

EXHIBIT C

Public Comments Received by the Nevada County Sheriff's Office Regarding the Proposed Sheriff's Office Regional Firearms Facility Project During Public Comment Period – April 3, 2026 to May 4, 2026

Comment: Dear Sheriff, The proposed indoor shooting range with attendant expenses must be denied. It is too expensive and too close to town. Use the Malakoff OUTDOOR range, or the Placerville range. No gun usage for county practice be proposed indoors unless are an FBI or heavy police presence. Do not build it.

Response: There are numerous reasons to utilize an outdoor range and invest in the training of our staff. Proposing to train at the Placerville range in El Dorado County would be incredibly costly with drive-time and overtime costs. In addition, outdoor ranges with static targets do not offer the same training opportunities as indoor ranges. Additionally, the funds to be utilized for this project are designated for law enforcement uses.

Comment: Dear Sheriff Scales, Always want to support the NC Sheriff's Department and justice training is imperative. However, an indoor shooting range is not appropriate near our City limits and scenic corridor. Plz find a more suitable area. Thank you.

Response: The support is very much appreciated. Respectfully, the parcel where the range is going already contains a dispatch center and former juvenile hall which had a capacity of 72 juveniles and was staffed by approximately 25 staff members. Additionally, along the Highway 49 Corridor is a solar farm, restaurant, market, Wayne Brown Correctional Facility, the Eric Rood Government Center, the US Forest Service, Nevada County Consolidated Fire Station, The Sheriff's Office Property Unit, and two County facilities buildings.

Comment: I am writing concerning the proposed Regional Law Enforcement Indoor Shooting Range. First, I want to say I am glad it is indoors. As a neighbor I am concerned about the noise. It is a relief that bullets will not be flying every which way. I want to ask why not an empty warehouse up on Loma Rica Rd.? You wouldn't have to build a whole new building. Thanks.

Response: The support is appreciated. Regarding retrofitting another building it was looked into however finding a building that has the appropriate footprint was extremely difficult if not impossible as the lanes will be 50 yards long and also require equipment for bullet capture and air filtration. Additionally, retrofitting buildings not designed to house firearms ranges typically results in great expense with a compromised product.

Comment: I am writing to formally voice my strong opposition to the proposed Regional Law Enforcement Indoor Shooting Range located at 15434 Highway 49, Nevada City, CA. As a resident/property owner located in the immediate vicinity of this proposed project, I am deeply concerned that this facility is completely inappropriate for this area and will significantly impact the safety, health, and quality of life for our community. My opposition is based on the following factors:

Noise Pollution: Despite being an indoor range, firing weapons creates loud, low-frequency sound waves that can travel through structures and walls. The constant noise of high-powered weaponry (even with soundproofing) is not suitable for a residential area and will disturb the peace of the surrounding neighbors.

Response: The facility has been designed to meet or exceed all noise standards for the area. It is important to note this site also housed a juvenile hall which was capable of housing 72 juveniles with 25 staff.

Comment: Safety Risks & Public Safety: The proposed location is within close proximity to high-density, community housing. Increasing high-traffic, and bringing fire arms into this density creates an unnecessary safety risk for children and residents.

Response: Currently the site is utilized by Search and Rescue and Sheriff's Office personnel in groups larger or the same size as will be utilizing the range. This facility also was a juvenile hall capable of housing 72 juveniles and 25 staff until 2021. Any traffic effects are likely to be negligible.

Comment: Environmental and Health Hazards (Lead Contamination): Indoor shooting ranges are notorious sources of lead exposure. Despite modern filtration, there is a risk of lead dust being vented into the surrounding air or accumulating in the soil. The potential for long-term lead poisoning and air contamination is a grave danger to neighboring families.

Response: The facility has been designed to meet or exceed all air purification standards for the area. In addition, our staff will be working in and closest to the facility and subject to a monitoring program. Indoor firearms ranges are in regular operation all throughout California and as environmental concerns continue to grow with outdoor ranges, are becoming the standard for law enforcement.