

From: [Scott Lay](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: county teamwork
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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I would like to extend my sincere thanks for the updates and assistance the employees of the County of Nevada demonstrated during our latest snow storm. The team at the county (especially Alison Lehman and Paul Cummings, to name a few) helped get the schools timely information and resources to get our schools open and keep our staff and students safe. This is just one more example of how we all pull together during emergencies to keep our county moving forward.

Thank you,

Scott W. Lay

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From: [Chris Espedal](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Scott Lay](#)
Subject: Storms of 2023
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On behalf of Scott W. Lay, Nevada County Superintendent of Schools (NCSOS)
Chris Espedal, Director of School Safety (NCSOS)

The recent storms that have impacted Nevada County residents reached beyond households and businesses, affecting school campuses, staff, students, parents and the community at large. Difficult decisions to open or close schools, run buses, and provide a safe learning environment were made daily during the weather events of February and March 2023. The cooperation and collaboration between public school districts, charter schools, and private schools with the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services (OES) was invaluable during this time. Early morning phone conferences with representatives from Law Enforcement, CHP, School Administrators, Durham School Services, NCSOS and the Office of Emergency Services were instrumental in the decision-making process.

Unfortunately, storm damage occurred at several of the school sites but the on-going support of Paul Cummings, Craig Griesbach and their team made reporting and next steps easier. The consistent communication, direction and concern was appreciated by the education community. This partnership lends credibility to any potential future disasters that our county may face. We count on OES to partner with us in times of crisis and we were certainly not disappointed in their participation during this recent event.

Stay safe and healthy!

Chris Espedal
Director of School Safety
Nevada County Superintendent of Schools Office

From: stevenharms@aol.com
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: From Steven Harms - Thank You to Nevada County Office of Emergency Services
Date: Friday, March 17, 2023 1:52:57 PM

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I want to provide a Huge Thank You to the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services.

My PGE service had been out since Feb 27th due to the storm, which meant no water since we are on a well, no heat etc. for myself and 4 children. Finally on March 15th with insufficient action from PGE and on my 17th day of no services I decided to reach out to Paul Cummings at the Nevada County OES. The service and response I received was immediate and caring. He contacted PGE and they responded within an hour and came that night to reconnect my Family back to services. I believe without the help and support of Paul and the team we would still be without power today.

Thank you

The Harms Family

From: [D.C. Stew](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: Good job and Thanks
Date: Saturday, March 18, 2023 3:21:16 PM

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Board of Supervisors:

I am a nearly fifty-year resident of [REDACTED] Drive. With the exception of December 2021, in the last few years we haven't had to deal with what Mother Nature can deliver to the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. February/March 2023 was a reminder of what can happen.

I am writing to you to express my thanks and gratitude to the Road Department's snow plow crews. Under what I'm sure were difficult circumstances, they opened [REDACTED] Drive quickly after the worst of the storm. On multiple occasions the plow mounted pickups and the motor grader kept Marjon Drive passable.

Please express my thanks to the actual operators of the equipment that kept Marjon Drive, and I'm sure, much of the rest of the county functioning.

Thank you;

Dan Stewart
[REDACTED] Drive
Nevada City

From: [S.A. "Sam" Jernigan](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: sharing my gratitude for county services during Snowmageddon, Part II
Date: Monday, March 20, 2023 11:10:55 AM

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Greetings to the Board, and what a snowy ordeal our county has endured. Having had the worst wintry experience since relocating here in 2004, I am getting in touch to pass along my heartfelt gratitude for multiple services that literally came to my rescue.

I live off [REDACTED] in GV at an elevation of 3100', have a 1/4-mile long gravel switchback driveway, and have been snowed in multiple times over the years, so I'm pretty much prepared for that -- although losing power makes those episodes much harder of course (am a senior/widow and have not been able to afford a whole house battery back-up). On the heels of this massive snowstorm which dropped about 4x more than the worst I'd ever experienced before, I was reliant on my lithium battery charger to keep devices charged and it was because PG&E kept texting "tomorrow by 10 pm" every day after the power went out that I planned my electricity usage accordingly -- especially continuing to work on my laptop on time-sensitive projects. So on day #4 without power when they then texted at day's end that it would be a minimum of 5 more days + the next storm was landing (so, basically, don't count on that ETA), I responded with alarm -- as, at that point, I was now down to only 20% remaining battery life, and very, Very snowed in...with appx. 4' of snow encasing my vehicle.

Admittedly in a panic, I texted friends of mine in San Francisco who got in touch with Search & Rescue, and I received a call from the Sheriff's Dept. within about an hour thereafter. Although that was in the evening, he offered + later reiterated he would arrange for someone to come that night to get me but I assured him that wasn't necessary (even though I was completely freezing, with overnight temps in the 20s). And the next day, sure enough, the huge snowcat rumbled up to my back door and the 2-man crew were so friendly and helpful, immediately shoveling a path for me to get out of my back door. Having been snowed in multiple times for a week at a time, I Never thought I would need such a service

but am Truly thankful to have been evacuated at that time.

Staying at a friend's in Lake of the Pines, I returned in my friend's borrowed car on March 9 after a client meeting in GV...only to discover both 2' of snow in my driveway along with 2 huge branches down -- and of course the destruction en route along Greenhorn was devastating indeed in places. Thereafter I reached out to a neighbor who told me his driveway had been cleared by the county. So I immediately contacted the Office of Emergency Services by email the next day. Paul Cummings himself responded right away, and over the next handful of days it was determined my (verrrry long!) driveway had inadvertently been missed due to some miscommunication from adjacent neighbors, as I myself had never been contacted. Caleb Dardick in OES subsequently intervened on my behalf, getting in touch with Cal Fire as the short-term contractor arrangements for clearing of driveways had apparently been for one weekend only. As a result of Cal Fire's efforts I was finally able to return back home on Saturday, 15 days after being evacuated out. I was also SO grateful that Cal Fire's team had obviously cut and cleared broken branches as I could readily see evidence of their work driving back up upon my arrival home plus I'd reported the two sizable branches down/blocking the first incline on my driveway. That team truly went above and beyond.

Having Never needed help along these lines in my nearly 20 years here (15+ in this home I built with my late husband), I am truly Thankful for ALL of this timely assistance I received when reaching out during this monstrous and unprecedented-for-me weather event. Paul even followed up to ensure my driveway had been handled. He and his team just did an exemplary job under what I'm sure were strained circumstances as I imagine their office was overwhelmed with similar calls for assistance. He and his team's kindness in the midst was an added blessing as well.

Back at the desk in my home office At Last this Monday morning it was a priority for me to get this note off to you in saluting the efforts of these teams of so-dedicated public servants -- **what a phenomenal job they ALL did!** (Now if AT&T will just get my dang landline working again!)

Cheers & gratitude,

(Ms.) "Sam" Jernigan

Property address: [REDACTED].
(street address vs. "emergency access" address the county uses), off [REDACTED], GV

