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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** June 14, 2022  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Julie Patterson Hunter  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution designating the Nevada City African Methodist Episcopal Church Site, located at 549 N. Pine Street, Nevada City, CA 95959 (APN 005-074-008-000) as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 22-02

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the attached resolution.

**FUNDING:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:**

At its meeting on April 15, 2022 the Nevada County Historical Landmark's Commission (NCHLC) unanimously approved an application recommending the designation of the Nevada City African Methodist Episcopal Church Site, located at 549 N. Pine Street, Nevada City, CA 95959 (APN 005-074-008-000) as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 22-02. The application was developed and submitted by the property owner Edward Hicks on February 14, 2022.

As outlined in the attached application, the property was the site of the Nevada City African Methodist Episcopal Church for thirty years between 1864 and 1894. Initially the church congregation were members of the Grass Valley African Methodist Episcopal Church (designated as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 21-02 on May 25, 2021) before establishing the church in 1864. Specifically, "...On May 9<sup>th</sup> William D. Groves signed an agreement to build a church on Lot 8, Block 25 on N. Pine St., which backed up to Oregon Ravine... The men who signed the agreement to build the church were D.D. (Denis Drummond) Carter, Samuel Rodgers, Elijah Booth, John Hamilton, and James Jenkins." Unfortunately, shortly after the church's dedication on August 1, 1864, the church's foundation collapsed, and the building was subsequently rebuilt. The church operated until May 28, 1894, when on behalf of the A.M.E. Church Trustee Elijah Booth sold the property to Edwin Tilley for \$480 who later developed the property with residential buildings. Further information is included within the Supporting Documents including a summary of the site's history by Linda Jack.

Therefore, the NCHLC recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution designating the Nevada City African Methodist Episcopal Church Site, located at 549 N. Pine Street, Nevada City, CA 95959 (APN 005-074-008-000) as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 22-02.

**Item Initiated by:** Jeffrey Thorsby, Senior Management Analyst  
**Item Approved by:** Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board  
**Submittal Date:** June 2, 2022