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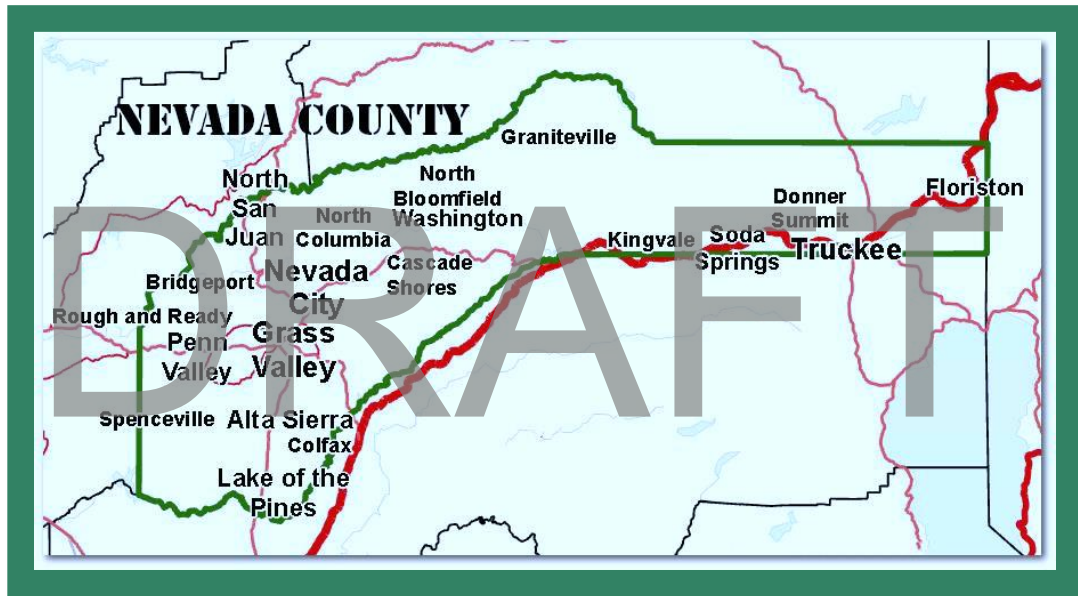
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## Executive Summary

The Nevada County Legislative Platform provides an advocacy framework to support legislative and regulatory advocacy to ensure the sustainable delivery of core public services, advance top priority objectives of the County as adopted by the Board of Supervisors, and to solicit funding for infrastructure needs, capital projects, and other services and programs that support and promote the well-being of Nevada County residents and community. Annual updates to the Platform also facilitate proactive responses to top legislative priorities or regulatory positions within a given year.



## 2024 Key Legislative Positions

The 2024 Key Legislative Positions outlined below represent an overview of top legislative positions that reflect the Board's adopted priority objectives, applicable pursuits of the California Governor's Office, and pending or upcoming legislative threats and opportunities critical to the county.

**Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan** – Support regulatory actions that provide maximum local flexibility and secure local water rights and regional water security that mitigate impacts associated with a) water supplies for cities, rural communities, and farms; b) water supplies needed for fish habitat preservation and enhancement projects; c) water supplies needed for birds along the Pacific Flyway; d) the ability to generate clean, renewable hydropower; e) recreational facilities and opportunities; f) groundwater supplies; g) impacts on cold-water pools in upstream reservoirs that are needed to provide cold-water releases for salmon spawning and rearing habitats; conversely oppose regulatory action that results in large negative impacts on regional water flows including a 55 percent unimpaired flows approach.

**Broadband** – Advocate for legislation and rulemaking that removes bureaucratic hurdles and processes to the California Advocated Series Fund (CASF) program and for transparent, efficient and rural equitable implementation of the State's Middle-Mile Infrastructure Development project. Additionally, support efforts to advance the availability, affordability, digital equity, and reliability of broadband through open-access municipal internet infrastructure like Golden State Connect Authority.

**CalAIM Implementation** – Advocate for rulemaking to ensure efficient and effective delivery of Medi-Cal specialty mental health services and substance use disorder services that are coupled with clear transparent reimbursement funding mechanisms; conversely monitor and oppose initiatives that do not include funding mechanisms or place unfunded mandates on counties.

**California Public Records Act** – Oppose efforts to amend the California Public Records Act that impose significant cost on state and local agencies that jeopardize tax-payer dollars through extensive unreasonable standards that require significant cost for compliance and increase undo liability to public institutions.

**Cannabis** – Support legislation on cannabis activity that a) increases resources and support of enforcement on egregious operations; b) alleviates burdensome tax initiatives and duplicative or costly bureaucratic processes on legal cannabis businesses; c) supports effective cannabis enforcement on illegal cannabis operations; d) permits state-legal cannabis businesses to work with federal financial institutions; and e) oppose legislation that strips or removes local jurisdictional authority.

**CARE Court Funding and Implementation** – Advocate to secure adequate, flexible, and sustained funding across all impacted local agencies to support counties' efforts to implement the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act and to amend existing law to ensure its successful implementation.

**Disaster Reimbursement** – Advocate for timely reimbursements associated with declared states of emergencies and subsequent recovery efforts, including green waste removal.

**Farm Bill Reauthorization** – Advocate for Farm Bill Reauthorization and the continuation of federal funds and programs that support and promote rural communities including key initiatives including, not limited to nutrition, workforce housing, federal forest management policy, wildfire protection, preparedness, and forest resiliency.

**Forest Management & 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.

**Homelessness** – Support policy initiatives and legislation that map out and address comprehensive systems to address homelessness that address the causes of homelessness, provide flexible funding for ongoing costs associated with providing services to unhoused residents and those at risk of homelessness, promote the development of adequate housing, and are in alignment with CSAC AT HOME Plan framework.

**Housing** – Support legislation to streamline development, increase funding for affordable housing development, and remove barriers to access such as increasing state income limits to keep pace with increases of wage rates and inflation over time to allow for affordable housing and service eligibility.



**In-Home Support Services (IHSS)** – Support advocacy efforts regarding California Department of Social Services analysis of moving IHSS collective bargaining responsibilities from individual counties to the state level; further oppose efforts that result in negative realignment impacts including from the lack of funding for an anticipated expansion of access to Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

**Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST)** – 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 statically defensible methodologies. Amend the associated penalty program so that penalties are implemented in a more just way and high performing counties with low IST in the baseline FY2021 are not overly penalized for increased caseloads.

**Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Funding** – Support legislative proposals that mitigate negative programmatic and/or fiscal impacts or potential unintended consequences to county human service departments from proposed changes to Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) or as amended to Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA).

**Organic Waste** – Advocate for legislation and rulemaking for implementing of AB 1826 and SB 1383 that provides adequate resources for local governments to develop the necessary infrastructure to implement organics diversion programs, including eligibility of green waste material for procurement requirements.

**Realignment** – Oppose legislation that changes state Realignment agreements that strip local authority without the transfer of financial liability or without local representation from California State Association of Counties, Rural County Representatives of California or other applicable county association representation.

**Recreation Infrastructure** – Advocate for funding for recreational infrastructure development and ongoing resources to mitigate risks to public safety as a result of peak period visitation and tourism.

**Recreation Public Land Resources and Management** – Advocate for sustainable funding, resources, and staffing for state and federal public land managers and law enforcement to meet recreational service needs that includes Bureau of Land Management, United States Forest Service Tahoe National Forest, United States Army Corps of Engineers, and California Department of Parks and Recreation.

**Residential and Commercial Wildfire Insurance** – Advocate for legislation, regulatory actions or other innovations that provides greater consumer protection, access to, and transparent and affordable residential and commercial wildfire insurance that balance consumer protections and extreme risks faced by the insurance industry. Potential solutions should consider holistic approaches that account for immediate, intermediate, and long-term action with recommendations at the Federal, State, and local levels.

**State Budget Deficit** – Oppose legislation that results in budget cuts to county core services.

**Sustainable Funding** – Advocate for sustainable resources for ongoing programs and services and oppose efforts to establish county mandates or ongoing programs and services with one-time funding mechanisms.

**Zero Emission Vehicle Rural Flexibility & Infrastructure** – Support legislation that provides the necessary funding, regulatory flexibility, and promotes public-private coordination for local rural communities to fund, develop and maintain the necessary infrastructure for zero emission vehicles that balances economic development and public safety.

## Projects List 2024

While not a comprehensive list of all county priority projects, this is a dynamic list of important projects that Nevada County should further through planning, advocacy, and funding. The icons below indicate if the project is in the conceptual or idea phase (light bulb), planning phase (pencil/ruler), or is ready for implementation (shovel).



### **Deer Creek Canyon Shaded Fuel Break and Related Projects in the Deer Creek Corridor**

In close collaboration with community partners, including the Deer Creek Firewise Communities, the City of Nevada City, Fire Safe Council of Nevada County, Nevada Irrigation District (NID), the Yuba Watershed Institute, and others, support and advance projects to reduce fuel loads in the Deer Creek and Little Deer Creek watersheds.



### **Dog Bar Bridge Replacement**

Provide a safe crossing over Bear River on Dog Bar Road, as the existing structure, which was built in the 1930s, is too narrow. The site is a popular recreation destination. Funding for the project was received from the California Department of Transportation and construction will remain a priority.



### **Eastern County and Regional Biomass Opportunities**

Support regional coordination and efforts to advance the development of biomass facilities and related industries in eastern county and greater region that promote sustainable land management, mitigate risks of wildfire, and promote healthy forests.



### **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 is in need of a permanent facility that has electricity to charge equipment use. 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**

**\$17 million**

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 South Yuba River on North Bloomfield Road, as the existing bridge is structurally deficient. Specifically, Nevada County is proposing a 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternative to build a new bridge 1,000’ upstream at a higher elevation and eliminate the existing hairpin turn on the south side of the river that currently prevents emergency vehicles from accessing the bridge during emergency and evacuation events. The proposed “Alternative 2” option is strongly preferred to simply rehabilitating the existing bridge (“Alternative 1”), with its Environmental Impact Review near completion on mid-2024.



### **Higgins Area Economic Development: Water/Sewer Project Funding**

**\$3.5 million**

Construct water and sewer infrastructure that will serve multi-family residential neighborhoods in the Higgins area, creating capacity for much-needed housing. Planning has been completed, but easements still need to be secured in order to make the project shovel ready.



### **Combie Road Sidewalk/Bike Lane**

**\$2 million**

This Higgins-area economic development, recreation and resilience project will construct a sidewalk and bike lane from State Highway 49 to Magnolia Road. This will support a growing

community, connecting housing, schools, and services, while enhancing public safety and reducing vehicle trips.



#### **Helipad Upgrades at Nevada County Airport**

**\$222,000**

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



#### **Highway 49 Corridor Improvements**

**\$15 million**

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.



#### **Hirschdale Bridges**

The replacement of the Hirschdale Road bridges at the Truckee River and Union Pacific Railroad overcrossing were awarded Federal Funding through the Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) and are slated for construction in 2024 per approval by the California Department of Transportation. In addition to replacing structurally deficient bridges, benefits include providing direct public recreational access to the Truckee River and community ingress/egress.



#### **Hobart Mills Workforce Housing**

Work with the US Forest Service, Truckee Tahoe Workforce Housing Agency, and other local partners to develop a phased plan for workforce housing solutions on US Forest Service land at Hobart Mills.



#### **Independence Trail Reconstruction**

**\$1.26 million**

The Jones Fire of August 2020 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, in order to rebuild this iconic ADA-accessible recreational amenity.



#### **Juvenile Hall Building Repurpose**

Since the closure of juvenile hall, the facility is now housing the Nevada County Dispatch Center. However, additional uses are being considered for the facility including developing a training center for law enforcement.



#### **Right-of-Way Identification Projects on County Roadways**

**\$1 million**

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.



### **Nevada County Courthouse**

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



### **Nevada County Animal Shelter and Emergency Evacuation Site**

**\$17 million**

The existing animal shelter 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.



### **North San Juan Fire Suppression Project**

**\$1.6 million**

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, along with Tahoe National Forest and local non-profits, has prioritized building an 81-mile trail, which would link Nevada City to Truckee and showcase the county's most beautiful landscapes.



### **Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone**

A fuels reduction treatment project on 2,420 acres in a high fire hazard severity zone that has not burned in over 100 years. The project will reduce catastrophic wildfire risk and promote forest health while creating safer public evacuation and wildfire suppression routes. It protects approximately 3,000 residences in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) communities of Lake Wildwood, Penn Valley, Rough and Ready, and the City of Grass Valley, as well as critical infrastructure for state commerce, such as State Highway 20, power and water infrastructure, and Nevada County facilities.



### **Recreation and Resilience Master Plan**

The Plan was initiated in the Fall of 2022, and anticipated to be released in 2024, to address challenges and opportunities for Nevada County's open space, trails and other recreational interfaces, and prioritize solutions that promote community health and safety, economic development, creative placemaking, landscape restoration, environmental sustainability, climate



change adaptation, and resilience. The following project areas are anticipated to be included in the plan, including advocacy and funding strategies.



**Bear River Recreation Infrastructure Projects** – Develop plan and funding needed for planning, design, construction. Explore strategies with partners to address critical infrastructure needs related to recreation safety and resource preservation.



**Boca Recreation Infrastructure** – Explore needs in master plan, work with state and federal partners to explore ways to sustain existing facilities and enhance communications.



**Donner Summit Visitor/Recreation Infrastructure** – Develop partnerships with Donner Summit Association (DSA) and Placer County to develop plan for this visitor center. Funding needed to build community consensus and implement planning phase for the eventual construction of visitor/recreation infrastructure on Donner Summit.



**South Yuba River Recreation Infrastructure: Multiple Projects**

Partner with Bureau of Land Management, State Parks, and other partners to address critical infrastructure needs for safety and resource preservation, including permanent toilets at Purdon Crossing and mile markers along the river canyon.



**Van Norden Meadow Restoration Multi-Use Trail**

In tandem with the meadow restoration project that began construction in 2022, a multi-use trail will improve, reroute, and connect up to 5 miles of multi-use trail, and improve 3 miles of the lake Van Norden Road to enhance equitable access and maintain environmental quality.



**Rough and Ready Highway/Ridge Road/Adam Ave Intersection Improvements**

**\$4.2 million**

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 will enhance emergency preparedness and provide essential community services in these isolated communities. Funding is needed for plan readiness and construction.



**Safe Harbor Evacuation Locations**

Support funding and opportunities and planning initiatives to identify safe harbor evacuation sites located within Nevada County for use during emergencies.



### **Scotts Flat Dam Spillway**

**\$30 million**

Funding is necessary for the construction of the mandatory regulatory replacement of the Scotts Flat Dam spillway estimated at approximately \$30M slated for construction sometime between 2024-2026. The spillway, owned, operated and maintained by NID, 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 is nearly complete, and construction is slated for 2025/26.



### **South Yuba River Rim Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project**

The project is a landscape-scale shaded fuel reduction area on the San Juan Ridge that will stretch from Bridgeport to Malakoff Diggins State Park, knitting together several key existing projects into a contiguous zone of protection. It will result in approximately 800 acres of new treatment, directly protecting 176 habitable at-risk structures in the project area and ultimately reducing risk for four communities and the economically vulnerable zone in Grass Valley.



### **Transit E-Bus Charging Infrastructure**

**\$1.3 million**

In response to the California Air Resources Board Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) regulation, the County received grant funds for the purchase of two zero emission vehicles and one charger to begin developing a zero-emission fleet. Subsequently, e-bus infrastructure is needed to allow the County to proceed with transitioning its fleet according to the ICT deadlines.



### **Truckee Library**

**\$25 million**

Advocate for funding to construct a spacious 21st century library to serve the Truckee/Martis Valley Region in partnership with community stakeholders.



### **Truckee Veterans Hall Repair Project**

**\$1 million**

In response to a facility condition assessment, repairs have been identified by the Truckee-Donner Recreation & Park District that will increase the safety, ADA accessibility, sustainability, and usability of the building to support our veterans.



### **Western Nevada County Improved Green Waste Disposal**

**\$2.5 million**

This project consisted of purchasing an identified site on La Barr Meadows Road to construct a green waste grinding facility which will allow for reuse of wood chips by locals and/or in co-generation plants, supporting emergency preparedness and resilience.



### **Woodpecker Ravine Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project**

Sandwiched between the City of Grass Valley to the northwest and the densely populated community of Alta Sierra to the southwest, Woodpecker Ravine is particularly vulnerable to wildfire due to its steep topography, heavily overgrown landscape, and proximity to neighborhoods. This project will implement hazardous fuel reduction on 1,390 acres within Woodpecker Ravine Fuel Modification Zone, prioritizing evacuation routes, critical infrastructure, and ridges.

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# 2023 Board 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.



## Purpose & Use

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors, County Executive Office, and senior executives develop this Legislative Platform annually to prioritize and draw attention to legislative areas of interest to the County as a whole, as well as specific program or legislative efforts that affect the County's ability to deliver the best possible services to our residents.

The County Executive Office leads the effort to identify and assess the priorities, funding requests and initiatives described here by engaging the senior executive team, the County's contracted and organization-based legislative advocates, as well as the Board of Supervisors at their annual workshop, where the Board of Supervisors sets the Board Objectives for each year. Input is also solicited from the appointed and elected County Department Heads regarding program specific issues as well as alignment with County planning documents such as the Capitol Facilities Plan, Health and Human Services Strategic Plan, etc. In addition, input is solicited from jurisdictional partners including the City of Grass Valley, the City of Nevada City, the Town of Truckee, the Nevada Irrigation District, the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools, and special districts. This document is shared with our contracted legislative advocacy firm, Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange, Inc. and Paragon Government Relations, Inc. as well as the public on the County's website. It is used throughout the year by the Board of Supervisors, County Executive Office, and Department Heads to assess legislative issues as they arise and determine if advocacy on a particular issue is in alignment with the County's Legislative Platform.





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# Legislative Positions

## Policy Area: Administration of Justice (AOJ)

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Objective	Target
Animal Control	<b>AOJ 1.1:</b> 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	<b>AOJ 1.2:</b> Advocate for sustainable resources for local California Highway Patrol divisions, including increased of staffing, equipment, and other resources.	Board of Supervisors; CHP		State
County Jail Operations	<b>AOJ 1.3:</b> Support funding for construction, modernization, and staffing of adult criminal justice facilities that will meet the needs created by realignment and address long term sentences in county jails.	Sheriff's Office; City of Grass Valley		State

<b>County Officer Consolidation/ Restructuring</b>	<b>AOJ 1.4:</b> Oppose legislation to restrict County's ability to consolidate the duties of various county officer offices in various combinations, including the consolidation of the duties of the Sheriff and the Coroner.	Board of Supervisors; Sheriff's Office; Coroner; Public Administrator	State
<b>Court Discretion</b>	<b>AOJ 1.5:</b> Support legislation that provides increased discretion of prosecutors and courts in prosecuting crimes related to theft of firearms based on all the facts and circumstances surrounding the offense.	District Attorney; Public Defender; City of Grass Valley	State
<b>Court Security Funding</b>	<b>AOJ 1.6:</b> Support legislation and efforts to provide court security funding.	Sheriff's Office; County Executive Office	State
<b>Criminal Justice Diversion</b>	<b>AOJ 1.7:</b> Support legislation expanding the use of and funding for diversion for those charged with criminal offenses.	District Attorney; Public Defender; Probation	State/ Federal
<b>Criminal Justice Reform Unfunded Mandates</b>	<b>AOJ 1.8:</b> Support legislation that provides state funding for public defender offices to implement criminal system reform measures.	Public Defenders 	State
<b>Diversion &amp; Community-based Restoration to address IST Waitlist</b>	<b>AOJ 1.9:</b> Support legislation to expand diversion and community-based restoration to reduce those on the felony incompetent to stand trial (IST) waitlist.	Probation; Behavioral Health	State/ Federal




<b>Division of Juvenile Justice</b>	<b>AOJ 1.10:</b> 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; conversely oppose efforts that strip local authority or fiscal resources that would inhibit DJJ implementation.	Probation	State/ Federal
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<b>Equitable Grant Funding for Public Defenders</b>	<b>AOJ 1.11:</b> Support legislation to require equitable grant funding to Public Defender offices for the defense and protection of clients equivalent to the grant funding provided for the investigation and prosecution of crime.	Public Defender; Health and Human Services Agency	State
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<b>Excessive Force Whistle Blower Protections</b>	<b>AOJ 1.12:</b> Support legislation that provides requirements and protection for whistleblowers reporting excessive force used by law enforcement officers.	Public Defender; Sheriff's Office	State
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<b>Foster Youth definition in Education Code</b>	<b>AOJ 1.13:</b> Support legislation to update and align the definition of probation youth, for the Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program and Local Control Funding Formula, to include all probation youth.	Probation; Public Defender; District Attorney; Schools	State/ Federal
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<b>Health and Wellness for Criminal Justice Professionals</b>	<b>AOJ 1.14:</b> Advocate for health and wellness programs and/or funding for criminal justice professionals, including but not limited to district attorney, law enforcement, public defender, and probation.	District Attorney; Sheriff's Office; Public Defender; Probation	State/ Federal
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<b>Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) Growth Cap and Penalty Program</b>	<b>AOJ 1.15:</b> Advocate for legislative or regulatory changes that amend the State's Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) Growth Cap that is reasonable and equitable based upon accurate and statically defensible mythologies and to amend the associated penalty program so that penalties are implemented in a more just way and high performing counties with low IST in the baseline FY2021 are not overly penalized for increases caseloads.	Behavioral Health		State
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<b>Indigent Defense Grants</b>	<b>AOJ 1.16:</b> Support legislation to continue the funding of indigent defense grants to improve the provision of Public Defense services in rural communities.	Public Defender; Health and Human Services Agency	State
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<b>Justice Assistance</b>	<b>AOJ 1.17:</b> 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.	Sheriff's Office		Federal
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**Juvenile Justice  
Crime Prevention  
Act (JJCPA)**

**AOJ 1.18:** Oppose legislation that redirects JJCPA funds, strip Chief Probation Officers of important leadership positions, amend 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.

Probation

State

**Law Enforcement  
Officer Health &  
Wellness**

**AOJ 1.19:** Advocate for ongoing funding for law enforcement health and wellness programs.

Sheriff's Office

State

**Law Enforcement  
Personnel  
Transparency**

**AOJ 1.20:** Support legislation for increased transparency in regard to law enforcement misconduct and POST decertification actions.

Public  
Defender

State/  
Federal

**Local  
Government  
Juvenile Justice  
Financing**

**AOJ 1.21:** Oppose legislation that strips local authority and flexibility that reallocates funds to non-law enforcement entities at the determinant of county probation departments, and changing the membership provisions of county juvenile justice coordinating councils without probation and other law-enforcement membership.

Probation




State

**Pre-Trial Service  
Allocation**

**AOJ 1.22:** Advocate to expand funding for pre-trial services via an increase in direct county allocations.

Probation;  
Public  
Defender




State

<b>Probation Funding Equity</b>	<b>AOJ 1.23:</b> Support legislation that amends funding mechanisms for rural county probation departments that ensures fiscal equity irrespective of court discretion.	Probation		State
<b>Public Defender Funding</b>	<b>AOJ 1.24:</b> Support legislation or administrative action to fully fund optimal workloads for public defenders, that address historical funding imbalances, and that provide grants to improve the provision of indigent defense services in rural counties.	Public Defender		State
<b>Public Defender Unfunded Mandates</b>	<b>AOJ 1.25:</b> Oppose legislation that creates unfunded mandates for public defenders.	Public Defender		State
<b>Public Safety Realignment</b>	<b>AOJ 1.26:</b> Support continued and protected funding for Public Safety Realignment.	Sheriff's Office; Probation; Health and Human Services Agency		State
<b>Reentry for Justice Involved Individuals</b>	<b>AOJ 1.27:</b> 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

<b>Reentry Housing and Workforce Development Programs</b>	<b>AOJ 1.28:</b> Support legislation for the establishment and sustainable funding for Reentry Housing and Workforce Development Programs that are in alignment with CSAC At HOME Plan.	Probation; Public Defender		State
<b>Reform Peremptory Challenges</b>	<b>AOJ 1.29:</b> 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
<b>Restorative Justice Funding</b>	<b>AOJ 1.30:</b> Advocate for sustainable funding for restorative justice programs, practices, and initiatives.	District Attorney		State/ Federal
<b>Sustainable funding for SB 678</b>	<b>AOJ 1.31:</b> Advocate for stability and long-term viability of SB 678 funding to provide evidence-based probation practices and supervision.	Probation		State
<b>Technical Systems &amp; Use of Capacity</b>	<b>AOJ 1.32:</b> 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
<b>Victim Services</b>	<b>AOJ 1.33:</b> 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
<b>America's Outdoor Recreation Act</b>	<b>AENR 2.1:</b> Support key aspects of the America's Outdoor Recreation Act of 2023 that include 1) biking on long-distance trails; 2) Broadband Internet Connectivity at Recreation Sites; 3) identifying needs and economic impacts and providing financial/technical assistance through USDA for gateway communities; and 4) an "all-lands" approach to lands management working across multiple jurisdictions and investments in data capture, special permitting, and improved amenities.	Recreation		State/ Federal
<b>Bridgeport Bridge Restoration Maintenance</b>	<b>AENR 2.2:</b> Support the continued preservation of this historic landmark.	Board of Supervisors		State
<b>Bureau of Land Management Public Lands</b>	<b>AENR 2.3:</b> Identify Bureau of Land Management parcels that may be available for surplus that promote Nevada County objectives, such as recreation access, economic development, create efficiencies in ownership and promote wildfire prevention.	Board of Supervisors; Office of Emergency Services; Community Development Agency		Federal

<b>CAL FIRE Conservation (Fire) Camp Programs</b>	<b>AENR 2.4:</b> 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; conversely oppose legislation that limits or places the program in jeopardy.	Office of Emergency Services		State
<b>CAL FIRE Grant Programs</b>	<b>AENR 2.5:</b> Support funding for CAL FIRE grants for the prevention, response, and recovery of wildfire and related activities.	Office of Emergency Services		State
<b>Cannabis Banking</b>	<b>AENR 2.6:</b> Support efforts to reform federal banking regulations that restrict banking services to a legitimate marijuana- or hemp-related business.	Board of Supervisors; Treasurer Tax Collector; Auditor-Controller; City of Nevada City		Federal
<b>Cannabis Regulation</b>	<b>AENR 2.7:</b> Support legislative efforts to clarify consistent state regulation, protect local control of cannabis allowable activities and fund enforcement and public health activities.	Community Development Agency; Sheriff's Office; Public Health; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City; Nevada County Contractors Association		State
<b>Cap and Trade Funds/SRA Fees for Rural Communities</b>	<b>AENR 2.8:</b> Advocate for dedication of cap and trade revenue to rural communities through revising the definition of "disadvantaged communities."	Community Development Agency; Nevada County Contractors Association		State

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**Cap-and-Trade Program**

**AENR 2.9:** Advocate for rulemaking that enables wildfire mitigation efforts to be eligible for funding through Cap-and-Trade Program that mitigates greenhouse gas emissions via wildfire.

Office of Emergency Services; Nevada County Contractors Association



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**Code Compliance Officer Safety**

**AENR 2.10:** 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 training and resources.

Code Compliance



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**Commercial Cannabis Marketing & Branding**

**AENR 2.11:** Oppose legislation that restricts boutique local marketing and branding for legal cannabis cultivators and commercial businesses; conversely support legislation that restricts marketing strategies that are focused or appeal to children and underage youth.

Community Development Agency; Cannabis Compliance; Economic Development



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**Disaster  
Reimbursement**

**AENR 2.12:** Advocate for timely reimbursements associated with declared states of emergencies and subsequent recovery efforts including all costs incurred from emergency events by the County and community.

Office of Emergency Services; Public Works; County Executive Office; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City



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**Donner Summit  
Recreation  
Preservation**

**AENR 2.13:** Recognizing Donner Summit as a world-class rock-climbing recreation destination in Nevada County, oppose regulation that places unnecessary process on USFS or National Park Service requiring management of climbing in wilderness areas that creates undo life and safety hazards as a result of fixed anchors or fixed equipment removal; conversely support legislation that provides resources for education and open space infrastructure.

Recreation



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**Economic  
Development  
Destination  
Stewardship**

**AENR 2.14:** Support legislation and funding that advances sustainable tourism and outdoor recreation equitable access to local jurisdictions.

Economic Development; Community Development Agency; City of Nevada City



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**Emergency  
Preparedness**

**AENR 2.15:** Support fair and equitable funding to local health departments and emergency services for emergency planning, preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery programs.

Office of Emergency Services; Public Health; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City; Nevada County Consolidated Fire District



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**Emergency Service  
Planning Frequency**

**AENR 2.16:** Oppose legislative proposals to increase emergency service planning frequency requirements that outpace planning needs and/or lack adequate funding and resources

Office of Emergency Services; Planning



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**Environmental  
Sustainability**

**AENR 2.17:** Support legislation and rulemaking that enhance 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.

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



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**Federal Emergency  
Management  
Agency Funding**

**AENR 2.18:** Advocate for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and other FEMA Grant Funds and for timely award notification and fund distributions.

Office of Emergency Services



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**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.

Community Development Agency; Office of Emergency Services; City of Nevada City

Federal

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**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.

Board of Supervisors; County Executive Office; Office of Emergency Services; City of Grass Valley; Nevada County Consolidated Fire District; Town of Truckee



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**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.

Office of Emergency Services; Town of Truckee; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City



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**Independence Trail Rebuild**

**AENR 2.22:** Advocate for funding for the reconstruction and ongoing maintenance of the Independence Trail along the South Yuba River.

Board of Supervisors; Community Development Agency



State/  
Federal

<p><b>Industrial Hemp</b></p>	<p><b>AENR 2.23:</b> 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.</p>	<p>Cannabis Compliance; Economic Development</p>		<p>State/ Federal</p>
<p><b>Invasive Species Program</b></p>	<p><b>AENR 2.24:</b> Protect existing revenue sources and support additional funding to manage and prevent the potential spread of invasive species in Nevada County and/or California.</p>	<p>Agricultural Commissioner</p>		<p>State/ Federal</p>
<p><b>Licensed Cannabis Events</b></p>	<p><b>AENR 2.25:</b> 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.</p>	<p>Cannabis Compliance; Economic Development</p>		<p>State/ Federal</p>
<p><b>Local Control &amp; Regulation on Cannabis and Medical Cannabis</b></p>	<p><b>AENR 2.26:</b> Oppose legislation that restricts or removes local control or regulation of cannabis cultivation, commercial cannabis operation and/or medical cannabis.</p>	<p>Community Development Agency; Cannabis Compliance; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City</p>		<p>State/ Federal</p>

<p><b>Nevada City Deer Creek Hazardous Fuels Treatment</b></p>	<p><b>AENR 2.27:</b> Advocate for funding for fuels mitigation projects in the Deer Creek very-high fire severity risk areas including ingress and egress (vegetation management for evacuation routes), protecting businesses, residents, local schools, and critical infrastructure.</p>	<p>Office of Emergency Services; City of Nevada City; Nevada County Consolidated Fire District; Nevada County Superintendent of Schools</p>		<p>State</p>
<p><b>Open Space Recreation</b></p>	<p><b>AENR 2.28:</b> Advocate for Federal and State resources for outdoor recreation and trails.</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors; County Executive Office; Recreation</p>		<p>State</p>
<p><b>Open Space Recreation Visitor Impact Mitigation</b></p>	<p><b>AENR 2.29:</b> Support legislation and regulation that: 1) mitigates recreational areas overburdened, with limited resources for addressing impacts from traffic, waste and environmental degradation, especially day-use where transient occupancy tax or sales tax that is not captured; 2) monitors impacts from recreational legislation without increased investment in overburdened communities for stewardship workforce and recreation area management; 3) seeks increased investment in rural infrastructure programs; and/or 4) seeks administrative flexibility on “disadvantaged communities” (DACs) designation when applying for grants.</p>	<p>Recreation</p>		<p>State/Federal</p>

Outdoor Recreational Facilities	<p><b>AENR 2.30:</b> 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.</p>	Board of Supervisors; County Executive Office; Community Development Agency; Sheriff's Office; Nevada County Superintendent of Schools		State/ Federal
Payments-in Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Funding	<p><b>AENR 2.31:</b> 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.</p>	County Executive Office; Treasurer Tax Collector; Auditor-Controller; Nevada County Contractors Association		State/ Federal
PG&E Vegetation Management Communication	<p><b>AENR 2.32:</b> Support legislation and rulemaking for transparent and clear programmatic processes to remove hazardous vegetation that advance clear consistent communication, balance private property rights, ensure public safety and compliance with hazardous vegetation requirements that do not increase costs to residents.</p>	Office of Emergency Services; Nevada County Consolidated Fire District		State
PG&E Vegetation Management Program Providers	<p><b>AENR 2.33:</b> Advocate for rulemaking that ensure good management and accountability of PG&amp;E vegetation management service providers, contractors and subcontractors with timely and accurate responsiveness to complaints or grievances.</p>	Office of Emergency Services; Nevada County Consolidated Fire District		State

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**Public Lands  
Staffing**

**AENR 2.34:** Advocate for additional federal resources to coincide with the growing number of visitors to public lands, including additional law enforcement officers for both the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management within Nevada County across the South Yuba watershed and Truckee high sierra.

Office of Emergency  
Services



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**Public Safety Power  
Shutoffs (PSPS)**

**AENR 2.35:** 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; County  
Executive Office; City  
of Grass Valley



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**Recycle Market  
Development**

**AENR 2.36:** Support legislation to expand local markets for recyclable materials, to support limits on single use plastics, to support producer responsibility, to support bottle bill reform for CRV buyback programs and support efforts to increase requirements for recyclable contents in products.

Solid Waste



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**Residential and Commercial Wildfire Insurance**

**AENR 2.37:** Support legislation that provides greater consumer protection, access to, and transparent and consistent risk modeling related to residential and commercial wildfire insurance that balance consumer protections and extreme risks faced by the insurance industry.

Board of Supervisors; Office of Emergency Services; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City



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**Sierra Buttes Trails Stewardship Connected Communities Trails Master Plan**

**AENR 2.38:** Advocate for funding and resources that support the Sierra Buttes Trails Stewardship Connected Communities Trails Master Plan and project development.

Economic Development; Community Development Agency



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**South Yuba River Public Lands**

**AENR 2.39:** Advocate for increasing resources dedicated to the South Yuba River State Park, Bureau of Land Management, and United States Forest Service - Tahoe National Forest for public safety and environmental protection.

Board of Supervisors; Community Development Agency; Nevada County Superintendent of Schools



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**State/Federal Park Continuity to Local Recreation Amenities**

**AENR 2.40:** Support legislation that supports and promotes the connection of State and Federal Park locations and resources to local recreation amenities in adjoining jurisdictions.

Community Development Agency; Recreation; City of Nevada City; Nevada County Superintendent of Schools



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**Tree Mortality and  
Fire Protection**

**AENR 2.41:** Support proposals to secure funding and dedicate resources to address tree mortality on local, state, federal and private lands to reduce fire hazard and promote forest and watershed health including supporting development of biomass solutions to process and remove these materials.

Office of Emergency Services; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City



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**Vegetation  
Management**

**AENR 2.42:** Support easing of environmental review criteria for vegetation removal along public roads, trails, and other essential, critical, and water infrastructure.

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



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**Water Theft &  
Water Pollution**

**AENR 2.43:** Support legislation that enhances local enforcement authority to prosecute and enjoin water theft and water pollution, including as a result of illegal cannabis operations.

Cannabis Compliance; Sheriff's Office; City of Nevada City



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**Wildfire Insurance  
& CA FAIR Plan  
Equity for Cannabis  
Cultivators**

**AENR 2.44:** 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.

Economic Development; Office of Emergency Services






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<b>Wildfire Mitigation Sustainability</b>	<b>AENR 2.45:</b> Advocate for ongoing sustainable funding for wildfire mitigation and maintenance projects and programs including direct funding allocations to the Office of Emergency Services and community partners.	Office of Emergency Services; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City; Nevada County Consolidated Fire District; Town of Truckee		State
<b>Wildfire Shaded Fuel Break Maintenance</b>	<b>AENR 2.46:</b> Support legislation for sustainable funding for ongoing maintenance for wildfire shaded fuel breaks.	Office of Emergency Services		State/ Federal
<b>Williamson Act</b>	<b>AENR 2.47:</b> Support legislation or budget proposals to fund the Williamson Act subventions to counties.	Community Development Agency; Assessor		State


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## Policy Area: Government Finance and Administration (GFA)


Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Objective	Target
<b>Adaptation Planning</b>	<b>GFA 3.1:</b> 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.	County Executive Office; Economic Development; Office of Emergency Services; Planning; Town of Truckee; City of Nevada City		State/ Federal
<b>Animal Care Shelter</b>	<b>GFA 3.2:</b> Support funding for regional animal shelter facility and programs.	Sheriff's Office		State
<b>Arts and Cultural Funding</b>	<b>GFA 3.3:</b> Advocate for sustainable funding for public art and culture and the education, housing, and support of artisans to produce and maintain public art through grants, programs and endowments.	Economic Development; Nevada County Arts Council; City of Nevada City		State/ Federal
<b>Bonds &amp; Funding Measures</b>	<b>GFA 3.4:</b> Support an equitable disbursement of state and federal funding in all bond and funding measures affecting the County.	County Executive Office		State/ Federal


<b>Burdensome Regulatory Requirements</b>	<b>GFA 3.5:</b> 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.	All Departments; Nevada County Contractors Association	State/ Federal
<b>CA Public Contract Code §20155 Best Value Bids</b>	<b>GFA 3.6:</b> Support legislation to expand the California Public Contract Code §20155 Best Value Bidder Pilot Program to other counties including Nevada County.	Facilities	State
<b>CalPERS &amp; Unfunded Liability</b>	<b>GFA 3.7:</b> Oppose legislation that would increase County unfunded liability related to CalPERS Employee Retirement benefits including changes to disallowed benefits.	County Executive Office; Auditor-Controller; Human Resources	State
<b>Centralized Collection of Transient Occupancy Tax</b>	<b>GFA 3.8:</b> Oppose legislation that aims to consolidate or centralize the collection of transient occupancy tax imposed by a local agency on short-term rentals that strips local control and authority for the collection of taxes.	Treasurer-Tax Collector	State

<b>Clerk-Recorder Base Recording Fee</b>	<b>GFA 3.9:</b> Support legislative efforts to increase the base recording fee from \$10 to an adequate amount that covers the associated cost; conversely oppose efforts to reduce or waive fees that negatively impacts counties.	Clerk-Recorder		State
<b>Climate Resilience Funding</b>	<b>GFA 3.10:</b> Support legislation that provides funding for the development and implementation of activities related to County Climate Action Adaptation Plans; conversely oppose legislation that strips funding or places unfunded mandates on counties associated with climate resilience.	Board of Supervisors		State
<b>County Officer Consolidation/ Restructuring</b>	<b>GFA 3.11:</b> Oppose legislation to restrict the County's ability to consolidate the duties of county officer offices in various combinations or policy that removes local authority for such determination.	Board of Supervisors; Treasurer-Tax Collector; Auditor- Controller; Elections/ Registrar of Voters; Sheriff's Office		State
<b>County Revenue</b>	<b>GFA 3.12:</b> Oppose efforts to decrease, restrict, eliminate or otherwise restrict local autonomy of local revenues.	County Executive Office		State/ Federal





<b>COVID-19 Cost Recovery</b>	<b>GFA 3.13:</b> Advocate for funding related to COVID-19 cost recovery of local municipalities that includes direct funding allocations and provides maximum flexibility on spending discretion.	County Executive Office; Board of Supervisors; Auditor-Controller; Health and Human Services Agency		State/ Federal
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<b>Cyber Security and Open Data</b>	<b>GFA 3.14:</b> Advocate for County Information Technology Directors' review and input on all proposed bills related to cyber security and open data to identify the possible unique impacts on rural counties and threats to essential, critical, and water infrastructure.	Information and General Services; City of Grass Valley; Town of Truckee		State
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<b>Elections &amp; PSPS Events</b>	<b>GFA 3.15:</b> 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.	Elections; Office of Emergency Services		State
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<b>Emergency Response Systems</b>	<b>GFA 3.16:</b> 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.	County Executive Office; Office of Emergency Services; Town of Truckee		State
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<b>Emergency Planning Resources</b>	<b>GFA 3.17:</b> Support legislation that integrates climate adaptation response/planning with emergency response, planning, and resources.	County Executive Office; Office of Emergency Services; Town of Truckee; City of Nevada City; City of Grass Valley		State
<b>Employee/ Labor</b>	<b>GFA 3.18:</b> Support full cost recovery for salary, benefits and administration for all employee relationships and protect and enhance flexibility and local control over employee and labor relations issues.	County Executive Office; Human Resources		State
<b>Farm Bill Reauthorization</b>	<b>GFA 3.19:</b> Advocate for support and continuation of federal funds and programs that support and promote rural communities.	County Executive Office; Health and Human Services; Community Development Agency; Information and General Services; Economic Development		Federal
<b>Funding for Base Year Property Tax Transfers</b>	<b>GFA 3.20:</b> Advocate for sustainable funding for the processing of intergenerational transfers and base year transfers that require appraisals and state reporting.	Auditor-Controller		State
<b>Health Realignment</b>	<b>GFA 3.21:</b> Advocate for maintaining sufficient health realignment funding to ensure adequate resources to obligations and fulfill statutory public health, behavioral health and indigent health care mandates.	Public Health; Behavioral Health		State

<b>IHSS &amp; Public Guardian Funding</b>	<b>GFA 3.22:</b> Advocate for sustainable funding 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 expand eligibility for full scope Medi-Cal to individuals who are 50 years of age or older, and who do not have satisfactory immigration status or are unable to establish satisfactory immigration status.	Health and Human Services Agency; Adult Protective Services		State
<b>Implementation of SB 552: Drought Planning, Small Water Suppliers, No Transient, Noncommunity Water Systems</b>	<b>GFA 3.23:</b> Support efforts to increase funding and resources for County departments to ensure adequate implementation of SB 552.	Community Development Agency; Environmental Health		State
<b>Infrastructure Water Treatment Investment</b>	<b>GFA 3.24:</b> Advocate for increased direct capital investment funding for infrastructure construction and water treatment system consolidation.	Community Development Agency; Public Works; City of Grass Valley		State/ Federal
<b>Local and State Government Taxation and Fees</b>	<b>GFA 3.25:</b> Oppose legislation that further restricts the ability to fund local government that expands the definition of taxes to include certain charges currently defined as fees and other charges, and increasing the required voter threshold to two-thirds voter approval for general taxation.	Board of Supervisors; County Executive Office		State

<b>Nisenan Tribe</b>	<b>GFA 3.26:</b> Support legislation to re-establish the federal recognition of the Nevada City Nisenan Rancheria Tribe.	Board of Supervisors	Federal
<b>Outdated Printed Publication Requirements</b>	<b>GFA 3.27:</b> Advocate and support legislation to remove outdated traditional printed publication requirements that increase costs to taxpayers but that ensure public transparency.	Clerk of the Board; Treasurer-Tax Collector; Planning; County Counsel	State
<b>Political Affiliation Requirements for Nonpartisan Offices</b>	<b>GFA 3.28:</b> Oppose legislation to require or permit the disclosure of political party preferences of candidates for nonpartisan offices.	Board of Supervisors	State
<b>Preserve Local Control</b>	<b>GFA 3.29:</b> 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.	Board of Supervisors; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City; Nevada County Contractors Association; Town of Truckee	State/ Federal
<b>Privacy/Security</b>	<b>GFA 3.30:</b> 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

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**Property Tax Refunds**

**GFA 3.31:** 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

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**Protect Rule 20A**

**GFA 3.32:** Oppose legislation or California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) action that threatens Rule 20A for overhead/underground conversion project funding. Engage in Phase 2 of the CPUC proceeding to advocate for continued availability of ratepayer funding for Rule 20A projects, expansion of the public interest criteria, and changes to make the program more accessible to disadvantaged unincorporated communities.

Community  
Development Agency;  
Public Works

State

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**Public Banking**

**GFA 3.33:** Oppose public banking legislation that does not include adequate safeguards that protect public funds and are not risk adverse and/or does not protect local authority and control of public monies and assets.

Treasurer-Tax  
Collector

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<b>Public Civility</b>	<b>GFA 3.34:</b> 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
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<b>Public Meeting Telecommunication Requirements</b>	<b>GFA 3.35:</b> 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 that prevents the disclosure of personally identifiable information.	Board of Supervisors; City of Grass Valley	State
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<b>Public Records Act</b>	<b>GFA 3.36:</b> Oppose legislation to amend the California Public Records Act that imposes significant cost on local agencies that jeopardize taxpayer dollars through extensive unreasonable standards that require significant cost for compliance and increase undo liability to the county.	Board of Supervisors	State
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<b>Public Records Retention of Electronic Mail</b>	<b>GFA 3.37:</b> Oppose legislation to increase retention period requirements of public records that includes electronic mail unless adequate funding is included.	Clerk of the Board; Information and General Services; County Counsel; City of Grass Valley		State
<b>Recreation &amp; Community Development</b>	<b>GFA 3.38:</b> Support legislation that supports the ongoing funding for recreational amenities and park and recreation special districts.	Nevada County Superintendent of Schools; Economic Development; CDA; City of Nevada City		State
<b>Rural County Exemptions</b>	<b>GFA 3.39:</b> Support the inclusion of rural exemptions in legislation and regulation that promote resource equity that counterweight challenges associated with economies of scale between rural, suburban, and urban counties.	Board of Supervisors; County Executive Office		State/ Federal
<b>Skilled and Trained Workforce Contract Requirements</b>	<b>GFA 3.40:</b> 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.	Purchasing Agent; City of Grass Valley		State
<b>Special Elections</b>	<b>GFA 3.41:</b> Advocate for State Funding of Elections for special elections including Recall Elections.	Elections		State





<b>State &amp; Federal Mandates</b>	<b>GFA 3.42:</b> 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
<b>State Realignment &amp; Cost Shifts</b>	<b>GFA 3.43:</b> Oppose proposals to restructure, realign or otherwise shift the cost of state programs to local government without commensurate compensation.	County Executive Office		State
<b>State Supplementation for County Assessors' Program (SSCAP)</b>	<b>GFA 3.44:</b> 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
<b>Sustainable Funding for Cultural Districts and Arts</b>	<b>GFA 3.45:</b> Support sustainable funding for Nevada County's two Cultural Districts and associated cultural and arts programs and activities.	Board of Supervisors; County Executive Office; City of Grass Valley		State
<b>Telecommunication Legislation</b>	<b>GFA 3.46:</b> Advocate to protect the rights of local government to control location and permitting process of telecommunications infrastructure.	Information and General Services		State/ Federal


<b>Uncoverable Property Tax Administrative Costs</b>	<b>GFA 3.47:</b> Support legislation that provides funding equity between the state and county for uncoverable property tax administrative costs.	Assessor; Auditor-Controller; Treasurer Tax Collector		State
<b>United States Postal Service (USPS)</b>	<b>GFA 3.48:</b> Support efforts to provide the United States Postal Service (USPS) with additional resources for staffing including differential pay, mail security, and capital facility renovations.	County Executive Office; Information and General Services		Federal
<b>Verification of Elected Office Qualification</b>	<b>GFA 3.49:</b> Support legislation that ensures all candidates for elected office hold the necessary qualifications as prescribed by law and are verified by applicable qualified authorities.	Board of Supervisors; Elections		State
<b>Weights &amp; Measures</b>	<b>GFA 3.50:</b> 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.	Agricultural Commissioner; County Executive Office; Community Development Agency		State

## Policy Area: Health and Human Services (HHS)


Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Objective	Target
Administration for Community Living	<b>HHS 4.1:</b> 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 system(s).	Adult Protective Services; Social Services		State
Affordable Care Act	<b>HHS 4.2:</b> Support continuation of the Affordable Care Act for the 1 in 5 Nevada County residents currently enrolled.	Social Services		State/ Federal
Affordable Childcare	<b>HHS 4.3:</b> Advocate for increased funding for and access to affordable childcare.	Health and Human Services Agency; Social Services		State/ Federal
Behavioral Health Core Funding	<b>HHS 4.4:</b> Support efforts to increase realignment, MHSA and other core funding to reflect growing mandates and community needs so that the public behavioral health system is adequately funded including COLAs and other mechanisms to ensure revenue sources maintain pace with costs overtime; conversely oppose efforts that threaten or jeopardize core funding.	Health and Human Services Agency; Behavioral Health		State/ Federal


<b>CAL Code List of Foodborne Illnesses</b>	<b>HHS 4.5:</b> 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, including COVID-19.	Community Development Agency; Environmental Health	State
<b>California Veteran Service Office (CVSO) Funding &amp; Local Cost Share</b>	<b>HHS 4.6:</b> Support legislation to increase state local assistance funding to counties for the support of California Veteran Services Officer (CVSO) offices that ensure equal cost sharing between the state and local government.	Health and Human Services Agency; Veterans Service Office	State
<b>CalWORKs Eligibility Requirements</b>	<b>HHS 4.7:</b> Oppose legislation that repeals CalWORKs eligibility requirements that requires specified applicants and recipients whom the county has evidence for eligibility for unemployment insurance apply for, but not meet the conditions of, unemployment insurance benefits to receive CalWORKs benefits.	Health and Human Services Agency; Social Services	State
<b>Child Custody and Visitation</b>	<b>HHS 4.8:</b> Support legislation to allow child support workers to assist families with child custody and visitation orders.	Child Support Services	State



<b>Child Support</b>	<b>HHS 4.9:</b> 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.	Health and Human Services Agency		State/ Federal
<b>Climate Change Impacts to Public Health</b>	<b>HHS 4.10:</b> Support efforts and funding to develop climate change mitigation and resiliency strategies to help protect against and address potential impacts on health.	Health and Human Services Agency; Public Health		State/ Federal
<b>Compact Mobile Food Facilities</b>	<b>HHS 4.11:</b> Oppose legislation that exempts compact mobile food facilities from specified provisions from Cal Codes and associated changes related to limited food preparation, cottage food operations, microenterprise home kitchen operations, food safety knowledge requirements, sanitation requirements, local enforcement agencies authority, and penalties associated with violations of Cal Code that increase the risk of public safety or expand unfunded mandates on county departments.	Community Development Agency; Environmental Health		State
<b>Dental Services for Low Income Californians</b>	<b>HHS 4.12:</b> Increase funding to expand access to dental health treatment and prevention services for low-income Californians through increasing Denti-Cal reimbursement levels to qualified dentists and	Health and Human Services Agency		State




	expanding public education and awareness.			
<b>Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Medi-Cal Recoupment</b>	<b>HHS 4.13:</b> Advocate for the mechanisms to alleviate burdensome Medi-Cal recoupments to DHCS for services already rendered, including accurate, equitable and transparent calculations.	Health and Human Services Agency; Behavioral Health; Public Health		State/ Federal
<b>Early Childhood Programs &amp; First 5 Initiatives</b>	<b>HHS 4.14:</b> Support legislation for sustainable alternative revenue models that strengthen early childhood programs and access to accessible childcare including local First 5 commissions and partner community organizations.	Health and Human Services Agency		State
<b>Emergency Medical Services</b>	<b>HHS 4.15:</b> Support existing laws and regulations governing 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 efforts to decrease county authority to oversee the EMS system and to reduce the mandated roles of the local EMS agency in planning, implementing, evaluating and regulating EMS systems. Oppose any efforts to limit the authority of the local Emergency Medical Services Medical Director	Office of Emergency Services; Public Health		State/ Federal




	over pre-hospital patient care.			
<b>Family First Prevention Services Act</b>	<b>HHS 4.16:</b> Support legislation to amend Family First Prevention Services Act to expand approved evidence-based services to incorporate more widely used therapeutic, parenting, and substance abuse modalities to prevent children from entering foster care by keeping families together and implement a more in depth and comprehensive prevention plan.	Health and Human Services Agency; Social Services; Probation; Behavioral Health		State/ Federal
<b>Firearm Restriction DHCS Reporting Transparency</b>	<b>HHS 4.17:</b> Support efforts to require transparency of individuals reported to the Department of Justice (DOJ) by designated facilities as a danger to self or others from owning or possessing a firearm per applicable law to be reported to DHCS by the DOJ and designated facilities.	Health and Human Services Agency; Behavioral Health; Sheriff's Office		State/ Federal
<b>First Prevention Services Act</b>	<b>HHS 4.18:</b> Support sustainable funding for First Prevention Services Act programs and services.	Child Protective Services; Health and Human Services Agency		State
<b>Health in our Community</b>	<b>HHS 4.19:</b> Support legislation and funding for individual and community health programs delivered by counties through public health, behavioral health and social services. Further support legislation that encourages coordination of physical and mental health services to patients as well as innovative practices to improve the	Health and Human Services		State/ Federal

	health and wellbeing of Californians.			
<b>Homelessness Program Funding</b>	<b>HHS 4.20:</b> Support proposals to increase funding, including ongoing and non-competitive funding, for shelter, housing, and services for individuals experiencing homelessness in rural communities.	Health and Human Services Agency; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City		State/ Federal
<b>In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)</b>	<b>HHS 4.21:</b> Support advocacy efforts regarding CDSS analysis of moving IHSS collective bargaining responsibilities from individual counties to the state level; further oppose efforts that result in negative realignment impacts including from the lack of funding for an anticipated expansion of access to Medi-Cal beneficiaries.	Adult Protective Services; Social Services		State
<b>Integrated School-Based Behavioral Health Partnerships</b>	<b>HHS 4.22:</b> Support prevention and early intervention behavioral health services through integrated school-based behavioral health partnerships and sustained funding; conversely oppose associated unfunded mandated initiatives.	Health and Human Services Agency; Behavioral Health		State/ Federal

<b>Involuntary Treatment</b>	<b>HHS 4.23:</b> 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 and support legislation to ensure that resources needed to treat these individuals; conversely oppose efforts that fail to adequately address and mitigate associated concerns and impacts on individuals and County administrators.	Health and Human Services Agency; Behavioral Health; Social Services		State
<b>License Plate Fee Exemptions</b>	<b>HHS 4.24:</b> Support legislation to exempt veterans receiving 100% service- connected compensation from license plate fees.	Health and Human Services Agency; Veterans Services Office		State
<b>Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) &amp; Targeted Case Management (TCM)</b>	<b>HHS 4.25:</b> Oppose legislation that aims to deny, reduce, cap, or eliminate MAA/TCM reimbursement or to make claiming more administratively burdensome.	Health and Human Services Agency; Public Health		State/ Federal
<b>Medi-Cal for Justice Involved Individuals</b>	<b>HHS 4.26:</b> Support Medi-Cal coverage and reimbursement for primary and behavioral health services provided to individuals 30 days prior to release.	Health and Human Services Agency; Sheriff's Office; Probation		State/ Federal
<b>Mental Health Services</b>	<b>HHS 4.27:</b> Support legislation that shifts the payment structure of mental health services away from "per minute" to a method that supports efficient and effective care. End the IMD	Behavioral Health		State/ Federal

	exclusion for Medi-Cal billing.			
<b>Mental Health Services Act</b>	<b>HHS 4.28:</b> Support legislative proposals that mitigate negative programmatic and/or fiscal impacts or potential unintended consequences to county human service departments from proposed changes to Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) or as amended to Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA).	Health and Human Services Agency; Behavioral Health		State
<b>Nutrition Supports/ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program</b>	<b>HHS 4.29:</b> Support efforts to improve nutrition security, including ensuring that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/CalFresh) is not block granted or otherwise changed to limit current eligibility for the program.	Health and Human Services Agency; City of Grass Valley		Federal
<b>Public Health</b>	<b>HHS 4.30:</b> Support increased funding to ensure robust public health planning, the development and retention of skilled workforce, and disease surveillance and response to combat and control communicable diseases.	Health and Human Services Agency; Public Health		State/ Federal
<b>Public Health Core Funding</b>	<b>HHS 4.31:</b> Support funding for public health workforce enhancements and support, infrastructure, and core services; conversely oppose efforts that threaten or jeopardize funding for workforce, infrastructure, and core services.	Public Health		State

<b>Realignment Funding</b>	<b>HHS 4.32:</b> Advocate for State General Fund back-fill 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
<b>Rehabilitation and Treatment for Inmates</b>	<b>HHS 4.33:</b> Seek funding to support both in-custody programming and facilities in order to enhance the County's rehabilitation and treatment programs for inmates with mental health and substance use disorders.	Behavioral Health; Sheriff's Office	State
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<b>Social Service Workers and Public Defenders</b>	<b>HHS 4.35:</b> Support legislation or administrative action to mandate social workers in public defender offices coupled with sustainable funding for the same.	Public Defenders; Social Services; Behavioral Health	State
<b>Substance Use Disorder Funding</b>	<b>HHS 4.36:</b> 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.	Health and Human Services Agency; Behavioral Health	State/ Federal

<b>Sustainable Funding for One-Time Funding for Housing and Treatment</b>	<b>HHS 4.37:</b> Advocate for ongoing funding for housing and treatment programs that have been or are funded with one-time funding sources.	Health and Human Services Agency; Behavioral Health	State/ Federal
<b>Sustainable Healthy Food for Schools</b>	<b>HHS 4.38:</b> Support legislation that supports and promotes sustainable healthy food for schools and local food sources opportunities.	Health and Human Services Agency; Nevada County Superintendent of Schools	State/ Federal
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program</b>	<b>HHS 4.39:</b> Support a comprehensive reauthorization of TANF/CalWORKs to provide pathways to family economic success by measuring outcomes rather than processes, including increasing flexibility in meeting work participation rules.	Health and Human Services Agency 	Federal
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program</b>	<b>HHS 4.40:</b> Support a comprehensive reauthorization of TANF/CalWORKs to provide pathways to family economic success by measuring outcomes rather than processes, including increasing flexibility in meeting work participation rules.	Health and Human Services Agency	Federal
<b>US Military Retirement Benefits</b>	<b>HHS 4.41:</b> Support legislation to exempt US Military Retirement Benefits from state income tax.	Health and Human Services Agency; Veterans Services Office	State
<b>Veteran Claim Assistance</b>	<b>HHS 4.42:</b> Support legislation to require an individual assisting veteran with claim assistance to provide proof of credential.	Health and Human Services Agency; Veterans Services Office	State

<b>Veteran Property Tax Deduction Limitations</b>	<b>HHS 4.43:</b> Support legislation to raise property tax deduction limitations for disabled veterans.	Health and Human Services Agency; Veterans Services Office	State
<b>Veteran Service Office Funding</b>	<b>HHS 4.44:</b> Advocate to maintain and protect the current level of local assistance funding from the state to the counties to maintain County Veterans Service Officers.	Veterans Services Office	State/ Federal
<b>Veteran Services Accreditation</b>	<b>HHS 4.45:</b> Support legislation that requires an individual assisting a veteran with filing a claim for benefits to notify that veteran if they are not a VA-accredited representative and place safeguards to protect veterans.	Health and Human Services Agency; Veterans Services Office	State/ Federal
<b>Veterans Employment Opportunity</b>	<b>HHS 4.46:</b> Support legislation that would streamline and/or provide affordability to veterans seeking employment opportunities after military service.	Veterans Services Office	State
<b>Veterans Treatment Court</b>	<b>HHS 4.47:</b> Support the creation or expansion of a Veterans Treatment Court in Nevada County.	Health and Human Services Agency; Veterans Services Office	State/Federal
<b>Women &amp; Minority Veterans</b>	<b>HHS 4.48:</b> Support advocacy efforts that promote service delivery equity for women and minority veterans.	Health and Human Services Agency; Veterans Services Office	State/Federal
<b>Workforce Training</b>	<b>HHS 4.49:</b> Enhance and expand employment and training programs to non-custodial parents.	Child Support Services; Social Services	State



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**Youth Mental  
Health Services**

**HHS 4.50:** 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






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## Policy Area: Housing, Land Use and Transportation (HLUT)

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Object.	Target
<b>Accessory Dwelling Units Funding</b>	<b>HLUT 5.1:</b> 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.	Community Development Agency; Health and Human Services Agency; City of Grass Valley; Nevada County Contractors Association; Town of Truckee		State/ Federal
<b>Affordable Housing</b>	<b>HLUT 5.2:</b> Support legislative efforts to encourage affordable/ workforce/ senior housing developments in rural communities.	Community Development Agency; Health and Human Services Agency; City of Grass Valley; Nevada County Contractors Association; Town of Truckee; Town of Truckee; City of Nevada City		
<b>Affordable Housing State Income Limits</b>	<b>HLUT 5.3:</b> Support legislation to increase state income limits to keep pace with increases of wage rates and inflation over time to allow for affordable housing and service eligibility.	Health and Human Services Agency; Social Services; Community Development Agency; City of Grass Valley; Town of Truckee		State/ Federal

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**Average Area  
Median Income  
Exemption**

**HLUT 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 Truckee region.

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



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**Bay-Delta Water  
Quality Control  
Plan**

**HLUT 5.5:** Support regulatory actions that provide maximum local flexibility and secures local water rights and regional water security that mitigate impacts associated with a) water supplies for cities, rural communities, and farms; b) water supplies needed for fish habitat preservation and enhancement projects; c) water supplies needed for birds along the Pacific Flyway; d) the ability to generate clean, renewable hydropower; e) recreational facilities and opportunities; f) groundwater supplies; and g) impacts on cold-water pools in upstream reservoirs that are needed to provide cold-water releases for salmon spawning and rearing habitats; conversely oppose regulatory action that results in large negative impacts on regional water flows including a 55 percent unimpaired flows approach.

Board of Supervisors; Nevada Irrigation District

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**Board of Forestry  
Fire Safety  
Regulations**

**HLUT 5.6:** Support reasonable legislation and regulatory actions that provide fire safety regulations and home hardening requirements that mitigate wildfire but oppose legislation or regulatory actions that threaten local control over land use and development in rural counties.

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



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**Bridges Funding**

**HLUT 5.7:** Advocate for equitable allocation of new 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.

Public Works; Nevada County Consolidated Fire District; Nevada County Contractors Association



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**Broadband Last-  
Mile & Middle-Mile  
Infrastructure  
Development**


**HLUT 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.





Community Development Agency; Information and General Services; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City; Nevada County Contractors Association; Nevada County Superintendent of Schools








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<b>Broadband Local Infrastructure Development</b>	<b>HLUT 5.9:</b> Monitor implementation of the IJJA's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program, seek sustainable program funding to support the expansion of rural broadband infrastructure development, and implement a Dig Once Policy.	Public Works; Information and General Services; Board of Supervisors; County Executive Office; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City; Nevada County Superintendent of Schools		State/ Federal
<b>Caltrans Specifications &amp; Standards</b>	<b>HLUT 5.10:</b> Support AB43 and efforts to require third-party outside review or revised road standards; advocate for improving transparent standards and processes.	Public Works; Nevada County Contractors Association		State
<b>Clean Transportation Program Funding</b>	<b>HLUT 5.11:</b> Support legislation that provides funding for the Clean Transportation Program (also known as the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program) for rural county alternative fuel project implementation.	Community Development Agency; Fleet; Transit; Economic Development		State
<b>Commercial Truck Weight Limits</b>	<b>HLUT 5.12:</b> Oppose legislation to increase commercial trucking weight limits without adequate sustainable funding for local transportation infrastructure for repair, replacement, and maintenance.	Public Works		Federal

<b>County Fleet and Vehicle ZEV Exemptions</b>	<b>HLUT 5.13:</b> Support legislation and regulatory efforts that lead to reasonable solutions which appropriately balance addressing the climate impact of county transportation and vehicle fleets within available resources.	Fleet; Transit; Economic Development		State/Federal
<b>CSAC AT HOME</b>	<b>HLUT 5.14:</b> Support legislation that is in alignment with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) AT HOME plan for the promotion and furtherance of the wellbeing of homeless populations.	Board of Supervisors; County Executive Office; Health and Human Services Agency; Housing		State
<b>CSBG/CDBG/Housing Choice Programs</b>	<b>HLUT 5.15:</b> Advocate for continuing funding of CSBG/CDBG/HC programs which are vital to local government for infrastructure, development, and housing programs.	Health and Human Services Agency; City of Grass Valley; Nevada County Contractors Association		State/ Federal
<b>Federal Lands' Public Roads Maintenance</b>	<b>HLUT 5.16:</b> Advocate and support legislation for ongoing sustainable funding for road maintenance on Federal Lands.	Public Works		Federal
<b>Forest Fire Prevention Exemption</b>	<b>HLUT 5.17:</b> Support legislation that extends the operation of the Forest Fire Prevention Exemption.	Office of Emergency Services		State

<b>Fund/Reform CASF Broadband Infrastructure Development Program</b>	<b>HLUT 5.18:</b> 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 that includes the ability for local jurisdictions to apply.	Information and General Services		State
<b>Golf Course Land Use Repurposing</b>	<b>HLUT 5.19:</b> Support legislation that enables local governments to meet their regional housing allocation responsibilities via converted municipally owned golf courses into other uses that include affordable housing.	Planning Department; Community Development Agency		State
<b>Hwy 49 Safety Improvements</b>	<b>HLUT 5.20:</b> Advocate for planning, funding, and implementation of safety improvements to the Hwy 49 corridor between Grass Valley and Auburn.	Board of Supervisors; City of Grass Valley; Nevada County Consolidated Fire District		State/Federal
<b>Impact and Development Fees</b>	<b>HLUT 5.21:</b> 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.	Public Works; Planning; Building; Community Development Agency; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City; Nevada County Contractors Association		State
<b>Innovative Clean Transit Rule</b>	<b>HLUT 5.22:</b> Advocate for necessary funding and changes to the California Air Resources Board Innovative Clean Transit Rule related to addressing Zero Emission Vehicle infrastructure needs for rural communities that	Transit; Nevada County Transportation Commission; Nevada County Superintendent of Schools; City of Nevada City		State



	include but are not limited to: 1) an exemption of implementation for small transit agencies and rural school public transit; 2) ensure sufficient funding for rural agencies for ZEV infrastructure construction and vehicle purchases; 3) requires public utilities to prioritize the design, development and construction of transit ZEV infrastructure; and 4) remove debt financing as an expected co-funding mechanism for rural agencies.		
<b>Land Use: Housing Element Flexibility for Rural Counties</b>	<b>HLUT 5.23:</b> Advocate for proposals that provide for flexibility in how rural counties designate parcels for specific zoning in order to meet housing development requirements.	Planning; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City	State
<b>Local Zoning Authority</b>	<b>HLUT 5.24:</b> Oppose legislation that would take away local control over enforcing local zoning requirements for housing projects, including automatic density bonuses and decreased parking requirements.	Community Development Agency; Planning; Town of Truckee	State
<b>McKnight Overpass Funding</b>	<b>HLUT 5.25:</b> Support legislation to fund the Department of Transportation and City of Grass Valley for needed repairs to the Grass Valley McKnight Overpass.	City of Grass Valley; Public Works	State/ Federal

**Nevada County  
Airport Automated  
Weather  
Observation  
Station (AWOS)**

**HLUT 5.26:** Support legislation and regulatory actions for the inclusion of language that expands the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) requirement for visibility sensors approved for Automated Weather Observation Stations (AWOS) to include the capacity to measure obscurations in the atmosphere, beyond precipitation, that reduce horizontal visibility, such as smoke, ash, and blowing sand.

Nevada County  
Airport

Federal

**Nevada County  
Airport Layout Plan  
Helipad Pen & Ink  
Change**

**HLUT 5.27:** Advocate for a "Pen and Ink" change to the Nevada County Airport Layout Plan (ALP) to enable the ability to remove the old, decommissioned helipad and expand it to a ramp that can be used by USFS and CAL FIRE during wildfire response activities.

Nevada County  
Airport

Federal

**Off-Highway Motor  
Vehicle (OHV)  
Recreation &  
Funding**

**HLUT 5.28:** Support legislation and efforts that clarify Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHV) compatible use(s) that balance recreational needs and nuisance concerns and support sustainable funding for OHV Grant Programs on Federal and State lands.

Public Works;  
Sheriff's Office



State/  
Federal

**Organic Waste and  
Recycling**

**HLUT 5.29:** Support efforts to increase and reform recycling redemption programs and advocate for flexible rule making that factors economies of scales for organic waste diversion and processing infrastructure capacity applicable changes to Senate Bill 1383.

Public Works;  
Solid Waste;  
City of Grass  
Valley



State

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**Organic Waste Procurement**

**HLUT 5.30:** Support legislation and rulemaking that enables flexible compliance with organic waste procurement requirements for rural communities including the allowance of green waste material and adequate funding for implementation.

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



State

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**Private Roads Vegetation Management**

**HLUT 5.31:** Advocate for funding for the treatment of hazardous vegetation along private roads and improvements to private roads that promotes and supports adequate ingress and egress emergency routes.

Board of Supervisors; Office of Emergency Services; City of Grass Valley



State

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**Reform CA Transportation Development Act**

**HLUT 5.32:** Support legislation to reform the California Transportation Development Act (TDA) that modify guidelines and procedures that negatively impact rural counties.

Public Works; Transit

State

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**Reform NEPA for broader exclusions of public safety and increase local control**

**HLUT 5.33:** Support legislation and regulatory rules that support a) the broader use of categorical exclusions (CE) 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

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



Federal

	expedite project analyses that deliver final decisions in a more timely and effective manner.			
<b>Regional Housing Needs Allocation Methodology &amp; Climate Change</b>	<b>HLUT 5.34:</b> 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
<b>Roads Funding</b>	<b>HLUT 5.35:</b> Support proposals to increase and back-fill lost revenues for transportation funding and repay existing transportation fund loans; conversely 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
<b>Rural Business Economic Development</b>	<b>HLUT 5.36:</b> Advocate for regulatory and legislation that promotes rural business economic development; conversely oppose legislation or regulation that disproportionately negatively impacts rural communities and businesses.	Board of Supervisors; Economic Development; Community Development Agency		State
<b>Scotts Flat Lake Dam Spillway</b>	<b>HLUT 5.37:</b> Support efforts to secure funding for the mandatory regulatory replacement of the Scotts Flat Dam spillway estimated at approximately \$30M slated for construction sometime between 2024-2026.	Nevada Irrigation District		State/ Federal

<b>Short-term Rental and Local Control</b>	<b>HLUT 5.38:</b> 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
<b>Subdivision Map Act</b>	<b>HLUT 5.39:</b> Oppose legislation to reform the California Subdivisions Map Act that removes or decreases local control and conditional use requirements.	Public Works; Planning; City of Grass Valley		State
<b>Treated Wood Waste</b>	<b>HLUT 5.40:</b> Support legislative efforts to allow treated wood waste (TWW) to be hauled and transported to proper disposal facilities.	Public Works; Solid Waste		State/ Federal
<b>Truckee River High-Water Mark</b>	<b>HLUT 5.41:</b> Support regulatory efforts to determine the high-water mark on the Truckee River that designate the river as navigable to ensure the public access to the Truckee River and watershed.	Board of Supervisors		State/ Federal
<b>Vegetation Management along Public Roadways</b>	<b>HLUT 5.42:</b> Support sustainable funding for vegetation management along public roadways and programs that support efforts to for vegetation management along private roadways.	Public Works; Office of Emergency Services; City of Nevada City; City of Grass Valley; Town of Truckee		State/ Federal
<b>Workforce Housing and Missing Middle</b>	<b>HLUT 5.43:</b> Support legislation that supports and promotes workforce housing for missing middle, including exemption standards of above average median income (AMI) for frontier, rural, and tourist-driven communities.	Health and Human Services Agency; County Executive Office; Community Development Agency; Town of Truckee		State/ Federal