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

TO:

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	CA Department of Fish and Wildlife - North Central Region

Date: October 29, 2026

File Number(s): PLN26-0117; EIS26-0011

Applicant: Justin Drinkwater

Project Location: 2270 LA BARR MEADOWS ROAD, Grass Valley, CA 95949. Project parcel is located along the La Barr Meadows Road, approximately 2.16 driving miles from Downtown Grass Valley, next to the Nevada County Operations Center.

NevCo Animal Shelter
PLN26-0117; EIS26-0011

Project Description: The County of Nevada proposes to construct and operate a new Nevada County Animal Shelter at 12270 La Barr Meadows Road, Grass Valley, California, on Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 022-160-038-000. The approximately 20.22-acre County-owned parcel is located along the west side of La Barr Meadows Road. The proposed animal shelter improvements would occupy approximately 2.92 acres (127,580 square feet) within the northeastern portion of the parcel. The project would construct a new animal shelter facility to accommodate the animal housing, adoption, intake, administrative, and clinical needs of Nevada County Animal Services. The proposed site plan identifies approximately 14,819 square feet of conditioned building area, an approximately 1,032-square-foot unconditioned sallyport, and a separate approximately 1,000-square-foot barn associated with the large-animal component of the facility. The project would also include approximately 59,332 square feet of surfaced area associated with parking, access, walkways, and other site improvements.

PUBLIC REVIEW: As a lead agency, in accordance with CEQA, Nevada County is distributing the Draft IS/MND to interested public and regulatory authorities for review and comment for a period of 31-days. Nevada County is inviting comments and concerns regarding the IS/MND during the public review period spanning **October 29, 2026, to November 30, at 5:00 p.m.** Final action on the proposed MND will be taken by the Nevada County Zoning Administrator 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: Aleena Church, Assistant Planner, Nevada County Planning Department, 950 Maidu Avenue Suite 170, Nevada City, CA 95959 - Email: aleena.church-cda@nevadacountyca.gov; on or before **November 30, 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.

Prepared by:

Aleena Church

Aleena Church, Assistant Planner

10/29/2026

Date