



2026 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM



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Executive Summary

Overview

The Nevada County Legislative Platform (Platform) provides a framework to support legislative and regulatory advocacy which seeks to ensure sustainable delivery of core public services, advance top priority objectives as adopted by the Board of Supervisors, as well as solicit funding for infrastructure needs, capital projects, and other services and programs that support and promote the well-being of Nevada County residents and communities.

The Platform includes key legislative positions for the year ahead, legislative contact information, a non-exhaustive list of important projects, and policy positions organized into five policy areas:

1. Administration of Justice (AOJ)
2. Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources (AENR)
3. Government Finance and Administration (GFA)
4. Health and Human Services (HHS)
5. Housing, Land Use, and Transportation (HLT)

Development Process

The County Executive Office leads the annual effort to identify and assess priorities, funding requests, and initiatives by engaging the senior executive team, the County's contracted and membership-based legislative advocates, and the Board of Supervisors. Input is also solicited from County departments to ensure alignment with program-specific issues including those elevated in existing County plans such as the Capital Facilities Plan, Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan, and Economic Development Action Plan.

Throughout the development process, stakeholders and partners convene to explore opportunities for regional coordination on the County's most pressing issues, strengthening our collective advocacy at the State and Federal levels. Participating stakeholders include the City of Grass Valley, City of Nevada City, Town of Truckee, school districts, special districts, and other key community partners. Once finalized, the Platform is formally adopted by the Board of Supervisors each year.

Use

The Legislative Platform serves as a guiding document throughout the year for the Board of Supervisors, County Executive Office, and senior executive team to evaluate legislative issues as they emerge and determine whether advocacy on a particular matter aligns with the County's adopted positions. The Platform is also shared with the County's contracted legislative advocacy firms: Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange, Inc. and Paragon Government Relations, Inc. The Platform is publicly available on the County's website to promote transparency and engagement.

To further highlight alignment with the Board of Supervisors' priorities, policy positions which directly support a Board Objective are identified with a corresponding icon.

Priority Objectives

The Board's priority objectives will be adopted in February 2026, at which time this document will be updated to reflect any changes in priorities. The 2025 objectives included fiscal stability and core services, emergency preparedness, economic development, broadband, climate resilience, housing, homelessness, and recreation.

2026 Key Legislative Positions

The positions below highlight the County's top legislative priorities, aligned with the Board's adopted objectives and informed by pending or emerging legislative opportunities and threats that have significant impacts on County operations and services.

Broadband

Advocate for legislation and rulemaking that removes bureaucratic barriers to implementing programs and grant funding that supports critical broadband projects in rural areas. Support efforts and funding to advance the availability, affordability, digital equity, and reliability of broadband service.

Cannabis

Support efforts to improve alignment between federal law and state-regulated cannabis programs. Oppose legislation that reduces local jurisdictional authority over cannabis activity.

Carrier of Last Resort

Oppose efforts which would allow a Carrier of Last Resort telecommunications provider to abandon those responsibilities to ensure residents have continued access to reliable and affordable basic telephone service in case of emergencies.

Farm Bill Reauthorization

Advocate for Farm Bill Reauthorization and the appropriation of federal funds and programs that support and promote rural community issues which may include nutrition, workforce housing, public lands management, wildfire protection, preparedness, forest resiliency, pest detection, and surveillance.

Federal Funding

Oppose legislation that results in budget cuts to County projects or core services or reductions in programs that would adversely impact California counties.

FEMA Reform

Support FEMA reforms that ensure transparent, timely provision of funds for disaster reimbursement, streamlining of environmental and historic preservation reviews, and review and approval of administrative actions that allow grant-funded projects to be implemented in a timely manner.

Fire and Special Districts

Support legislation that provides the necessary funding mechanism changes for both fire and special districts that results in increased funding to support operations.

Forest Management and Green Waste Removal

Advocate for ongoing sustainable funding for wildfire mitigation projects and programs, including direct funding allocations to the Office of Emergency Services and community partners.

Health and Human Services Programs

Advocate for ongoing, sustainable state and federal funding for health and human services programs and oppose efforts that pass costs associated with the impacts of federal funding and programmatic cuts onto counties or local healthcare providers.

Homelessness

Support policy initiatives and legislation that map out and address comprehensive systems to address homelessness, provide flexible funding for ongoing costs associated with providing services to unhoused residents and those at risk of homelessness, and promote the development of housing.

Housing

Support legislation to streamline development while maintaining local control, increase funding for affordable and workforce housing development, and remove barriers to access. This may include increasing state income limits to keep pace with increasing wages and inflation over time to allow for affordable housing and service eligibility.

Medi-Cal Healthcare Services

Advocate for rulemaking to ensure efficient and effective delivery of Medi-Cal services, including specialty mental health services and substance use disorder services, and for measures that protect the financial viability of rural hospitals. Oppose any state actions that transfer the financial burden of federal Medicaid cuts onto counties.

Public Land Resources and Management

Advocate for additional resources to address increased visitation to public lands, including resources to support operations and maintenance needs, administrative staff to support planning and compliance, and increased law enforcement staffing from State Parks, USFS, BLM, and USACE.

Realignment

Oppose legislation and regulation that changes state Realignment agreements including stripping local authority and transferring financial liability to counties.

Recreation Infrastructure

Advocate for funding to support recreation infrastructure including facilities, wayfinding, and parking, as well as ongoing resources and staffing for maintenance to mitigate public safety risks associated with peak period visitation and tourism.

Residential and Commercial Wildfire Insurance

Advocate for legislation, regulatory actions, or other innovations that strengthen consumer protections, improve access to affordable residential and commercial wildfire insurance, require transparent and consistent risk modeling, expand risk mitigation incentives, and continue to study and identify potential solutions to address the availability and affordability of wildfire insurance.

Rural County Exemptions

Support legislation that provides the necessary funding, regulatory flexibility, and promotes public-private coordination for local rural communities to fund, develop and maintain infrastructure and programs. Support the inclusion of rural exemptions in legislation and regulation that recognize unique rural characteristics, promote resource equity, and offset challenges associated with economies of scale between rural, suburban, and urban counties.

State Funding

Oppose legislation that results in budget cuts to County programs, projects, or core services. Oppose any state mandates that shift financial responsibilities to counties to backfill federal funding cuts, including unfunded mandates that arise from the intersection of federal changes and current state law.

Sustainable Funding and Unfunded Mandates

Advocate for sustainable resources for ongoing programs and services that include transparent funding mechanisms and oppose efforts to establish county mandates or ongoing programs and services without ongoing funding.

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2026 Projects List

The list below highlights a dynamic group of priority projects that Nevada County aims to advance through ongoing planning, advocacy, and funding efforts. While not a comprehensive inventory of all County efforts, the list represents some of the community's most pressing needs and strategic opportunities.

Project Phases



Conceptual



Planning



Ready for Implementation



Alder Creek Workforce Housing

Collaborative workforce housing project between the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District (TTUSD) and Truckee Tahoe Workforce Housing Agency aimed at easing the housing burden for TTUSD employees and other local workers. The project can be phased and would include up to 72 units in a mix of townhomes and apartments.



CAL FIRE Emergency Command Center/911 Dispatch Facility Expansion

This project would increase the capacity of the center that serves as the 911 dispatch for CAL FIRE related calls within Nevada County. The current facility houses the 911 dispatch for 31 agencies including all EMS and fire across the county. 911 is facing an increased call volume up from approx. 6,000 per year in 1990 to 49,000 currently. To maintain this critical safety element, additional space and capacity will need to increase to continue serving at the same level.



Capacity Improvements to Hwy 20 @ Pleasant Valley Road

This infrastructure project will address existing operational deficiencies and develop a preferred alternative for construction that will improve traffic flow, reduce congestion, and enhance safety at this critical regional intersection.



Eastern County Snow Removal and Road Maintenance Equipment

The County has been renting various locations in eastern Nevada County to house snow removal and road maintenance equipment and needs a permanent facility which includes electricity to support charging for EVs to ensure compliance with potential mandated clean fleet requirements in the future. Additionally, space is needed to allow a resting area for road maintenance crews. This project will support emergency preparedness efforts by allowing transportation readiness.



Edwards Bridge Project

This historic bridge over the South Yuba River, at a popular recreation destination commonly referred to as "Edwards Crossing," was built in 1904. The project would provide a safe permanent crossing over the river on North Bloomfield Road. The County proposes to construct a new two-lane bridge at one of two upstream locations, either 60' or 1,000' upstream, with the 1,000' option ("Alternative 2") being the preferred option, with its Environmental Impact Review estimated to be completed in mid-2026. The existing bridge will be left in place for pedestrian and historical access.



Forest Management and Wildfire Mitigation

As part of the ongoing process of wildfire mitigation projects and programs, this initiative will address priority wildfire resilience efforts across the county.

- **The Community Wildfire Ignition Mitigation Project:** Remove 500 acres of hazardous vegetation within CWPP Project Priority areas and provide roadside chipping to approximately 2,000

residents, 45% of which are in a Low-Income Community, and 92% of which live in a Very High or High FHSZ, to support defensible space in wildfire-threatened communities and mitigate a common wildfire ignition source through a Burn Pile Education Program.

- **Deer Creek Canyon Fuel Mitigation:** In collaboration, with City of Nevada City, non-profits, the Nisenan Tribe, Firewise Communities, Nevada Irrigation District, and others, advance multijurisdictional forest health, fuel mitigation, and watershed protection projects in the Deer Creek Canyon that protect critical infrastructure and natural resources.
- **Greater Banner Mountain Ingress Egress Project:** Treat 795 acres along critical ingress and egress routes in the Greater Banner Mountain area and Scott's Flat Reservoir, including fuel reduction along County-maintained roads, private roads, and private property. The project will provide 20 to 300 feet of roadside fuel reduction using a variety of treatment methods; with the goal of reducing wildfire risk and providing safer evacuation routes.
- **South Yuba Canyon Fuel Mitigation:** In collaboration, with CAL FIRE, Yuba Watershed Institute, Bureau of Land Management, State Parks, USFS Tahoe National Forest, Firewise Communities, and others, advance multijurisdictional forest health, fuel mitigation, and watershed protection projects in the South Yuba Canyon that protect critical infrastructure and natural resources.
- **Washington Wildfire Defense Project:** Create critical ingress/egress corridors and wildfire defense zones on USFS land surrounding the disadvantaged community of Washington, CA. This project proposes to treat approximately 172 acres of USFS land. Treatments will include manual cutting, piling, covering of piles, and installation of fire control lines. Consistent with Tahoe National Forest practices, USFS Fuels Crews will conduct pile burning in 2027–28.
- **You Bet Wildfire Defense by Design Project:** Pilot the Wildfire Ready Roads prioritization tool and improve regional capacity for implementation of CWPP-based projects using standardized metrics. Focused on the 12,655-acre You Bet Firewise USA® Community (YBFWC) in Grass Valley, CA, this project treats private parcels as a unified landscape, incorporating landowner input while aligning with Nevada County's CWPP goals and regional treatment standards.
- **Yuba Forest Resilience Project:** Execute a new GNA with USFS Tahoe National Forest that would allow County of Nevada to manage projects and administer timber sales on behalf of the forest and reinvest the revenue into Wildland-Urban-Interface (WUI) projects of community significance.



Health and Human Services Campus

Health and Human Service Agency staff and operations are spread out between three different Western County locations. Efficiencies would be gained, and customer service improved if all operations were co-located.



HealthSpan

This communitywide wellness initiative led by the Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation aims to enhance community health outcomes, reduce the prevalence of chronic diseases in the region, and alleviate the burden on the region's already strained healthcare system. By identifying and elevating effective health and wellness programs, HealthSpan helps ensure that proven strategies receive the attention and resources they need to make a broader impact.



Helipad Upgrades at Nevada County Airport

Rehabilitate and expand the helipad at the Nevada County Airport to allow for multiple CAL FIRE aircraft uses, including the S-2 tankers and the S-71i Fire Hawk helicopter, which will expand regional wildland firefighting capabilities. Specifically, a "Pen and Ink" change is required from the

FAA to the Nevada County Airport Layout Plan to move the project forward.



Highway 49 Corridor Improvements

This multi-modal 2.5-mile project will provide significant safety and traffic flow improvements to this two-lane segment of SR 49 between McKnight Way and La Barr Meadows Road. Among other things, it will widen this segment to a four-lane conventional access control highway, install a continuous median barrier, remove numerous ingress/egresses to the highway, construct a frontage road system, install eight-foot shoulders with rumble strips, provide animal undercrossing/fencing, and more.



Independence Trail Reconstruction

In August 2020, the Jones Fire destroyed wooden flumes that served as bridges to transport visitors on Independence Trail West, including those using wheelchairs, over deep canyons and ravines. Bear Yuba Land Trust, the owner of this section of the Independence Trail, is seeking funding or to transfer ownership of this land to State Parks, to rebuild this iconic ADA-accessible recreational amenity.



Mobile Health Programs

Advocate for sustainable funding and opportunities to develop additional mobile health programs that further reach rural underserved communities with primary care and preventative health services.



Nevada County Animal Shelter and Emergency Evacuation Site

The existing facility is over 30 years old and is too small to meet current community needs, requiring reliance on foster homes. The facility lacks adequate parking and is not appropriately accessible. The current shelter was designed for outdated sheltering practices of capture, confine, and euthanize, and does not offer a modern adoption-centric layout. The County relies on the animal shelter, as well as the Nevada County Fairgrounds, to house hundreds of animals during emergency wildfire evacuations. The current animal shelter's ability to meet this need is inadequate.



Nevada County Courthouse

Coordinate with the City of Nevada City and the State of California to support alternative uses for the courthouse as well as manage and minimize any disruptions that arise from its relocation.



North San Juan Fire Suppression Project

This project involves construction of a 330,000-gallon water storage tank, approximately 4,200 feet of water mains, and 10 fire hydrants, in the commercial core of North San Juan to provide fire-water storage and distribution for commercial and residential uses in the area. Completion of the project is intended to remove a barrier for economic development and provide a reliable, robust means of fire-water supply in North San Juan.



Penn Valley Community Center

The Penn Valley community identified a community center as a top priority in the Penn Valley Area Plan, completed in 2020. On land owned by the Penn Valley Community Foundation, the community center would provide much needed meeting rooms, a commercial kitchen, event, and outdoor activity space.



Pines to Mines

Nevada County, in collaboration with Tahoe National Forest and local nonprofit partners, has prioritized the creation of the Pines to Mines Trail—a 72-mile route linking Nevada City to Truckee. This trail is being completed in sections and will connect communities, highlight Nevada County’s most spectacular natural landscapes, and stimulate sustainable economic growth through outdoor recreation and tourism.



Psychiatric Health Facility and Mental Health Rehabilitation Center

This project includes building a small and secure, inpatient mental health facility that will provide two essential levels of care: Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) which is designed for short-term treatment and Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) which offers longer-term treatment. This new center will ensure that those in need can receive timely, high-quality care locally.



Regional Biomass Opportunities

Leverage the multi-county (Nevada/Placer/El Dorado) Biofuel Development Opportunity Zone Rating Report to foster regional coordination of efforts that advance the development of bio-based business development including community green waste events, bioenergy facilities, local sawmills, and biochar production.



Right-of-Way Identification Projects on County Roadways

This project will support surveying needed for reporting to FEMA, facilitating brush clearing as part of the fire prevention activities, and the establishment of evacuation routes.



Road Infrastructure Improvements that Strengthen Emergency Ingress/Egress

Funding is needed for design and construction of road improvements on various locations throughout the county to strengthen emergency ingress/egress.



Rough and Ready Hwy/Ridge Road/Adam Ave Intersection Improvements

Realign two three-legged, angled intersections into one four-legged intersection. The proposed improvements would convert the side street stop controls at both existing intersections into a single roundabout. In conjunction with the roundabout, design considerations will include pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements.



Rural Community Fire Station Improvements

Projects to improve fire stations in North San Juan and the Town of Washington to enhance emergency preparedness and provide essential community services in these isolated communities. Funding is needed for plan readiness and construction.



Safe Recreation Access to Rivers

As part of ongoing bridge replacement projects, this initiative will expand, modernize, and improve public access to river recreation areas while addressing critical safety and infrastructure needs. Five heavily used bridge access points have been identified as priority areas due to high recreational traffic, limited parking, insufficient amenities, and unsafe roadway conditions.

- **Dog Bar:** Improve river access, create off-roadway parking, enhance signage, and add bike and pedestrian lanes.

- **Hirschdale Truckee River:** Conduct location study, planning, design, and construction of a formal parking lot, river access points, restrooms, trash facilities, and related amenities.
- **Edwards Crossing:** Construct and improve parking areas with direct trail and river access; update signage; and incorporate clear no-parking/fire lane zones and advance warning signage.
- **Purdon Crossing:** Create designated, striped parking in the existing area, and add restrooms, trash facilities, and signage.
- **South Yuba River at Highway 49:** Broaden roadways on both sides of the bridge to provide safe off-roadway parking and signage and construct a vault toilet and wayfinding facilities at the Highway 49 crossing of Independence Trail.



Scotts Flat Dam Spillway

Funding is necessary for the construction of the mandatory replacement of the Scotts Flat Dam which is owned, operated, and maintained by Nevada Irrigation District. The dam is vital to local communities, which rely on it for water delivery, recreation opportunities, wildlife habitat, and as an economic driver. In addition, the Scotts Flat hydropower plant generates 875 kilowatts of electricity. Design work will continue in 2026, and construction is estimated to begin in 2027.



Stagecoach Veterans Housing Project

This includes a purchase and remodel of an existing motel into permanent housing prioritized for homeless veterans. Funding is needed to supplement project costs that exceed anticipated receipt of grant award funds.



Truckee Library

Advocate for funding to supplement public dollars to construct a spacious 21st century library to serve the Truckee/ Martis Valley Region and Placer County residents in partnership with community stakeholders.



Truckee Navigation Center

Advocate for funding to develop a Navigation Center in Truckee, including acquisition or new construction. Currently pursuing a lease, which if successful, will be ready for small-scale tenant improvements and subsequent occupancy.



USDA Inspected Animal Harvest Facility

Advocate for funding for a USDA-inspected and community-run animal harvesting facility owned by the Nevada Joint Union High School District, located at the school ranch that supports local farmers and ranchers while providing student internship and CTE opportunities. The facility will complete the farm-to-fork cycle, strengthening student learning and the local agricultural economy.

Priority Objectives



Fiscal Stability and Core Services

Maintain the County's financial stability and core services.



Emergency Preparedness

Lead the community in all hazards planning, preparedness, response, and recovery with a focus on wildfire. Do this by focusing on improving countywide evacuation routes and safety, continuing to strengthen early alert and critical communication systems, partnering closely with residents and community partners in emergency preparedness, defensible space, home hardening, green waste disposal, and fire-safe land stewardship.



Economic Development

Promote economic development by emphasizing resiliency and entrepreneurship; retaining and attracting high quality jobs; investing in major infrastructure projects; and working with local, state and federal partners to support our small business, nonprofit, and tourism sectors.



Broadband

Equitably expand broadband to support economic development, distance-learning, telework, telemedicine, and general quality of life for all residents by championing the implementation of Nevada County Broadband Strategy Plan policies and last-mile infrastructure projects.



Climate Resilience

Safeguard Nevada County's economic durability, environmental integrity, and public health and safety by preparing for, adapting to, and mitigating changing climate conditions in a way that reflects our rural quality of life.



Housing

Coordinate with local jurisdictions, developers, and other partners to facilitate development of, and access to, affordable and workforce housing.



Homelessness

In partnership with the Continuum of Care, prevent homelessness, address the needs of people experiencing homelessness, and move towards sustainable, ongoing programs.




Recreation

Promote sustainable recreation in partnership with community providers and other jurisdictions to enhance recreational access, support public health and safety, realize economic opportunities and preserve natural resource assets.

Legislative Positions

Policy Area: Administration of Justice (AOJ)

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Objective	Target
Animal Control	AOJ 1.1: Support legislation that increases flexibility for local animal control officers to administer vaccinations to prevent the spread of communicable disease by expanding exemptions of licensure and specified requirements on licensees when engaging in specified acts of veterinary care.	- Sheriff's Office - City of Grass Valley		State
California Highway Patrol (CHP) Sustainable Funding	AOJ 1.2: Advocate for sustainable resources for local California Highway Patrol divisions, including increased staffing, equipment, and other resources to enhance safety.	- Board of Supervisors - CA Highway Patrol		State
County Jail Operations	AOJ 1.3: Support funding for construction, modernization, and staffing of adult criminal justice facilities that will meet the needs resulting from realignment and address long term sentences in county jails.	- Sheriff's Office - City of Grass Valley - City of Nevada City		State
Court Discretion	AOJ 1.4: Support legislation that provides increased discretion of prosecutors and courts to prosecute crimes related to theft of firearms based on all facts and circumstances surrounding the offense.	- District Attorney - Public Defender - City of Grass Valley		State
Court Security Funding	AOJ 1.5: Support legislation that will fully fund court security measures.	- Sheriff's Office - County Executive Office		State
Criminal Justice Diversion	AOJ 1.6: Support legislation expanding the use of, and funding for, diversion for people charged with criminal offenses.	- District Attorney - Public Defender - Probation		State/ Federal

Criminal Justice Reform Unfunded Mandates

AOJ 1.7: Support legislation that provides state funding for public defender offices to implement criminal system reform measures.

- Public Defenders



State

Diversion and Community-Based Restoration to Address IST Waitlist

AOJ 1.8: Support legislation to expand diversion and community-based restoration to reduce the number of people on the felony incompetent to stand trial (IST) waitlist.

- Probation
- Behavioral Health

State/
Federal

Division of Juvenile Justice

AOJ 1.9: Support efforts to remove barriers for successful Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Realignment implementation, and more specifically for the delivery of individualized services and specialized treatment necessary for rehabilitation.

- Probation

State/
Federal

Equitable Grant Funding for Public Defenders

AOJ 1.10: Support legislation to require equitable grant funding to Public Defender offices for the defense and protection of clients equivalent to the amount of grant funding provided for the investigation and prosecution of crime.

- Public Defender
- Health and Human Services Agency



State

Excessive Force Whistle Blower Protections

AOJ 1.11: Support legislation that provides requirements and protection for whistleblowers reporting excessive force used by law enforcement officers.

- Public Defender
- Sheriff's Office




State

Foster Youth

AOJ 1.12: Advocate for funding to support the expanded definition of probation youth in the Youth Services Coordinating Program and Local Control Funding Formula, and advocate for sustainable, continued funding that supports foster youth or former foster youth such as Family Urgent Response System and Bringing Families Home.

- Probation
- Public Defender
- District Attorney
- Schools

State/
Federal

Health and Wellness for Criminal Justice Professionals	AOJ 1.13: Advocate for health and wellness programs and ongoing funding for criminal justice professionals, including but not limited to those working as district attorneys, law enforcement, public defenders, and probation to increase retention.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- District Attorney- Sheriff's Office- Public Defender- Probation		State/ Federal
Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) Growth Cap and Penalty Program	AOJ 1.14: Advocate for legislative or regulatory changes that amend the State's Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) Growth Cap that are reasonable and equitable based upon accurate and statistically defensible methodologies and to amend the associated penalty program so that penalties are implemented in a more just way to ensure high performing counties with low IST in the baseline FY2021 are not overly penalized for increased caseloads.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Behavioral Health		State
Justice Assistance	AOJ 1.15: Support the maximum level of funding for key federal justice assistance and law enforcement grant programs, including, but not limited to, Byrne/JAG, COPS, and SCAAP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sheriff's Office		Federal
Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA)	AOJ 1.16: Oppose legislation that redirects JJCPA funds, strips Chief Probation Officers of important leadership positions, or amends required multiagency juvenile justice plans where responsibility and liability for serving system-involved youth falls on county probation without the authority to provide leadership, guidance, and coordination of local activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Probation		State
Law Enforcement Personnel Transparency	AOJ 1.17: Support legislation for increased transparency regarding law enforcement misconduct and POST decertification actions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Public Defender- District Attorney- Sheriff's Office		State/ Federal
Local Government Juvenile Justice Financing	AOJ 1.18: Oppose legislation that strips local authority and flexibility through the mandated reallocation of juvenile justice funds as well as legislation changing the membership provisions of county juvenile justice coordinating councils without probation and other law-enforcement membership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Probation		State

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

National Public Defense Workload Study	AOJ 1.19: Advocate for state funding support to facilitate the implementation of the National Public Defense Workload Study.	- Public Defender		Federal
Pre-Trial Service Allocation	AOJ 1.20: Advocate to expand state funding for pre-trial services via an increase in direct county allocations.	- Probation - Public Defender		State
Probation Funding Equity	AOJ 1.21: Support legislation that amends funding mechanisms for rural county probation departments and ensures fiscal equity irrespective of court discretion.	- Probation - Sheriff's Office		State
Public Defender Funding	AOJ 1.22: Support legislation or administrative action to fully fund optimal workloads for public defenders, address historical funding imbalances, and provide grants to improve the provision of indigent defense services in rural counties.	- Public Defender		State
Public Safety Realignment	AOJ 1.23: Support continued and protected funding for Public Safety Realignment.	- Sheriff's Office - Probation - Health and Human Services Agency		State
Reentry for Justice Involved Individuals	AOJ 1.24: Support legislation and efforts that remove barriers and obstacles for justice involved individuals to obtain and retain employment.	- Probation - Public Defender - District Attorney - Health and Human Services Agency		State/ Federal
Reentry Housing and Workforce Development Programs	AOJ 1.25: Support legislation for the establishment and sustainable funding for Reentry Housing and Workforce Development Programs.	- Probation - Public Defender		State
Reform Peremptory Challenges	AOJ 1.26: Support legislation that reforms the use of peremptory challenges with effective procedures for eliminating the use of unfair exclusion of potential jurors.	- Public Defender - District Attorney		State

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Restorative Justice Funding

AOJ 1.27: Advocate for sustainable funding for restorative justice programs, practices, and initiatives.

- District Attorney

State/
Federal

Technical Systems and Use of Capacity

AOJ 1.28: Advocate for ongoing resources necessary to leverage technical systems associated with evidence evaluation, processing, and maintenance.

- District Attorney
- Public Defender
- Sheriff's Office
- Information and
General Services

State/
Federal





Victim Services

AOJ 1.29: Advocate for ongoing necessary funding for victim services.






- District Attorney

State/
Federal






Policy Area: Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources (AENR)

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Objective	Target
Agricultural and Working Lands as Wildfire Mitigation	AENR 2.1: Support funding to research, quantify the value, and expand working and agricultural lands as an effective mechanism to mitigate wildfire risk.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services - Agricultural Commissioner - Nevada Irrigation District 		State
CAL FIRE Conservation (Fire) Camp Programs	AENR 2.2: Support legislation and funding for the sustainability and expansion of the Conservation (Fire) Camp Program administered in partnership with CAL FIRE and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services 		State
CAL FIRE Grant Programs	AENR 2.3: Support increased funding for CAL FIRE, and support grants for the prevention, response, and recovery of wildfire and related activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services 		State
Cannabis Banking	AENR 2.4: Support efforts to reform restrictive federal banking regulations to increase access to traditional banking services and financial institutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board of Supervisors - Treasurer Tax Collector - Auditor-Controller - City of Nevada City 		Federal
Cannabis Marketing and Branding	AENR 2.5: Oppose legislation that restricts boutique local marketing and branding for legal cannabis cultivators and commercial businesses, while supporting reasonable restrictions on marketing practices that target or appeal to children and underage youth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Development Agency - Cannabis Compliance - Economic Development 		State/ Federal
Cannabis Regulation	AENR 2.6: Support legislative efforts to: clarify inconsistent state regulation; improve alignment between federal law and state-regulated cannabis programs; protect local control of allowable cannabis activities; and fund enforcement and public health activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Development Agency - Sheriff's Office - Public Health - City of Grass Valley - City of Nevada City - Nevada County Contractors Association 		State/ Federal






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Cannabis Taxes	AENR 2.7: Oppose legislative efforts that place increased tax on the sale or use of cannabis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Development Agency - Cannabis Compliance - Treasurer Tax Collector - Economic Development 		State/ Federal
Cap-and-Invest Funds for Rural Communities	AENR 2.8: Advocate for dedication of Cap-and-Invest revenue to programs and projects which can make a significant impact in rural communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Development Agency - Nevada County Contractors Association 		State
Code Compliance Officer Safety	AENR 2.9: Support legislation that provides increased protection for Code Compliance Officer safety including, prohibiting the disclosure of officer personal contact information and funding for increased safety and training resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Code Compliance 		State
Data Analysis on Wildfire Mitigation Efforts	AENR 2.10: Support research efforts that quantify the indirect costs of wildfire and the dollar value of avoided loss to be used to support proactive prevention actions to avoid the need for reactive recovery.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services 		State
Disaster Reimbursement	AENR 2.11: Advocate for timely reimbursements associated with declared states of emergency and subsequent recovery efforts including all costs incurred from emergency events by the County and community and green waste removal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services - Public Works - City of Grass Valley - City of Nevada City 		State/ Federal
Donner Summit Recreation Preservation	AENR 2.12: Support legislation that provides resources for education and open space infrastructure, in recognition of Donner Summit as a world-class recreation destination in Nevada County.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation 		Federal
Economic Development Destination Stewardship	AENR 2.13: Support legislation and funding that advances equitable access to sustainable tourism and outdoor recreation and recognizes outdoor recreation as eligible for rural economic development funding, to support jobs, visitor services, sustainable tourism infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic Development - Community Development Agency - City of Nevada City - Recreation - Nevada Irrigation District 		State/ Federal





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Emergency Preparedness	AENR 2.14: Support fair and equitable funding to local health departments and emergency services for emergency planning, preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services - Public Health - City of Grass Valley - City of Nevada City - Nevada County Consolidated Fire District - Recreation - Nevada Irrigation District 		State/ Federal
Emergency Service Planning Frequency	AENR 2.15: Oppose legislative proposals to increase emergency service planning frequency requirements that outpace planning needs and/or lack adequate funding and resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services - Planning 		State
Environmental Sustainability	AENR 2.16: Support legislation and rulemaking that enhances local government's ability to set local policies relating to environmental "sustainability," including, but not limited to, building standards, land use planning, solid waste, and multi-modal transportation that balance rural economic development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services - Community Development Agency - Board of Supervisors - City of Grass Valley - City of Nevada City - Town of Truckee - Nevada Irrigation District - Economic Development - Nevada County Contractors Association 		State/ Federal
FEMA Funding	AENR 2.17: Advocate for sustainable Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant funds, such as Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), and for timely award notification and fund distributions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services 		Federal
FEMA Reform	AENR 2.18: Support FEMA reforms including assurances around transparent and timely provision of funds, streamlining of environmental and historic preservation reviews, and review and approval of administrative actions that allow grant-funded projects to be implemented timely.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board of Supervisors - Office of Emergency Services 		Federal
Federal Lands Acquisition	AENR 2.19: Advocate for the streamlined acquisition of federal lands and their transfer to local jurisdictions when related to critical infrastructure, public lands management, and public safety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Development Agency - Office of Emergency Services - City of Nevada City 		Federal







Federal Lands Management	AENR 2.20: Support legislation for increased and predictable funding for greater investments in ecological forest management and fire suppression practices on federal lands consistent with the 2020 Memorandum of Understanding with the State of California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services - City of Grass Valley - Nevada County Consolidated Fire District - Town of Truckee 		Federal
Forest Health Resources	AENR 2.21: Advocate for funding and resources for forest thinning efforts, including the use of mixed-material biomass facilities and the integration of improved recreational facilities to provide added value in resource protection including reducing regulatory barriers to implement these projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services - Town of Truckee - City of Grass Valley - City of Nevada City 		State/ Federal
Forest Health and Wildfire Protection for Watershed Preservation	AENR 2.22: Support proposals that secure funding and dedicated resources to address tree mortality on local, state, federal and private lands. Efforts should focus on reducing fire hazards and promoting forest and watershed health.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services - City of Grass Valley - City of Nevada City - Nevada Irrigation District 		
Good Neighbor Agreements	AENR 2.23: Support continued ability to execute Good Neighbor Agreements with BLM and USFS to create efficiencies and economies of scale while performing forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration work on the federal land managed by those agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services 		Federal
Industrial Hemp	AENR 2.24: Oppose legislation that amends the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA), Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) or definition of cannabis to allow a cannabis licensee from manufacturing, distributing, or selling products that contain industrial hemp without proper regulations that safeguard the legal cannabis industry.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cannabis Compliance - Economic Development 		State/ Federal
Intoxicating Hemp	AENR 2.25: Support legislation placing limitations or restrictions on intoxicating hemp.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cannabis Compliance 		State/ Federal





Invasive Species Program	AENR 2.26: Protect existing revenue sources and support additional funding to manage and prevent the potential spread of invasive species in Nevada County and/or California.	- Agricultural Commissioner		State/ Federal
Licensed Cannabis Events	AENR 2.27: Support legislation that allows legal Nevada County cannabis farmers who cultivate cannabis to obtain a specialty event license that would permit them to sell their products to consumers at licensed cannabis events.	- Cannabis Compliance - Economic Development		State/ Federal
Local Control and Regulation on Cannabis and Medical Cannabis	AENR 2.28: Oppose legislation that restricts or removes local control or regulation of cannabis cultivation, commercial cannabis operation and/or medical cannabis.	- Community Development Agency - Cannabis Compliance - City of Grass Valley - City of Nevada City		State/ Federal
Open Space Recreation Assets	AENR 2.29: Advocate for Federal and State resources, incentives, and streamlined permitting for outdoor recreation, multi-use trail development, and assets to support high visitation areas, such as parking, restrooms, and signage.	- Board of Supervisors - County Executive Office - Recreation - Nevada Irrigation District		State/ Federal
Open Space Recreation Visitor Impact Mitigation	AENR 2.30: Support legislation and regulation that provides support for highly impacted recreational areas with limited resources to address impacts from traffic, waste and environmental degradation, especially from day-use visitation.	- Recreation		State/ Federal
Outdoor Education and Safety Programs	AENR 2.31: Advocate for funding for outdoor education initiatives that teach safety, conservation, and responsible recreation practices. This includes programs targeting youth and underserved communities to foster a culture of stewardship and safety in outdoor spaces.	- Recreation		State/ Federal
Outdoor Recreational Facilities	AENR 2.32: Advocate for state and federal resources for the development and on-going maintenance necessary for public restroom facilities, parking enhancements, and recreation infrastructure, including the prioritization of projects within the CA Recreational Trails System Plan.	- Community Development Agency - Sheriff's Office - Nevada County Superintendent of Schools		State/ Federal

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Payments-in Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Funding	AENR 2.33: Support efforts to secure Payments-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Funding and oppose efforts to decrease or defund PILT and/or SRS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - County Executive Office - Treasurer Tax Collector - Auditor-Controller - Nevada County Contractors Association 		State/ Federal
PG&E Vegetation Management Communication	AENR 2.34: Support legislation and rulemaking for transparent and clear programmatic processes for the removal of hazardous vegetation which advance clear and consistent communication, balance private property rights, ensure public safety and compliance with hazardous vegetation requirements, and do not increase costs to residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services - Nevada County Consolidated Fire District 		State
PG&E Vegetation Management Program Providers	AENR 2.35: Advocate for rulemaking that ensures accountability for PG&E vegetation management service providers, contractors and subcontractors with timely and accurate responsiveness to complaints or grievances.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services - Nevada County Consolidated Fire District 		State
Prescribed Fire and Air Quality	AENR 2.36: Oppose legislation or rulemaking that further restricts local control of Air Quality Management District to make waivers for special events to allow burn days specifically for biomass or prescribed fire.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services 		State
Prescribed Fire and Local Control	AENR 2.37: Support legislation that increases local control input and the ability of counties to advocate regarding burn day status.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services 		State/ Federal
Prescribed Fire Resources	AENR 2.38: Support key stakeholders and regulatory agencies in improving education and access to funding resources for agricultural and prescribed burning programs that allow for vegetation management and mitigation of wildland fire fuel hazards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services 		State/ Federal
Protection of Public Lands	AENR 2.39: Urge the preservation and protection of public lands to ensure continued access for recreational use. This includes advocating against land privatization and supporting policies that enhance conservation efforts while allowing for responsible recreation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation 		State

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Public Building Resiliency	AENR 2.40: Advocate for funding opportunities that enhance public building resiliency through improved building and energy efficiency measures.	- Facilities		Federal
Public Lands Resources	AENR 2.41: Advocate for additional resources to address the growing number of visitors to public lands, to support operations and maintenance needs, administrative staff to support planning and compliance, and increased law enforcement staffing from State Parks, USFS, and BLM.	- Office of Emergency Services - Recreation		State/ Federal
Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)	AENR 2.42: Support PSPS event legislation and rulemaking that ensures maximum communication between local Office of Emergency Services and Public Health Departments, notification to all impacted residents, special provisions for access and functional needs individuals, back-up generation to critical infrastructure and incorporated jurisdictions, and necessary reimbursement funding for PSPS related costs.	- Office of Emergency Services - Public Health - Adult Protective Services - Child Protective Services - City of Grass Valley		State
Recycle Market Development	AENR 2.43: Support legislation that expands local markets for recyclable materials, limits single-use plastics, supports producer responsibility, reforms bottle bill CRV buyback programs, and increases requirements for recycled content in products.	- Solid Waste		State
Residential and Commercial Wildfire Insurance	AENR 2.44: Support legislation that increases consumer protection, access to insurance, and transparent and consistent risk modeling related to residential and commercial wildfire insurance that balance consumer affordability with extreme risks faced by the insurance industry.	- Board of Supervisors - Office of Emergency Services - City of Grass Valley - City of Nevada City		State/ Federal
State/Federal Park Continuity to Local Recreation Amenities	AENR 2.45: Support legislation that supports and promotes the connection of State and Federal Park locations and allocates resources to local recreation amenities in adjoining jurisdictions.	- Community Development Agency - Recreation - City of Nevada City - Nevada County Superintendent of Schools		State/ Federal

<p>Vegetation Management</p>	<p>AENR 2.46: Support easing of environmental review criteria and funding for vegetation removal along both public and private roads, trails, and other essential, critical infrastructure. Advocate for funding of improvements to private roads that promotes and supports adequate ingress and egress emergency routes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Works - Community Development Agency - Planning - City of Grass Valley - City of Nevada City - Nevada County Consolidated Fire District - Nevada County Contractors Association - Town of Truckee - Board of Supervisors - Office of Emergency Services 		<p>State/ Federal</p>
<p>Wildfire Insurance and CA FAIR Plan Equity for Cannabis Cultivators</p>	<p>AENR 2.47: Support legislation that prohibits the California FAIR Plan Association from refusing to issue, canceling, or refusing to renew coverage because the applicant or policyholder possesses, or has previously possessed, a legal amount of cannabis.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic Development - Office of Emergency Services 		<p>State/ Federal</p>
<p>Wildlife Impacts on Agriculture</p>	<p>AENR 2.48: Support legislation that strengthens protections and compensation mechanisms for agricultural producers experiencing livestock losses due to wildlife impacts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agricultural Commissioner 		
<p>Wildfire Mitigation Sustainability</p>	<p>AENR 2.49: Advocate for ongoing sustainable funding for wildfire mitigation and maintenance projects and programs such as ongoing maintenance for wildfire shaded fuel breaks, as well as direct funding allocations to the Office of Emergency Services and community partners.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services - City of Grass Valley - City of Nevada City - Nevada County Consolidated Fire District - Town of Truckee - Nevada Irrigation District 		<p>State</p>
<p>Williamson Act</p>	<p>AENR 2.50: Support legislation or budget proposals to fund the Williamson Act subventions to counties, and to ensure funding returns to counties when enrolled properties end their contract period.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Development Agency - Assessor 		<p>State</p>

Policy Area: Government Finance and Administration (GFA)

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Objective	Target
Adaptation Planning	GFA 3.1: Advocate for funding and technical resources to support adaptation planning and implementation of local adaptation projects to protect key natural resources, socioeconomic resources, critical infrastructure, and communities from adverse impacts related to extreme weather conditions including workforce development, and retrofitting/ upgrading infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic Development - Office of Emergency Services - Planning - Town of Truckee - City of Nevada City - Nevada Irrigation District 		State/ Federal
Administrative Fines and Penalties	GFA 3.2: Support legislation that would affirm and protect local authority to set and impose administrative fines and penalties for violations of county ordinances.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Code Compliance 		State
Aircraft Jet Fuel Tax Revenue	GFA 3.3: Oppose efforts that divert state Aircraft Jet Fuel tax revenue from the Department of Aeronautics to other state programs to maintain adequate funding for state matching grants that support airport Capital Improvement Projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nevada County Airport 		State
Animal Care Shelter	GFA 3.4: Support funding for regional animal shelter facility and programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sheriff's Office - Information and General Services - City of Grass Valley - City of Nevada City 		State
Arts and Cultural Funding	GFA 3.5: Advocate for sustainable funding for public art and cultural programs, including support for Cultural Districts, arts education, housing initiatives, and grants, programs, and endowments that enable artists and artisans to create and maintain public art.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic Development - Nevada County Arts Council - City of Nevada City 		State/ Federal
Bonds and Funding Measures	GFA 3.6: Support an equitable disbursement of state and federal funding in all bond and funding measures affecting the County.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - County Executive Office 		State/ Federal






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Burdensome Regulatory Requirements	GFA 3.7: Support rulemaking that minimizes burdensome requirements and legal obstacles, takes into consideration the various environments of the state, and minimizes duplication of regulations by multiple agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All Departments - Nevada County Contractors Association 		State/ Federal
CA Public Contract Code §20155 Best Value Bids	GFA 3.8: Support legislation to expand the California Public Contract Code §20155 Best Value Bidder Pilot Program to other counties including Nevada County.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilities 		State
CalPERS and Unfunded Liability	GFA 3.9: Oppose legislation that would increase County unfunded liability related to CalPERS Employee Retirement benefits including changes to disallowed benefits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - County Executive Office - Auditor-Controller - Human Resources 		State
Carrier of Last Resort (COLR)	GFA 3.10: Oppose efforts which would allow a Carrier of Last Resort provider to abandon those responsibilities to ensure residents have access to reliable and affordable basic telephone service in case of emergencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board of Supervisors 		State
CDFI Fund	GFA 3.11: Advocate to protect current funding and prevent operational disruptions in the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) fund.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic Development 		Federal
Centralized Collection of Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT)	GFA 3.12: Oppose legislation that aims to consolidate or centralize the collection of transient occupancy tax imposed by a local agency on short-term rentals and strips local control and authority for tax collection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Treasurer-Tax Collector 		State
Clerk-Recorder Base Recording Fee	GFA 3.13: Support legislative efforts to increase the base recording fee from \$15 to an adequate amount that covers the associated cost. Conversely oppose efforts to reduce or waive base recording fees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clerk-Recorder 		State



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Climate Resilience Funding	GFA 3.14: Support legislation and funding rulemaking opportunities, including Prop 4, that support the development and implementation of activities related to the priority initiatives included in the Climate Resilience Board Objective as well as resiliency initiatives included in Emergency Preparedness Board Objective. Oppose legislation that strips funding or places unfunded mandates on counties associated with climate resilience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board of Supervisors - Community Development Agency 		State
County Officer Consolidation/ Restructuring	GFA 3.15: Oppose legislation to restrict the County's ability to consolidate the duties of county officer offices in any configuration or removes local discretion to determine the structure and organization of these offices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board of Supervisors - Treasurer-Tax Collector - Auditor-Controller - Elections/ Registrar of Voters - Sheriff's Office 		State
County Revenue	GFA 3.16: Oppose efforts to decrease, restrict, eliminate or otherwise restrict local autonomy of local revenues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - County Executive Office 		State/ Federal
Cyber Security and Open Data	GFA 3.17: Advocate for legislation that allows for rural flexibility and local control over cyber security and open data matters and adds County Information Technology Directors' review and input on all proposed bills to identify the possible unique impacts on rural counties and threats to essential local functions and critical infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information and General Services - City of Grass Valley - Town of Truckee 		State
Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Designation	GFA 3.18: Advocate for legislation or rulemaking flexibility regarding DAC designations in grantmaking that increase rural opportunities for community investment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board of Supervisors - County Executive Office 		Federal
Elections and PSPS Events	GFA 3.19: Support legislation and advocate for increased coordination between Elections Officials and investor-owned utilities to ensure the continuation of operations during PSPS events and to secure necessary operation funding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elections - Office of Emergency Services 		State

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Emergency Response Systems	GFA 3.20: Support efforts to ensure local and rural government input is considered in the development of statewide emergency response systems and programs, including the statewide Alert and Warning System.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services - Town of Truckee 		State
Emergency Planning Resources	GFA 3.21: Support legislation that integrates climate adaptation response/planning with emergency response, planning, and resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services - Town of Truckee - City of Nevada City - City of Grass Valley - Nevada Irrigation District 		State
Employee/Labor	GFA 3.22: Support full cost recovery of state-realigned programs to protect and enhance flexibility and local control over employee and labor relations issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - County Executive Office - Human Resources 		State
Fair Board Appointments	GFA 3.23: Advocate for continued appointments to the Nevada County Fair Board of Directors which ensure the Board is functioning at optimal capacity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board of Supervisors 		State
Farm Bill Reauthorization	GFA 3.24: Advocate for support and continuation of federal funds and programs that support and promote rural communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services - Community Development Agency - Information and General Services - Economic Development 		Federal
Fire District Funding	GFA 3.25: Advocate for funding mechanism changes for fire districts that result in increased funding to support fire protection efforts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - County Executive Office - Office of Emergency Services 		State
Funding for Base Year Property Tax Transfers	GFA 3.26: Advocate for sustainable funding for the processing of intergenerational transfers and base year transfers that require appraisals and state reporting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Auditor-Controller 		State
Health Realignment	GFA 3.27: Advocate for sufficient funding to ensure adequate resources to fulfill statutory public health, behavioral health, and indigent health care mandates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Health - Behavioral Health 		State

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IHSS and Public Guardian Funding	GFA 3.28: Advocate for sustainable funding for IHSS, including for the Public Guardian related to an increase of IHSS caseloads associated with the implementation of the Older Californians Expansion (50+) AB 133 and SB 133 that expanded eligibility, as well as related to unsustainable county maintenance of effort costs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency - Adult Protective Services - Social Services 		State
Infrastructure Water Treatment Investment	GFA 3.29: Advocate for increased direct capital investment funding for infrastructure construction and water treatment system consolidation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nevada Irrigation District - City of Grass Valley 		State/ Federal
Local and State Government Taxation and Fees	GFA 3.30: Oppose legislation that further restricts the ability to fund local government by expanding the definition of taxes to include certain charges currently defined as fees and other charges and increases the required voter threshold to two-thirds voter approval for general taxation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board of Supervisors - County Executive Office 		State
Nisenan Tribe	GFA 3.31: Support legislation to re-establish the federal recognition of the Nevada City Nisenan Rancheria Tribe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board of Supervisors 		Federal
Outdated Printed Publication Requirements	GFA 3.32: Advocate and support legislation to remove outdated traditional printed publication requirements that increase costs to taxpayers but maintains public transparency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clerk of the Board - Treasurer-Tax Collector - Planning - County Counsel 		State
Political Affiliation Requirements for Nonpartisan Offices	GFA 3.33: Oppose legislation to require or permit the disclosure of political party preferences of candidates for nonpartisan offices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board of Supervisors 		State
Preserve Local Control	GFA 3.34: Oppose legislation that does not recognize California's diversity and the need for local government's autonomy in addressing the problems and services of our residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board of Supervisors - City of Grass Valley - City of Nevada City - Town of Truckee 		State/ Federal


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Privacy/ Security	GFA 3.35: Support efforts to protect non-public information that is collected electronically by the County in compliance with various state and federal laws and local ordinances.	- All Departments	State/ Federal
Property Tax Recovery	GFA 3.36: Support legislation which allows the County to recover property tax administrative costs from schools.	- Auditor-Controller	State
Property Tax Refunds	GFA 3.37: Oppose legislation that would provide property tax refunds to owners of commercial properties by making available mid-year property assessment reductions based on disaster relief for economic losses absent physical damage.	- Assessor's Office - Treasurer Tax Collector - Clerk of the Board - County Executive Office	State
Prop 36 Funding and Implementa- tion	GFA 3.38: Advocate to secure adequate, flexible, and sustained funding which supports all affected County departments' efforts during implementation.	- Sheriff's Office - Public Defender - Probation - Health and Human Services Agency	State
Protection from Runaway Legal Liability	GFA 3.39: Support legislation that will strike a more appropriate balance for legal liability regarding settlements and statutes of limitations while maintaining an avenue for justice for survivors.	- County Counsel	State
Public Banking	GFA 3.40: Oppose public banking legislation that does not include adequate safeguards that protect public funds and are not risk averse or does not protect local authority and control of public monies and assets.	- Treasurer-Tax Collector	State
Public Civility	GFA 3.41: Support legislation that promotes public civility and rules related to public meeting order and decorum while ensuring transparency, public participation, and freedom of speech.	- Board of Supervisors	State





Public Meeting Telecommunication Requirements	GFA 3.42: Support legislation to amend the Ralph M. Brown Act to remove burdensome requirements to allow for the use of telecommunication during public meetings, while ensuring transparency and public participation, and requirements that prevent the disclosure of personally identifiable information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board of Supervisors - City of Grass Valley 	State
Public Records Act	GFA 3.43: Oppose efforts to amend the California Public Records Act that impose significant costs on state and local agencies, jeopardize taxpayer dollars through unreasonable compliance requirements, or increase undue liability for public institutions. Conversely, support efforts that streamline processes, improve efficiency, and promote or maintain public transparency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board of Supervisors 	State
Public Records Retention of Electronic Mail	GFA 3.44: Oppose legislation to increase retention period requirements for public records that include electronic mail unless adequate funding is included.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clerk of the Board - Information and General Services - County Counsel - City of Grass Valley 	State
Rural County Exemptions	GFA 3.45: Support the inclusion of rural exemptions in legislation and regulation that promote resource equity and offset challenges associated with economies of scale between rural, suburban, and urban counties.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board of Supervisors - County Executive Office 	State/ Federal
Skilled and Trained Workforce Contract Requirements	GFA 3.46: Oppose legislation to expand skilled and trained workforce requirements to contractors and sub-contractors as a prescribed prequalification to determine eligibility for bidding and contract awards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purchasing Agent - City of Grass Valley 	State
Small Businesses Operating Online	GFA 3.47: Advocate for regulations that support small businesses selling goods from unclear technology platform algorithms and artificial intelligence (AI) driven account enforcement practices that can result in inaccurate bans and lost income.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic Development 	State / Federal
Special District Funding	GFA 3.48: Advocate for funding mechanism changes for special districts that result in increased funding to support operations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board of Supervisors - County Executive Office 	State

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Special Elections	GFA 3.49: Advocate for State Funding of Elections for special elections including Recall Elections.	- Elections		State
State and Federal Mandates	GFA 3.50: Support full funding to ensure that state and federal mandates are cost-neutral to the County and pursue revisions to streamline the process for local government.	- County Executive Office		State/ Federal
State Realignment and Cost Shifts	GFA 3.51: Oppose proposals to restructure, realign, or otherwise shift the cost of state programs to local government without commensurate compensation.	- County Executive Office		State
State Supplementation for County Assessors' Program (SSCAP)	GFA 3.52: Advocate for the extension and continuation of sustainable funding through the State Supplementation for County Assessors' Program (SSCAP) for activities such as digitization of records and other programs.	- Assessor		State
Technology Mandates	GFA 3.53: Oppose legislation that restricts local control or imposes unfunded or inflexible technology mandates related to privacy, data management, emerging technologies, artificial intelligence (AI), and workforce surveillance, to avoid uncertain impacts on County operations or require unplanned resources beyond existing project capacity.	- Information and General Services		State/ Federal
Telecommunications Infrastructure	GFA 3.54: Advocate for legislation to protect the rights of local government to control location and permitting process of telecommunications infrastructure.	- Information and General Services		State/ Federal
Unrecoverable Property Tax Administrative Costs	GFA 3.55: Support legislation that provides funding equity between the state and county for unrecoverable property tax administrative costs.	- Assessor - Auditor-Controller - Treasurer Tax Collector		State

United States Postal Service (USPS)	GFA 3.56: Support efforts to provide the United States Postal Service (USPS) with additional resources for staffing including differential pay, mail security, and capital facility renovations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - County Executive Office - Information and General Services 		Federal
Utility and Energy Cost Impacts on Rate Payers	GFA 3.57: Support legislation that reduces energy and fuel costs, promotes affordability, and protects residents, businesses, and public agencies from unjustified utility cost increases. Oppose legislation or regulatory actions that pass utility expenses on to rate payers or otherwise increase energy or fuel costs without clear and demonstrated necessity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - County Executive Office 		Federal
Verification of Elected Office Qualification	GFA 3.58: Support legislation that ensures all candidates for elected office hold the necessary qualifications as prescribed by law and are verified by applicable qualified authorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board of Supervisors - Elections 		State
Water Resources Development Act	GFA 3.59: Support efforts to increase funding and resources for County departments to ensure adequate implementation of the Water Resources Development Act which supports drought community planning, resources for residential water storage, and noncommunity nontransient water systems that serve residential communities and small water suppliers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Development Agency - Environmental Health - Nevada Irrigation District 		State
Weights and Measures	GFA 3.60: Support legislation that preserves and enhances funding resources for weights and measures programs at the State (California Department of Food and Agriculture- Dept. of Measurement Standards) and local (County Sealer) level for consumer protection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agricultural Commissioner - County Executive Office - Community Development Agency 		State
Youth Workforce Internship Insurance	GFA 3.61: Advocate for regulatory actions, or other solutions that provide greater access to insurance that will cover paid internship opportunities for youth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic Development - Nevada County Contractors Association 		State

Policy Area: Health and Human Services (HHS)

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Objective	Target
Administration for Community Living	HHS 4.1: Oppose regulatory efforts that negatively impact Adult Protective Services (APS) including problematic program definitions, additional reporting requirements without adequate program funding, and fiscal investments into electronic case management systems.	- Adult Protective Services - Social Services		State
Affordable Care Act	HHS 4.2: Support continuation of the Affordable Care Act for the Nevada County residents currently enrolled.	- Social Services		State/ Federal
Affordable Childcare	HHS 4.3: Advocate for increased funding for and access to affordable childcare.	- Health and Human Services Agency - Social Services		State/ Federal
Behavioral Health Core Funding	HHS 4.4: Support efforts to increase realignment, allocations, BHSA and other core funding to reflect growing mandates and community needs so that Health and Human Services programs are adequately funded. This includes COLAs and other mechanisms to ensure revenue sources maintain pace with costs over time. Oppose efforts that threaten or jeopardize core HHSA funding.	- Health and Human Services Agency - Behavioral Health		State/ Federal
Behavioral Health Services Act	HHS 4.5: Support legislative proposals that mitigate negative programmatic and/or fiscal impacts or potential unintended consequences to county behavioral health departments from proposed implementation policies including fiscal, data tracking and program design.	- Health and Human Services Agency - Behavioral Health		State
Behavioral Health Services Act Funding	HHS 4.6: Support legislative proposals that mitigate negative programmatic and/or fiscal impacts or potential unintended consequences to county behavioral health departments from policies including fiscal, data tracking, and program design.	- Health and Human Services Agency - Behavioral Health		State



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CAL Code List of Foodborne Illnesses	HHS 4.7: Oppose legislation that expands CA Retail Food Code (Cal Codes) lists of illnesses transmissible through food to include other communicable diseases that are not transmissible through food.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Development Agency - Environmental Health 	State
California Veteran Service Office (CVSO) Funding and Local Cost Share	HHS 4.8: Support legislation to increase state funded assistance to local counties for the support of CVSOs and ensure equal cost sharing between the state and local government. Advocate to maintain and protect the current level of local assistance funding from the state to the counties to maintain CVSOs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency - Veterans Service Office 	State
CARE Court Funding and Implementation	HHS 4.9: Advocate to secure adequate, flexible, and sustained funding to support all county departments involved in implementation of the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act. Additionally, support efforts to amend existing law to ensure its successful implementation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency - Behavioral Health 	State
Child Custody and Visitation	HHS 4.10: Support legislation to allow child support workers to assist families with child custody and visitation orders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child Support Services 	State
Child Support Services	HHS 4.11: Advocate for full and sustainable funding for the Child Support Program in California. Support requiring the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to prioritize serving non-custodial parents and provide the child support administrative match to fund employment and training services. Enhance and expand employment and training programs to non-custodial parents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency - Child Support Services 	State/ Federal
Child Welfare Prevention Programs	HHS 4.12: Support legislation, including but not limited to the America's Children and Families Act that increases funding for child welfare prevention programs and/or contain policies to provide more flexibility for counties in serving families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency 	Federal



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Climate Change Impacts to Public Health	HHS 4.13: Support efforts and funding to develop climate change mitigation and resiliency strategies to help protect against and address potential impacts on health.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency - Public Health 		State/ Federal
Compact Mobile Food Facilities	HHS 4.14: Oppose legislation that exempts compact mobile food facilities from key California Code food safety, sanitation, enforcement, and penalty provisions in ways that increase public health risks or create unfunded mandates for county departments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Development Agency - Environmental Health 		State
County Medical Services Program (CMSP)	HHS 4.15: Advocate for adequate funding for the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) and county indigent health obligations under Welfare and Institutions Code 17000. CMSP and indigent health expenditures are anticipated to increase due to federal and state legislation, but without the historical state funding that supported these programs prior to the Affordable Care Act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency 		State
Dental Services for Low Income Californians	HHS 4.16: Increase funding to expand access to dental health treatment and prevention services for low-income Californians, increase Denti-Cal reimbursement levels to qualified dentists, and expand public education and awareness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency 		State
Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Medi-Cal Recoupment	HHS 4.17: Advocate for the mechanisms to alleviate burdensome Medi-Cal recoupments to DHCS for services already rendered, including accurate, equitable, and transparent calculations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency - Behavioral Health - Public Health 		State/ Federal
Early Childhood Programs and First 5 Initiatives	HHS 4.18: Support legislation for sustainable alternative revenue models that strengthen early childhood programs and access to childcare including local First 5 commissions and partner community organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency 		State

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Emergency Medical Services	HHS 4.19: Oppose legislation decreasing the role of counties in the oversight of prehospital emergency medical services including, but not limited to, medical first response ambulance services. Support legislation to enhance county authority and increase funding for such oversight. Oppose any efforts to limit the authority of the local Emergency Medical Services Medical Director over pre-hospital patient care.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services - Public Health 		State/ Federal
Family First Prevention Services Act	HHS 4.20: Support sustainable funding for and legislation to amend the Family First Prevention Services Act to expand and improve services that prevent children from entering foster care by keeping families together.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency - Social Services; Probation - Behavioral Health - Child Protective Services 		State/ Federal
Foster Family Agencies (FFA) Insurance	HHS 4.21: Support legislation or administrative action that supports reasonable solutions to address the impacts of Nonprofit Insurance Alliance of CA no longer insuring FFAs as a result of AB 2496.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency 		State
Health in our Community	HHS 4.22: Support legislation, funding, and licensing pathways for individual and community health programs and facilities delivered by counties through public health, behavioral health, social services, and veterans services that are viable with smaller population bases. Further support legislation that encourages coordination of physical and mental health services to patients, including veterans, as well as innovative practices to improve the health and wellbeing of Californians.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services 		State/ Federal
Homelessness Program Funding	HHS 4.23: Support proposals to increase funding, including ongoing and non-competitive funding, for shelter, housing, and services for individuals experiencing homelessness in rural communities. Regarding the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP), oppose reduced funding in Round 7, and advocate for including smaller cities in the allocation, to reverse the inequity towards urban areas in the current methodology.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency - City of Grass Valley - City of Nevada City 		State/ Federal


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In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)	HHS 4.24: Support advocacy efforts regarding CDSS analysis of moving IHSS collective bargaining responsibilities from individual counties to the state level.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adult Protective Services - Social Services 		State
Integrated School-Based Behavioral Health Partnerships	HHS 4.25: Support prevention and early intervention behavioral health services through integrated school-based partnerships and sustained funding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency - Behavioral Health 		State/ Federal
Involuntary Treatment	HHS 4.26: Monitor any efforts to implement SB 43 (Eggman) that expanded the definition of 'gravely disabled' and other conditions to qualify for involuntary treatment for possible infringements on personal rights. Support legislation that utilizes involuntary treatment as a last resort and that supports voluntary and community-based solutions first, and ensure adequate funding is associated with all new treatment requirements. Oppose efforts that fail to adequately address, fund, and mitigate associated concerns and impacts on individuals and County administrators.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency - Behavioral Health - Social Services 		State
Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) and Targeted Case Management (TCM)	HHS 4.27: Oppose legislation that aims to deny, reduce, cap, or eliminate MAA/TCM reimbursement or to make claiming more administratively burdensome. Support efforts to expand MAA/TCM billing to justice involved populations and carceral settings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency - Public Health 		State/ Federal
Nutrition Supports/ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	HHS 4.28: Support efforts to improve nutrition security, including ensuring that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/CalFresh) is not cut or changed to limit eligibility. Support restoration of federal funding for administration of SNAP, which directly impact the county budget.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency - City of Grass Valley 		Federal



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Permanent Housing Funding	HHS 4.29: Support increased and continued funding eligibility for permanent housing activities, including through the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. Conversely, oppose changes to HUD voucher system and limits on voucher access.	- Health and Human Services Agency	Federal
Public Health Funding	HHS 4.30: Support full funding for Public Health programs at the State and Federal Level, including restoration of recently cut programs. Oppose efforts that threaten or jeopardize funding for workforce, infrastructure, and core services.	- Health and Human Services Agency - Public Health	State/ Federal
Realignment Funding	HHS 4.31: Advocate for State General Fund backfill of lost revenues of 1991 Realignment and 2011 Realignment to ensure the provisions of core services.	- Health and Human Services Agency - Behavioral Health - Social Services - Sheriff's Office - County Executive Office	State
Rehabilitation and Treatment for Inmates	HHS 4.32: Seek funding to support both in-custody programming and facilities to enhance the County's rehabilitation and treatment programs for inmates with mental health and substance use disorders.	- Behavioral Health - Sheriff's Office	State
Social Service Workers and Public Defenders	HHS 4.33: Support legislation or administrative action to fund social workers in public defender offices.	- Public Defenders - Social Services - Behavioral Health	State
Social Services Funding	HHS 4.34: Support legislation that continues funding for critical social services housing programs, including Bringing Families Home (BFH), the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP), the Housing Support Program (HSP), and the Home Safe Program.	- Social Services	State
Social Service Workforce Development	HHS 4.35: Support legislation or administrative action that promotes hiring and retention for CWS social workers, extends Title IVE stipends to community college students and/or creates new hiring pathways to ensure the County can hire the most qualified staff to address community needs.	- Social Services	State





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Substance Use Disorder Funding	HHS 4.36: Support increased funding for substance use disorder treatment and programs, including adequate resources needed associated with the expansion of conservatorship via Senate Bill 43 (Eggman) for implementation of Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency - Behavioral Health 		State/ Federal
Sustainable Funding for One-Time Funding for Housing and Treatment	HHS 4.37: Advocate for ongoing funding for housing and treatment programs that have been or are funded with one-time funding sources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency - Behavioral Health 		State/ Federal
Sustainable Healthy Food for Schools	HHS 4.38: Support legislation that supports and promotes sustainable healthy food for schools and local food source opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency - Nevada County Superintendent of Schools 		State/ Federal
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program	HHS 4.39: Support a comprehensive reauthorization of TANF/CalWORKs to provide pathways to economic success for families by measuring outcomes rather than processes and reducing barriers including increasing flexibility in meeting work participation rules.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency 		State/ Federal
US Military Retirement Benefits	HHS 4.40: Support legislation to exempt US Military Retirement Benefits from state income tax.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency - Veterans Services Office 		State
Veteran Claim and Benefits Assistance	HHS 4.41: Support legislation to require an individual assisting a veteran with claim assistance or benefits to provide proof of credential or to notify that veteran if they are not a VA-accredited representative and place safeguards to protect veterans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency - Veterans Services Office 		State/ Federal
Veteran License Plate Fee Exemptions	HHS 4.42: Support legislation to exempt veterans receiving compensation for a 100% service-connected condition from license plate fees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency - Veterans Services Office 		State





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Veterans Employment Opportunities	HHS 4.43: Support legislation that streamlines access to post-military employment opportunities for veterans, promotes access to living-wage employment opportunities, and provides transitional support as veterans move from active duty to civilian employment.	- Veterans Services Office		State
Veterans Property Tax Deduction Limitations	HHS 4.44: Support legislation to raise property tax deduction limitations for disabled veterans.	- Health and Human Services Agency - Veterans Services Office		State
Veterans Treatment Court	HHS 4.45: Support the creation or expansion of a Veterans Treatment Court in Nevada County.	- Health and Human Services Agency - Veterans Services Office		State/ Federal
Women and Minority Veterans	HHS 4.46: Support advocacy efforts that promote service delivery equity for women and minority veterans.	- Health and Human Services Agency - Veterans Services Office		State/ Federal
Youth Homelessness	HHS 4.47: Advocate for funding for proven programs that address homelessness among unaccompanied youth and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness, and support maintaining youth set-aside funding requirements, including those in Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Round 7 (HHAP-7).	- Health and Human Services Agency - Behavioral Health		State/ Federal
Youth Mental Health Services	HHS 4.48: Support legislation to make mental health services more accessible to youth, including advocating for private insurance and Medi-Cal managed care plans to partner with counties where appropriate to create a consistent system of care for all youth regardless of insurance status.	- Health and Human Services Agency - Behavioral Health - Probation - Social Services		State/ Federal


Policy Area: Housing, Land Use, and Transportation (HLT)

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Objective	Target
Accessory Dwelling Units Funding	HLT 5.1: Support legislation that provides funding mechanisms to assist homeowners in qualifying for loans to construct additional housing units on their property, including accessory dwelling units.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Development Agency - Health and Human Services Agency - City of Grass Valley - Nevada County Contractors Association - Town of Truckee 		State/ Federal
Affordable Housing	HLT 5.2: Support legislative efforts and sustainable funding to encourage affordable, workforce, and senior housing developments in rural communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Development Agency - Health and Human Services Agency - City of Grass Valley - Nevada County Contractors Association - Town of Truckee - City of Nevada City 		
Affordable Housing State Income Limits	HLT 5.3: Support legislation to increase income limits to keep pace with increasing wage rates and inflation to allow for affordable housing and service eligibility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency - Social Services - Community Development Agency - City of Grass Valley - Town of Truckee 		State/ Federal
Area Median Income Exemption	HLT 5.4: Support legislation to establish a state-recognized Truckee-specific Area Median Income (AMI) to reflect the significantly higher cost of living in eastern Nevada County and the Truckee region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency - Community Development Agency - Town of Truckee 		State/ Federal
Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan	HLT 5.5: Support regulatory actions that provide maximum local flexibility and secure local water rights and regional water security that mitigate impacts. Oppose regulatory action that results in large negative impacts on regional water flows and/or costs to deliver water.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board of Supervisors - Nevada Irrigation District 		State

Board of Forestry Regulations	HLT 5.6: Support reasonable legislation and regulatory actions that provide fire safety regulations and home hardening requirements that mitigate wildfire. Oppose legislation or regulatory actions that threaten local control over land use and development in rural counties.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Development Agency - Public Works - Planning; Building - Code Compliance - Office of Emergency Services - City of Grass Valley - City of Nevada City - Nevada County Contractors Association 		State
Bridges Funding	HLT 5.7: Advocate for equitable allocation of IIJA bridge formula program to replace or repair aging bridges throughout the county and support ongoing efforts to replace or renew Highway Bridge Program (HPB) funding mechanisms beyond IIJA for sustainable funding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Works - Nevada County Consolidated Fire District - Nevada County Contractors Association 		State/ Federal
Broadband Last-Mile and Middle-Mile Infrastructure Development	HLT 5.8: Advocate for legislation and rulemaking that removes bureaucratic hurdles and processes to the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) program and for transparent, efficient, and rural equitable implementation of the State's Middle-Mile Infrastructure Development project and the CPUC's Last Mile Federal Funding Account. Monitor implementation of the IIJA's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program, seek sustainable program funding to support the expansion of rural broadband infrastructure development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Development Agency - Information and General Services - City of Grass Valley - City of Nevada City - Nevada County Contractors Association - Nevada County Superintendent of Schools 		State/ Federal
Clean Transportation Program Funding	HLT 5.9: Support legislation that provides funding for the Clean Transportation Program for rural county alternative fuel project implementation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Development Agency - Fleet - Transit - Economic Development 		State
Commercial Truck Weight Limits	HLT 5.10: Oppose legislation to increase commercial trucking weight limits without adequate sustainable funding for local transportation infrastructure for repair, replacement, and maintenance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Works 		Federal

County Fleet and Transit Exemptions	HLT 5.11: Support legislation, regulatory efforts, and funding that leads to reasonable solutions that appropriately balance addressing the climate impact of county transportation and vehicle fleets within available resources. This may include but is not limited to: 1) exemptions for small transit agencies and rural school public transit; 2) ensuring sufficient funding for rural agencies for ZEV infrastructure construction and vehicle purchases; 3) require public utilities to prioritize the design, development and construction of transit ZEV infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fleet - Transit - Economic Development - Nevada County Transportation Commission - Nevada County Superintendent of Schools - City of Nevada City 		State/ Federal
Dig Once Policies	HLT 5.12: Advocate for funding solutions that support “dig once” policies to advance broadband infrastructure, utility undergrounding, gas lines, and water infrastructure to reduce the frequency and scale of excavations associated with installation and maintenance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Development Agency - Information and General Services - Board of Supervisors 		State/ Federal
Housing, Development and Infrastructure Funding	HLT 5.13: Advocate for continued funding for programs which are vital to local government for infrastructure, development, and housing programs including, but not limited to, CSBG, CDBG, HOME, and Housing Choice Voucher (HCV).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency - City of Grass Valley - Nevada County Contractors Association 		State/ Federal
Federal Lands' Public Roads Maintenance	HLT 5.14: Advocate and support legislation for ongoing sustainable funding for road maintenance on Federal Lands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Works 		Federal
Forest Fire Prevention Exemption	HLT 5.15: Support legislation that extends the operation of the Forest Fire Prevention Exemption.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of Emergency Services 		State
Fund/Reform CASF Broadband Infrastructure Development Program	HLT 5.16: Advocate for the continuation and expansion of the California Advanced Services Fund's rural broadband specific funding allocation and for the CPUC to reform the grant application, challenge, and approval processes to include the ability for local jurisdictions to apply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information and General Services 		State

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Impact and Development Fees	HLT 5.17: Oppose legislation that caps, removes, or alters Impact and Development fees without local control or summarily creates an unfunded mandate through deferral or other development incentive programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Development Agency - City of Grass Valley - City of Nevada City - Nevada County Contractors Association 		State
Housing Element Flexibility for Rural Counties	HLT 5.18: Advocate for proposals that provide for flexibility in how rural counties designate parcels for specific zoning in order to meet housing development requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning - City of Grass Valley - City of Nevada City 		State
Local Zoning Authority	HLT 5.19: Oppose legislation that restricts or removes local control over enforcing local zoning requirements for housing projects, including automatic density bonuses and decreased parking requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Development Agency - Planning - Town of Truckee 		State
Nevada County Airport Automated Weather Observation Station (AWOS)	HLT 5.20: Support legislation and regulatory actions to expand the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) requirement for visibility sensors approved for AWOS to include the capacity to measure obscurations in the atmosphere, beyond precipitation, that reduce horizontal visibility, such as smoke, ash, and blowing sand.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nevada County Airport 		Federal
Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHV) Recreation and Funding	HLT 5.21: Support legislation and efforts that clarify OHV compatible uses that balance recreational needs and nuisance concerns and support sustainable funding for OHV Grant Programs on Federal and State lands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Works - Sheriff's Office 		State/ Federal
Organic Waste and Recycling	HLT 5.22: Support efforts to increase and reform recycling redemption programs and advocate for flexible rulemaking that factors economies of scale for organic waste diversion and processing infrastructure capacity applicable changes to S.B. 1383.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Works - Solid Waste - City of Grass Valley 		State

Organic Waste Procurement

HLT 5.23: Support legislation and rulemaking that provide rural communities with flexible compliance options for organic waste procurement requirements, including the use of green waste materials and sufficient funding to support effective implementation.

- Solid Waste
- Community Development Agency
- City of Grass Valley
- City of Nevada City



State

Permit Processing Efficiency and Staff Cost Recovery

HLT 5.24: Support legislation to improve efficiency and reduce the time required to process land use and building permit applications. Additionally support legislation that amend statutes that result in a reduction of staff time required to process these permits, support the use of pre-approved plans while maintaining a county's ability to assess fees that support the reasonable amount of staff services required to support permit review and processing activities.

- Community Development Agency

State

Reform CA Transportation Development Act

HLT 5.25: Support legislation to reform the California Transportation Development Act (TDA) that modifies guidelines, procedures, and funding structures that negatively impact rural counties. Support revisions of TDA law which remove current farebox recovery rate standards and which implement reasonable performance-based standards.

- Public Works
- Transit

State

Reform NEPA for Broader Exclusions of Public Safety and Increase Local Control

HLT 5.26: Support legislation and regulatory rules that support a) the broader use of categorical exclusions under NEPA to address threats to communities or watersheds, reduce the risk of catastrophic events, and ensure the timely construction and maintenance of critical transportation and water infrastructure; and b) revising NEPA in order to strengthen the involvement of local governments in the federal decision-making process, including clarifying the cooperating agency definition, and to expedite project analyses to deliver final decisions in a more timely and effective manner.

- Public Works
- Planning
- City of Grass Valley
- City of Nevada City



Federal

Regional Housing Needs Allocation Methodology and Climate Change

HLT 5.27: Support legislation that incorporates impacts associated with climate change, including emergency evacuation route capacity, and wildfire, in methodology used to determine regional housing needs allocations (RHNA).

- Planning
- City of Nevada City



State

Roads Commissioner Authority Amendment

HLT 5.28: Support legislative amendments to Streets and Highways Code §2006 to add Nevada County and to grant the Board of Supervisors specific authority to abolish the road commissioner office and transfer duties to the county director of public works. The director of public works shall not be required to have any special permit, registration, or license. Any civil engineering functions which are required to be performed by the road commissioner shall be performed by a registered civil engineer acting under the authority of the director of public works.

- Community Development Agency
- Public Works

State

Roads Funding

HLT 5.29: Support proposals to increase and backfill lost revenues for transportation funding, including those resulting from a reduction in gas tax from electric vehicles, and repay existing transportation fund loans. Oppose proposals to restrict, repurpose, or otherwise negatively impact revenues for road funding.

- Public Works
- City of Grass Valley
- Town of Truckee
- City of Nevada City



State/
Federal

Rural Business Economic Development

HLT 5.30: Advocate for regulations and legislation that promote rural business economic development and make it easier for businesses to operate in CA. Oppose legislation or regulation that disproportionately negatively impacts rural communities and businesses.

- Board of Supervisors
- Economic Development
- Community Development Agency



State

Rural Speed Limits

HLT 5.31: Advocate for rural exceptions to the prevailing speeds, or "85th percentile speed," methodology of establishing speed limits under California Vehicle code (CVC) Section 22349.

- Board of Supervisors
- Community Development Agency

State


Short-Term Rental and Local Control

HLT 5.32: Support legislation that will enhance local authority to regulate the loss of available long-term housing units to the short-term rental and fractional ownership industries.

- Health and Human Services Agency
- Community Development Agency
- Town of Truckee

State

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Subdivision Map Act	HLT 5.33: Oppose legislation to reform the California Subdivisions Map Act in a way that removes or decreases local control and conditional use requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Works - Planning - City of Grass Valley 	State
Treated Wood Waste	HLT 5.34: Support legislative efforts to allow treated wood waste to be hauled and transported to proper disposal facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Works - Solid Waste 	State/ Federal
Truckee River High-Water Mark	HLT 5.35: Support regulatory efforts to determine the high-water mark on the Truckee River that designates the river as navigable to ensure public access to the Truckee River and watershed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board of Supervisors 	State/ Federal
Workforce Housing and Missing Middle	HLT 5.36: Support legislation that supports and promotes workforce housing and advocate for sustainable funding to develop workforce housing for families with incomes above low-income thresholds (80% Area Median Income).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Human Services Agency - Community Development Agency - Town of Truckee 	 State/ Federal