

NEVADA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED
NEGATIVE DECLARATION

TO: All Internal and External Governmental and Non-Governmental Agencies, Special Interest Groups and Cities/Counties on the County Planning Department Distribution list; County Counsel*; State Clearinghouse*

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File Number(s): PLN25-0022; GPT25-0001; EIS25-0001

Applicant: County of Nevada
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, California 95959

Project Location: Unincorporated Area of Nevada County

Project Description: The project is an update to the Nevada County Safety Element, Chapter 10 of the General Plan, which was previously adopted by Nevada County in 2020. The Safety Element update is required by Government Code Section 65302(g). The Safety Element addresses potential and existing hazards in the County, which are outlined in the following categories: Emergency Preparedness, Geological Hazards/Seismic Activity, Flood Hazards, Airport and Military Airspace Hazards, Hazardous Materials, Mining Hazards, Public Safety Services and Facilities, Fire Hazards and Protection, Severe Weather Hazards, Climate Change Resiliency and Mitigation, and Environmental Justice and Vulnerable Populations.

The entire draft Safety Element can be viewed by visiting the Nevada County Planning Department webpage: at [2025 Draft Safety Element](#) or by contacting the Nevada County Planning Department (530) 265-1222.

PUBLIC REVIEW: As a lead agency, in accordance with CEQA, Nevada County is distributing the Draft IS/ND to interested public and regulatory authorities for review and comment for a period of 30-days. Nevada County is inviting comments and concerns regarding the IS/ND during the public review period spanning **January 23, 2026 to February 23, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.** Final action on the proposed ND will be taken by the Board of Supervisors after the completion of the public review period at a duly noticed public hearing on a date to be determined.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration is available for review on Nevada County's website at <https://www.mynevadacounty.com/994/Environmental-Documents>. Hardcopies may be reviewed at the Nevada County Planning Department, 950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 170, Nevada City, CA 95959.

Written comments should be sent to the following address: Zachary Ruybal, Associate Planner, Nevada County Planning Department, 950 Maidu Avenue Suite 170, Nevada City, CA 95959 - Email: zachary.ruybal@nevadacountyca.gov; on or before **February 23, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the "Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970," as amended to date, a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared because no substantial evidence exists, as indicated in the attached Initial Study, that the proposed project may have a significant environmental effect that is not mitigated to a level of less than significance.

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Date