

Federal Legislative Update

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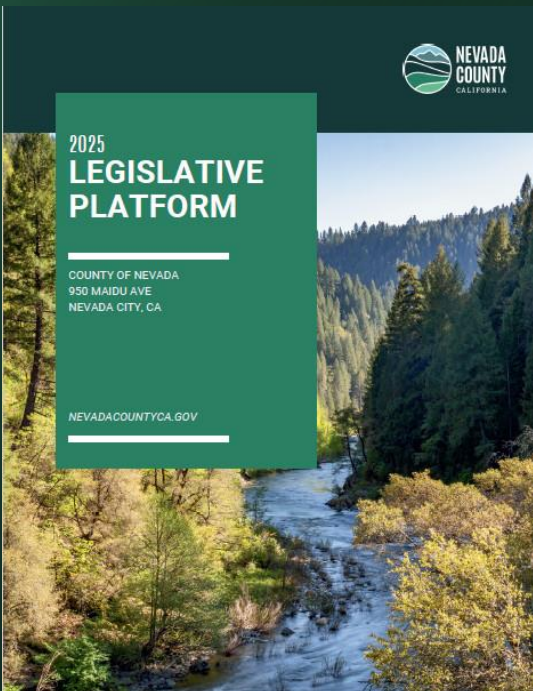
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Federal Legislative Affairs Program



- **Federal District Representatives**
- **Paragon Government Relations**
- **National Association of Counties (NACo)**
- **California State Association of Counties (CSAC)**
- **Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC)**



Executive Branch Actions

- **Executive Orders / OMB Memo Funding Freeze**
 - Federal Funding Freeze for grants and loans
 - STOP WORK ORDER – National Forest Foundation
- **Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)**
 - Reduction of Workforce / Elimination of Staff



Congressional Branch Actions

- **FY24/25 Budget – Continuing Resolution**
 - Potential Government Shutdown (3/15)
 - Congressional Designated Funding Projects
- **Budget Reconciliation – Entitlement / Mandatory Funding**
 - Proposed Mandatory Spending Cuts
 - Medicaid
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)
 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) clean energy tax credits

Potential Impacts of Proposed Actions

29% Residents of Nevada County Impacted

(1 out of every 4 residents)

- 2022 - \$219M in Nevada County via Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- SNAP (CalFRESH) 11,768 Nevada County Residents (11.5%)
- 47.7% SNAP participants are older adults and children

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) (CalWorks)

- 842 individuals receiving TANF benefits

Other Programs at Risk

- Women, Infants and Children (WIC); Maternal Child Health Programs – 1,175 participants
- County Contracts and Nonprofit Organizations

Potential Impacts – Veteran Services

- Regional Veterans Affairs Office staff have retired
- Staffing for the Veterans Crisis Hotline eliminated
- VA Medical Centers and outpatient clinics
- Homeless outreach eliminated
- Veteran Readiness and Employment outreach eliminated
- Travel reimbursement for VA appointments are frozen
- Significant additional policy changes at the federal level



NACo Short-term Priorities

- Disaster Reform

- Secure Rural Schools Act

- Counties and Medicaid

- Tax-Exempt Municipal Bonds

- County HHSA Services





NACo INTERGOVERNMENTAL

DISASTER REFORM TASK FORCE



NACo Intergovernmental Disaster Reform Task Force

- 18 Counties represented; including Nevada due to expertise on insurance crisis

Task Force Areas of Focus

- Mitigation
- Response
- Recovery
- Technical Assistance

Key Advocacy

- NACo request to participate on FEMA Review Council
- Amend Stafford Act & FEMA

Conference Actions

- White House & Dep. of Homeland Security Meeting
- Disaster Taskforce Congressional Staffer Workshop
- Disaster Task Force Interviews
- Congressional Meetings



nearly **700** nursing homes



960 hospitals



33% of airports



38% of the National Bridge Inventory



44% of public road miles



more than **2,500** jail

NACo Legislative Conference Advocacy

Advocacy with Nevada County Federal Delegates

- Congressman Kevin Kiley (CA -03)
- Senator Alex Padilla
- Senator Adam Schiff

Targeted Committee & Agency Advocacy

- Congressman Doug LaMalfa (CA-01) (Chair Natural Resources Committee)
- Congressman Joe Neguse (CO-02)
- USFS Forester Randy Moore

Targeted Advocacy on Wildfire Insurance Crisis

- House Financial Services Committee (Majority Staff)
- Senate Banking Committee (Majority & Minority Staff)
- Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)
- Senator Ron Wyden (OR)

Wildfire Insurance Advocacy

Multi-County Coalition

- Nevada County, Napa County, Lake County

Key Issues & Highlights

- Federal Action is Warranted – Need for Hearings
- Insurance Premiums must reflect risk mitigation work at individual, community and landscape levels – lowering risk by 40-60%
- Crisis extends beyond homeowners – Public Housing at jeopardy
- Mortgage-backed security financial market creeping toward risk
- California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Policy Recommendations
- Tactical Solutions with bipartisan support



Questions?

