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MIG, Inc. Selected for Cannabis Consulting

The County of Nevada is pleased to announce the selection of MIG, Inc. of Berkeley, CA to provide consulting and facilitation services to Nevada County and the Cannabis Regulation Community Advisory Group. MIG have distinguished themselves as experts and innovators in the areas of community participation, consensus building, and facilitation. MIG will be represented by two of its principals and project leads, Daniel Iacofano and Joan Chaplin, who bring more than 45 combined years of professional consulting and facilitation services to the Cannabis Regulation Community Advisory Group.

During a rigorous Request for Proposals (RFP) process, which included 16 proposals, the top five proposers were interviewed by a selection committee that consisted of two members of the Board of Supervisors, County staff, and a representative from each of the Town of Truckee and Placer County. The committee unanimously selected MIG for their long-time experience in facilitation, public outreach strategies and community engagement.

MIG was selected to independently facilitate a good-faith, inclusive, and participatory process with stakeholders to ensure that the long-term cannabis regulations recommendations to the Board of Supervisors are representative of the community and reflect a sound process.

An initial contract with MIG, which includes a base cost proposal of \$98,900, will be considered by the Board of Supervisors at a future date and upon approval it is expected that MIG will immediately engage in the stakeholder process. The County is confident in MIG's expertise and resources to provide additional services necessary as the process evolves.

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County Crews Continue To Repair Damaged Roads

There has been additional damage to western Nevada County roads due to the storms this past week.

Near the town of Washington, Maybert and Washington Roads have sustained additional damage and are being monitored. In Nevada City, temporary repairs on Cooper Road have provided limited accessibility by 4-wheel drive only north of Arbogast Ranch Road. Taylor Crossing Road in Grass Valley was also closed earlier this week due to excessive storm damage. The road is currently open but limited to one lane of traffic. More permanent repairs to these roadways will occur once conditions have stabilized.

In the Cascade Shores neighborhood, Mountain View Road at Pasquale Road has seen some cracking of the pavement as a result of movement due to a slide on nearby private property. Monitoring devices have been placed to determine if the slide is continuing to effect the roadway. A few homes in the area were evacuated Sunday night through Tuesday morning and the evacuation order was lifted after the situation was determined to be more localized to one area.

In Grass Valley, the significant slide on the southbound side of Brunswick Road south of East Bennett / Greenhorn has temporarily stabilized. County staff is currently working to remove excess groundwater, which should improve conditions and allow the county to schedule the permanent repairs when weather conditions are favorable. In the interim, road crews will be installing high visibility temporary lane markers along Brunswick to improve the two-lane traffic control and visibility through this area.

Road crews have also responded to numerous other localized storm damage and emergencies, including locations on Scotts Flat Road and Willow Valley Road. Downed trees also affected traffic on Peardale Road, McCourtney Road, and North Bloomfield Road. Road crews also continue to respond to local service requests. Over the past 30 days, staff has received 131 service requests relating to storm damage. Road crews continue to monitor and respond to these and other concerns while prioritizing critical safety and accessibility issues.

For more information on this or other County road maintenance activity, please contact the County's Department of Public Works at (530) 265-1411 or [visit our Facebook page](#).

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County Declares Local Emergency for February Storm Damage

Emergency Services Director Steve Monaghan declared a local emergency on February 22, 2017 as a result of the extreme weather, which caused wide spread damage throughout Nevada County. In accordance with the California Emergency Services Act Section 8630(b) the governing body must ratify the declared emergency within 7 days for it to remain in effect. Additionally, the Director of Emergency Services must submit a request to the Board of Supervisors requesting the Governor to proclaim a State of Emergency for Nevada County and authorizing the release of California Disaster Assistant Act (CDAA) funding. The request for a Gubernatorial Proclamation must be submitted to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services within 10 days of the local disaster event. This item will be on Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting agenda for the Board's ratification.

The Town of Truckee and the City of Grass Valley declared local emergencies this week as well.

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Juvenile Hall Provides Emergency Housing for Yuba County Juvenile Hall Evacuees

On Sunday, February 12, 2017, the Nevada County Juvenile Hall was asked to provide emergency housing for 31 youth that were evacuated from the Yuba County Juvenile Hall and the neighboring Camp Singer Detention Youth Facility. The emergency evacuation was necessary as part of the county wide evacuation due to the possible failure of the Oroville Dam spillway.

The 31 youth were transported by Nevada County, Sutter County and Yuba County Probation staff to the facility arriving mid-evening on Sunday. The youth brought into the facility, both male and female, encompassed a full spectrum of charges and classifications.

While these youth were in our custody, the Nevada County Juvenile Hall staff and the Yuba County detention staff worked together on the living units to ensure the safety and security of all youth and staff. During their stay there were no issues of physical violence on either staff or youth. They quickly acclimated to our regular programming and also received school services.

Adding 31 new youth into the Juvenile Hall was no small task. The communication between detention staff of both counties needed to be clear and on point. This clear communication and collaboration continued at a high level throughout their stay in Nevada County.

Juvenile Hall staff rose to the occasion in assisting a neighboring county and Probation Department in their time of need. Staff's dedication, flexibility, and professionalism did not waiver with the increased population in the facility.

When the time came for Yuba County to depart back to their facility on February 21st, the Probation staff at both the management level and line staff level praised our programming, our facility, and most importantly the Nevada County Juvenile Hall staff.

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Alta Sierra Nuisance Abatement Project Completed



The Code Compliance Division is pleased to have completed another

nuisance abatement project. This project was located at the 11000 block of Alta Sierra Drive. The code case was opened in April 2016 after a house fire. Code violations included a fire damaged residence and solid waste.

In August 2016, after several months of working with the property owner to begin clean-up of the property, demolition began and the residential structure was taken down. Clean-up continued for the next two months but unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the property owner was unable to finish the clean-up work and unsafe conditions remained on the property. Once progress stopped, the Code Compliance Division offered the property owner the Voluntary Nuisance Abatement Program in order to save on the cost of a full Nuisance Abatement hearing process. The program allows the property owner the ability to voluntarily waive the abatement hearing and appeal process and gives the County permission to enter the property and abate the code violations. Once the abatement is complete, a bill of the abatement costs is charged to the property owner. If payment is not received, a lien is placed on the property.

Once the Request for Proposals was advertised and proposals received to finish the clean-up of the property, a contractor was selected in January 2017. Work was completed in February 2017 and included the demolition and removal of the garage, removal of the solid waste and erosion control measures to prevent runoff. The Code Compliance case has now been closed.

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Information and General Services Facilities Group Honored with Two Awards

The California Counties Architects and Engineers Association gave their *Public Projects Awards of Excellence* to Nevada County for the Brighton Greens Resources Center project. This was a large project that saw the consolidation of six separate service locations into a single 20,000 square foot facility housing almost 100 employees. The facility now provides efficient and cohesive services to the community. The success of this project was due to the innovation and hard work of the many Health and Human Services Agency employees partnering with Information and General Services staff to design the facility's ultimate layout for maximum efficiency and customer convenience.

The California Counties Facilities Services Association awarded Nevada County their *Award of Excellence in Public Facilities Management* for 2016. This award acknowledges public facilities best practices across the State and those organizations setting the example for others to follow. This is the fourth time Nevada County has received this award since 2006.

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Changes in Information and General Services Facilities Management

Tom Coburn, our Facilities Program Manager, is retiring this Fall. After 21 years of service, our facilities have never been in better shape. To facilitate this transition, Lee Ocker our Airport Manager, has been appointed the Program Manager over both Facilities and the Airport. Tom will transition into a facilities project manager role and with other facility project managers will assist Lee at the Airport to keep the various Airport facility related projects on track and moving forward. As background, Lee came to the County with a Masters in Aeronautics and a distinguished career in the Air Force. As an Air Force Officer over maintenance and logistic operations, Lee oversaw operations with over 380 personnel and various activities supporting facilities. We are looking forward to a smooth transition from Tom to Lee over the coming months.

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Nevada Union Students To Hold Public E-Waste Event on March 4



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In preparation for their senior class project, two students from Nevada Union High School, Miranda Townsend and Kei Castleberry, had the idea to hold an electronic waste fundraising event that would allow residents to clear their drawers and closets of all their old cell phones, televisions, computers and any other electronic devices such as stereos or printers. The girls worked with Waste Management and Nevada County staff to learn about local and state e-waste recycling programs, and to get guidance on planning and hosting an event. In addition to being a great learning opportunity, this project will raise money for future recycling programs at

Students will collect e-Waste from Nevada County residents from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on March 4th at the Nevada Union High School Don Baggett Theater parking lot. There is no fee to drop off e-Waste. These items are hazardous waste and pose dangers to the environment when disposed of improperly. Electronic devices should never be placed in the trash or recycling.

Please visit the [Solid Waste website](#) or our new [Recycling Facilities page](#) to learn more about other recycling opportunities in the community!

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