

Board of Supervisors'

2023 Objectives

Year-end Update

January 9, 2024



Board Objectives Year-End Report

- Track status of 8 objectives and 39 initiatives
- Updated quarterly
- Public facing/online
- Promote transparency
- Community communication



Message From the Chair

As we usher in a new year, I would like to reflect on the progress we've made with some of the Board's annual objectives.

Regarding the Board's **Recreation** objective, I was pleased to attend the ribbon cutting for the newly renovated Gary D. Clarke Field by Magnolia School in Grass Valley. The field, which has a new synthetic turf, is used daily by an array of groups for soccer, flag football, baseball and more. Our focus on recreation was recognized by the California State Association of Counties, which gave our county its prestigious **Challenge Award**. Nevada County was chosen for its dedication to finding collaborative solutions for visitor safety and outdoor recreation. I want to commend my Board colleagues and staff for this well-deserved recognition of their efforts including the South Yuba River Public Safety Cohort, Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund, and related initiatives.

Learning from our severe snowstorms the last two winters, we have put a lot of effort into educating the public about **preparing for winter**. To further our objective of **Emergency Preparedness**, we mailed residents a flyer with tips such as stocking up on enough firewood and propane, getting flashlights and batteries ready and filling their pantries with shelf stable foods. We worked hard to **clear up debris from last winter's storms** to address wildfire mitigation concerns. We removed fallen trees and limbs from nearly 100 miles of county-maintained roadways and positioned 54 green waste bins in 25 locations. By removing flammable vegetation, we improved defensible space and firefighter ingress, and resident egress in the event of a wildfire.

As part of our **Climate Resilience** objective, we have been exploring joining Pioneer Community Energy, a Community Choice Aggregation provider, which procures power for its customers in place of the local investor-owned utility, Pacific Gas & Electric. We have **postponed our discussions** now because of the spike in renewable energy prices but hope to return to talks sometime next year.

We now have 25-30 new beds available for people experiencing **Homelessness** who have serious behavioral health conditions thanks to a **\$3.6 million grant from the state's Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program**. We approved a \$1.4 million contract with Hospitality House to get hotel rooms or rental homes for people experiencing homelessness. We estimate we will be able to serve 100-150 people over the next three years through this program.

I am no stranger to contentious community meetings. Certainly, the issue that attracted the most public attention this quarter was Rise Grass Valley's **petition for recognition of vested rights** to conduct mining operations at the Idaho Maryland Mine. While our Board chamber was at capacity for the public hearing on this controversial topic in mid-December, I want to express my gratitude to everyone on both sides of the issue who conducted themselves responsibly and respectfully.

This marks the end of my term as Board chair. I have appreciated serving in this way and look forward to helping my successor in the new year.



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Board Objective Process



2023 Board Objectives



Fiscal Stability/
Core Services



Emergency
Preparedness



Broadband



Economic
Development



Housing



Climate Resilience



Homelessness



Recreation

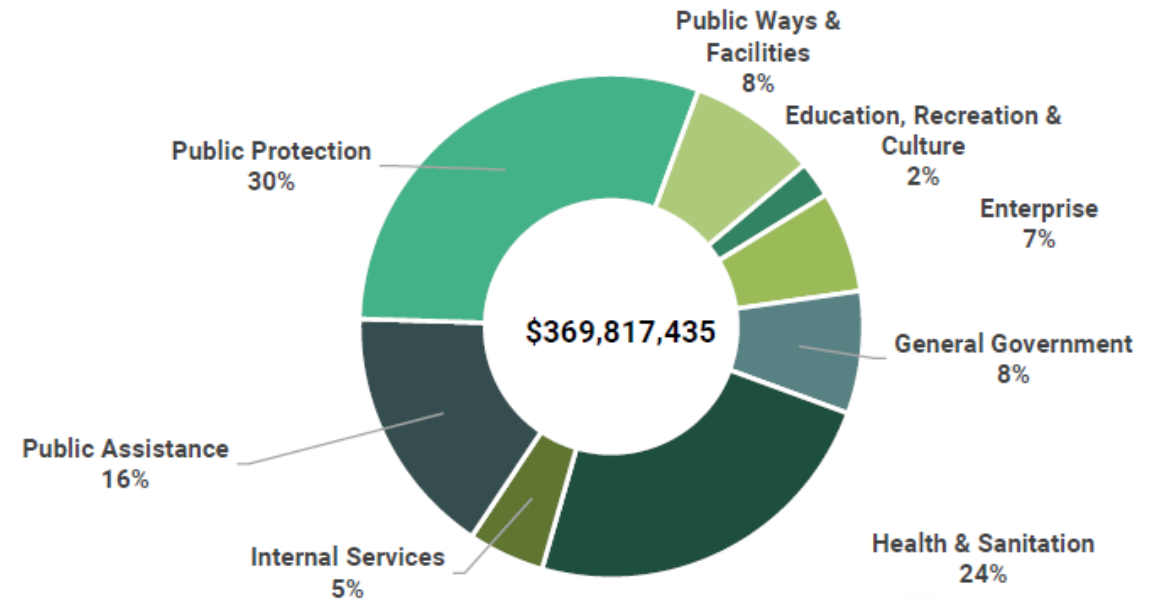


Fiscal Stability & Core Services

Caution and some uncertainty, but overall stable fiscal position for the time being with no immediate threats to the delivery of core services

- State projecting significant budget deficit
- Property tax revenues continue to grow though at a slightly lower rate than budgeted
- Property transfer taxes and recording fees softening
- Business activities mixed
- Long-range plans, healthy fund balances and robust fiscal policies position the County well for potential challenges

Spending by Function



Emergency Preparedness

- Grant Awards
- Project Implementation
- Roadmap to Resilience
- Outreach & Engagement
- Emergency Response
- Disaster Recovery (*River Fire* - *Winter Storms*)





Economic Development

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Business engagement

Sector growth

Grants and Funding

County projects



Broadband



Broadband Strategy Plan

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Program EIR Permitting Toolkit

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Last-Mile Broadband Grant Program

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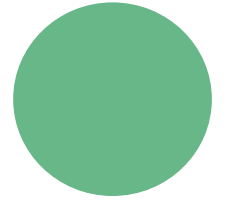
Fund and Implement Dig-Once Policy

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Community Engagement/Partnerships

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Funding & Advocacy

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Housing

- **Cashin's Field** opened January 2023; 51 units of workforce housing
- NPLH funding awarded for **Pacific Crest Commons**, a collaboration between HCS, RHA, and Truckee, and developer
- **Lone Oak II** in planning; 31 units of low-income senior housing
- **Ranch House** is under construction for 6 units of permanent supportive housing
- One owner-occupied home is planned for construction through **Habitat for Humanity**





Homelessness

- **Empire Mine Courtyard completed** for permanent housing for families and individuals at risk of homelessness
- Launched **Enhanced Care Management Team** to improve connectivity to behavioral health treatment for homeless individuals
- Commons Resource Center for **day and navigation center** is occupied by the newly formed ECM team
- Expansion of **Permanent Supportive Housing** by 28 units through Ranch House, Pacific Crest Commons, and Brunswick Commons
- **Campaign to End Veterans Homelessness** continues
- **BHBH Funding** of \$3.6 million over 3 years to expand transitional housing.





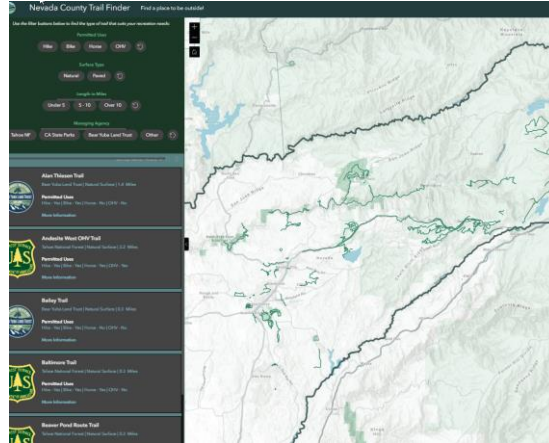
Recreation



Recreation & Resiliency Master Plan



Visitor Safety & Outdoor Recreation Management



Recreation Resources & Access



Community Outreach & Capacity Building

Climate Resilience



Secured grants and awarded grant funding to further priority projects.

Hosted 2nd Annual Sustainability Summit to Inspire – Connect – Act.

Secure CivicSpark Fellow to support our climate objective.

Embarked on transition of fleet to Zero Emission Vehicles.

Established “CRMT” Climate Resilience Microbusiness Team.

Amplified EAP Working Group.





Questions & discussion

