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Nevada County Board of Supervisors 950 Maidu Avenue Nevada City, CA 95959

Honorable Chair and Board Members:

At today's meeting, the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Board that the application for landmark designation of the site in Grass Valley of the City Brewery and the Sawmill be approved. The site at 309 Mill Street Street is owned by applicant the City of Grass Valley. which has approved the placement of a plaque at the site. The landmark is to be designated as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 25-07, assuming the pending applications are approved first.

The City of Grass Valley is constructing a parking lot on the site which once housed the City's first business enterprise, a sawmill erected in 1850 by pioneer James Walsh. After the sawmill burned down in 1854, Thomas and Samuel Hodge built the City Brewery on this site. It continued in operation until 1909. The City desires to commemorate these pioneering business enterprises by erecting a brass plaque on the site facing Mill Street.



The research and documentation which accompanies the application has been reviewed by several Commissioners for historical accuracy. The application and supporting documentation is enclosed.

If you approve the application, please forward the resolution and accompanying documents to the County Recorder.

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly,

Barb Carman, Commissioner

cc: City of Grass Valley

