



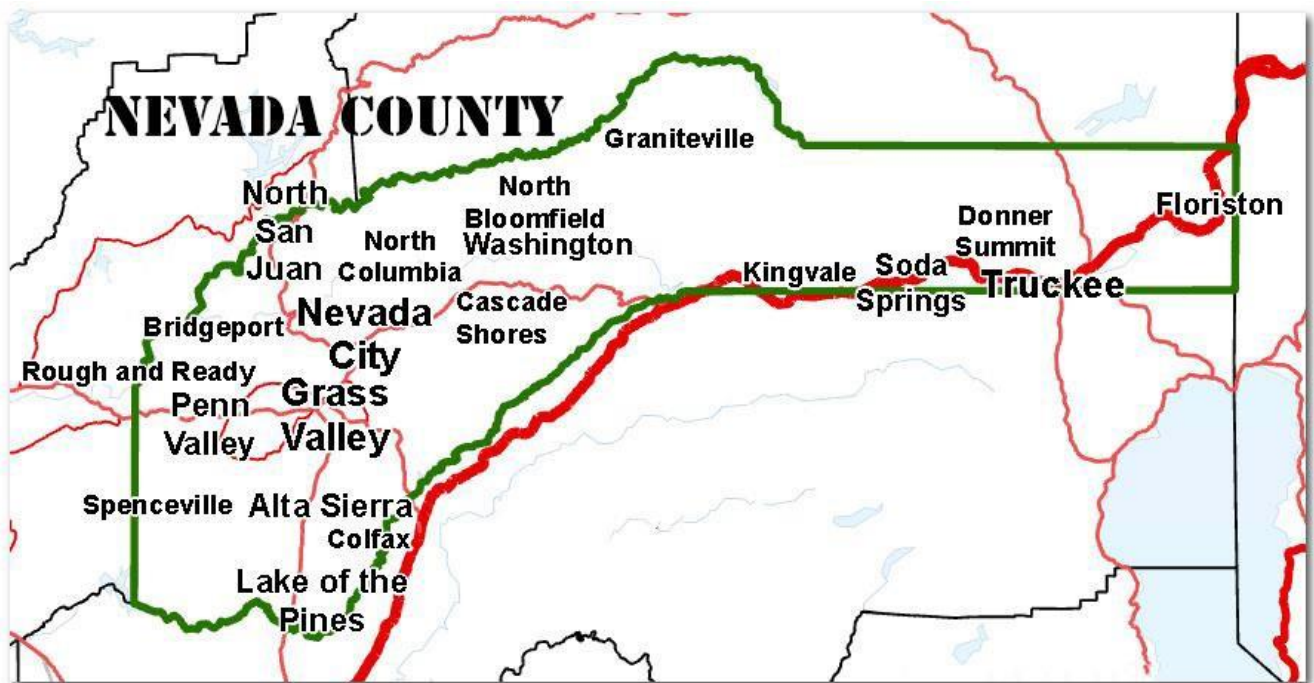
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Executive Summary

The Nevada County Legislative Platform provides an advocacy framework to support legislative and regulatory advocacy to ensure the sustainable delivery of core public services, advance top priority objectives of the County as adopted by the Board of Supervisors, and to solicit funding for infrastructure needs, capital projects and other services and programs that support and promote the well-being of Nevada County residents and community. Annual updates to the Platform also facilitate proactive response to top legislative priorities or regulatory positions in a given year.



2023 Key Legislative Positions

The 2023 Key Legislative Positions outlined below represent an overview of top legislative positions that reflect the Board's adopted priority objectives, applicable pursuits of the California Governor's Office and pending/upcoming legislative threats and opportunities critical to the county.

Board of Forestry Fire Safety Regulations - Support reasonable legislation and regulatory actions that provide fire safety regulations and home hardening requirements that mitigate wildfire but oppose legislation or regulatory actions that threaten local control over land use and development in rural counties.

Broadband - Advocate for legislation and rulemaking that removes bureaucratic hurdles and processes to the California Advocated Series Fund (CASF) program and for transparent, efficient and rural equitable implementation of the State's Middle-Mile Infrastructure Development project.

CalAIM Implementation - Advocate for rulemaking to ensure efficient and effective delivery of Medi-Cal specialty mental health services and substance use disorder services that are coupled with clear transparent funding mechanisms; conversely monitor and oppose initiatives that do not include funding mechanisms or place unfunded mandates on counties.

Cannabis – Support legislation on cannabis activity that a) increases resources and support of enforcement on egregious operations, b) alleviates burdensome tax initiatives and duplicative or costly bureaucratic processes on legal cannabis businesses, c) supports effective cannabis enforcement on illegal cannabis operations, and d) permits state-legal cannabis businesses to work with federal financial institutions; and oppose legislation that strips or removes local jurisdictional authority.

CARE Court Funding and Implementation - Advocate to secure adequate, flexible, and sustained funding across all impacted local agencies to support counties' efforts to implement the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act and to amend existing law to ensure its successful implementation.

Disaster Reimbursement - Advocate for timely reimbursements associated with declared states of emergencies and subsequent recovery efforts, including green waste removal.

Easing Administration of the Public Records Act (PRA) - Advocate for legislation that eases the administrative costs associated with the Public Records Act to ensure transparency but balance costs to taxpayers.

Expansion of Involuntary Treatment - Oppose the expansion of Involuntary Treatment to address homelessness without adequate safeguards to individual liberty and adequate sustained resources to all impacted departments and programs, and without flexible local control.

Farm Bill Reauthorization - Advocate for Farm Bill Reauthorization and the continuation of federal funds and programs that support rural communities, including key initiatives in the areas of nutrition, workforce housing, federal forest management policy, wildfire protection, preparedness and forest resiliency, amongst many other critical programs.

Forest Management & Green Waste Removal – Advocate for ongoing sustainable funding for wildfire mitigation projects and programs including direct funding allocations to the Office of Emergency Services and community partners.

Homelessness - Support policy initiatives and legislation that offer comprehensive systems to end homelessness that address the causes of homelessness, provide flexible funding for ongoing costs associated with providing services to unhoused residents and those at risk of homelessness, and promote the development of adequate housing.

Housing - Support legislation to streamline development, increase funding for affordable housing development, and remove barriers to access such as increasing state income limits to keep pace with increases of wage rates and inflation to allow for affordable housing and service eligibility.

Organic Waste - Advocate for legislation and rulemaking for implementing of AB 1826 and SB 1383 that provides adequate resources for local governments to develop the necessary infrastructure to implement organics diversion programs, including eligibility of green waste material for procurement requirements.

Recreation Infrastructure – Advocate for funding for recreational infrastructure development and ongoing resources to mitigate public safety risks as a results of peak period visitation, and promote sustainable tourism and economic development.

Sustainable Funding - Advocate for sustainable resources for ongoing programs and services and oppose efforts to establish county mandates or ongoing programs and services with one-time funding mechanisms.

Zero Emission Vehicle Rural Flexibility & Infrastructure - Support legislation that provides the necessary funding and regulatory flexibility, and promotes public-private coordination for local rural communities to fund, develop, and maintain the necessary infrastructure for zero emission vehicles that balances economic development and public safety.

Projects List 2023

While not a comprehensive list of all county priority projects, this is a dynamic list of important projects that Nevada County should further through planning, advocacy and funding. Icons below indicate if the project is in the conceptual or idea phase (light bulb), planning phase (pencil/ruler), or is ready for implementation (shovel).



Deer Creek Canyon Shaded Fuel Break and Related Projects in the Deer Creek Corridor

In close collaboration with community partners, including the Deer Creek Firewise Communities, the City of Nevada City, Fire Safe Council of Nevada County, NID, the Yuba Watershed Institute, and others, support and advance projects to reduce fuel loads in the Deer Creek and Little Deer Creek watersheds.



Dog Bar Bridge Replacement

Provide a safe crossing over Bear River on Dog Bar Road, as the existing structure, which was built in the 1930s, is too narrow. The site is a popular recreation destination.



Edwards Bridge Project

This historic bridge over the South Yuba River, at a popular recreation destination commonly referred to as “Edwards Crossing,” was built in 1904. The project would provide a safe permanent crossing over the South Yuba River on North Bloomfield Road, as the existing bridge is structurally deficient.



Higgins Area Economic Development: Water/Sewer Project Funding

\$3.5 million

Construct water and sewer infrastructure that will serve multi-family residential neighborhoods in the Higgins area, creating capacity for much-needed housing. Planning has been completed, but easements still need to be secured in order to make the project shovel ready.



Combie Road Sidewalk/Bike Lane

\$2 million

This Higgins-area economic development, recreation and resilience project will construct a sidewalk and bike lane from State Highway 49 to Magnolia Road. This will support a growing community, connecting housing, schools, and services, while enhancing public safety and reducing vehicle trips.



Helipad Upgrades at Nevada County Airport

\$222,000

Rehabilitate and expand the helipad at the Nevada County Airport to allow for multiple CAL FIRE aircraft uses, including the S-2 tankers and the S-71i Fire Hawk helicopter, which will expand regional wildland firefighting capabilities.



Highway 49 Corridor Improvements

\$15 million

This multi-modal 2.5-mile project will provide significant safety and traffic flow improvements to this two-lane segment of SR 49 between McKnight Way and La Barr Meadows Road. Among other things, it will widen this segment to a four-lane conventional access control highway, install a continuous median barrier, remove numerous ingress/egresses to the highway, construct a frontage road system, install eight-foot shoulders with rumble strips, provide animal undercrossing/fencing, and more.



Hobart Mills Workforce Housing

Work with the US Forest Service, Truckee Tahoe Workforce Housing Agency, and other local partners to develop a phased plan for workforce housing solutions on US Forest Service land at Hobart Mills.



Independence Trail Reconstruction

\$1.8 million

The Jones Fire of August 2020 destroyed wooden flumes that served as bridges to transport visitors on Independence Trail West – including those in wheelchairs -- over deep canyons and ravines. Bear Yuba Land Trust, the owner of this section of the Independence Trail, is seeking funding or to transfer ownership of this land to State Parks, in order to rebuild this iconic handicap-accessible recreational amenity.



Road Infrastructure Improvements that strengthen emergency ingress/egress

Funding is needed for design and construction of road improvements on various locations throughout the county to strengthen emergency ingress/egress.



Mobile Crisis Teams

Funds are needed to expand and sustain Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) pilot with Nevada County Behavioral Health and Nevada County Sheriff's Office unified response to crises, including mental health, substance use issues, domestic disputes and more.



Nevada County Courthouse

Coordinate with the City of Nevada City and the State of California to support alternative uses for the courthouse and to manage and minimize any disruptions that arise from the relocation of the court.



Nevada County Animal Shelter and Emergency Evacuation site

\$17 million

The existing animal shelter facility is over 30 years old and is too small to meet current community needs, requiring reliance on foster homes. The facility lacks adequate parking and is not appropriately accessible. The current shelter was designed for old sheltering practices of capture, confine and euthanize and does not offer a modern adoption-centric layout. During wildfire evacuations, the County relies on the animal shelter, as well as the Nevada County Fairgrounds, to house hundreds of animals during emergency evacuations. The current animal shelter's ability to meet this need is inadequate.



Penn Valley Community Center

The Penn Valley community identified a community center as a top priority in the Penn Valley Area Plan, completed in 2020. On land owned by the Penn Valley Community Foundation, the community center would provide much needed meeting rooms, a commercial kitchen, event and outdoor activity space.



Pines to Mines

Nevada County, along with Tahoe National Forest and local non-profits has prioritized building an 18-mile trail, which would link Nevada City to Truckee and showcase the county's most beautiful landscapes. Pending the completion of the County-funded environmental review in 2022, grants for construction will be sought in early 2023.



Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone

A fuels reduction treatment project on 2,420 acres in a high fire hazard severity zone that has not burned in over 100 years. The project will reduce catastrophic wildfire risk and promote forest health while creating safer public evacuation and wildfire suppression routes. It protects approximately 3,000 residences in the WUI communities of Lake Wildwood, Penn Valley, Rough and Ready and the City of Grass Valley, as well as critical infrastructure for state commerce, such as State Highway 20, power and water infrastructure, and Nevada County facilities.



Recreation and Resilience Master Plan

The Plan was initiated in the Fall of 2022 to address challenges and opportunities for Nevada County's open space, trails and other recreational interfaces, and prioritize solutions that promote community health and safety, economic development, creative placemaking, landscape restoration, environmental sustainability, climate change adaptation, and resilience. The following project areas are anticipated to be included in the plan, including advocacy and funding strategies.



Bear River Recreation Infrastructure Projects – Develop plan and funding needed for planning, design, construction. Explore strategies with partners to address critical infrastructure needs related to recreation safety and resource preservation.



Boca Recreation Infrastructure – explore needs in master plan, work with state and federal partners to explore ways to sustain existing facilities and enhance communications.



Donner Summit Visitor/Recreation Infrastructure – Develop partnerships with Donner Summit Association (DSA) and Placer County to develop plan for this visitor center. Funding needed to build community consensus and implement planning phase for the eventual construction of visitor/recreation infrastructure on Donner Summit.



South Yuba River Recreation Infrastructure: Multiple Projects

Partner with Bureau of Land Management, State Parks, and other partners to address critical infrastructure needs for safety and resource preservation, including permanent toilets at Purdon Crossing and mile markers along the river canyon.



Rough and Ready Highway/Ridge Road/Adam Ave Intersection Improvements **\$4.2 million**

Realign two three-legged, angled intersections into one four-legged intersection. The proposed improvements would convert the side street stop controls at both existing intersections into a single roundabout. In conjunction with the roundabout, design considerations will include pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements as well.



Rural Community Fire Station Improvements

Projects to improve fire stations in North San Juan, and the Town of Washington will enhance emergency preparedness and provide essential community services in these isolated communities. Funding

is needed for plan readiness and construction.



Safe Harbor Evacuation Locations

Support funding and opportunities and planning initiatives to identify safe harbor evacuation sites located within the Nevada County for use during emergencies.



South Yuba River Rim Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project

The project is a landscape-scale shaded fuel reduction area on the San Juan Ridge that will stretch from Bridgeport to Malakoff Diggins State Park, knitting together several key existing projects into a contiguous zone of protection. It will result in approximately 800 acres of new treatment, directly protecting 176 habitable at-risk structures in the project area and ultimately reducing risk for four communities and the economically vulnerable zone in Grass Valley.



Truckee Library

\$25 million

Advocate for funding to construct a spacious 21st century library to serve the Truckee/Martis Valley Region in partnership with community stakeholders.



Western Nevada County Improved Green Waste Disposal

\$2.5 million

Purchasing an identified site on La Barr Meadows Road to construct a green waste grinding facility which will allow for reuse of wood chips by locals and/or in co-generation plants, supporting emergency preparedness and resilience.



Woodpecker Ravine Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project

Sandwiched between the City of Grass Valley to the northwest and the densely populated community of Alta Sierra to the southwest, Woodpecker Ravine is particularly vulnerable to wildfire due to its steep topography, heavily overgrown landscape, and proximity to neighborhoods. This project will implement hazardous fuel reduction on 1,390 acres within Woodpecker Ravine Fuel Modification Zone, prioritizing evacuation routes, critical infrastructure, and ridges.

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2022 Board Objectives



Fiscal Stability and Core Services

Maintain the County's financial stability and core services.



Emergency Preparedness

Lead the community in all hazards planning, preparedness, response, and recovery with a focus on wildfire. Do this by focusing on improving countywide evacuation routes and safety, continuing to strengthen early alert and critical communication systems, partnering closely with residents in emergency preparedness, defensible space, home hardening, green waste disposal, and fire-safe land stewardship.



Economic Development

Promote economic development by emphasizing resiliency and entrepreneurship; retaining and attracting high quality jobs; investing in major infrastructure projects; and working with local, state and federal partners to support our small business, nonprofit, and tourism sectors.



Broadband

Equitably expand broadband to support economic development, distance-learning, telework, telemedicine, and general quality of life for all residents by championing the implementation of Nevada County Broadband Strategy Plan policies and last-mile infrastructure projects.



Housing

Coordinate with local jurisdictions, developers, and other partners to facilitate development of, and access, to affordable and workforce housing development.



Cannabis

Maintain and continue to improve the cannabis permitting and enforcement program to promote permitted cannabis activities while implementing additional on-site supply chain license types and tools to mitigate impacts.



Homelessness

Leverage partnerships, housing first, and sustainable reforms in order to continue efforts to prevent homelessness, provide emergency shelter, expand supportive services, secure housing, and enhance coordination to address the needs of the homeless population and to mitigate impacts on the community.



Recreation

Promote sustainable recreation in partnership with community providers and other jurisdictions to enhance recreational access, support public health and safety, realize economic opportunities, and preserve natural resource assets.

Purpose & Use

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 affect 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. In addition, input is solicited from jurisdictional partners including the City of Grass Valley, the City of Nevada City, the Town of Truckee, the Nevada Irrigation District, and the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools. This document is shared with our contracted legislative advocacy firm, Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange, Inc. and Paragon Government Relations, Inc. as well as the public on the County's website. It is used throughout the year by the

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Legislative Positions

Policy Area: Administration of Justice (AOJ)






Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Object.	Target
Animal Control	AOJ 1.1: Support legislation that increases flexibility for local animal control officers to administer vaccinations to prevent the spread of communicable disease by expanding exemptions of licensure and specified requirements on licensees when engaging in specified acts of veterinary care.	Sheriff's Office; City of Grass Valley		State
California Highway Patrol (CHP) Sustainable Funding	AOJ 1.2: Advocate for sustainable resources for local California Highway Patrol divisions, including increased of staffing, equipment and other resources.	Board of Supervisors; CHP		State
County Jail Operations	AOJ 1.3: 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; City of Grass Valley		State
County Officer Consolidation/Restructuring	AOJ 1.4: Oppose legislation to restrict counties' ability to consolidate the duties of various county officer offices, including the consolidation of the duties of the Sheriff and the Coroner.	Board of Supervisors; Sheriff; Coroner; Public Administrator		State
Court Discretion	AOJ 1.5: Support legislation that provides increased discretion of prosecutors and courts in prosecuting crimes related to theft of firearms based on all the facts and circumstances surrounding the offense.	District Attorney; City of Grass Valley		State






Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Object.	Target
Criminal Justice Reform Unfunded Mandates	AOJ 1.6: Support legislation that provides state funding for public defender offices to implement criminal system reform measures.	Public Defenders		State
Diversion & Community-based Restoration to address IST Waitlist	AOJ 1.7: Support legislation to expand diversion and community-based restoration to reduce those on the felony incompetent to stand trial (IST) waitlist.	Probation; Behavioral Health; Public Defender		State/ Federal
Excessive Force Whistle Blower Protections	AOJ 1.8: Support legislation that provides requirements and protection for whistleblowers reporting excessive force used by law enforcement officers.	Public Defender; Sheriff's Office		State
Flash Incarceration for Probation Violations	AOJ 1.9: Support legislation for the use of flash incarceration for violations of conditions of probation or mandatory supervision.	Probation; City of Grass Valley		State
Justice Assistance	AOJ 1.10: Support the maximum level of funding for key federal justice assistance and law enforcement grant programs, including, but not limited to, Byrne/JAG, COPS, and SCAAP.	Sheriff's Office		Federal
Law Enforcement Officer Health & Wellness	AOJ 1.11: Advocate for ongoing funding for law enforcement health and wellness programs.	Sheriff's Office		State

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Pre-Trial Service Allocation	AOJ 1.12: Advocate to expand funding for pre-trial services via an increase in direct county allocations.	Probation; Public Defender		State
Public Defender Funding	AOJ 1.13: Support legislation or administrative action to fully fund optimal workloads for public defenders, that address historical funding imbalances, and that provide grants to improve the provision of indigent defense services in rural counties.	Public Defender		State
Public Defender Unfunded Mandates	AOJ 1.14: Oppose legislation that creates unfunded mandates for public defenders that place large additional workloads.	Public Defender		State
Public Safety Realignment	AOJ 1.15: Support continued and protected funding for Public Safety Realignment.	Sheriff's Office; Probation Department; Health and Human Services		State
Reform Peremptory Challenges	AOJ 1.16: Support legislation that reforms the use of peremptory challenges with effective procedures for eliminating the use of unfair exclusion of potential jurors.	Public Defender; District Attorney		State
Restorative Justice Funding	AOJ 1.17: Advocate for sustainable funding for restorative justice programs, practices and initiatives.	District Attorney; Public Defender		State/ Federal


Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Object.	Target
Sustainable funding for SB 678	AOJ 1.18: Advocate for stability and long-term viability of SB 678 funding to provide evidence-based probation practices and supervision.	Probation		State
Technical Systems & Use of Capacity	AOJ 1.19: Advocate for ongoing resources necessary to leverage technical systems associated with evidence evaluation, processing and maintenance.	District Attorney; Public Defender; Sheriff's Office; Information General Services		State/ Federal
Victim Services	AOJ 1.20: Advocate for ongoing necessary funding for victim services.	District Attorney		State/ Federal





Policy Area: Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources (ANR)





Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Object.	Target
Bridgeport Bridge Restoration Maintenance	ANR 2.1: Support the continued preservation of this historic landmark.	Board of Supervisors; Economic Development		State
Bureau of Land Management Public Lands	ANR 2.2: Identify Bureau of Land Management parcels that may be available for surplus that promote Nevada County objectives, such as recreation access, economic development, create efficiencies in ownership and promote wildfire prevention.	Board of Supervisors; Office of Emergency Services; CDA		Federal
Cannabis Banking	ANR 2.3: Support efforts to reform federal banking regulations that restrict banking services to a legitimate cannabis- or hemp-related business.	Board of Supervisors; Treasurer Tax Collector; Auditor-Controller; City of Nevada City		Federal
Cannabis Regulation	ANR 2.4: Support legislative efforts to clarify consistent state regulation, protect local control of cannabis allowable activities and fund enforcement and public health activities.	Community Development Agency; Sheriff's Office; Public Health; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City		State
Cap and Trade Funds/SRA Fees for Rural Communities	ANR 2.5: Advocate for dedication of cap and trade revenue to rural communities through revising the definition of "disadvantaged communities".	Community Development Agency; Economic Development		State






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Cap-and-Trade Program	ANR 2.6: Advocate for rulemaking that enables wildfire mitigation efforts to be eligible for funding through Cap-and-Trade Program that mitigates greenhouse gas emissions via wildfire.	Office of Emergency Services		State
Code Compliance Officer Safety	ANR 2.7: Support legislation that provides increased protection for Code Compliance Officer safety including prohibiting the disclosure of officer personal contact information and funding for increased safety training and resources.	Code Compliance		State
Disaster Reimbursement	ANR 2.8: Advocate for timely reimbursements associated with declared states of emergencies and subsequent recovery efforts.	Office of Emergency Services; Public Works; County Executive Office; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City; NID		State/ Federal
Economic Development Destination Stewardship	ANR 2.9: Support legislation and funding that advances sustainable tourism and outdoor recreation equitable access to local jurisdictions.	Economic Development; CDA; City of Nevada City		State/ Federal
Emergency Preparedness	ANR 2.10: Support fair and equitable funding to local health departments and emergency services for emergency preparedness programs.	Office of Emergency Services; Public Health; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City; NID		State/ Federal



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Environmental Sustainability	ANR 2.11: Support legislation and rulemaking that enhance local government's ability to set local policies relating to environmental "sustainability," including, but not limited to, building standards, land use planning, solid waste, and multi-modal transportation.	Office of Emergency Services; CDA; Board of Supervisors; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City; NID; Economic Development		State/ Federal
Federal Emergency Management Agency Funding	ANR 2.12: Advocate for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and other FEMA grant funds and for timely award notification and fund distributions.	Office of Emergency Services; NID		Federal
Federal Lands Acquisition	ANR 2.13: Advocate for the streamlined acquisition of federal lands and their transfer to local jurisdictions when related to critical infrastructure, public lands management and public safety.	Community Development Agency; Office of Emergency Services; City of Nevada City; Economic Development		Federal
Federal Lands Management	ANR 2.14: Support legislation for increased and predictable funding for greater investments in ecological forest management and fire suppression practices on federal lands consistent with the 2020 Memorandum of Understanding with the State of California.	Board of Supervisors; County Executive Office; Office of Emergency Services; City of Grass Valley; Town of Truckee; NID		Federal
Forest Health Resources	ANR 2.15: Advocate for funding and resources for forest thinning efforts, including the use of mixed-material biomass facilities and the integration of improved recreational facilities to provide added value in resource protection.	Office of Emergency Services; Town of Truckee; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City; NID		State/ Federal

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Independence Trail Rebuild	ANR 2.16: Advocate for funding for the reconstruction and ongoing maintenance of the Independence Trail along the South Yuba River.	Board of Supervisors; Community Development Agency		State/ Federal
Invasive Species Program	ANR 2.17: Protect existing revenue sources and support additional funding to manage and prevent the potential spread of invasive pests in Nevada County and or California.	Agricultural Commissioner		State/ Federal
Local Control & Regulation on Cannabis and Medical Cannabis	ANR 2.18: Oppose legislation that restricts or removes local control or regulation of cannabis cultivation, commercial cannabis operation and/or medical cannabis.	Community Development Agency; Code Compliance; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City		State/ Federal
Nevada City Deer Creek Hazardous Fuels Treatment	ANR 2.19: Advocate for funding fuels mitigation for approximately 300 acres of very-high fire severity risk area as well as ingress and egress (vegetation management for evacuation routes) protecting businesses, residents, Deer Creek and Seven Hills schools, and critical infrastructure in the Nevada City area.	Office of Emergency Services; City of Nevada City; Nevada County Superintendent of Schools		State
Open Space Recreation	ANR 2.20: Advocate for federal and state resources for outdoor recreation and trails.	Board of Supervisors; County Executive Office; Economic Development Recreation; NID		State




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Outdoor Recreational Facilities	ANR 2.21: Advocate for state and federal resources for the development and on-going maintenance necessary for public restroom facilities, parking enhancements, and recreation infrastructure, including the prioritization of projects within the CA Recreational Trails System Plan.	Board of Supervisors; County Executive Office; CDA; Economic Development; Sheriff's Office; Nevada County Superintendent of Schools; NID		State /Federal
Payments-in Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Funding	ANR 2.22: Support efforts to secure Payments-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funding and oppose efforts to decrease or defund PILT and/or SRS.	County Executive Office; Treasurer Tax Collector; Auditor-Controller		State /Federal
PG&E Vegetation Management Communication	ANR 2.23: Support legislation and rulemaking for transparent and clear programmatic processes to remove hazardous vegetation that advance clear consistent communication, balance private property rights, ensure public safety and compliance with hazardous vegetation requirements that do not increase costs to residents.	Office of Emergency Services		State
PG&E Vegetation Management Program Providers	ANR 2.24: Advocate for rulemaking that ensure good management and accountability of PG&E vegetation management service providers, contractors and subcontractors with timely and accurate responsiveness to complaints or grievances	Office of Emergency Services		State




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Public Lands Staffing	ANR 2.25: Advocate for additional federal resources to coincide with the growing number of visitors to public lands, including additional law enforcement officers for both the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management within Nevada County across the South Yuba watershed and Truckee high sierra.	Board of Supervisors; Sheriff; Community Development Agency		Federal
Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)	ANR 2.26: Support PSPS event legislation and rule-making that ensures maximum communication between local Office of Emergency Services and Public Health Departments, notification to all impacted residents, special provisions for access and functional needs individuals, back-up generation to critical infrastructure and incorporated jurisdictions , and necessary reimbursement funding for PSPS related costs.	Office of Emergency Services; Public Health, Adult Protective Services; Child Protective Services; County Executive Office; Economic Development; City of Grass Valley		State
Recycle Market Development	ANR 2.27: Support legislation to expand local markets for recyclable materials, to support limits on single-use plastics, to support producer responsibility, to support bottle bill reform for CRV buyback programs and support efforts to increase requirements for recyclable contents in products.	Solid Waste; Economic Development		State
Residential and Commercial Wildfire Insurance	ANR 2.28: Support legislation that provides greater consumer protection, access to, and transparent and consistent risk modeling related to residential and commercial wildfire insurance, and that balances consumer protections with extreme risks faced by the insurance industry.	Board of Supervisors; Office of Emergency Services; Economic Development; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City; NID		State/ Federal

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Sierra Buttes Trails Stewardship Connected Communities Trails Master Plan	ANR 2.29: Advocate for funding and resources that support the Sierra Buttes Trails Stewardship's Connected Communities Trails Master Plan and project development.	Economic Development; CDA		State/ Federal
South Yuba River State Park	ANR 2.30: Advocate for increasing resources dedicated to the South Yuba River State Park, Bureau of Land Management, and United States Forest Service - Tahoe National Park for public safety and environmental protection.	Board of Supervisors; CDA; Economic Development; Nevada County Superintendent of Schools		State/ Federal
State Park Continuity to Local Recreation Amenities	ANR 2.31: Support legislation that supports and promotes the connection of State Parks and federal recreation locations and resources to local recreation amenities in adjoining jurisdictions.	CDA; Economic Development; City of Nevada City ; Nevada County Superintendent of Schools		State/ Federal
Tree Mortality and Fire Protection	ANR 2.32: 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; City of Grass Valley ; City of Nevada City		State/ Federal
Vegetation Management	ANR 2.33: Support easing of environmental review criteria for vegetation removal along public roads, trails, and other essential, critical, and water infrastructure.	Public Works; CDA; Planning; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City; Town of Truckee		State/ Federal




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Water Theft & Water Pollution	ANR 2.34: Support legislation that enhances local enforcement authority to prosecute and enjoin water theft and water pollution, including as a result of illegal cannabis operations.	Code Compliance; Sheriff; City of Nevada City		State
Wildfire Mitigation Sustainability	ANR 2.35: Advocate for ongoing sustainable funding for wildfire mitigation projects and programs including direct funding allocations to the Office of Emergency Services and community partners.	Office of Emergency Services; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City; Town of Truckee; NID		State
Williamson Act	ANR 2.36: Support legislation or budget proposals to fund the Williamson Act subventions to counties.	Community Development Agency; Assessor		State



Policy Area: Government Finance and Administration (GFA)

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Object.	Target
Adaptation Planning	GFA 3.1: Advocate for funding and technical resources to support adaptation planning and implementation of local adaptation projects to protect key natural resources, socioeconomic resources, critical infrastructure, and communities from adverse impacts related to extreme weather conditions including workforce development, and retrofitting/upgrading infrastructure.	County Executive Office; Economic Development; Office of Emergency Services; Planning; Town of Truckee; City of Nevada City		State/ Federal
Animal Care Shelter	GFA 3.2: Support funding for regional animal shelter facility and programs.	Sheriff's Office		State
Arts and Cultural Funding	GFA 3.3: Advocate for sustainable funding for public art and culture and the education, housing and support of artisan to produce and maintain public art through grants, programs and endowments.	Economic Development; Nevada County Arts Council; City of Nevada City		State/ Federal
Bonds & Funding Measures	GFA 3.4: 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	GFA 3.5: 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; Economic Development		State/ Federal



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CalPERS & Unfunded Liability	GFA 3.6: Oppose legislation that would increase County unfunded liability related to CalPERS Employee Retirement benefits including changes to disallowed benefits.	County Executive Office; Auditor-Controller; Human Resources; NID		State
CalPERS/ Courts/County Separation	GFA 3.7: Advocate for the administrative separation of county and court CalPERS employee pension program(s).	Auditor-Controller		State
Centralized Collection of Transient Occupancy Tax	GFA 3.8: Oppose legislation that aims to consolidate or centralize the collection of transient occupancy tax imposed by a local agency on short-term rentals that strips local control and authority for the collection of taxes.	Treasurer-Tax Collector; Economic Development		State
County Officer Consolidation/ Restructuring	GFA 3.9: Oppose legislation to restrict the County's ability to consolidate the duties of county officer offices in various combinations or policy removes local authority for such determination.	Board of Supervisors; Treasurer-Tax Collector; Auditor-Controller; Elections/Registrar of Voters; Sheriff		State
County Revenue	GFA 3.10: Oppose efforts to decrease, restrict, eliminate or otherwise restrict local autonomy of local revenues.	County Executive Office		State/ Federal
COVID-19 Cost Recovery	GFA 3.11: Advocate for funding related to local municipalities' COVID-19 cost recovery including direct funding allocations maximum flexibility on spending discretion.	County Executive Office; Board of Supervisors; Auditor-Controller; HHSA		State/ Federal





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Cyber Security and Open Data	GFA 3.12: 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 and threats to essential, critical and water infrastructure.	Information and General Services; City of Grass Valley; Town of Truckee		State
Elections & PSPS Events	GFA 3.13: Support legislation and advocate for increased coordination between Elections Officials and Investor Owned Utilities to ensure the continuation of operations during PSPS events and to secure necessary operation funding.	Elections; Office of Emergency Services		State
Emergency Response Systems	GFA 3.14: Support efforts to ensure local and rural government input is considered in the development of statewide emergency response systems and programs, including the statewide Alert and Warning System.	County Executive Office; Office of Emergency Services; Town of Truckee; NID		State
Emergency Planning Resources	GFA 3.15: Support legislation that integrates climate adaptation response/planning with emergency response, planning, and resources.	County Executive Office; Office of Emergency Services; Town of Truckee; City of Nevada City; City of Grass Valley; NID		State
Employee/ Labor	GFA 3.16: Support full cost recovery for salary, benefits and administration for all employee relationships and protect and enhance flexibility and local control over employee and labor relations issues.	County Executive Office; Human Resources Department		State

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Farm Bill Reauthorization	GFA 3.17: Advocate for support and continuation of federal funds and programs that support and promote rural communities.	County Executive Office; HHSA; CDA; IGS; Economic Development		Federal
Funding for base year property tax transfers	GFA 3.18: Advocate for sustainable funding for the processing of intergenerational transfers and base year transfers that require appraisals and state reporting.	Auditor-Controller		State
Health Realignment	GFA 3.19: Advocate for maintaining sufficient health realignment funding to ensure adequate resources to obligations and fulfill statutory public health, behavioral health and indigent health care mandates.	Public Health; Behavioral Health		State
IHSS & Public Guardian Funding	GFA 3.20: Advocate for sustainable funding for the Public Guardian related to an increase of IHSS caseloads associated with the implementation of the Older Californians Expansion (50+) AB 133 and SB 133 that expand eligibility for full scope Medi-Cal to individuals who are 50 years of age or older, and who do not have satisfactory immigration status or are unable to establish satisfactory immigration status.	HHSA; APS		State

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Implementation of SB 552: Drought Planning, Small Water Suppliers, No transient, Noncommunity Water Systems	GFA 3.21: Support efforts to increase funding and resources for County departments to ensure adequate implementation of SB 552.	CDA; Environmental Health		State
Infrastructure Water Treatment Investment	GFA 3.22: Advocate for increased direct capital investment funding for infrastructure construction and water treatment system consolidation.	Community Development Agency; Public Works; City of Grass Valley; NID		State/ Federal
Nisenan Tribe	GFA 3.23: Support legislation to re-establish the federal recognition of the Nevada City Nisenan Rancheria Tribe.	Board of Supervisors		Federal
Outdated Printed Publication Requirements	GFA 3.24: Advocate for and support legislation to remove outdated traditional printed publication requirements that increase costs to taxpayers.	Clerk of the Board; Treasurer-Tax Collector; Planning Department; County Counsel		State
Political Affiliation Requirements for Nonpartisan Offices	GFA 3.25: Oppose legislation to require or permit the disclosure of political party preferences of candidates for nonpartisan offices.	Board of Supervisors		State
Preserve Local Control	GFA 3.26: Oppose legislation that does not recognize California's diversity and the need for local government's autonomy in addressing our residents' needs.	Board of Supervisors; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City; Town of Truckee		State/ Federal




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Privacy/Security	GFA 3.27: 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
Property Tax Refunds	GFA 3.28: Oppose legislation that would provide property tax refunds to owners of commercial properties by making available mid-year property assessment reductions based on disaster relief for economic losses absent physical damage.	Assessor's Office; Treasurer Tax Collector; Clerk of the Board; County Executive Office		State
Protect Rule 20A	GFA 3.29: Oppose legislation or Public Utilities Commission (PUC) action that threatens Rule 20A for overhead /underground conversion project funding. Engage in Phase 2 of the PUC proceeding to advocate for continued availability of ratepayer funding for Rule 20A projects, expansion of the public interest criteria, and changes to make the program more accessible to disadvantaged unincorporated communities.	CDA; Public Works		State
Public Banking	GFA 3.30: Oppose public banking legislation that does not include adequate safeguards that protect public funds and are not risk adverse and/or do not protect local authority and control of public monies and assets.	Treasurer-Tax Collector		State


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Public Civility	GFA 3.31: Support legislation that promotes public civility and rules related to public meeting order and decorum while ensuring transparency, public participation, and freedom of speech.	Board of Supervisors		State
Public Meeting Telecommunication Requirements	GFA 3.32: Support legislation to amend the Ralph M. Brown Act that removes burdensome telecommunication requirements and allow for use of telecommunication during public meetings while ensuring transparency and public participation but that prevents the disclosure of personally identifiable information that compromises individual safety (i.e., home addresses).	Board of Supervisors; City of Grass Valley		State
Public Records Retention of Electronic Mail	GFA 3.33: Oppose legislation to increase retention period requirements for public records in the form of electronic mail unless adequate funding is included.	Clerk of the Board; Information general Services Agency; County Counsel; City of Grass Valley		State
Recreation & Community Development	GFA 3.34: Support legislation that provides ongoing funding for recreational amenities and parks and recreation special districts.	Nevada County Superintendent of Schools; Economic Development; CDA; City of Nevada City; NID		State
Special Elections	GFA 3.35: Advocate for state funding for local elections offices to carry out special elections, including recall elections.	Elections		State


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State & Federal Mandates	GFA 3.36: 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	GFA 3.37: Oppose proposals to restructure, realign or otherwise shift the cost of state programs to local government without commensurate compensation.	County Executive Office		State
State Supplementation for County Assessors' Program (SSCAP)	GFA 3.38: Advocate for the extension and continuation of sustainable funding through the State Supplementation for County Assessors' Program (SSCAP) for activities such as digitization of records and other programs.	Assessor		State
Sustainable Funding for Cultural Districts and Arts	GFA 3.39: Support sustainable funding for Nevada County's two Cultural Districts and associated cultural and arts programs and activities.	Board of Supervisors; County Executive Office; Economic Development; City of Grass Valley		State
Tele-communication Legislation	GFA 3.40: Advocate to protect the rights of local government to control location and permitting process of telecommunications infrastructure.	Information and General Services		State/ Federal
Uncoverable Property Tax Administrative Costs	GFA 3.41: Support legislation that provides funding equity between the state and county for uncoverable property tax administrative costs.	Assessor; Auditor-Controller; Treasurer Tax Collector		State


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United States Postal Service (USPS) Deliver	GFA 3.42: Support efforts to provide the United States Postal Service (USPS) with additional resources for staffing and mail security.	Board of Supervisors; Information General Services		Federal
Verification of Elected Office Qualification	GFA 3.43: Support legislation that ensures all candidates for elected office meet the required qualifications, including oversight, administration and responsibility on the review and confirmation of the validity of said qualifications.	Board of Supervisors; Elections		State
Weights & Measures	GFA 3.44: Support legislation that preserves and enhances funding resources for weights and measures programs at the state (California Department of Food and Agriculture-Dept. of Measurement Standards) and local (County Sealer) level for consumer protection.	Ag Commissioner; County Executive Office; CDA Administration		State



Policy Area: Health and Human Services (HHS)



Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Object.	Target
Affordable Care Act	HHS 4.1: Support continuation of the Affordable Care Act for the one in five Nevada County residents currently enrolled.	Social Services		State/ Federal
Affordable Child Care	HHS 4.2: Advocate for increased funding for and access to affordable childcare.	HHSA; Social Services		State/ Federal
Behavioral Health Core Funding	HHS 4.3: Support efforts to maintain realignment, MHSA and other core funding sources to include COLAs and other mechanisms to ensure revenue sources maintain pace with costs overtime; conversely oppose efforts that threaten or jeopardize core funding.	HHSA; Behavioral Health		State/ Federal
CAL Code List of Foodborne Illnesses	HHS 4.4: Oppose legislation that expands CA Retail Food Code (Cal Codes) lists of illnesses transmissible through food to include other communicable diseases that are not transmissible through food, including COVID-19.	CDA; Environmental Health		State


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CalAim	HHS 4.5: Support policy proposals that amend CalAIM to ensure efficient and effective delivery of Medi-Cal specialty mental health services and substance use disorder services that are coupled with clear transparent reimbursement funding mechanisms. Conversely, monitor and oppose initiatives that do not include funding mechanisms or place unfunded mandates on counties.	HHSA; Behavioral Health		State
Child Custody and Visitation	HHS 4.6: Support legislation to allow child support workers to assist families with child custody and visitation orders.	Child Support Services		State
Child Support	HHS 4.7: Support requiring the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to prioritize serving non-custodial parents and provide the child support administrative match to fund employment and training services.	HHSA		State/ Federal
Climate Change Impacts to Public Health	HHS 4.8: Support efforts and funding to develop climate change mitigation and resilience strategies to help protect against and address potential impacts on health.	HHSA; Public Health; Economic Development		State/ Federal




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Compact Mobile Food Facilities	HHS 4.9: Oppose legislation that exempts compact mobile food facilities from specified provisions from Cal Codes and associated changes related to limited food preparation, cottage food operations, microenterprise home kitchen operations, food safety knowledge requirements, sanitation requirements, local enforcement agencies authority, and penalties associated with violations of Cal Code that increase the risk of public safety or expand unfunded mandates on County departments.	CDA;Environmental Health		State
Definition of Dependent Adult	HHS 4.10: Monitor any efforts to expand the definitions of “dependent adult” and advocate for any expansion of definition to include resources needed to treat said individuals and mitigate unnecessary increases in caseloads.	HHSA; APS		State
Dental Services for Low Income Californians	HHS 4.11: 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


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Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Medi-Cal Recoupment	HHS 4.12: Advocate for the mechanisms to alleviate burdensome Medi-Cal recoupments to DHCS for services already rendered, including accurate, equitable and transparent calculations	HHSA; Behavioral Health; Public Health		State/ Federal
Emergency Medical Services	HHS 4.13: Support existing laws and regulations governing the role of counties in the oversight of pre-hospital emergency medical services including, but not limited to, medical first response ambulance services. Support legislation to enhance county authority and increase funding for such oversight. Oppose efforts to decrease county authority to oversee the EMS system and to reduce the mandated roles of the local EMS agency in planning, implementing, evaluating and regulating EMS systems. Oppose any efforts to limit the authority of the local Emergency Medical Services Medical Director over pre-hospital patient care.	Office of Emergency Services; Public Health		State/ Federal

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Family First Prevention Services Act	HHS 4.14: Support legislation to amend the Family First Prevention Services Act to expand approved evidence-based services to incorporate more widely used therapeutic, parenting, and substance abuse modalities to prevent children from entering foster care by keeping families together and implement a more in depth and comprehensive prevention plan.	HHSA; Social Services; Probation; Behavioral Health		State/ Federal
Firearm Restriction DHCS Reporting Transparency	HHS 4.15: Support efforts to require transparency of individuals reported to the Department of Justice (DOJ) by designated facilities as a danger to self or others from owning or possessing a firearm per applicable law to be reported to DHCS by the DOJ and designated facilities.	HHSA; Behavioral Health; Sheriff		State/ Federal
Health in our Community	HHS 4.16: Support legislation and funding for individual and community health programs delivered by counties through public health, behavioral health and social services. Further support legislation that encourages coordination of physical and mental health services to patients as well as innovative practices to improve the health and wellbeing of Californians.	Health and Human Services		State/ Federal


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Homelessness Program Funding	HHS 4.17: Support proposals to increase funding to combat homelessness, including ongoing and non-competitive funding, for shelter, housing and services for individuals experiencing homelessness in rural communities.	Health and Human Services; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City		State/ Federal
Integrated School-Based Behavioral Health Partnerships	HHS 4.18: Support prevention and early intervention behavioral health services through integrated school-based behavioral health partnerships and sustained funding; conversely oppose associated unfunded mandated initiatives.	HHSA; Behavioral Health		State/ Federal
Involuntary Treatment	HHS 4.19: Monitor any efforts to expand the definitions of gravely disabled or other conditions that may qualify someone for involuntary treatment for possible infringements on personal rights and ensure that any expansion also includes resources needed to treat these individuals. Oppose efforts to expand definitions of gravely disabled or other conditions for involuntary treatment under the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) that fail to adequately address and mitigate associated concerns and impacts on individuals and County administrators.	HHSA; Behavioral Health; Social Services		State

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Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) & Targeted Case Management (TCM)	HHS 4.20: Oppose legislation that aims to deny, reduce, cap, or eliminate MAA/TCM reimbursement or to make claiming more administratively burdensome.	HHSA; Public Health		State/ Federal
Medi-Cal for Justice Involved Individuals	HHS 4.21: Support Medi-Cal coverage and reimbursement for primary and behavioral health services provided to individuals 30 days prior to release.	HHSA; Sheriff's Office; Probation		State/ Federal
Mental Health Services	HHS 4.22: Support legislation that shifts the payment structure of mental health services away from “per minute” to a method that supports efficient and effective care. End the IMD exclusion for Medi-Cal billing.	Behavioral Health		State/ Federal
Mental Health Services for Foster Youth	HHS 4.23: Support clean-up legislation for AB1299 such that children and youth placed at Short Term Residential Treatment Programs are exempt from being transferred to their placement county for mental health care provision.	Behavioral Health		State






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Nutrition Supports/ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	HHS 4.24: Support efforts to improve nutrition security, including ensuring that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/CalFresh) is not block-granted or otherwise changed to limit current eligibility for the program.	HHSA; City of Grass Valley		Federal
Public Health	HHS 4.25: Support increased funding to ensure robust public health planning, the development and retention of skilled workforce, and disease surveillance and response to combat and control communicable diseases.	HHSA; Public Health		State/ Federal
Public Health Core Funding	HHS 4.26: Support funding for public health workforce enhancements and support, infrastructure, and core services; conversely oppose efforts that threaten or jeopardize funding for workforce, infrastructure and core services.	Public Health		State
Realignment Funding	HHS 4.27: Advocate for State General Fund back-fill of lost revenues from 1991 Realignment and 2011 Realignment to ensure the provisions of core services.	HHSA; Behavioral Health; Social Services; Sheriff's Office; County Executive Office		State

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Rehabilitation and Treatment for Inmates	HHS 4.28: Seek funding to support both in-custody programming and facilities in order to enhance the County's rehabilitation and treatment programs for inmates with mental health and substance use disorders.	Behavioral Health; Sheriff's Office		State
Social Service Workers and Public Defenders	HHS 4.29: Support legislation or administrative action to mandate the availability of or access to social workers or services in public defender offices, coupled with sustainable funding for the same.	Public Defenders; Social Services; Behavioral Health		State
Sustainable Healthy Food for Schools	HHS 4.30: Support legislation that supports and promotes sustainable healthy food for schools and local food sources opportunities.	HHSA; Nevada County Superintendent of Schools		State/ Federal
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program	HHS 4.31: Support a comprehensive reauthorization of TANF/CalWORKs to provide pathways to family economic success by measuring outcomes rather than processes, including increasing flexibility in meeting work participation rules.	HHSA		Federal
US Military Retirement Benefits	HHS 4.32: Support legislation to exempt US Military retirement benefits from state income tax.	HHSA; VSO		State/ Federal





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Veteran Property Tax Deduction Limitations	HHS 4.33: Support legislation to raise property tax deduction limitations for disabled veterans.	HHSA; VSO		State
Veteran Service Office Funding	HHS 4.34: Advocate to maintain and protect the current level of local assistance funding from the state to the counties to maintain County Veterans Service Officers.	VSO		State/ Federal
Veteran Services Accreditation	HHS 4.35: Support legislation that requires an individual assisting a veteran with filing a claim for benefits to notify that veteran if they are not a VA-accredited representative and place safeguards to protect veterans.	HHSA; Veterans Services Office		State/ Federal
Veterans Employment Opportunity	HHS 4.36: Support legislation that would streamline and/or provide affordability to veterans seeking employment opportunities after military service.	VSO		State
Veterans License Plate Fee Waivers	HHS 4.37: Support legislation that would grant license plate fee waiver to all veterans rated at 100 percent disability or through individual unemployability.	VSO		State
Workforce Training	HHS 4.38: Enhance and expand employment and training programs to non-custodial parents.	Child Support Services; Social Services		State/ Federal






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Youth Mental Health Services	HHS 4.39: Support legislation to make mental health services more accessible to youth, including advocating for private insurance and Medi-Cal managed care plans to partner with counties, where appropriate, to create a consistent system of care for all youth regardless of insurance status.	HHSA; Behavioral Health; Probation; Social Services		State/ Federal


Policy Area: Housing, Land Use and Transportation (HLUT)




Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Object.	Target
Accessory Dwelling Units Funding	HLUT 5.1: Support legislation that provides funding mechanisms to assist homeowners in qualifying for loans to construct additional housing units on their property, including accessory dwelling units.	CDA; HHSA; City of Grass Valley; Town of Truckee		State/ Federal
Affordable Housing	HLUT 5.2: Support legislative efforts to encourage affordable/workforce/senior housing developments in rural communities.	CDA; HHSA; City of Grass Valley; Town of Truckee; Town of Truckee; City of Nevada City		State/ Federal
Affordable Housing State Income Limits	HLUT 5.3: Support legislation to increase state income limits to keep pace with increases of wage rates and inflation over time to allow for affordable housing and service eligibility.	HHSA; DSS; CDA; City of Grass Valley; Town of Truckee		State/ Federal
Amend Streets and Highway Code to allow for Emergency Access	HLUT 5.4: Support legislation to amend Streets and Highway Code to provide clarification allowing the issuance of encroachment permits on any State highway or freeway for emergency access where access is limited in moderate, high and very high Fire Severity Zones (as determined by CAL FIRE)	Public Works; Sheriff; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City		State
Average Area Median Income Exemption	HLUT 5.5: Support legislation to establish a state-recognized Truckee-specific Area Median Income (AMI) to reflect the significantly higher cost of living in eastern Nevada County and Truckee region.	HHSA; CDA; Town of Truckee		State/ Federal

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Board of Forestry Fire Safety Regulations	HLUT 5.6: Support reasonable legislation and regulatory actions that provide fire safety regulations and home hardening requirements that mitigate wildfire, but oppose legislation or regulatory actions that threaten local control over land use and development in rural counties.	CDA; Public Works; Planning; Building; Code Compliance; Office of Emergency Services; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City		State
Bridges Funding	HLUT 5.7: Advocate for equitable allocation of new Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) bridge formula program to replace or repair aging bridges throughout the County and support ongoing efforts to replace or renew Highway Bridge Program (HPB) funding mechanisms beyond IIJA for sustainable funding.	Public Works		State/ Federal
Broadband Last-Mile & Middle-Mile Infrastructure Development	HLUT 5.8: Advocate for legislation and rulemaking that removes bureaucratic hurdles and processes to the California Advocated Series Fund (CASF) program and for transparent, efficient and rural equitable implementation of the State's Middle-Mile Infrastructure Development project.	Community Development Agency; Information General Services; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City; Nevada County Superintendent of Schools		State/ Federal





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Broadband Local Infrastructure Development	HLUT 5.9: Monitor implementation of the IJJA's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program and seek sustainable program funding to support the expansion of rural broadband infrastructure development, and implementation of a Dig Once Policy.	Public Works; Information General Services; Board of Supervisors; County Executive Office; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City; Nevada County Superintendent of Schools		State/ Federal
Caltrans Specifications & Standards	HLUT 5.10: Support AB43 and efforts to require third-party outside review or revised road standards	Public Works		State
CSBG/CDBG/Housing Choice Programs	HLUT 5.11: Advocate for continuing funding of CSBG/CDBG/HC programs which are vital to local government for infrastructure, development and housing programs.	HHSA; City of Grass Valley; Economic Development		State/ Federal
Federal Lands Public Roads	HLUT 5.12: Advocate for and support legislation and ongoing sustainable funding for road maintenance on federal lands.	Public Works		Federal
Forest Fire Prevention Exemption	HLUT 5.13: Support legislation that extends the operation of the Forest Fire Prevention Exemption.			State

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Fund/Reform CASF Broadband Infrastructure Development Program	HLUT 5.14: Advocate for the continuation and expansion of CASF's rural broadband- specific funding allocation and for the CPUC to reform the grant application, challenge and approval processes that includes the ability for local jurisdictions to apply.	Information and General Services		State
Golf Course Land Use Repurposing	HLUT 5.15: Support legislation that enables local governments to meet their regional housing allocation responsibilities via converted municipally-owned golf courses into other uses that include affordable housing.	Planning Department; Community Development Agency		State
Hwy 49 Safety Improvements	HLUT 5.16: Advocate for planning, funding and implementation of safety improvements to the Hwy 49 corridor between Grass Valley and Auburn.	Board of Supervisors; Economic Development; City of Grass Valley		State
Interstate-80 and "Resort Triangle" Regional Planning	HLUT 5.17: Advocate for the prioritization of regional planning to address significant traffic Impacts from the Nevada state line to Donner Summit, as well as the "Resort Triangle", that affect commerce, emergency evacuation, tourism, and local access.	Board of Supervisors; Economic Development; Town of Truckee; Nevada County Transportation Commission		State and Federal
Impact and Development Fees	HLUT 5.18: Oppose legislation that caps, removes or alters Impact and Development fees without local control, or summarily creates an unfunded mandate through deferral or other development incentive programs.	Public Works; Planning; Building; CDA; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City		State

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Innovative Clean Transit Rule	HLUT 5.19: Advocate for necessary funding and changes to the California Air Resources Board Innovative Clean Transit Rule related to addressing Zero Emission Vehicle infrastructure needs for rural communities that include: 1. An exemption for small transit agencies and rural school public transit; 2. Ensure sufficient funding for rural agencies for ZEV infrastructure construction and vehicle purchases; 3. requires public utilities to prioritize the design, development and construction of transit ZEV infrastructure; and 4. Remove debt financing as an expected co-funding mechanism for rural agencies.	Transit; Nevada County Transportation Commission; Nevada County Superintendent of Schools; City of Nevada City		State
Land Use: Housing Element Flexibility for Rural Counties	HLUT 5.20: Advocate for proposals that provide for flexibility in how rural counties designate parcels for specific zoning in order to meet housing development requirements.	Planning; Economic Development; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City		State
Local Zoning Authority	HLUT 5.21: Oppose legislation that would take away local control over enforcing local zoning requirements for housing projects, including automatic density bonuses and decreased parking requirements	CDA; Planning; Town of Truckee		State
Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHV) Recreation & Funding	HLUT 5.22: Support legislation and efforts that clarify Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHV) compatible use(s) that balance recreational needs and nuisance concerns and support sustainable funding for OHV Grant Programs on federal and state lands.	Public Works; Sheriff's Office; Economic Development		State/ Federal

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Organic Waste and Recycling	HLUT 5.23: Support SB38 and efforts to increase and reform recycling redemption programs and advocate for flexible rulemaking that takes into consideration economies of scale for organic waste diversion and processing infrastructure capacity.	Public Works; Solid Waste; City of Grass Valley		State
Organic Waste Procurement	HLUT 5.24: Support legislation and rulemaking that enables flexible compliance with organic waste procurement requirements for rural communities, including the eligibility of green waste material, and adequate funding for implementation.	Solid Waste; Community Development Agency; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City		State
Private Roads Vegetation Management	HLUT 5.25: Advocate for funding for the treatment of hazardous vegetation along private roads.	Board of Supervisors; OES; City of Grass Valley		State
Reform CA Transportation Development Act	HLUT 5.26: Support legislation to reform the California Transportation Development Act (TDA) to modify guidelines and procedures that negatively impact rural counties.	Public Works; Transit		State

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Reform NEPA for Broader Exclusions of Public Safety and Increase Local Control	HLUT 5.27: Support legislation and regulatory rules that support a) the broader use of categorical exclusions (CE) under NEPA to address threats to communities or watersheds, reduce the risk of catastrophic events and ensure the timely construction and maintenance of critical transportation and water infrastructure, and b) revising NEPA in order to strengthen the involvement of local governments in the federal decision-making process, including clarifying the cooperating agency definition, and to expedite project analyses that deliver final decisions in a more timely and effective manner.	Public Works; Planning; City of Grass Valley; City of Nevada City		Federal
Regional Housing Needs Allocation Methodology & Climate Change	HLUT 5.28: Support legislation that incorporates impacts associated with climate change, including emergency evacuation route capacity, and wildfire, in methodology used to determine regional housing needs allocations (RHNA).	Planning; City of Nevada City		State
Roads Funding	HLUT 5.29: Support proposals to increase and back-fill lost revenues for transportation funding and repay existing transportation fund loans. Conversely, oppose proposals to restrict, repurpose, or otherwise negatively impact revenues for road funding.	Public Works; City of Grass Valley; Town of Truckee; City of Nevada City		State

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Short-term Rental and Local Control	HLUT 5.30: Support legislation that will enhance local authority to regulate the loss of available long-term housing units to the short-term rental and fractional ownership industries.	HHSA; CDA; Town of Truckee		State
Subdivision Map Act	HLUT 5.31: Oppose legislation to reform the California Subdivisions Map Act that removes or decreases local control and conditional use requirements.	Public Works; Planning; City of Grass Valley		State
Treated Wood Waste	HLUT 5.32: Support legislative efforts to allow treated wood waste (TWW) to be hauled and transported to proper disposal facilities.	Public Works		State/ Federal
Vegetation Management along Public Roadways	HLUT 5.33: Support sustainable funding for vegetation management along public roadways and applicable supporting programs.	Public Works; Office of Emergency Services; City of Nevada City; City of Grass Valley; Town of Truckee		State/ Federal
Workforce Housing and Missing Middle	HLUT 5.34: Support legislation that supports and promotes workforce housing for “missing middle,” including exemption standards of above average median income (AMI) for frontier, rural and tourist-driven communities.	Health and Human Services; County Executive Office; Community Development Agency; Town of Truckee		State/ Federal

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