



# MEASURE V INFORMATION

## **Measure V is designed to reduce the threat of wildfires and improve disaster readiness and evacuation safety.**

As wildfires become more frequent and more destructive, heat events become increasingly common, and climate uncertainties mean more risk of droughts, floods, and extreme weather events, Nevada County must be well prepared for ongoing natural disasters.

Measure V responds to appeals from Nevada County residents for community-wide solutions to better protect their families, homes, and businesses.

If passed by the voters, Measure V would generate approximately \$12 million annually through a half cent sales tax for critical emergency services and other general government services. A half cent sales tax would add 50 cents to a \$100 purchase, and the tax would not be applied to food purchased as groceries or prescription medications. All revenue would be locally controlled with funds that cannot be taken by the state. This general sales tax would end after 10 years.

## **Measure V is responsive to community priorities such as:**

### **Preventing wildfires**

Removing flammable brush countywide from our roads, neighborhoods, around our cities and town, and near critical infrastructure.

### **Improving evacuation routes**

Getting residents out safely and getting first responders in quickly during an emergency - when minutes count.

### **Enhancing emergency communications**

Improving early warning and 911 response to quickly notify residents during a natural disaster.

### **Enforcing fire safety laws**

Helping law enforcement keep our parks, forests, trails, and public areas free of illegal campfires and safe for everyone.

### **Helping low-income seniors and people with disabilities**

Assisting with emergency preparedness, evacuation planning, defensible space, and home hardening.

### **Providing green waste disposal options**

Expanding chipping programs, free year-round green waste disposal sites, and burn pile training.

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## Measure V will raise \$12M annually for high-impact projects such as:

### \$8M Flammable Brush Removal

- Clear evacuation routes
- Protect communities with large-scale fuel breaks
- Provide free year-round green waste disposal sites
- Assist older adults and people with disabilities to clear brush



### \$3M Communications and Disaster Resources

- Improve early warning and alert systems
- Enhance local AM/FM radio infrastructure
- Expand shelter capacity for residents, pets, and livestock



### \$1M Planning and Prevention

- Create countywide disaster plans
- Expand community education and outreach programs
- Enforce fire safety laws to prevent illegal campfires



## Accountability and transparency are built into Measure V.

### Priorities Recommended by Experts

A Technical Advisory Committee composed of emergency services and other community experts would recommend funding priorities for Supervisors' approval as part of the County's annual budget process.



### Funds Monitored by County Residents

The Board-appointed Citizens Oversight Committee would report annually to the public on the receipt and expenditures of Measure V funds.



### Revenue Kept Separate

Measure V revenue and expenses would be recorded in separate accounts distinct from other County general funds and would be subject to independent annual audits.

### Information Accessible to the Public

Contract opportunities, awards, and audit reports would be posted on a dedicated website.

## Measure V will be on the November 8th General Election ballot.

Learn more at [ReadyNevadaCounty.org/MeasureV](https://ReadyNevadaCounty.org/MeasureV).

Contact us at [MeasureV@NevadaCountyCA.gov](mailto:MeasureV@NevadaCountyCA.gov).

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