

**Board of
Supervisors'**

2022 Objectives

Mid-Year Update

July 26, 2022



Board Objectives End-of-Year Report

- Track status of 44 initiatives
- Updated quarterly
- Public facing
- Promote transparency
- Community communication



Message from the Chair



Last quarter, I started this letter with a recap of the winter storms that battered our area in late December. Now I'm here again, writing just after the Rices Fire burned 904 acres before being contained by the incredible work of CAL FIRE, our first responders, the volunteers who assisted with animal evacuations, and all the good people out there who helped their friends and neighbors. In situations like this, our teamwork really gets tested and, once again, you have proven that we are a mighty team.

Here at the County, we continue to make **emergency preparedness** a high priority. This Spring we held a series of green waste disposal events in Grass Valley and Truckee, where we collected over 3500 tons of vegetation. It was truly an example of the kind of community partnership we need to reduce the threat of wildfire.

Still, the challenge of removing storm debris continues. Thanks to a **\$950,000 grant from CAL FIRE**, we worked to remove hazardous vegetation from County roads and ensure key evacuation routes are clear before peak fire season.

In May, Congressman Doug LaMalfa announced \$6.6 million in federal funding for three critical projects in Nevada County, including \$4.8M for Sheriff's Office radio infrastructure improvements, \$1.1M for a North San Juan fire suppression system, and \$750,000 for the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone, Phase II.

Through our **economic development** objective, the County continues to focus on resiliency. Nevada County awarded \$107,500 to 43 microbusinesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. And **Nevada County was awarded a \$1.7 million workforce development grant** from the State's California Volunteers program to increase youth employment and strengthen our community's capacity to address urgent community challenges related to climate change, food insecurity, and local COVID-19 recovery.

Homelessness continues to be a concern for the County. According to the **2022 Point-in-Time (PIT) count**, there were 527 people experiencing homelessness in Nevada County on the night of February 23, 2022, including 60 children under the age of 18. The Nevada County Health and Human Services Agency recently presented an **updated draft Homeless Plan** to the Board of Supervisors, which includes specific strategies and goals to address homelessness in Nevada County over the next two years. I am proud to say that Nevada County is in the last mile of reaching functional zero for veteran homelessness.

Finally, I want to thank Nevada County's fiscal team for their ongoing work to maintain the County's **financial stability and core services**. The approved **Fiscal Year 2022/2023 budget** includes a healthy reserve that will help Nevada County weather potential economic threats, including a recession.

I'm proud of the work we've done so far this year in support of these important objectives, and I look forward to continuing our work with the community to improve this place we all love.

Susan Hook, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Board Objective Process



2022 Board Objectives



Fiscal Stability/
Core Services



Emergency
Preparedness



Broadband



Economic
Development



Housing



Cannabis



Homelessness



Recreation



Fiscal Stability & Core Services

Continued fiscal stability and support for core service delivery

- Delivered 22/23 budget prioritizing core services
- Authorized strategic additions to staffing levels to support core services and increased focus on Board priorities.
- Continued implementation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Expenditure Plan, ensuring transparency and alignment with Federal guidance.





Emergency Preparedness



- Know Your Zone
- Ready Set Go! Outreach
- Free Green Waste Disposal Events
- Evacuation Route Vegetation Clearance
- Wildfire Response and Evacuation Support
- Disaster Recovery (Jones & River Fires, Winter Storm, Rices Fire)





Economic Development



- Launch of Go Nevada County campaign/website
- Board allocates \$140,000 in Community Resilience grant funds specifically to business serving entities.
- Nevada County secures CA Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant and disburses \$107,500 to 43 local microbusinesses.
- SBC provided individual technical assistance to 219 businesses with 627 hours of advisory services.
- North San Juan Fire suppression project moves forward; Higgins sidewalk improvements request is further by congressional representatives.

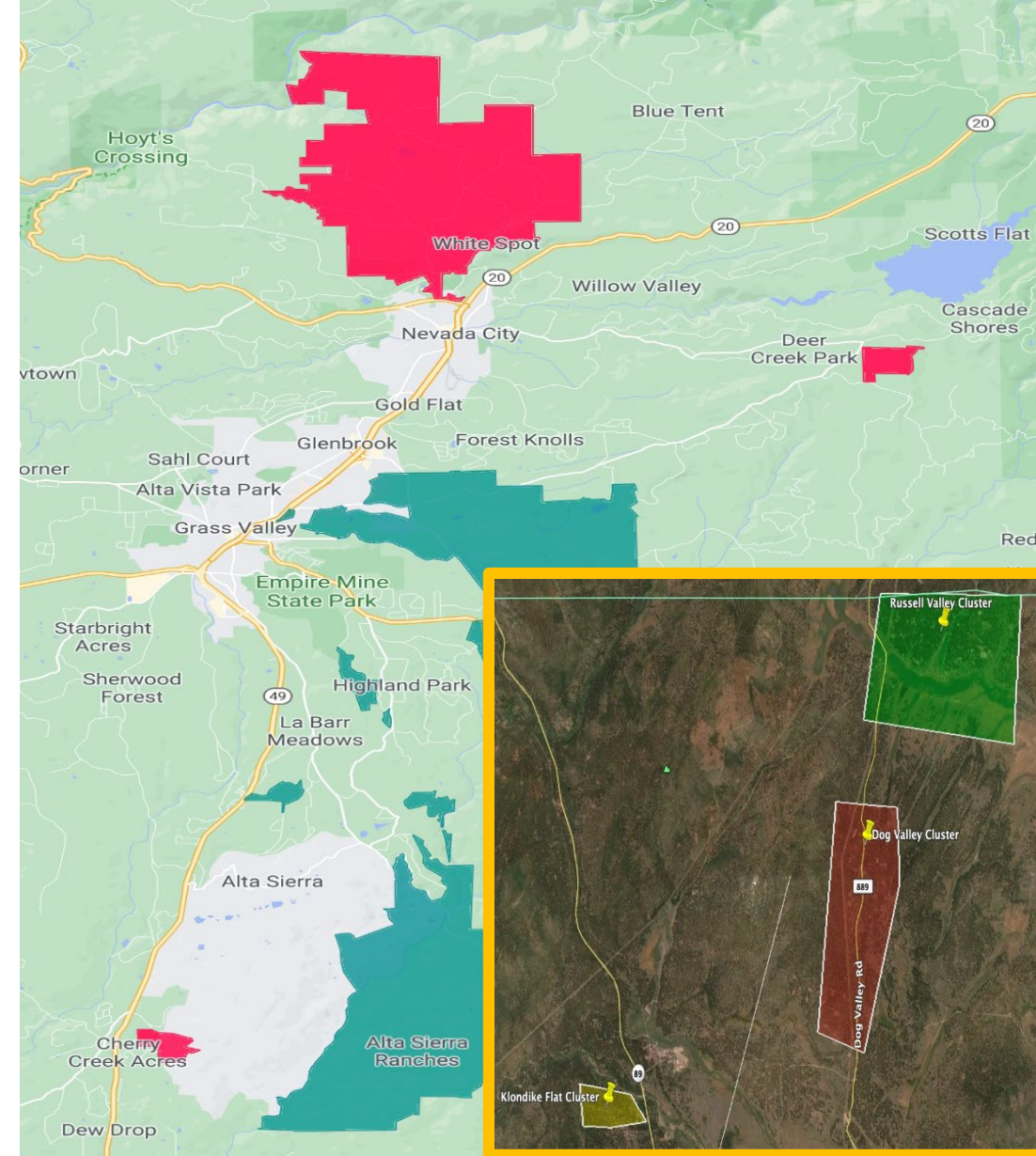




Broadband



- Board allocated ARPA funds:
 - \$1,000,000 to support broadband expansion projects (TBD)
 - \$250,000 for Round 3 of the Last-Mile Broadband Grants
 - \$100,000 for “Dig Once” projects
- Countywide Programmatic EIR underway (Admin draft due this quarter)
- Advocacy for State and Federal funding





Cannabis

- Received the DCC Grant for \$1.2million
- Modified the Administrative Land-Use Ordinance
- Facilitated opportunities for neighborhood feedback regarding cannabis impacts
- Implemented approved UAS Pilot Program
- Increased staffing to improve permitting and enforcement outcomes
- Received \$153k so far Fiscal Year 2021/2022





Housing

- Brunswick Commons to open August 2022; 41 Units with 12 units for individuals with a mental health disability
- Cashin's Field affordable housing development for completion in Spring 2023
- NPLH funding awarded for Pacific Crest Commons, a collaboration between HCS, RHA, and Truckee, and developer

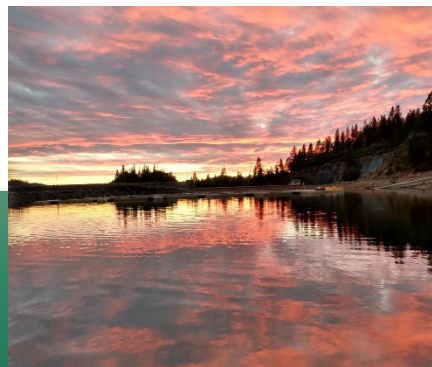




Homelessness

- Renovating Empire Mine Courtyard for permanent housing for families- 9 units converted
- Awarded funds to purchase a property on Sutton Way to be used as a day center and navigation center.
- Collaborated with the CoC to complete the Homeless Action Plan
- Campaign to End Veterans Homelessness by the end of 2022.





Recreation



- Released Request for Proposals for Recovery and Resiliency Master Plan and secured \$200,000 SNC grant to support it.
- Board awarded \$415,400 in 9 Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund grants promote health and safety and access through improved infrastructure at impacted recreation destinations.
- Held first all-county Recreation Collaborative Meeting April 22, 2022, and staff continue to convene the South Yuba River Safety Cohort, with monthly meetings, and staff Convene, Champion, Catalyze (CCC) in Eastern Nevada County
- Submitted Congressionally directed funding requests totaling nearly \$3 million to support Independence Trail and bike/pedestrian access on Combie Road.

Recreation



Questions & discussion
