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Storm Activity Kept County Staff Busy This Week/County Declares a Local Emergency



Impact from the atmospheric river event kept a variety of County operations busy all week long and will continue well into next week and possibly longer. A summary of events and impact are as follows:

The Office of Emergency Services (OES) reported:

- The Town of Truckee requested assistance for a warming center and/or shelter. At that time Truckee had no power, limited cell coverage and worsening blizzard conditions.

OES staff held a meeting with Public Health, Social Services, Building Department and Public

Works and developed a response and support plan.

- In collaboration with Placer County, a warming center was opened at the Truckee airport.
- The Town of Truckee declared a local disaster.
- Due to a large sink hole and other damages, the City of Grass Valley declared a local emergency.
- When two cities declare a disaster in the same county, State quires that the county declares, so the County declared a disaster. The Board of Supervisors will ratify this decision on Tuesday, January 17th at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers.
- Residents received over 15,000 sandbags and sand from four County provided locations free of charge over this event. 10,000 sand bags had been provided in the several weeks before this event.

Public Works reported the following:

- The Town of Washington's water supply system received storm damage and has limited capacity. County OES staff is coordinating with the water district, fire department, and State officials to provide assistance.
- Currently there is one road closure on Maybert Road approximately 1 mile east of the town of Washington. The road is closed indefinitely until further notice, as a portion of road was washed away due to high levels of the Yuba River.

- This week Banner Quaker Hill Road going into Cascade Shores was opened. There is a tree located on private property that appears to be in danger of falling on public property and local overhead utility lines. We continue to monitor the tree and may close Banner Quaker Hill again if the tree condition worsens or if weather conditions threaten the tree.
- A high number of phone calls and complaints about a variety of storm related damage throughout Nevada County including storm drainage problems, slides and sloughing of roadway shoulders were received and responded to.
- The preliminary estimate for storm damaged cost is at \$500,000, although additional inspections in the coming week or two may push this number up.

For additional information contact the OES at oes@co.nevada.ca.us or (530) 265-1515.

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CA Governor's Proposed Budget Allocates \$3,226,000 to the Bridgeport Bridge Restoration Project for 2017-18

On Tuesday, January 10, 2017, California Governor Edmond G. Brown released the proposed 2017-18 State Budget which included an allocation of \$3,226,000 for the construction costs for restoration of the Bridgeport Bridge in Nevada County. Specifically, the funds are being allocated through the Department of Parks and Recreation's State Building Program Expenditures. This achievement was due to advocacy work by the Save Our Bridge Campaign Committee (S.O.B.), the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL) and District IV Supervisor, Hank Weston.

Back in September, Supervisor Weston, along with S.O.B. Chair, Douglas Moon, and SYRCL's Executive Director, Caleb Dardick, met with the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Director, Lisa Mangat and the State's Department of Finance Budget Manager, Christopher Leif, to discuss the Bridgeport Bridge Restoration Project and contingencies for construction cost increases. Funding for the project was initially identified in the 5-year infrastructure plan in the 2014-15 for 1.3 million; however, project costs increased to \$3.9 million after an extensive assessment was conducted on the project's scope of work, thereby increasing overall costs by \$2.6 million. At that time, DPR informed the group that various questions would need to be addressed before funding changes could be approved, but the State did confirm their commitment to the project.

S.O.B. and SYRCL members are ecstatic over the news, sending out special thanks to everyone involved including local California State Parks Sierra District Chief Ranger, Matt Green, who has worked with the group from the beginning. Supervisor Weston explained, "We could not have gained the traction and support of the Governor without the work of the S.O.B. Committee, SYRCL and the support of DPR Director Lisa Mangat. The Bridgeport Bridge is a historical treasure for our community and State and we are excited to see its preservation continued." Douglas Moon added, "A huge thanks goes out to our community who have avidly supported this project for the last 3 years. Moving forward, our Committee will be working in close coordination with DPR to ensure that construction moves forward smoothly and as planned." The timing is particularly welcomed at SYRCL, where they are kicking off the 15th Annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival, which raises awareness for the environment and Yuba River. "We united as a community to save the bridge, and it worked," said Caleb Dardick, SYRCL's Executive Director.

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Continuum of Care Reform Implemented in Nevada County

On January 1, 2017, Nevada County Child Protective Services began full implementation of the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) with a singular goal of finding permanency for any child who suffers from abuse or neglect. Led by the California Department of Social Services, CCR is an immense, multi-year statewide initiative that recognizes children who suffer from abuse and neglect thrive best when they live in a supportive, home-based, family environment – whether it be for a short-term period while their biological parents rebuild their lives or permanently if they cannot return to their biological parents.

Another goal of CCR is for children and their family caregivers to be fully supported and for their ongoing needs met – including financial supports, access to medical and behavioral health treatments and educational opportunities for the resource families. CCR aims to minimize the reliance on congregate care, commonly known as group homes and shelters, and only turning to those options when a child's needs require quality, short-term, therapeutic care.

For CCR to succeed we need the help of our community, particularly relatives and family friends of children who come under the care of the Nevada County Child Protective Services. Relatives and family friends can help us ensure children and youth are placed in supportive, home-based, family settings. Studies suggest that children placed with relatives experience less trauma, stronger bonds with siblings and extended family members, and are less likely to experience multiple placements, among other positive outcomes.



We welcome the support of our community members to improve the lives of our foster children, by opening their hearts and homes as a resource family. For more information about the Continuum of Care Reform, please contact Program Manager Nicholas Ready at the Nevada County Child Protective Services Office at (530) 265-1654 or nicholas.ready@co.nevada.ca.us.

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Transitional Age Youth Program Update

The Transitional Age Youth Program (TAY) is tentatively expected to start February 1, 2017. Under this program, 18-21 year olds who are arrested of a new felony offense will have the opportunity to serve all their time in the juvenile hall, separate from juvenile minors, instead of county jail. This will allow for a safer environment with numerous evidenced based services provided for this population that would not be available otherwise.

The Probation Department had two very beneficial meetings with the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) on how to best serve this 18-21 year old population and also protect the juveniles housed and programmed separately. Probation is expected to turn in their application to the BSCC in January. The BSCC has 30 days to respond to their application request. Application questions involve describing: how we will maintain separate housing and programming to overcome sight/sound requirements; what evidenced based programming we are offering; how we will maintain and sustain juvenile programming; how will we address education, employment, vocational, mental health needs for this population. The BSCC will also provide an inspection to ensure we are in compliance with SB 1004, Medi-Cal Palliative Care.

Ultimately this will be a reentry program for this young population where services will be provided in and out of custody. Successful completion of this diversion program will result in all charges being dropped and remove these records from their past.

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Library Events and Programming

Join us at the Library after weathering this weeks storm! Take a look at the selected upcoming events and programming below or at all of our activities on

our [events calendar](#).

All Nevada County Libraries will be closed Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Grass Valley Library will be closed both January 16th and 17th for the Martin Luther King Holiday.



Library Programming

Saturday, January 14th

Lit and Knit! Knitting Group, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Grass Valley Library

Join us each Saturday during the month of January for our weekly knitting group and book discussion. Please

bring knitting needles and yarn. Beginners encouraged!

Children's Programming

Saturday, January 14th

- Game On All Day!, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Bear River Station

Drop in and play with iPads & board games like Connect Four, Perfection, Mousetrap, Battleship, Scrabble, Candy Land, Chutes and Ladders, Operation and much more! All ages welcome.

- STEAM Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Madelyn Helling Library

Drop-in for some STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and/or math) activities, and of course LEGOs!

Technology and Computer Classes

Wednesday, January 18th

- NU Tech Drop-in, 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at Madelyn Helling Library

Bring your device and receive help from the Nevada Union Tech drop in team! [Register online](#) before it is full.

Thursday, January 19th

- 3D Printing, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Madelyn Helling Library

Join our volunteers John and Matt for an introduction to 3-D printing! Registration is full, but you can [join our waiting list](#) online.

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