

**From:** [Deborah Gibbs](#)  
**To:** [BOS Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Caleb Dardick](#)  
**Subject:** Support for sales tax proposal on upcoming ballot  
**Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 12:27:36 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

The Nevada County Climate Action Now group strongly supports the sales tax proposal outlined by Caleb Dardick at a recent Firewise Coalition meeting to provide sustainable funding for disaster preparedness. Natural disaster threats are a significant problem for our County, and currently no earmarked source of funds exists to support efforts to prepare. Many projects rely on grant funding and the assistance of non-profits like FireSafe who also must secure grant funds on top of their management of vegetation fuel reduction and defensible space advisory service duties.

Wildfire in California is a significant carbon emission source and effectively negates many of the efforts taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Plus, destruction of our forests removes important carbon sinks, seriously damages our precious watersheds in the face of ongoing drought and requires vast amounts of fossil fuels to fight fires and provide emergency power when PSPS events occur.

Most parts of Nevada County have an extreme wildfire risk and additional resources are needed to address the problems before disasters strike. Having time, resources and expertise to deliberately and intelligently prepare for a safer county, while protecting our important environmental assets, is a prudent use of funds. We applaud the County's foresight in proposing a sales tax provision on the ballot. While we realize it is difficult to get tax on parcels, a sales tax may be a more widely accepted approach. However, we trust the county would find ways to offset the impact of a regressive sales taxes on lower income residents.

Thank you for considering this important step to obtain voter approval to protect the life, property and resources of our community.

Sincerely,  
Nevada County Climate Action Now Steering Committee

Debbie Gibbs, Communications Manager  
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**From:** [Peter Brewer](#)  
**To:** [BOS Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** WILDFIRE PREVENTION, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND DISASTER READINESS MEASURE  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2022 11:42:20 AM

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Please put the WILDFIRE PREVENTION, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND DISASTER READINESS MEASURE on the ballot. Thank you. Peter Brewer

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**From:** [Bonne Lewis](#)  
**To:** [BOS Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Ballot  
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I represent a Firewise community Juniper Hill in eastern Nevada County. On behalf of all of our homeowners, we strongly support and encourage Nevada County Board of Supervisors to place on the ballot a “ Wildfire Prevention Emergency Services and Disaster Readiness Measure”. The funds that would be generated from this measure are desperately needed to help mitigate forest fire.

Your consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Bonne A. Lewis  
Firewise Coordinator for Juniper Hill



**From:** [David Retzler](#)  
**To:** [BOS Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** put a firewise measure on the ballot  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2022 4:15:08 PM

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I support the notion of putting a firewise measure on the next ballot and let voters decide on whether or not to enact it.

  
David Retzler  


**From:** [Beth Moorehead](#)  
**To:** [BOS Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on sales tax - comments on Wildfire Prevention, Emergency Services, Disaster Readiness Measure (proposed)  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2022 11:14:11 AM


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I am a resident of Nevada County and a homeowner in the city of Grass Valley. I have spent years, tens of truckloads to the greenwaste disposal yard (50+ truckloads), thousands of dollars on tree service/removal, thousands of dollars on weed eradication, and countless weekends clearing brush, trees and flammable debris from my property. I support the sales tax to ensure more is being done to make us, as a county, firesafe. I'd like to see everyone participate. Making it easier will help (year round greenwaste disposal would be excellent) but there are businesses and neighbors that just don't care to or cannot make their property fire hardened. It's frustrating that I'm doing all I can and others do nothing with no penalty. We need to clear roadsides, uplimb trees and remove dead brush/trees. If businesses and homeowners won't participate, the sales tax will help. There should also be penalties for non compliance that are actually enforced.

Regards,  
Beth Moorehead  


**From:** [Laura Ericson](#)  
**To:** [BOS Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Support of WILDFIRE PREVENTION, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND DISASTER READINESS MEASURE  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 27, 2022 10:20:06 AM

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Dear Board,

I fully support the sales tax increase for wildfire prevention funding and hope to see it on the November ballot.

Laura Ericson



Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Cheryl Dell](#)  
**To:** [BOS Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Support to place half cent sales tax on the November ballot  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022 10:07:53 AM  
**Attachments:** [half cent sales tax letter.docx](#)

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Dear Supervisors:

This letter is intended to support placing the half cent sales tax for wildfire mitigation on the November ballot.

A modest sales-tax measure could be used to support the long-standing BOS goal of reducing wildfire risk in Nevada County. The County has significantly increased its efforts in recent years, and the results are appreciated. But more must be done. The proposal in front of you is the result of three years of community conversations. It is the collective best-thinking about the way to raise funds to tackle needed projects in a thoughtful, evidence-based way.

Placing this item in front of voters, who have been polled multiple times during this process, allows this community to participate differently. Many residents have already shown their interest in wildfire mitigation by clearing their property, volunteering their time on fire-related causes, and attending community meetings. We hope you'll give them the opportunity to support a much-needed stable funding source. Estimates show that \$12 million would be available for high priority projects, perhaps more if some of the funds are used to secure additional matching grants.

If given the chance, we will wholeheartedly support this effort with our vote. We believe it is pivotal that expenditures will be directed by an all-volunteer group of technical experts and citizen representatives, and that all expenses will be audited and reported to the public at least annually.

Thank you in advance for giving this proposal the fair and thorough consideration it deserves, and for all that you've done to prioritize wildfire prevention and emergency preparedness.

Sincerely,

Cheryl and Brad Dell

**From:** [samgitchel](#)  
**To:** [BOS Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Wildfire Prevention, Emergency Preparedness, and Disaster Readiness Measure  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 3, 2022 8:12:19 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

On behalf of Greater Champion Firewise Community, I am writing to urge you to let the voters decide in November whether to enact the Wildfire Prevention, Emergency Preparedness, and Disaster Readiness Measure.

Wildfire is an existential threat to Nevada County. CaFire classifies our area in its highest-risk-category, "very high fire hazard". Scientists analyzing the Camp Fire have pointed specifically to Nevada City as a town with characteristics similar to those of Paradise. We are in a perilous position created by the confluence of geography, drought, hazardous vegetation, and older, closely spaced homes.

Like many other Nevada County Firewise groups, Greater Champion works year-round to improve fire safety. We collaborate with public agencies and other Firewise groups, but there is much more that needs to be done, much of it beyond the scope of a neighborhood Firewise group. Even if every house had perfect defensible space, we still would need to address community-wide safety issues. We need the County to lead the way in large-scale projects, and we need to increase the number and scale of such projects. This measure would provide the funding to undertake them.

As residents we are alarmed by the danger we face. We urge County leaders to embrace this challenge and let the voters decide on this measure in November.

Sincerely,  
Sam Gitchel, Chair  
Greater Champion Firewise Community