

2018

Legislative Platform



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Introduction

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors, County Executive Office, and senior executives develop this Legislative Platform on an annual basis in order to prioritize and draw attention to legislative areas of interest to the County as a whole, as well as specific program or specific legislative efforts that effect 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, our 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 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.

This document is shared with our contracted legislative advocacy firm, Shaw Yoder Antwih, 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.

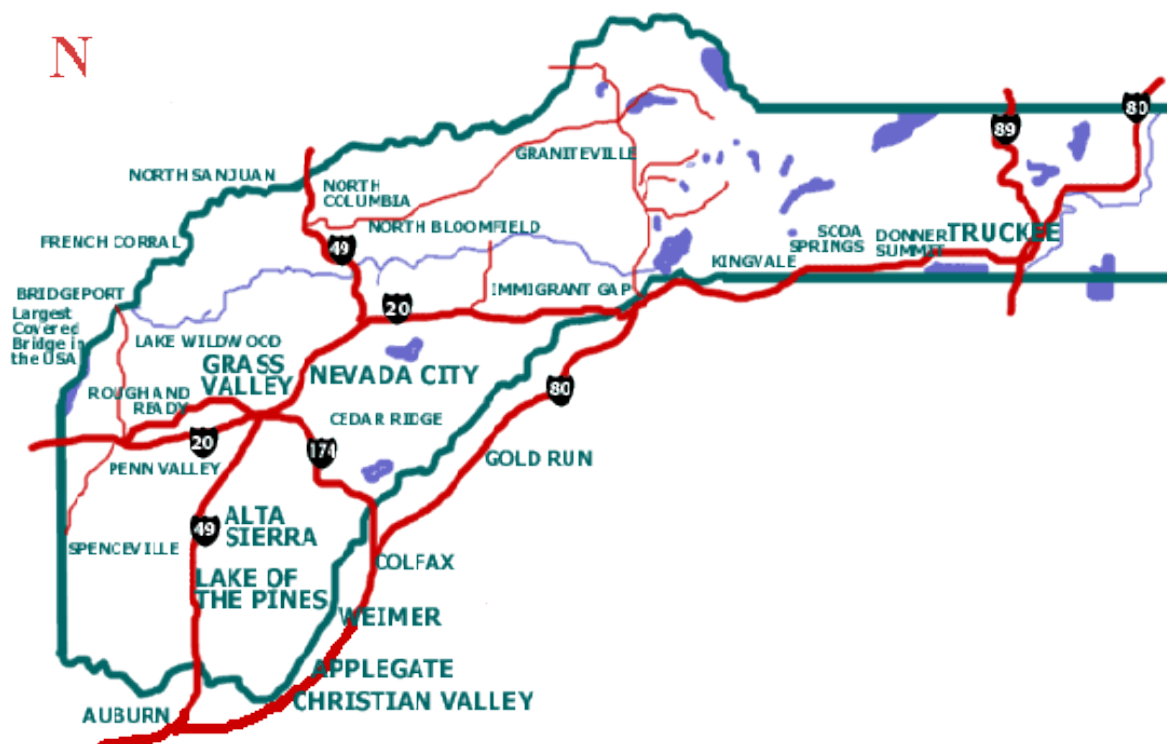


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2018 Board Objectives Summary

Priority A

- Maintain County's financial stability and core services in light of economic conditions.
- Prioritize the implementation of existing County policies and programs to reduce the risk of wildfire and the effects of wildfire on life, property and the environment. Pursue hazard vegetation mitigation funding sources and support related community partners with their efforts. Explore other ways to reduce the threat and damage from wildfires.
- Implement the Homeless Services Plan utilizing Coordinated Entry, a 24/7 service pilot program and a housing first model to identify and offer services to the most vulnerable homeless population in Nevada County through partnerships with other jurisdictions, law enforcement and community providers.
- Continue to develop long term County cannabis regulations and explore a cannabis revenue measure for the November ballot.
- Leverage County resources to expand opportunities to address housing affordability issues for all target populations in Nevada County through partnerships with other jurisdictions, potential developers and the housing authority.
- Work with ERC, SBC, RCRC, CSAC and Nevada County legislative advocates to identify and seek state and federal funding to support board policy objectives including economic development.

Priority B

- Increase and improve public awareness and civic engagement through educational information programs.
- Complete fee study for recreational improvements to serve new development and encourage all entities to consider collaboration/consolidation into one western county regional park and recreation operation.

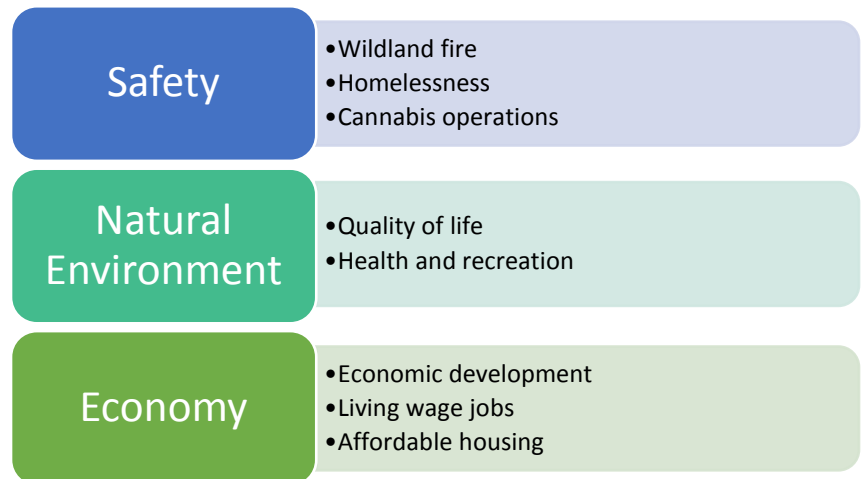
Priority C

- Evaluate the options and feasibility of establishing a Business License process in the County.
- Explore economic development opportunities for the current corporation yard when vacated which may include airport expansion, commercial development and/or other best use opportunities.

Community Description

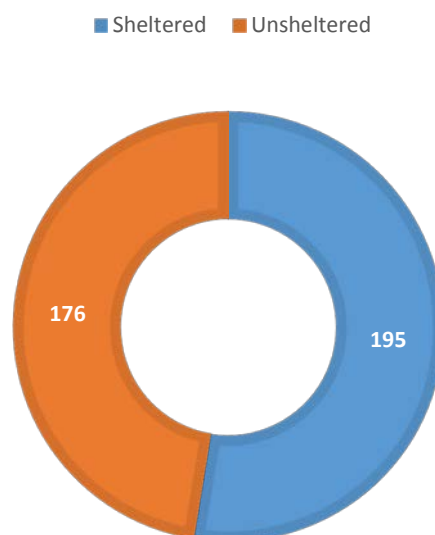
Nevada County is a small rural county in Northern California. The County spans 958 square miles from the Sacramento Valley to the Sierra Mountains and borders the state of Nevada, near Reno. Nevada County is home to approximately 100,000 residents with three incorporated cities include Grass Valley, Nevada City and the town of Truckee. Generally, Nevada County residents are older, racially similar yet politically diverse, and well-educated. Nevada County’s rich gold rush history, active arts and culture scene, and access to recreational activities attract tourists, retirees, and new residents to the area.

Citizen priorities per the 2017 National Citizen Survey data:



2017 Point-In-Time Homeless Count Survey Results:

371 HOMELESS COUNTED



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Legislative Priorities

| Issue | Summary/Action Item | Department | Board Object. | Target |
|------------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------|
| Preserve Local Control | 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 | | State/ Federal |
| Bonds & Funding Measures | Support an equitable disbursement of state and federal funding in all bond and funding measures affecting the County | County Executive Office |  | State/ Federal |
| Burdensome Regulatory Requirements | 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 | | State/ Federal |
| County Revenue | Oppose efforts to decrease, restrict, eliminate or otherwise restrict local autonomy of local revenues | County Executive Office |  | State/ Federal |
| State & Federal Mandates | 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 |
| State Realignment & Cost Shifts | Oppose proposals to restructure, realign or otherwise shift the cost of state programs to local government without commensurate compensation | County Executive Office |  | State |
| Economic Growth and Development | Support efforts of job growth and economic development | County Executive Office |  | State/ Federal |
| Affordable Housing | Support legislative efforts to encourage affordable/workforce/senior housing developments in rural communities | Community Development Agency; Health and Human Services |  | State |

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| Employee/Labor | Support full cost recovery for salary, benefits and administration for all employee relationship and protect and enhance flexibility and local control over employee and labor relations issues | County Executive Office; Human Resources Department |  | State |
| Privacy/Security | 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 |
| Health in our Community | Support legislation and funding for individual and community health programs delivered by counties through public health, behavioral health and social services | Health and Human Services | | State/ Federal |
| Emergency Preparedness | Support fair and equitable funding to local health departments and emergency services for emergency preparedness programs | Office of Emergency Services; Public Health | | State/ Federal |

Funding Requests


| Issue | Summary/Action Item | Department | Board Object. | Target |
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| County Jail Operations | 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 | | State |
| Homelessness Program Funding | Support proposals to increase funding for shelter and coordination of services for homeless people in rural communities | Health and Human Services |  | State/ Federal |
| Court Appointed Dependency Counsel Funding | Support legislation or administrative action to fully fund optimal caseloads for dependency attorneys | Public Defender | | State |
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| Rehabilitation and Treatment for Inmates | Seek funding to support both in-custody programming and facilities in order to enhance the County's rehabilitation and treatment programs for inmates | Behavioral Health; Sheriff's Office | State |
| Dental Services for Low Income Californians | 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 expanding public education and awareness | Health and Human Services | State |
| Invasive Species Program | Support continued funding for effective pest management and eradication activities and to restore funding for agricultural border stations | Agricultural Commissioner | State/ Federal |
| Tree Mortality and Fire Protection | 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 | Office of Emergency Services | State/ Federal |
| Roads Funding | Support proposals to increase transportation funding and repay existing transportation fund loans | Public Works | State |
| Animal Care Shelter | Support funding for regional animal shelter facility and programs | Sheriff's Office | State |
| Williamson Act | Support legislation or budget proposals to fund the Williamson Act subventions to counties | Community Development Agency; Assessor | State |
| Health Realignment | Advocate for maintaining sufficient health realignment to ensure adequate resources to obligations and fulfill statutory public health, behavioral health and indigent health care mandates | Public Health; Behavioral Health | State |



County Specific Initiatives

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| Cap and Trade Funds/SRA Fees for Rural Communities | Advocate for dedication of cap and trade revenue to rural communities through revising the definition of “disadvantaged communities” | Community Development Agency |  | State |
| South Yuba River State Park | Advocate for increasing resources dedicated to the South Yuba River State Park for public safety and environmental protection | Board of Supervisors | | State |
| Hwy 49 Safety Improvements | Advocate for planning, funding and implementation of safety improvements to the Hwy 49 corridor between Grass Valley and Auburn | Board of Supervisors | | State |
| CSBG/CDBG/Housing Choice Programs | 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 |  | State/ Federal |
| Bridges | Advocate for continuing funding of HBP funds to replace aging bridges throughout the County | Public Works | | Federal |
| Land Use: Housing Element Flexibility for Rural Counties | Advocate for proposals that provide for flexibility in how rural counties designate parcels for specific zoning in order to meet housing development requirements | Planning Department |  | State |
| Mental Health Services for Foster Youth | Oppose legislation that shifts the cost of providing mental health care from urban to rural counties | Behavioral Health | | State |
| Telecommunication Legislation | Advocate to protect the rights of local government to control location and permitting process of telecommunications infrastructure | Information and General Services | | State/ Federal |

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| Broadband Infrastructure | Advocate for the continuation and expansion of the California Advanced Services Fund's rural broadband specific funding allocation and for the CPUC to streamline and lower the burden of the grant application, challenge and approval processes | Information and General Services | | State |
| Affordable Care Act | Support continuation of the Affordable Care Act for the 1 in 5 Nevada County residents currently enrolled | Social Services | | State/ Federal |
| Bridgeport Bridge Restoration Project | Continue to pursue funding for the restoration of this historic landmark | Board of Supervisors | | State |
| Child Custody and Visitation | Support legislation to allow child support workers to assist families with child custody and visitation orders | Child Support Services | | State |
| Cyber Security and Open Data | 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 | Information and General Services | | State |
| Workforce Training | Enhance and expand employment and training programs to non-custodial parents | Child Support Services; Social Services | | State |
| Public Safety Realignment | Support continued and protected funding for AB 109 Public Safety Realignment | Sheriff's Office; Probation Department; Health and Human Services | | State |
| Cannabis Regulation | Support legislative efforts to clarify state regulation, protect local control of cannabis allowable activities and fund enforcement and public health activities | Community Development Agency; Sheriff's Office; Public Health |  | State |
| Trails | Support proposals to increase funding for multi-purpose trails and bike trails | Board of Supervisors | | State |