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Introduction

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 effect 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.

This document is shared with our contracted legislative advocacy firm, Shaw Yoder Antwih, Inc. as well as the public on the County's website. It is used throughout the year by the Board of Supervisors, County Executive Office and Department Heads to assess legislative issues as they arise and determine if advocacy on a particular issue is in alignment with the County's Legislative Platform.

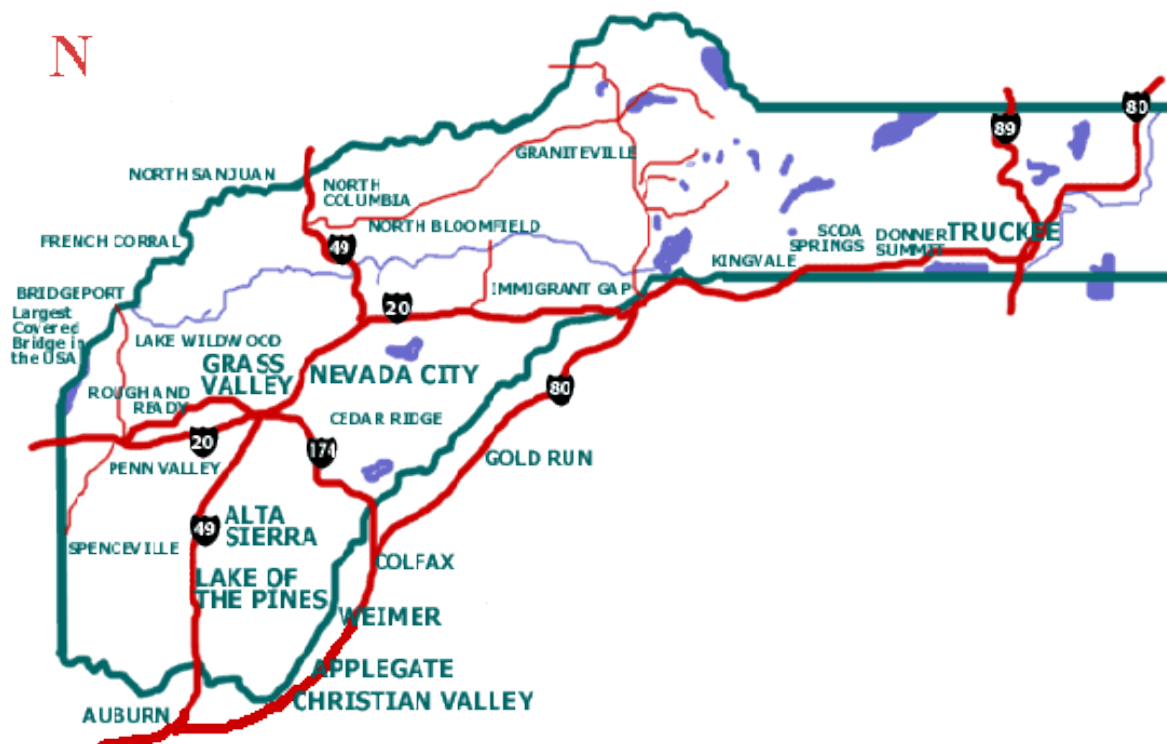


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2018 Board Objectives Summary

Priority A

- Maintain County's financial stability and core services in light of economic conditions.
- Prioritize the implementation of existing County policies and programs to reduce the risk of wildfire and the effects of wildfire on life, property and the environment. Pursue hazard vegetation mitigation funding sources and support related community partners with their efforts. Explore other ways to reduce the threat and damage from wildfires.
- Implement the Homeless Services Plan utilizing Coordinated Entry, a 24/7 service pilot program and a housing first model to identify and offer services to the most vulnerable homeless population in Nevada County through partnerships with other jurisdictions, law enforcement and community providers.
- Continue to develop long term County cannabis regulations and explore a cannabis revenue measure for the November ballot.
- Leverage County resources to expand opportunities to address housing affordability issues for all target populations in Nevada County through partnerships with other jurisdictions, potential developers and the housing authority.
- Work with ERC, SBC, RCRC, CSAC and Nevada County legislative advocates to identify and seek state and federal funding to support board policy objectives including economic development.

Priority B

- Increase and improve public awareness and civic engagement through educational information programs.
- Complete fee study for recreational improvements to serve new development and encourage all entities to consider collaboration/consolidation into one western county regional park and recreation operation.

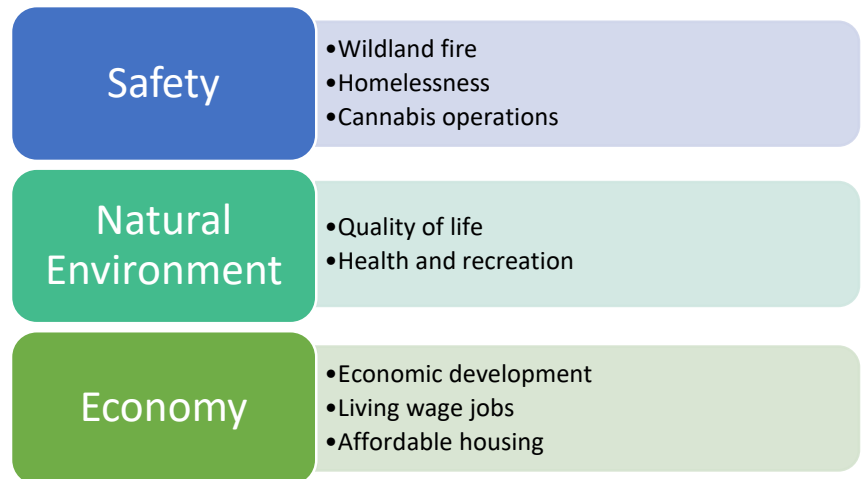
Priority C

- Evaluate the options and feasibility of establishing a Business License process in the County.
- Explore economic development opportunities for the current corporation yard when vacated which may include airport expansion, commercial development and/or other best use opportunities.

Community Description

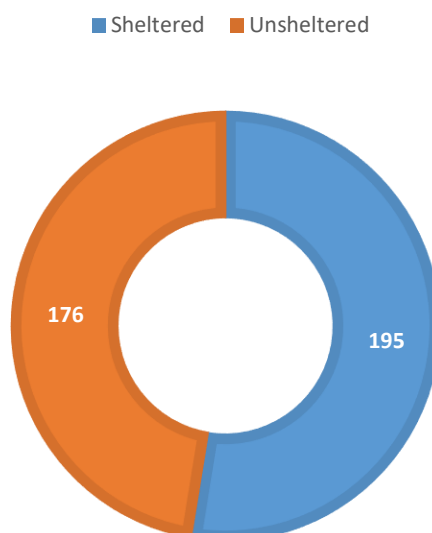
Nevada County is a small rural county in Northern California. The County spans 958 square miles from the Sacramento Valley to the Sierra Mountains and borders the state of Nevada, near Reno. Nevada County is home to approximately 100,000 residents with three incorporated cities include Grass Valley, Nevada City and the town of Truckee. Generally, Nevada County residents are older, racially similar yet politically diverse, and well-educated. Nevada County's rich gold rush history, active arts and culture scene, and access to recreational activities attract tourists, retirees, and new residents to the area.

Citizen priorities per the 2017 National Citizen Survey data:



2017 Point-In-Time Homeless Count Survey Results:

371 HOMELESS COUNTED



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Legislative Priorities

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Object.	Target
Preserve Local Control	Oppose legislation that does not recognize California's diversity and the need for local government's autonomy in addressing the problems and services of our residents	Board of Supervisors		State/ Federal
Bonds & Funding Measures	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	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		State/ Federal
County Revenue	Oppose efforts to decrease, restrict, eliminate or otherwise restrict local autonomy of local revenues	County Executive Office		State/ Federal
State & Federal Mandates	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	Oppose proposals to restructure, realign or otherwise shift the cost of state programs to local government without commensurate compensation	County Executive Office		State
Economic Growth and Development	Support efforts of job growth and economic development	County Executive Office		State/ Federal
Affordable Housing	Support legislative efforts to encourage affordable/workforce/senior housing developments in rural communities	Community Development Agency; Health and Human Services		State

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Employee/Labor	Support full cost recovery for salary, benefits and administration for all employee relationship and protect and enhance flexibility and local control over employee and labor relations issues	County Executive Office; Human Resources Department		State
Privacy/Security	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
Health in our Community	Support legislation and funding for individual and community health programs delivered by counties through public health, behavioral health and social services	Health and Human Services		State/ Federal
Emergency Preparedness	Support fair and equitable funding to local health departments and emergency services for emergency preparedness programs	Office of Emergency Services; Public Health		State/ Federal

Funding Requests


Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Object.	Target
County Jail Operations	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		State
Homelessness Program Funding	Support proposals to increase funding for shelter and coordination of services for homeless people in rural communities	Health and Human Services		State/ Federal
Court Appointed Dependency Counsel Funding	Support legislation or administrative action to fully fund optimal caseloads for dependency attorneys	Public Defender		State
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			Object.
Rehabilitation and Treatment for Inmates	Seek funding to support both in-custody programming and facilities in order to enhance the County's rehabilitation and treatment programs for inmates	Behavioral Health; Sheriff's Office	State
Dental Services for Low Income Californians	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
Invasive Species Program	Support continued funding for effective pest management and eradication activities and to restore funding for agricultural border stations	Agricultural Commissioner	State/ Federal
Tree Mortality and Fire Protection	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	State/ Federal
Roads Funding	Support proposals to increase transportation funding and repay existing transportation fund loans	Public Works	State
Animal Care Shelter	Support funding for regional animal shelter facility and programs	Sheriff's Office	State
Williamson Act	Support legislation or budget proposals to fund the Williamson Act subventions to counties	Community Development Agency; Assessor	State
Health Realignment	Advocate for maintaining sufficient health realignment to ensure adequate resources to obligations and fulfill statutory public health, behavioral health and indigent health care mandates	Public Health; Behavioral Health	State



County Specific Initiatives

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Object.	Target
Cap and Trade Funds/SRA Fees for Rural Communities	Advocate for dedication of cap and trade revenue to rural communities through revising the definition of “disadvantaged communities”	Community Development Agency		State
South Yuba River State Park	Advocate for increasing resources dedicated to the South Yuba River State Park for public safety and environmental protection	Board of Supervisors		State
Hwy 49 Safety Improvements	Advocate for planning, funding and implementation of safety improvements to the Hwy 49 corridor between Grass Valley and Auburn	Board of Supervisors		State
CSBG/CDBG/Housing Choice Programs	Advocate for continuing funding of CSBG/CDBG/HC programs which are vital to local government for infrastructure, development and housing programs	Health and Human Services		State/ Federal
Bridges	Advocate for continuing funding of HBP funds to replace aging bridges throughout the County	Public Works		Federal
Land Use: Housing Element Flexibility for Rural Counties	Advocate for proposals that provide for flexibility in how rural counties designate parcels for specific zoning in order to meet housing development requirements	Planning Department		State
Mental Health Services for Foster Youth	Oppose legislation that shifts the cost of providing mental health care from urban to rural counties	Behavioral Health		State
Telecommunication Legislation	Advocate to protect the rights of local government to control location and permitting process of telecommunications infrastructure	Information and General Services		State/ Federal

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Broadband Infrastructure	Advocate for the continuation and expansion of the California Advanced Services Fund's rural broadband specific funding allocation and for the CPUC to streamline and lower the burden of the grant application, challenge and approval processes	Information and General Services		State
Affordable Care Act	Support continuation of the Affordable Care Act for the 1 in 5 Nevada County residents currently enrolled	Social Services		State/ Federal
Bridgeport Bridge Restoration Project	Continue to pursue funding for the restoration of this historic landmark	Board of Supervisors		State
Child Custody and Visitation	Support legislation to allow child support workers to assist families with child custody and visitation orders	Child Support Services		State
Cyber Security and Open Data	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	Information and General Services		State
Workforce Training	Enhance and expand employment and training programs to non-custodial parents	Child Support Services; Social Services		State
Public Safety Realignment	Support continued and protected funding for AB 109 Public Safety Realignment	Sheriff's Office; Probation Department; Health and Human Services		State
Cannabis Regulation	Support legislative efforts to clarify state regulation, protect local control of cannabis allowable activities and fund enforcement and public health activities	Community Development Agency; Sheriff's Office; Public Health		State
Trails	Support proposals to increase funding for multi-purpose trails and bike trails	Board of Supervisors		State