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### NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** June 2, 2026

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Trisha Tillotson, Community Development Agency Director

**SUBJECT:** Informational presentation from the Nevada County Resource Conservation District on the Sustainable Land Conservation Planning grant.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Accept the presentation from the Nevada County Resource Conservation District.

**FUNDING:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:** On August 22, 2023, through Resolution 23-451, the Board of Supervisors approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Nevada and the Nevada County Resource Conservation District (NCRCD). The MOU established roles and responsibilities for submission of a grant application to the Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation (SALC) Planning Grant Program administered by the Strategic Growth Council in collaboration with the Department of Conservation and authorized the Chair of the Board to execute the agreement.

With the MOU in place, NCRCD, in partnership with County staff, successfully secured a \$500,000 SALC Planning Grant to develop an Agricultural Working Landscape Conservation Plan (AWLCP). Under SALC program guidelines, NCRCD was not eligible to serve as a lead applicant without a formal agreement with the county.

Since early 2025, NCRCD has worked in partnership with Nevada County staff from Economic Development, Planning, and the Agricultural Commissioner's Department, along with a cross section of community stakeholders, to develop *Growing our Future - A Community Action Plan for Agricultural Economic Vitality in Nevada County*. The planning process engaged farmers, ranchers, local government representatives, nonprofit organizations, conservation partners, businesses and public agencies.

Through this collaborative effort, participants identified nine priority actions to strengthen the long-term economic viability of agriculture in Nevada County while supporting stewardship of working lands. The AWLCP directly supports Board priorities related to economic development and climate resilience by helping protect agricultural lands, sustain

local agricultural production, and promote long-term community and environmental benefits.

Representatives with NCRCDC and two community grant partners will provide an overview of the draft Action Plan, its practical implementation components, and its importance to the future of agriculture in Nevada County.

**Item Initiated by:** Kimberly Parker, Economic Development Office/Community Development Agency

**Approved by:** Trisha Tillotson, Community Development Agency Director