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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 28, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Amy Irani-Leaverton, Environmental Health Director

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the Nevada County Drought Resilience Plan

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Resolution and Determination.

FUNDING: There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action.

BACKGROUND: Under Senate Bill 552 (SB 552), signed by Governor Gavin Newsom in September 2021, State and local governments will share responsibility for preparing for and responding to a water shortage event. The bill outlines new requirements for small water suppliers, county governments, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), and the State Water Board to implement proactive drought planning and be better prepared for future water shortage events or dry years. These new requirements aim to improve the ability to manage future droughts and help prevent catastrophic impacts on a community's drinking water supply.

Under SB 552, each county is required to develop a County Drought Resilience Plan (DRP) that demonstrates the potential drought and water shortage risks and proposes interim and long-term solutions for state small water systems (serving 5 to 14 connections), domestic wells, and other privately supplied homes within the county's jurisdiction. Additionally, each county is also required to have a standing drought task force or advisory group to facilitate preparedness for drought and water shortages.

The Nevada Drought Resilience Plan (DRP) identifies drought and water shortage risks affecting domestic wells in Nevada County and proposes both interim and long-term solutions. Additionally, the DRP considers consolidations for existing water systems and domestic wells, domestic well drinking water mitigation programs (e.g., well rehabilitation, assistance programs), provision of emergency and interim drinking water solutions, an analysis of the steps necessary to implement the plan, and an analysis of funding sources available to implement the plan. The Nevada DRP was developed in collaboration with DWR and the County's multi-disciplinary Drought Resilience Advisory Group. The DRP reflects a coordinated effort to enhance the county's resilience to drought.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The proposed action is not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 because it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Initiated and Approved by: Amy Irani-Leaverton, Environmental Health Director
Submittal Date: July 9, 2026