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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** June 2, 2026

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Shannan Moon, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution adopting the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Nevada County Sheriff's Office Regional Firearms Training Facility Project.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the resolution.

**FUNDING:** There is no funding associated with this board action.

**BACKGROUND:** To remain proficient in firearms training and safety, the Sheriff's Office law enforcement and correctional officers are required to do quarterly firearms training. Some specialized units, such as the Special Enforcement Detail, are required to train twice per month. Typically, officers travel out of county to make sure they complete the required firearms training at a State-owned outdoor range, which has limited availability, no utilities or facilities, and is out of cell range creating health and safety concerns for staff while training. Currently there is only one indoor, privately owned, range in Nevada County and law enforcement officers have limited access to this facility as utilization of the range during regular business hours is not an option.

Therefore, the Sheriff's Office is in the initial phases of the proposed Sheriff's Office Regional Indoor Firearms Training Facility (the Project) that will be used by law enforcement partners throughout the county for regular and mandatory firearms training. The Project will be constructed adjacent to the Sheriff's Office Regional Dispatch and Training Facility (at the former Juvenile Hall) and enable staff to train from distances up to 50 yards. The Project as proposed includes construction of an approximately 14,200 square-foot, 1-story building and would contain a 12-lane, 50-yard indoor firing range, with variable lighting, moveable target systems, an armory, ammunition and equipment storage, office space for instructors, and a classroom.

The Project is a design-build project and is being managed and constructed by Modern Building, Inc., who was selected as the Project contractor following a competitive Request-For-Proposal (RFP) process led by the Nevada County Purchasing department in early 2025. The design-build contract with Modern Building, Inc. was approved by the Board of Supervisors on September 9, 2025, per Resolution 25-454.

The awarded contract included tasks that are required to comply with CEQA and NEPA. To this end, an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was completed by Modern Building, Inc.'s subcontractor Stantec on April 1, 2026. The IS/MND was posted publicly as required on the CEQANET and all public notices were completed. The 30-day public comment period was from April 3, 2026, to May 4, 2026.

The public comments received included: concerns regarding cost, proximity to city limits or populated areas, ability to construct the range in an existing building, noise pollution, lead contamination, environmental concerns. The issues noted in the public comments were found to either have already been identified within the IS/MND or identified factors outside the IS/MND such as cost. As appropriate, these factors were incorporated into the Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program (MMRP) which was completed by Stantec on May 7, 2026.

It is recommended that the Board approve the resolution to adopt the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Nevada County Sheriff's Office Regional Firearms Training Facility Project.

**Initiated by:** Sean Scales  
**Approved by:** Shannan Moon