

# Board of Supervisors'

## 2021 Objectives

### Mid-Year Update (Jan – June)



July 2021  
Caleb Dardick, CEO's Office

# Board Objectives Mid-Year Report

- Track status of 50 initiatives/  
17 performance measures
- Updated quarterly
- Public facing
- Promote transparency
- Community communication



2021 BOARD OBJECTIVES  
SECOND QUARTER REPORT






Photo courtesy of the South Yuba River Citizens League

This report outlines the various initiatives in progress during the second quarter of 2021 that contribute to the achievement of the Board of Supervisors' annual priority objectives.

July 2021



Message from the Chair



Last quarter, I ended this letter optimistic that after June 15<sup>th</sup>, when we expected the State to reopen safely, we'd be on track to a full recovery with our kids back in schools and the doors of our restaurants and small businesses flung open. And do you know what I see when I walk around town? People moving about freely. Smiling. I sure missed those smiles.


But some of our small businesses and nonprofits still need help. That is why I'm so pleased that the Board set aside nearly \$6 million for "Community & Economic Resiliency," over 30% of the County's allocation from the American Rescue Plan Act. With these federal dollars, we can provide some immediate relief to our small businesses and nonprofits that have suffered so much already and invest in longer-term recovery.


Connecting our community to the internet is what the "Last-Mile" grants are all about. In April, the Board awarded \$500,000 to four local internet service providers to provide broadband service to 440 households to support distance learning, remote working, and tele-medicine. What I like most about these innovative projects is that they are local, affordable, and take a community serving approach.

Wildfire season is upon us. Barely a day goes by without another fire. Luckily, our heroic first responders have handled everything thrown at them so far. But we know the risk we take living in the woods, and that means being ready to evacuate if the order comes. Everyone should know about Nevada's latest tool, "Know Your Zone." [www.ReadyNevadaCounty.org/KnowYourZone](http://www.ReadyNevadaCounty.org/KnowYourZone). In the event of an emergency, law enforcement will issue evacuation warnings or evacuation orders noting the zone of the impacted areas. Knowing your own zone is a critical part of being prepared. Do it now, I'll wait.

Homelessness remains a challenge. I'm impressed by our Housing staff, whose "Operation Sugarloaf" successfully addressed a homeless encampment and navigated 13 of the 17 individuals into more secure housing. And the same team is hard at work renovating the Coach N' Four motel to provide interim family housing until more permanent housing can be found for families in need. More renovation work is happening at the Odyssey House to increase bed capacity for residential mental health treatment.

Good fiscal stewardship and sound financial management strategies were key to navigating the County through the pandemic. In June, the Board adopted the 21/22 County Budget, which includes \$299 Million in expenditures. We've been planning for a major emergency or recession for several years so we wouldn't have to make drastic budget cuts. As a result, Covid-19 didn't catch us flatfooted. This budget supports our priorities to reduce the risk of wildfire, expand broadband, address homelessness, support affordable housing, and put in place a post-pandemic economic recovery strategy. They say a budget reflects your values, and I want to thank the budget team for a budget that ensures our dollars will be put to good use for our valued community members.

Sincerely,  
  
Dan Miller, Chair  
Board of Supervisors



# Board Objective Process



# 2021 Board Objectives



Fiscal Stability/  
Core Services



Emergency  
Preparedness



Broadband



Economic  
Development



Housing



Cannabis



Homelessness





# 2021 Mid-Year Highlights



# Fiscal Stability & Core Services

## Relative stability despite COVID-19 Pandemic

- Delivered 21/22 budget prioritizing core services
- Streamlined and reorganized staffing
- Planned and implement use of one time funds
  - PG&E settlement
  - Coronavirus Relief Fund
  - American Rescue Plan Act





# Emergency Preparedness

- Know Your Zone
- Ready Set Go! outreach
- Free green waste disposal events
- Evacuation route vegetation clearance
- Extreme heat event response
- Wildfire monitoring & evacuation support





# Economic Development

- Board allocates \$5.8M from ARPA to support “Community & Economic Resiliency”
- Kicking off the Higgins Corner Area Plan
- Board Members host COVID-19 Business Task Force to support small businesses
- Board renews economic development contract with Sierra Business Council



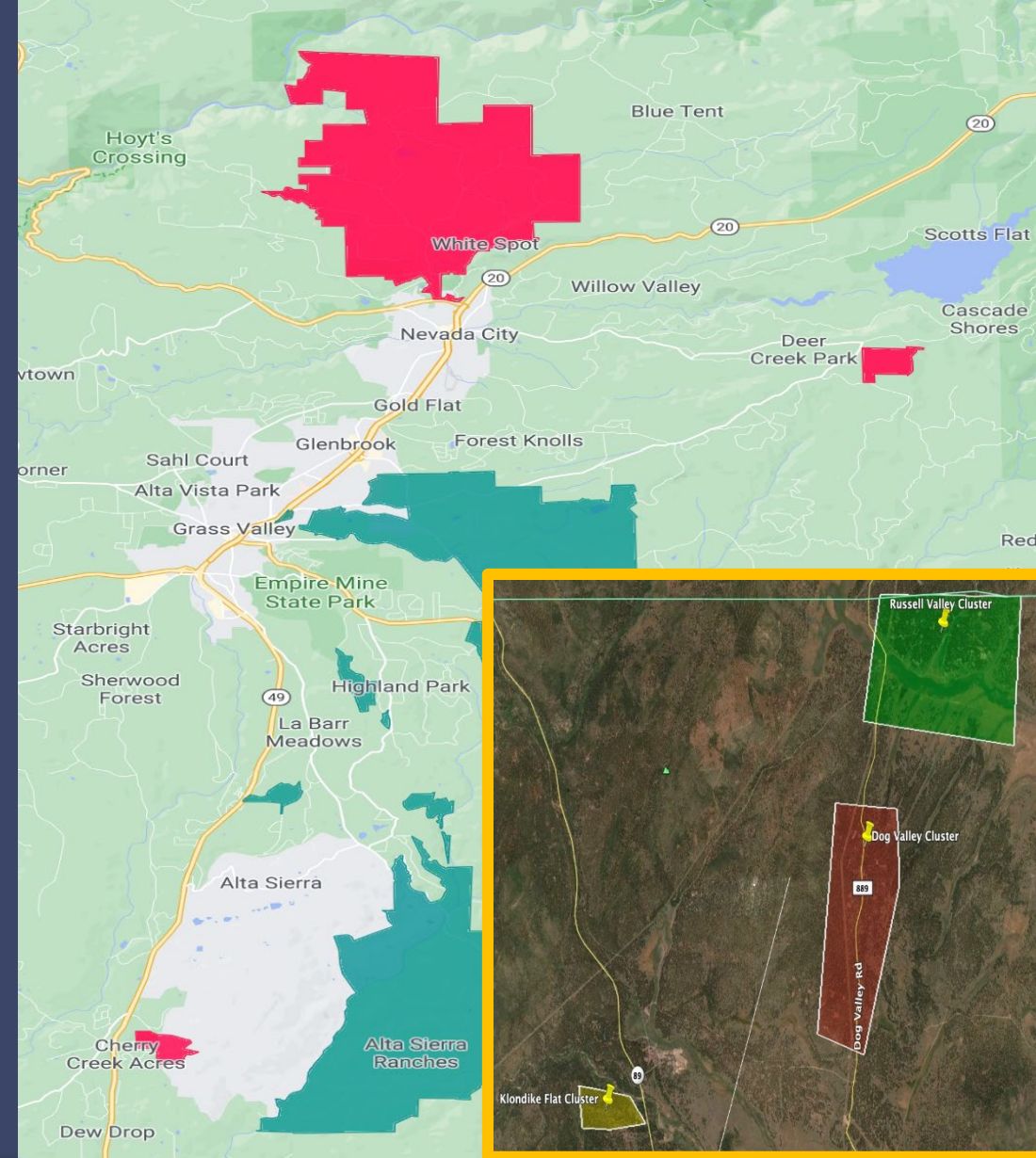




# Broadband



- Board awarded \$500,000 for Round 2 of the Last-Mile Broadband Grant program
- Advocating for State and Federal funding
- Broadband Work Group seeks to expedite environmental review and permitting





# Cannabis

- Approved 47 permits this quarter
- Amended the land-use ordinance
- Engaging stakeholders in new licensing types
- Honing tools and policies to improve enforcement
- Developing Equity Assessment to reduce barriers to entry





# Housing

- Began construction of **Cashin's Field** affordable housing development (*first Housing Trust Fund project*)
- Completed **Lone Oak**, 31 units of senior housing
- **Brunswick Commons** to open January 2022; 41 Units with 12 units for individuals with a mental health disability
- Implemented the Western Nevada County Regional **Housing Trust Fund** for affordable housing projects





# Homelessness

- Engaged 252 unique homeless individuals through the **HOME Team** for this fiscal year, which is 68% over the target of 150.
- Renovating **Coach N' Four** for families until they can find permanent housing.
- Renovating **Odyssey House** to increase bed capacity for residential mental health treatment.
- Campaign to **End Veterans Homelessness** by Veteran's Day.



# Questions & discussion

