ❑ **\$1.1M+ for Western Gateway RV Park + Fields, plus Oak Tree RPD gap loan**
- ❑ **9 Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund** grant projects funded and in progress – vault toilets, parking, trail improvements, trail/river ambassadors and more!
- ❑ **Convener of best practices, funding and collaboration opportunities:**
 - Internal teams
 - Bi-Annual Recreation Coalition
 - Quarterly Western County RPDs
 - CCC and the Cohort
 - Sustainability Summit





Questions & discussion

