

NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)

Board of Directors' Meeting
Thursday, December 12, 2024, 9:30am
Clark County Government Center
Joshua Room – 6th Floor
500 S. Grand Central Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89155

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AGENDA

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Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

1. Public Comment. Please Limit Comments to 3 Minutes.
2. Approval of Agenda. **For Possible Action.**
3. NACO President's Report.
4. NACO Executive Director's Report.
5. Approval of Minutes of November 22, 2024, NACO Board of Directors Meeting. **For Possible Action.**
6. Approval of NACO Resolution 24-05 Recognizing January 2025 as National Radon Month. **For Possible Action.**
7. Presentation Regarding Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Update on the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act, Including the Affordable Housing Program, Ronald R. Mobley, Special Legislation Program Manager, BLM Nevada.
8. Final Discussion and Approval of the NACO Annual Budget for 2025. **For Possible Action.**
9. NACO Legislative Committee Update Regarding the Upcoming 83rd Session of the Nevada Legislature and Discussion of Bills Affecting Nevada's Counties.

10. Update from NACO Public Health Coordinator, Including Presentation and Discussion of Year-End Summary of Activities.
11. Final Update from Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) By-Laws Subcommittee.
12. Honor Outgoing Nevada Association of Counties Board Members. **For Possible Action.**
13. **Update and Possible Action.** Regarding Public Lands and Natural Resources Issues Affecting Counties Including:
 - a. Updates from the NACO Public Lands and Natural Resources Subcommittee.
 - b. Presentation and Discussion of Year-End Summary of Activities from the NACO Public Lands and Natural Resources Subcommittee.
14. Updates from Members of the National Association of Counties Board, Western Interstate Region Board, and Individual Counties.
15. Public Comment. Please Limit Comments to 3 Minutes.

Adjournment.

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Friday, November 22, 2024, 9:30am

NACO Offices
304 S. Minnesota Street
Carson City, NV 89703

UNADOPTED MINUTES

Attendance: President Giomi, President Elect Andreozzi, Vice President Gardner, Past President Higbee, Clark County Commissioner Kirkpatrick, Lander County Commissioner Helming, Lincoln County Commissioner Reese, Lyon County Commissioner Keller, Nye County Commissioner Boskovich, Storey County Commissioner Carmona, Washoe County Commissioner Andriola, White Pine County Commissioner VanCamp, Fiscal Officer Kalt and NACO Staff (Vinson Guthreau, Amy Hyne-Sutherland, Jennifer Berthiaume and Amanda Berg)

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. **Public Comment.** None was given.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Vinson informed the Board of a typo on agenda item 11, noting that it is 340B not 304B. The agenda was approved as amended on a motion by Past President Higbee with second by Commissioner Andriola.
3. **NACO President's Report.** President Giomi discussed the success of the Annual Conference and thanked the Board members that were able to attend. He then informed the Board that he and Commissioner Kirkpatrick had participated in the new legislator training held the previous day and noted that the newly elected legislators in attendance appeared interested in the content and asked thoughtful questions about county government. He also noted that while Vinson's presentation had been cut short, many of the attendees were surprised at the lack of local input in the process of awarding tax abatements.
4. **NACO Executive Director's Report.** Vinson informed the Board that registration for the 2025 National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Legislative Conference had opened and encouraged attendance. He also noted that the conference would take place in the first week of March and that Congress would be in session which will allow for meetings with the members. Vinson also mentioned the annual Nevada dinner that would be held for conference attendees. He concluded his remarks by reminding the Board that the December meeting will be held in Clark County on Thursday the 12th at the Clark County Government Center, noting that information on the meeting had previously been emailed and there was also printed information available for those in attendance (at the meeting) in person.
5. **Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2024, NACO Board of Directors Meeting.** The minutes were approved on a motion by Commissioner Andriola with second by President Elect Andreozzi.
6. **Final Update Regarding the 2024 NACO Annual Conference.** Amanda thanked Carson City for hosting the event and referred the Board to the financial breakdown included in the agenda packet. She informed the Board that over 170 people attended the conference, there were a total of 24 sponsors with 16 exhibiting, and concluded her update by informing the

Board that all the presentations given during the conference had been uploaded to the NACO website. Commissioner Keller informed the Board that Lyon county had full Commissioner attendance and that his fellow Commissioners had indicated that attendance had elevated the importance of the work NACO does on behalf of counties.

7. **Discussion and Selection of Host County for the 2025 NACO Annual Conference.** Vinson drew the Board's attention to the list of previous conference hosts included in the agenda packet and noted that the 2023 conference was hosted by Elko County, a typo which had been corrected. He informed the Board that it had been five years since the conference had been held in an urban county and ten years since Clark County had hosted. After speaking with Commissioner Kirkpatrick, the staff's recommendation was to hold the 2025 Annual Conference in Clark County. President Elect Andreozzi and Commissioner Keller both remarked that they felt it was appropriate to have the event in an urban county. Clark County was approved as the 2025 host on a motion by Vice President Gardner with second by President Elect Andreozzi.
8. **Approval of NACO Resolution 24-04, Thanking Carson City for Hosting the 2024 NACO Annual Conference.** Vinson remarked on the success of the Centennial event and thanked Carson City's Manager, Nancy Paulson and their staff for the assistance provided. He then read the Resolution into the record, and it was approved on a motion by President Elect Andreozzi with second by Commissioner Andriola.
9. **Approval of NACO's April, May, June, July, August, and September 2024 Financial Statements.** This item was combined with item 10, only one action was taken.
10. **Approval of NACO's April, May, June, July, August, September, and October 2024 Investment Reports.** Vinson first discussed the financial statements noting that the Association remains in a strong financial position with overall expenses lower than projected and interest income exceeding projections. He then informed the Board that the investments continue to adhere to the approved policy and noted that he would address any questions. Fiscal Officer Kalt informed the Board that he considered the investment returns to be remarkable due to the prudent fiscal management of Vinson and the Board, reiterating that the returns over the last two years were impressive. The financial statements and investment reports were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Andriola with second by Past President Higbee.
11. **Presentation Regarding 340B Program and Benefits to Nevada's Counties, Nancy Bowen, CEO and Steven Messinger, Policy Director, Nevada Primary Care Association.** President Giomi informed the Board that the Association advocates on behalf of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) that provide care to the under and uninsured population. He discussed the sliding scale that fees are charged based on Medicaid enrollment or complete lack of coverage and informed the Board that 50% of the Association's Board of Directors is made up of patients served by the accredited centers, also noting that all the centers are non-profit. Ms. Bowen and Mr. Messinger then gave the Board an overview of the organizational structure of the Association and the FQHCs throughout Nevada. They discussed the importance of the 340B program which requires pharmaceutical companies to provide discounted drugs to the FQHCs. The Board was informed that the providers are required to participate in Medicaid/Medicare and that the pharmaceutical companies are actively trying to reduce the number of contract pharmacies, who have agreements with FQHCs, that patients can access under the program due to a lack of federal protection. The Board was informed that a BDR from the Interim Committee on Commerce and Labor

would be introduced in the upcoming Legislative Session under the NRS that governs unfair trade practices to codify protections for the program in Nevada law. Mr. Messinger and Ms. Bowen discussed the fact that the pharmaceutical companies are aware that the States are taking up the issue due to the lack of federal protection and are expected to fight the proposed legislation. Past President Higbee inquired how much money is allocated from the federal government to the industry for research and development of drugs. The presenters did not have that information on hand but noted the impact of the 340B program in Nevada. The 340B program provides approximately \$27 million in services each year. It was also noted that the pharmaceutical companies have already negotiated the highest prices they can with insurance companies to cover insured patients, so the attack on the 340B program is an attempt to maximize their profits through another avenue. Sharing an example of the impact of the reduction in the program in Elko, President Giomi noted that a pharmacy in West Wendover is already not filling certain diabetes medications under the program and high numbers of underinsured patients are experiencing hardships with affording necessary medications due to high out of pocket maximums, deductibles, and copays. President Giomi also informed the Board that the FQHC that he works for is exploring the need for a courier service in some of the area's they serve but noted that the idea is extremely cost prohibitive for non-profit healthcare providers. President Elect Andreozzi noted that the issue is compounded by lack of primary care providers in the rural communities and that while the maintenance of the 340B program won't close the gap it would stop it from widening. Vice President Gardner also noted the travel issues that the elimination of contract pharmacies would cause in the rural and suburban communities. Commissioner Andriola inquired about challenges in other states not being successful and Mr. Messinger noted that they utilized a model based on a Louisiana law that was successful and has similar structure to Nevada. President Giomi reminded the Board that none of the pharmaceutical companies are in Nevada and that all the revenue they generate is held outside the State and often outside the Country. President Elect Andreozzi concluded the item by requesting the Association provide a letter to the counties outlining the issue and requesting support at the Legislature.

12. **Discussion and Possible Approval of Health and Human Services Manager Position for NACO, Formerly NACO Public Health Coordinator.** Vinson reminded the Board that they had previously approved the acceptance of a grant from the State to fund the Public Health Coordinator position, informing them that the grant funding would run out in 2025. He also reminded the Board of previous discussions surrounding making the position sustainable and expanding the role to advocacy efforts that are currently excluded due to the grant funding. Vinson discussed the primary interface with the Legislature being health and human services related and the benefit that expanded advocacy would have for all 17 counties. He informed the Board that the job description was developed with the assistance of POOL/PACT and would answer a need for support within the counties and further NACO's mission. President Giomi noted that it was important for the Board to separate the position from the current Public Health Coordinator, while noting that she had brought tremendous benefit to NACO and the counties. Vice President Gardner inquired about including a Nevada residency requirement within the job description, and Vinson clarified that the position is within the direction of the Executive Director and that would be addressed. Past President Higbee noted that without the Public Health Coordinator Lincoln County would not have been able to complete their Public Health Assessment and President Elect Andreozzi noted that public health funding is not where it should be and more advocacy on behalf of counties is important, especially for those that don't have robust or staff that can be fully dedicated Human Services. The job description for the position of Health and Human Services Manager at NACO was unanimously approved on a motion by Commissioner Andriola with second by Vice President Gardner.

13. **Preliminary Presentation and Discussion of the NACO Annual Budget for 2025.** Vinson reminded the Board that the Association works under a calendar year, and this was the first presentation of the budget to the Board, noting that approval would be on the December agenda. He discussed minor changes to the dues calculations to be the most fair and forward thinking for the fiscal health of the Association and noted that the public lands assessment had been moved to the base dues for ease of processing. Vinson discussed the additional assessment to fund the now approved Health and Human Services Manager position, noting that a new assessment had not been made in ten years and all increases are directly tied to services provided. Vinson informed the Board that the basis for the new assessment is based on a percentage of the county match refunds that NACO secured in 2019 with the repurposing of a portion of the Indigent Accident Fund. He also informed the Board that the assessment would be phased in over two years, with the 2025 fund deficit being covered by existing salary savings and interest income. Vinson concluded his remarks on the proposed dues by noting that they remain equitable and balanced and will remain mostly stable for all 17 counties. President Giomi encouraged Board members with questions to reach out to Vinson directly prior to the December meeting. Vinson then directed the Boards attention to the year over year comparison developed by Fiscal Officer Kalt at their request during discussion the previous year. He also noted the Budget Description document included in the agenda packet and that investments in personnel continue to be made, also informing the Board that he had communicated with most of county fiscal departments. Commissioner Andriola thanked Vinson for the work done on the description document and the item was closed with Vinson's encouragement to reach out to him with questions.
14. **Update from NACO Public Health Coordinator.** Amy began her update by thanking the Board for the approval of the Health and Human Services Manager position job description. She then informed them that the Foundational Public Health Services Assessment (FPHS) is complete and directed their attention to the copies provided, noting that a link to the final report was included in the agenda packet for those attending remotely and that it is also available on the NACO website. Amy then gave a high-level overview of the results. She reminded the Board that the baseline data was assessed on 13 different foundational services and was completed in accordance with the national model. She also encouraged the Board to use the Assessment as a tool for advocacy across multiple disciplines surrounding public health services, as well as to benefit current and future partnerships and to maximize existing services. Amy also informed the Board that while the Assessment did not include Clark and Washoe counties, their respective health districts have assessment and planning processes that inform strategic development of public health services in those areas, and she coordinates with those teams. She then discussed the use of the report during discussions on upcoming legislation and informed the Board that a dashboard is under development that will be available on the NACO website. She also informed the Board that Nevada recorded a podcast outlining a modified approach to the FPHS assessment process. Nevada's approach differs from the national model in that NACO actively engaged local government and community leadership outside of health departments/districts in the assessment process. President Giomi concluded the item by remarking on the FPHS being one example of the importance of the position and noted that the report will have benefits beyond the counties need for the information.
15. **Update on Audit Findings from the NACO 2023 Annual Audit Report.** Vinson reminded the Board of the update provided in September and informed them that he plans to have a draft of the final outstanding item, which are updated accounting policies and procedures for the Board to review in January.

16. **Initial Discussion and Possible Approval of the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) By-Laws, including updates from the NACO By-Laws Subcommittee.** Jennifer thanked the members of the Subcommittee for their participation and work on the update. She drew the Boards attention to the draft included in the agenda packet, noting that all the items discussed during the September meeting were incorporated. She informed the Board that per the currently approved By-Laws the draft must be transmitted to the county directors 30 days prior to action and therefore action would be taken in January. No action was taken on the item.
17. **Update and Possible Action. Regarding Public Lands and Natural Resources Issues Affecting Counties Including:**
- a. **Updates from the NACO Public Lands and Natural Resources Subcommittee.** Vinson informed the Board that Past President Higbee had filled in for the Chair Tipton who was unable to attend the meeting. He informed the Board that the Subcommittee had discussed the release of plans regarding the Greater Sage Grouse and that those plans are currently within the protest period. The Subcommittee also discussed the Utility Grade Solar PEIS and informed the Board that the meeting held with members of the Governor's staff had been effective, noting that many of the concerns addressed were included in the Governor's response with individual counties noted. Other items discussed by the Subcommittee were an upcoming meeting of the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Board; and concerning water and conservation rules that are expected to be included in the BLM Statewide RMP.
18. **Updates from Members of the National Association of Counties Board, Western Interstate Region Board, and Individual Counties.** Past President Higbee discussed an amendment that will give counties the ability to purchase RP&P for housing and informed them that more information would be presented in December. He also informed the Board that the Senate had introduced their version of the Farm Bill and encouraged the Board to watch for inclusion regarding the Utility Grade Solar plans. Vinson informed the Board that he had attended the WIR meeting in Washington in October and that it was a good and productive meeting. Members of the Board also gave updates on activities within their counties.
19. **Public Comment.** None was given.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31a.m.

Resolution

of the Nevada Association of Counties

24-05

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

WHEREAS, many Nevada residents are unaware of radon, yet need to know, for the safety and health of their families, as radon is a colorless, odorless, naturally occurring radioactive gas that is the primary cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers; the second leading cause of lung cancer in smokers and

WHEREAS, the U.S. EPA estimates 21,000 people in the U.S. die each year from lung cancer caused by indoor radon exposure, and lung and bronchus cancer kill more people in a year than any other cancer; and

WHEREAS, radon kills more people than secondhand smoke, drunk driving, choking, drowning or home fires; and

WHEREAS, any home in Nevada may have elevated levels of radon, even if neighboring homes do not, and living in a home with an average radon level of 4 picocuries per liter of air poses a similar risk of developing lung cancer as smoking half a pack of cigarettes a day; and

WHEREAS, testing is the only way to know if a home has an elevated radon level, and testing is easy and inexpensive, and when identified, homes can be fixed; and

WHEREAS, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency support efforts to encourage all Nevada residents to test their homes for radon, mitigate elevated levels of radon, and have new homes built with radon-reducing materials and features.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Nevada Association of Counties, do hereby proclaim January 2025, as “**NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH**” **In all Nevada counties**

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of December, 2024 by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Association of Counties.

Attests:

Stacey Giomi
President

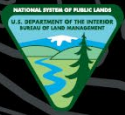
Vinson W. Guthreau
Executive Director



Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Affordable Housing Program



Ronald R. Mobley
Special Legislation Program Manager
BLM Nevada, Interior Regions 8 & 10

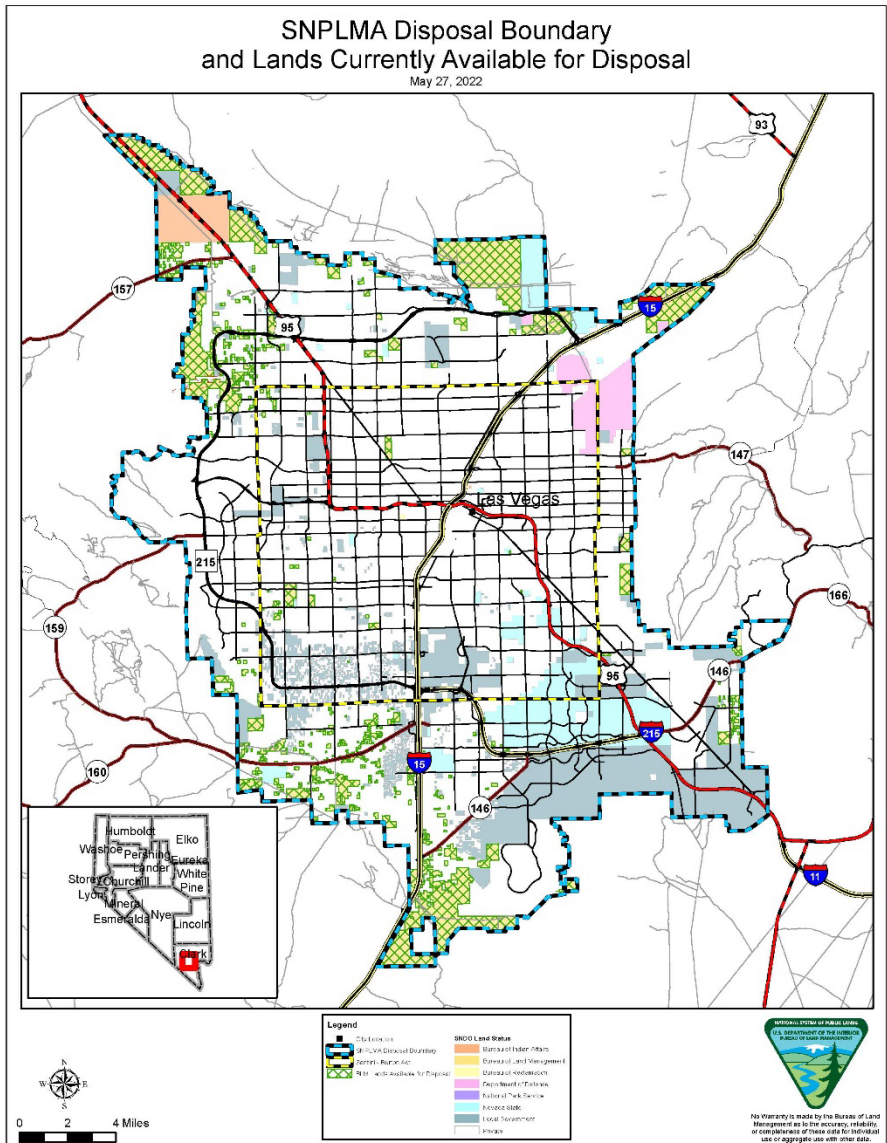


What we'll cover today

- SNPLMA Overview
- Use of SNPLMA Special Account Funds
- Affordable Housing Reservations
- Affordable Housing Policy
- Social Benefit/Cost of Affordable Housing un SNPLMA
- Determination and Current Procedures
- Consultation with HUD
- Process Timeline
- The Future of Affordable Housing Under Section 7(b) of SNPLMA



- **SNPLMA was passed in 1998 to authorize the orderly sale of public land in the Las Vegas Valley**
- **69,230 acres within the disposal boundary**
 - 26,896 acres remain for disposal by BLM
 - 7,020 acres transferred to others for disposal
- **Generated over \$5 billion in revenue**
- **SNPLMA directs how proceeds can be used through specific project categories, in addition to funds allocated to the State of Nevada and Southern Nevada Water Authority**
- **20 Rounds with 1,524 projects approved since inception**





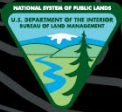
Section 4(e)(3)(A)(viii) of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act

“(viii) reimbursement of any costs incurred by the Bureau of Land Management to clear debris from and protect land that is--

(i) located in the disposal boundary described in subsection (a); and

(ii) reserved for affordable housing;”

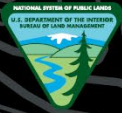
“(xi) reimbursement of costs incurred by the local offices of the Bureau of Land Management in arranging sales or exchanges under this act, including costs incurred under paragraph (2)(A).”



Lands Reserved for Affordable Housing

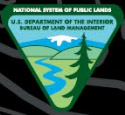
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Government Entity	Total Acres
Clark County	430.0
Henderson	30.0
Las Vegas	15.0
North Las Vegas	-
State of Nevada	87.5
Total Acres	562.5



Past SNPLMA Affordable Housing Land Disposals

Entity	FMV (\$)	Discounted Price (\$)	Acres	# of Units	Fiscal Year
Clark County	3,000,000	198,000	5	103	2007
Clark County	9,500,000	475,000	10	180	2008
State of NV Housing Division	1,040,000	52,000	5	182	2014
State of NV Housing Division	1,800,000	90,000	5	188	2015
Clark County	4,500,000	225,000	5	195	2023
Clark County	19,125,000	2,000	20	210	2024
Total	38,965,000	1,042,000	50	1,058	



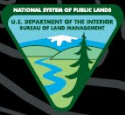
AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY

"Affordable housing" is a common term that everyone uses
To qualify as "affordable housing" under SNPLMA, the project must provide
"housing that low-income people can afford."

Section 7(b) of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (112 Stat. 2343):

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, may make available, in accordance with Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, land in the State of Nevada **at less than fair market value and under other such terms and conditions as she/he may determine for affordable housing purposes.** Such lands shall be made **available only to State or local governmental entities, including local public housing authorities.**

In the Las Vegas Valley land is about 10 – 20% of the overall cost of an Affordable Housing Project



AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY

To qualify as "affordable housing" under SNPLMA, the project must comply with the term **low-income families** as defined in the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act

Section 104 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12704):

“ The term “ low-income families” means low-income families **whose incomes do not exceed 80 percent of the median family income** for the area, as determined by the Secretary [of Housing and Urban Development] with adjustments for smaller and larger families. **The Secretary may establish income ceilings higher or lower than the median for the area on the basis of the Secretary’s findings that such variations are necessary** because of prevailing levels of construction costs or fair market rents, or unusually high or low family incomes.



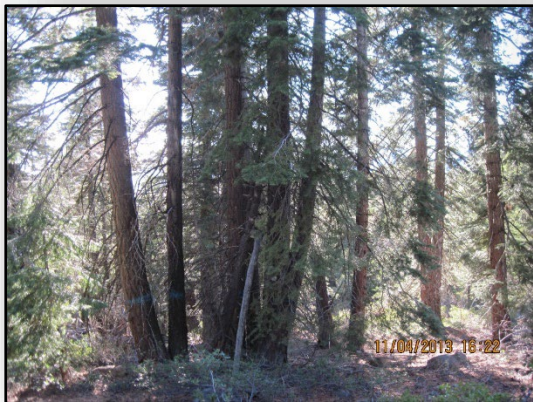
Social Benefit/Cost

What are the Social Benefit tradeoffs for a 5-acre sale?

- for \$500 to build 200 affordable housing units?

Or

- for \$5,000,000 to treat hazardous fuels on 2,000 acres in a wildland urban interface?





Within the SNPLMA Boundary - the Joint Selection requirements under Section 4(d) of SNPLMA shall apply.

Outside of SNPLMA Boundary – Section 203 FLPMA and Land Use Plan compliance required.

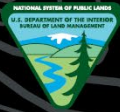
SALE METHOD:

The preferred method of sale under Section 7(b) of SNPLMA will be direct sale; however, the BLM, at its discretion, may use any lawful method of sale available including competitive or modified competitive sales pursuant to 43 CFR 2711.3-3(a).

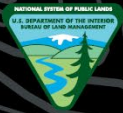
NOMINATION:

Only those nominations which commit 80 to 100% of Living units to Affordable Housing Purposes shall be considered by the BLM under our current guidance to be a project for “affordable housing purposes”.

- Mixed Income and Mixed Use allowed.
- For Rent and For Sale units allowed



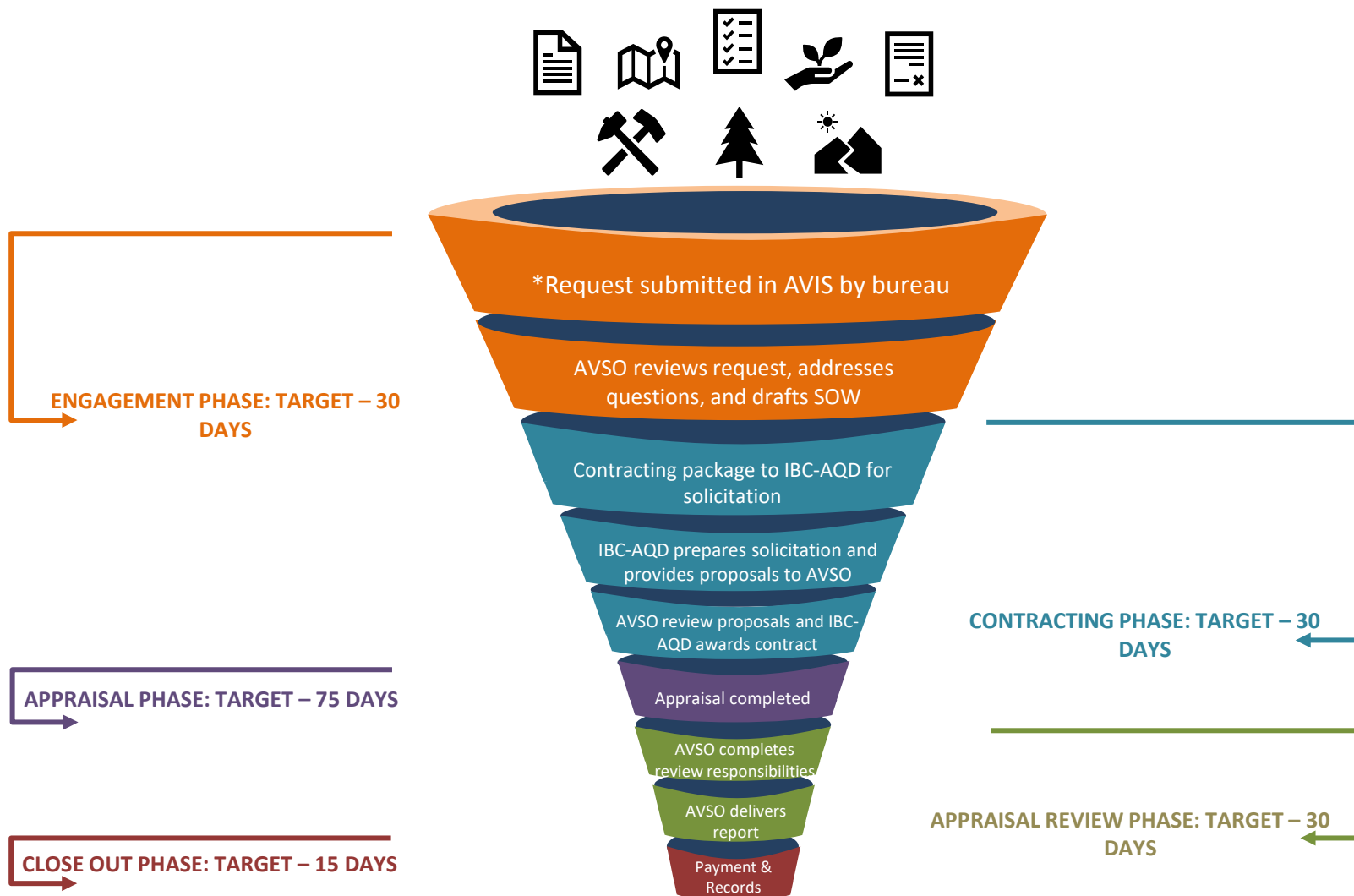
- The operations of the BLM and HUD do not overlap outside of the consultation requirement stated in SNPLMA Section 7(b). Sale of public land for affordable housing is not a transaction that HUD has jurisdiction over because it is not part of a program that HUD administers.
- A copy of the Nomination package sent to HUD where HUD will confirm the proponent's capacity to continue operating HUD Community Planning and Development programs and return the package within 90 days from receipt of the nomination. (No concurrence necessary)

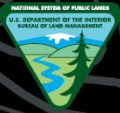


- An Entity reserves a parcel for Affordable Housing
 - 10-year reservation
- An Entity's request to purchase a parcel of land
- BLM reviews and processes the request
 - Some of the Actions
 - Boundary certainty
 - Other reservations (mineral, grazing)
 - Environmental concerns (Wildlife, Plants, Hazardous Material)
 - Developing the Notice or Realty Action
 - Appraisal
- Publication of the NORA in the *Federal Register*
- Issuance of the Land Patent



Land Sales - Appraisal Process

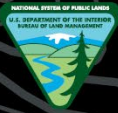




Bureau of
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Management

THE FUTURE of AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- FY 2025 Potential Nominations
 - Clark County – 1 Parcels
 - City of Las Vegas – 2 Parcels
 - City of Henderson 1- Parcel
 - State of Nevada – 1 Parcel



THE FUTURE of AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- **Current Nominations**
 - **City of Henderson's**
 - **30 acres, 298 For Rent units**
 - **Proposed Sale Price \$3,000**





Thank you

A photograph of a mountain landscape. In the foreground, a river flows over a rocky, light-colored gravel bar. The river's surface is dark and reflects the sky. The middle ground is filled with a dense forest of tall, dark green evergreen trees. Behind the forest, a large, rounded mountain rises. The upper part of the mountain is covered in sparse, low-lying vegetation and patches of bare, light-colored soil or rock. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

<https://www.blm.gov/snplma/rmobleyley@blm.gov>

2025 BUDGET DESCRIPTIONS
****DRAFT** – NACO Board of Directors Meeting**
November 22, 2024

NACO REVENUES

MEMBERSHIP DUES: The 2025 NACO membership dues for all counties are calculated to be a total of \$638,356. The 2024 membership dues were \$387,258, in addition to a Public Lands Assessment of \$155,980, for a total of \$543,238. The NACO Dues Schedule was developed to recognize the various unique characteristics of each county, while at the same time providing a systematic method of assessment that considers the changes occurring yearly in our member county revenues. As such, the 2025 dues are based upon the FY23 audited S-1 revenues for each county and the 2023 certified population figures. Additionally, given the outstanding public lands advocacy since the addition of a Natural Resources Manager, NACO staff is including the former public lands assessments into the base dues amount. These dues have been designed to be manageable, fair and equitable and reflective of our collective county association. This is the first proposed dues increase since 2014.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ASSESSMENT DUES: This revenue calculation is based on the equivalent of a percentage, as determined by the Board, of 2% for 2025, and 4% for 2026, of the most recent non-federal share of the County Medicaid Long Term Care Program payment made to each county. This proposed assessment contributes to the expense of NACO's Health and Human Services Manager position. NACO supports counties on Health and Human Services related policy issues. The assessment is capped at no more than \$15,000 per member county and ultimately will be phased in over two years.

SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT DUES FOR 2025: The Association continues to aim to provide top-level service, member resources and advocacy on issues that affect our counties most. Most member counties experienced stable membership dues even with this increased level of service, some counties will even see a decrease in dues. There will be increases as we transition the *current* Public Health Coordination position to a sustainable Health and Human Services Position. NACO staff contemplated numerous funding basis, and ultimately settled on the IAF Medicaid Match Refunds that NACO secured as direct payments to counties, while these funds cannot be used directly to pay for the increased assessment, we are basing this assessment on the sustainable funding source. NACO staff is proposing a balanced, non-excessive, funding amount of 2% in 2025 with NACO covering the remaining investment of the position through expiring grant funds and interest earnings. In 2026 the full assessment will be levied at 4%, we believe this is the fairest to counties as you navigate budgets for upcoming years. NACO staff will continue to explore non-dues revenue sources, through the community partnership program and our National Programs as outlined below, to fund the association.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM: The NACO Board approved a community partnership program, and while we expect to see robust revenue from this program, we are budgeting \$50,000 in revenue for 2025. We believe this is a reasonable projection and remains the same as the projection from 2024. The Association saw robust interest in our associate membership program in 2023 and has garnered a high-level of interest from our partners as we professionalize and streamline our partnership program in the coming year.

CONFERENCE REVENUE: Conference revenue for 2025 is projected to be \$80,000, which is the same as 2024. This year we had another record for attendance at the NACO Annual Conference. We believe that keeping the \$80,000 revenue projection for 2025 is reasonable.

INDIGENT ACCIDENT FUND (IAF) ADMINISTRATION: \$70,000 is budgeted by NACO for administration and support of IAF activities and the IAF Board of Directors. The current contract to provide administrative services to the IAF Board and Fund extends through June 2026.

INTEREST & INVESTMENT INCOME: \$15,000 has been budgeted for investments that are managed by Moreton Financial Advisors, which is the same amount as 2024. NACO continues to see increased investment income as a result of the cash management program with Nevada State Bank in 2023.

NATIONAL PROGRAMS: Through agreements entered by the Board, the Association receives revenue from the National Association of Counties (NACo) for marketing Nationwide Retirement Services (deferred compensation) and the CVS Discount Prescription Card Program. The Association also receives royalties based on county participation in Nationwide Retirement Services as well as constituent use of the CVS Discount Prescription Card. We are keeping the same amount in this revenue category as 2024, which is \$5,000.

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NACO EXPENSES

STAFF SALARIES AND BENEFITS: The 2025 budget calls for a full-time NACO staff of five: Executive Director, Government Affairs Manager, Health and Human Services Manager, Natural Resources Manager and Office Manager. Salaries for NACO employees are \$481,005 to reflect investment in staff and includes salary increases for NACO staff. All employees are members of the employer-funded Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). The PERS contribution rate is currently 33.5%, the same rate as 2024. NACO employees are provided with life insurance, health, dental and vision insurance. The 2025 budget reflects a slight increase in health insurance costs, based on early estimates from our health insurance broker.

The NACO Board approved a grant-funded position for a Public Health Coordinator. The grant funding for that position is expiring in 2025, as is reflected in the proposed budget. NACO will continue to show the grant expenses and revenue reimbursements separately in financial statements for grant tracking purposes.

WORKER'S COMP/FICA: Workers' Compensation is provided under the Public Agency Insurance Pool. The 2025 budget amount is \$20,000. The budgeted amount for 2024 was \$12,000, we have chosen to increase this amount given increased salary costs, and the expiring public health grant.

AUDIT: \$9,600 is budgeted for our independent auditor, Michael Bertrand, to conduct the 2024 NACO Audit. This is a slight increase from 2024.

BOARD MEETINGS: \$8,000 is allocated for expenses related to 2025 Board meetings, which includes expenses for staff to travel for off-site meetings in a to be determined, Eastern Rural County and the Clark County meeting location in December of 2025. This expense item is the same amount as 2024.

BUILDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: \$10,000 is budgeted for improvements and repairs to the historic NACO office building. Given the investments approved by the Board in 2024, a reduction in this budget expense category was warranted. There will be ongoing operating expenses and that is included in the *Building Operating Expenses* Category.

BUILDING OPERATING EXPENSES: \$20,000 is budgeted for taxes, utilities, landscaping/snow removal, janitorial services, and minor maintenance and repairs. This expense item is the same amount from 2024.

CONFERENCE EXPENSE: \$40,000 is allocated for the 2025 NACO Annual Conference which will be in a to-be-determined location, most likely an urban county. This is a slight increase from 2024 and would reflect increased travel costs for NACO staff.

COUNTY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE: \$3,500 is allocated in 2025 to support attendance for one participant in the National Association of Counties, County Leadership Institute training program. This is the same as 2024.

DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIPS: \$500 is being proposed for donations during 2024 to support other groups affiliated with the mission of NACO. This is a decrease from last year as this expense item has been underutilized for a number of budget years.

EQUIPMENT LEASES & MAINTENANCE: \$4,500 is allocated for office equipment leases and maintenance. This figure represents the lease of a copier, scanner, and fax machine, as well as maintenance costs for equipment. This is the same amount as was allocated for this budget category in 2023.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES: \$4,500 is allocated for computer and other office equipment including non-subscription software. This is the same amount that was budgeted for in the past four years. We have managed purchases of any new computers or office equipment to stay within budget each year.

IT SUPPORT: \$3,000 has been allocated for IT support. This budget category is for a contract that NACO has with an IT expert who assists NACO with hardware and software issues including internet service and routers, NACO file server, and staff computers. This is the same amount that was budgeted for in 2024 and as NACO transitions to a cloud-based system, we will look to reduce this in coming years as we will no longer have the need for file server equipment.

INTERNET SERVICE: The cost for internet service for the NACO office, including in the NACO Conference room in 2025 is projected to be \$9,000, this is the same as 2024.

LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES: \$25,000 is requested for legislative expenses during 2025 to support active dialogue with members of the legislature and lobbying team efforts on behalf of the membership. This represents an increase in this budget category as 2025 is a legislative year and reflects increased engagement and staff expense for the 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature.

LIABILITY AND AUTO INSURANCE: NACO is a member of the Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool. \$5,500 is allocated for general liability for the office and NACO vehicle, which is the same amount that was budgeted for 2023.

MEMBER SERVICES: This budget category covers expenses incurred for meetings and events hosted by NACO, and for NACO members, as well as miscellaneous meetings hosted at the NACO offices that may include meals. The amount projected for this expense is \$5,000 which is a slight increase from 2024.

OFFICE SUPPLIES: \$3,500 is allocated for office supplies. This is the same amount as budgeted in 2023.

PEHB LIABILITY: \$6,000 has been budgeted for the prorated subsidy for two former NACO employees from the State who are receiving Public Employee's Health Benefits. This is the same amount as budgeted in 2024.

POSTAGE: \$500 is allocated for postage, which is the same amount budgeted for 2024.

PRINTING: \$500 is allocated for general printing, the same amount budgeted in 2024.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: \$12,000 has been allocated to pay for professional services in 2024. This includes payroll processing and bookkeeping services.

PUBLICATIONS/DUES/REGISTRATION FEES: \$4,000 is allocated for newspapers and magazine subscriptions, membership dues in other organizations and registration fees to outside conferences and meetings. This is the same as 2023.

REPRESENTATIVE TRAVEL: \$15,000 is allocated for the NACO President, NACo and WIR Board members and other NACO Board members for travel pursuant to NACO's travel policy. This is the same as 2023.

SPECIAL STUDIES/LITIGATION/LEGAL FEES: \$1,500 is allocated for special studies including but not limited to technical studies related to legislative issues and legal research and litigation. This is a reduction from 2024 and reflects higher expenses in other budget categories. This budget category has gone unused for multiple budget cycles.

STAFF TRAVEL: \$20,000 is allocated for NACO staff travel for 2025, this is a decrease from 2024. This includes travel to the NACo Legislative Conference, the NACo Annual Conference, the annual NCCAE meeting, and any other travel that may be required of the NACO staff while carrying out the mission of NACO, including visiting and serving our membership in Nevada. NACO staff will see reduced travel for 2025, given the amount of time dedicated to the Legislative Session, and the budget expense reduction reflects this.

TELEPHONE: \$7,000 is allocated for telephone expenses including office phones, NACO conference line and cell phones for NACO staff. This is a slight increase from what was budgeted in 2023.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION MAINTENANCE: \$2,000 is budgeted for 2025, this is a reduction, given that the NACO vehicle should see reduced maintenance costs after the approval by the Board in 2024 to purchase a replacement vehicle..

WEB-BASED HOSTING & SUBSCRIPTION SOFTWARE: \$10,000 has been budgeted for software subscriptions such as Microsoft Office, cybersecurity software, PayPal, website hosting and domain registration, and the NACO digital newsletter platform. This is the same amount as 2024.

W.I.R. DUES: \$9,000 is budgeted for WIR annual dues for 2025.

BUDGET SUMMARY:

This proposed balanced budget reflects prudent fiscal management with estimated revenues totaling \$942,526 and estimated expenses of \$944,242 resulting in a balanced budget. This budget reflects increased investment in staff salaries, modernization and streamlining of our dues structure, increased support on policy advocacy, and additional statewide, full time, engagement with the Nevada Legislature. We appreciate the Board's support of NACO and the work we do to support the membership and the citizens of this State.

2025 NACO Budget - DRAFT

BEGINNING NET POSITION \$ 1,374,551

REVENUES

Membership Dues	\$638,356
Health and Human Services Assessment	\$84,170
Community Partnership Program	\$50,000
Conference Revenue	\$80,000
IAF Administration Contract	\$70,000
Interest & Investment Income	\$15,000
National Programs	\$5,000

Projected Total Revenues	<u>\$942,526</u>
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Total Available Resources	<u><u>\$2,317,077</u></u>
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EXPENSES

Staff Salaries	\$481,005
Benefits	
PERS	\$161,137
Health/Dental/Vision/Life Insurance	\$43,000
Workers Comp/FICA	\$20,000
Audit	\$9,600
Board Meetings	\$8,000
Building Capital Projects	\$10,000
Building Operating Expenses & Repairs	\$20,000
Conference Expenses	\$40,000
County Leadership Institute	\$3,500
Donations/Sponsorships	\$500
Equipment Lease & Maintenance	\$4,500
Equipment Purchases	\$4,500
IT Support	\$3,000
Internet Service	\$9,000
Legislative Expenses	\$25,000
Liability & Auto Insurance	\$5,500
Member Services	\$5,000
Office Supplies	\$3,500
PEHB Liability	\$6,000
Postage	\$500
Printing	\$500
Professional Services	\$12,000
Publications/Dues/Registration Fees	\$4,000
Representative Travel	\$15,000
Special Studies/Litigation/Legal Fees	\$1,500
Staff Travel	\$20,000
Telephone	\$7,000
Vehicle Registration Maintenance	\$2,000
Web-based Hosting & Subscription Software	\$10,000
WIR Dues	<u>\$9,000</u>

Projected Total Expenses	<u>\$944,242</u>
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Net Income (Loss)	- \$1,716
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Estimated Net Position	<u><u>\$1,372,835</u></u>
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REVENUES

	2023 Actual	2024 Est	2025 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Membership Dues	\$ 539,668	\$ 543,238	\$ 638,356	\$ 95,118	17.5%
Health and Human Services Assessment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 84,170	\$ 84,170	0.0%
Community Partnership Program	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	0.0%
Conference Revenue	\$ 99,068	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ -	0.0%
IAF Administration Contract	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ -	0.0%
Interest & Investment Income	\$ 86,359	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	0.0%
National Programs	\$ 19,064	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	0.0%
Grant Award	\$ 214,153				
Projected Total Revenues	\$ 1,028,312	\$ 763,238	\$ 942,526	\$ 179,288	23.5%

EXPENSES

	2023 Actual	2024 Est	2025 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Staff Salaries	\$ 558,010	\$ 339,455	\$ 481,005	\$ 141,550	41.7%
Benefits					
PERS	\$ 174,133	\$ 113,717	\$ 161,137	\$ 47,420	41.7%
Health/Dental/Vision/Life Insurance	\$ 32,378	\$ 43,200	\$ 43,000	\$ (200)	-0.5%
Workers Comp/FICA	\$ 14,943	\$ 12,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 8,000	66.7%
Audit	\$ 9,625	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,600	\$ 100	1.1%
Board Meetings	\$ 3,542	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -	0.0%
Building Capital Projects	\$ 21,363	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$ (10,000)	-50.0%
Building Operating Expenses & Repairs	\$ 35,485	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	0.0%
Conference Expenses	\$ 42,636	\$ 38,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 2,000	5.3%
County Leadership Institute	\$ 1,800	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -	0.0%
Donations/Sponsorships	\$ 500	\$ 1,500	\$ 500	\$ (1,000)	-66.7%
Equipment Lease & Maintenance	\$ 2,820	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ -	0.0%
Equipment Purchases	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ -	0.0%
IT Support	\$ 536	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 500	20.0%
Internet Service	\$ 8,753	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ -	0.0%
Legislative Expenses	\$ 16,509	\$ 12,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 13,000	108.3%
Liability & Auto Insurance	\$ 7,074	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ -	0.0%
Member Services	\$ 2,388	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	0.0%
Office Supplies	\$ 4,326	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -	0.0%
PEHB Liability	\$ 2,406	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	0.0%
Postage	\$ 470	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.0%
Printing	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.0%
Professional Services	\$ 17,398	\$ 15,500	\$ 12,000	\$ (3,500)	-22.6%
Publications/Dues/Registration Fees	\$ 2,501	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	0.0%

Representative Travel	\$ 14,010	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	0.0%
Special Studies/Litigation/Legal Fees	\$ 1,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,500	\$ (3,500)	-70.0%
Staff Travel	\$ 15,852	\$ 30,000	\$ 20,000	\$ (10,000)	-33.3%
Telephone	\$ 3,623	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ -	0.0%
Vehicle Registration Maintenance	\$ 1,723	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	\$ (1,000)	-33.3%
Web-based Hosting & Subscription Software	\$ 4,469	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	0.0%
WIR Dues	\$ 7,233	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ -	0.0%
Projected Total Expenses	\$ 1,013,006	\$ 760,872	\$ 944,242	\$ 183,370	24.1%
Net Income (Loss)	\$15,306	\$2,366	-\$1,716		

Estimated Ending Balance	\$ 1,372,185	\$1,374,551	\$1,372,835
% Of Total Expenses	135.5%	180.7%	145.4%

2025 NACO Dues Schedule With HHS ASSESSMENT ****DRAFT****

County	Revenue Component		Population Component ⁽²⁾			Public Lands Component		HHS Component	2025 Dues ⁽³⁾	2024 Dues	Change
	FY 23 ⁽¹⁾ Audited Revenues	Base Assessment	2022 Certified Population	Per Capita Assessment	Population Assessment	2024 County PILT Payment	Public Lands Assessment (0.75%)	Based on 2024 IAF County Match Refunds ⁽⁴⁾			
Carson City	142,632,726	\$21,500	58,923	0.06	\$3,535	\$139,711	\$1,048	\$14,247	\$40,330	\$26,047	\$14,283
Churchill	63,933,707	\$18,000	26,940	0.08	\$2,155	\$2,973,815	\$22,304	\$4,595	\$47,054	\$39,929	\$7,125
Clark	4,918,299,775	\$24,500	2,361,285	0.03	\$70,839	\$4,409,260	\$33,069	\$15,000	\$143,408	\$127,713	\$15,695
Douglas	111,923,128	\$21,500	54,343	0.06	\$3,261	\$850,998	\$6,382	\$2,472	\$33,615	\$31,043	\$2,572
Elko	81,509,892	\$21,500	57,538	0.06	\$3,452	\$4,398,821	\$32,991	\$5,993	\$63,936	\$57,875	\$6,061
Esmeralda	8,889,112	\$6,500	1,067	0.15	\$160	\$167,517	\$1,256	\$304	\$8,221	\$7,917	\$304
Eureka	29,949,846	\$13,000	1,776	0.15	\$266	\$419,468	\$3,146	\$60	\$16,473	\$16,423	\$50
Humboldt	40,148,063	\$15,500	17,696	0.1	\$1,770	\$2,226,439	\$16,698	\$3,763	\$37,731	\$33,990	\$3,741
Lander	30,833,707	\$13,000	6,121	0.12	\$735	\$1,265,138	\$9,489	\$2,134	\$25,357	\$25,727	-\$370
Lincoln	11,861,905	\$8,500	4,808	0.15	\$721	\$1,009,155	\$7,569	\$2,609	\$19,398	\$16,814	\$2,584
Lyon	70,812,556	\$21,500	63,179	0.06	\$3,791	\$2,773,741	\$20,803	\$7,454	\$53,548	\$45,930	\$7,618
Mineral	13,984,629	\$8,500	4,842	0.15	\$726	\$928,863	\$6,966	\$975	\$17,168	\$16,197	\$971
Nye	77,877,561	\$21,500	52,479	0.06	\$3,149	\$4,100,393	\$30,753	\$5,234	\$60,635	\$55,333	\$5,302
Pershing	18,873,672	\$10,500	7,464	0.12	\$896	\$1,265,138	\$9,489	\$2,896	\$23,780	\$20,870	\$2,910
Storey	38,957,086	\$15,500	4,454	0.15	\$668	\$48,440	\$363	\$17	\$16,548	\$14,027	\$2,521
Washoe	693,905,059	\$24,500	508,759	0.03	\$15,263	\$4,472,019	\$33,540	\$15,000	\$88,303	\$73,089	\$15,214
White Pine	33,185,346	\$13,000	10,005	0.1	\$1,001	\$1,547,289	\$11,605	\$1,417	\$27,022	\$25,805	\$1,217
Total	\$6,387,577,770	\$278,500	3,241,679		\$112,387	\$32,996,205	\$247,472	\$84,170	\$722,526	\$540,248	\$87,797

(1) From Audited 5-1 Revenues

(2) Certified by Governor; provided by the State of Nevada Demographer

(3) Includes former PL Assessment ~ which is now base dues and HHS Assessment

(4) Includes capping to 15k of assessment.

NACO Legislative Tracker 12-5-24

Bill	Description	Sponsor	Tag	Note	Location	Last Meeting / Status	Next Meeting
AB1	Voids certain regulations relating to the development and disposal of land in the Fort Mohave Valley. (BDR S-299)	Com. on Gov't Affairs		Colorado River Commission of NV - Voids the authority of the Colorado River Commission of Nevada to govern the development and disposal of land in the Fort Mohave Valley.	First Reading		
AB6	Establishes the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Treatment Assistance Program within the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services. (BDR 38-287)	Com. on HHS	NACHSA Leg. Com.	Division of Aging and Disability Services / DHHS - Establishes the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Treatment Assistance Program within the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services for children through 13 years of age to the extent funds are available.	First Reading		
AB9	Revises provisions governing the temporary conversion of agricultural water. (BDR 48-391)	Com. on Nat. Res.		Committee on Natural Resources - Changes the amount of time that a person or entity may apply to temporarily convert agricultural water rights for wildlife purposes or to improve the quality or flow of water from 3 years to 10 years and an extension time from 3 years to 5 years.	First Reading		
AB10	Revises provisions relating to local improvement projects. (BDR 22-407)	Com. on Gov't Affairs		City of Henderson - Adds water or sewer system owned by common-interest community (HOA), to the definition of a neighborhood improvement project. States that existing local government authority to dissolve an improvement district does not apply to a neighborhood improvement project that improves a water or sewer system.	First Reading		
AB14	Revises provisions relating to certain public officers. (BDR 20-453)	Com. on Gov't Affairs		NACO - Would require county elected officials to be registered voters in addition to being qualified electors (includes the Carson City Board of Supervisors).	First Reading		

AB16	Makes an appropriation to Mineral County for the construction of a new county jail. (BDR S-410)	Com. on Gov't Affairs		Mineral County - Makes an appropriation of \$10M from the State General Fund to Mineral County for the construction of a new county jail.	First Reading
AB19	Revises provisions relating to the Statewide Substance Use Response Working Group. (BDR 40-442)	Com. on HHS	NACHSA Leg. Com.	Attorney General - Adds additional members, including the E.D. or a designee of the Department of Indigent Defense Services to the Statewide Substance Use Response Working Group, which includes county human service representatives. Boulder City - Adds an additional exception for retired members of PERS to be able to accept full-time employment or independent contract with a public employer in a county under 100K without the consequence of disqualification of receiving PERS benefits during employment. Member must not have worked or independently contracted with the employer previously, the employer may not employ more than 4 retired members and the retired member may not re-enroll in PERS.	First Reading
AB27	Revises provisions relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System. (BDR 23-436)	Com. on Gov't Affairs			First Reading
AB28	Revises provisions related to transportation. (BDR 22-463)	Com. on Gov't Affairs		RTC of Southern Nevada - Extends the deadline for RTC to submit recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on additional gross receipts tax of any retailer for the sale of certain tangible personal property sold at retail, from 2024 to 2028.	First Reading
AB30	Revises provisions relating to records of defendants who have been found incompetent. (BDR 14-293)	Com. on Judiciary	NACHSA Leg. Com.	Department of Public and Behavioral Health / DHHS - Requires local detention centers (including county, city, town jail) to provide mental health information and treatment records to state authority upon request for any person previously in their care who is committed to the custody of, or required to report to, the Administrator based upon a finding of incompetence.	First Reading

AB31	Provides for certain Medicaid reimbursement of providers of nonemergency secure behavioral health transport services. (BDR 38-368)	Com. on HHS	NACHSA Leg. Com.	Southern Region Behavioral Health Policy Board - Requires Medicaid to cover nonemergency secure behavioral health transport services and requires Director to apply for any federal authority required to increase reimbursement by 15% for pick-up/drop off/or both is in a county under 100,000 population and increase by 10% for all other secure behavioral health transport covered by Medicaid.	First Reading
AB32	Directs the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure to conduct a study during the 2025-2026 interim concerning the Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V & T Railway of Carson City and Storey County. (BDR S-404)	Com. on Growth & Infra.		Carson City - Instructs the Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure to conduct a study during the 2025-2026 interim on the Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V & T Railway of Carson City and Storey County.	First Reading
AB33	Creates the Nevada Office of the Inspector General. (BDR 18-435)	Com. on Gov't Affairs		State Controller - Creates the Nevada Office of the Inspector General within the Office of the State Controller, as well as the appointed position of Inspector General for a term of 4 years. The Inspector General may audit, investigate and inspect local governments as a means of accountability and oversight. Requires cooperation and assistance by the local government with failure to do so resulting in a category E felony which can include up to a year in jail and a fine up to \$5K.	First Reading
AB37	Revises provisions related to housing. (BDR 25-257)	Com. on Gov't Affairs	NACHSA Leg. Com.	Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry - Revises housing provisions including removing requirement that a project be sponsored by local government, establishes additional housing tier, makes changes to affordability measure for no less than 15% of units from federal poverty level to 30% of the median monthly income in the county where housing is located, and changes reporting deadline for counties.	First Reading

AB40	Revises various provisions relating to environmental hazards. (BDR 46-265)	Com. on Nat. Res.	Division of Environmental Protection of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Amends the definition of reclamation to include actions performed during or after an exploration project or mining operation to stabilize process fluids. Allows the Division to issue summary orders and to lien all real and personal property in the event of noncompliance of existing law relating to the reclamation of land.	First Reading
AB43	Revises provisions relating to public works. (BDR 28-465)	Com. on Gov't Affairs	Clark County - Applies only to Clark County and the cities and GIDs within. Makes a pilot project from SB67 from the 2021 Session into a permanent program to collect and report data on the use of job order contracts on public works. Sets forth provisions and limitations for job order contracts with not more than \$25M awarded annually. Job Order contracts are determined based on a ranking by an appointed panel that includes at least one member with construction industry experience.	First Reading
AB50	Revises provisions relating to victims of a mass casualty incident. (BDR 20-466)	Com. on Gov't Affairs	Clark County - Authorizes a Board of County Commissioners to create an electronic database with the information of victims of mass casualty events for the purpose of reunification, identification and follow-up. The information shall be confidential. There is civil liability immunity for county employees barring willful negligence.	First Reading
AB51	Revises provisions relating to public records. (BDR 19-430)	Com. on Gov't Affairs	Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities - Allows government entities to collect a fee for fulfilling a public record request if they have established a written policy with a method for calculating the fee and provided the requester a written notice of the fee before preparing the request. Also requires a public record request to be in writing and to contain identifying information of the requester.	First Reading

AB52	Revises provisions relating to the payment of claims under policies of health insurance. (BDR 57-367)	Com. on Commerce & Labor		Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs - Expedites the required timelines and establishes additional communication requirements for health insurance plans and certain health insurers, including PEBP and local governments providing health insurance for their employees.	First Reading
AB59	Revises provisions relating to governmental administration. (BDR 45-300)	Com. on Nat. Res.		Department of Wildlife - Revises the authority of Game Wardens and prohibits intentional feeding of wild mammals or game birds for the purpose of attracting and adds the prohibition of transferring animal excrement or bodily fluid into the state and prohibits import of alternative livestock.	First Reading
AB60	Revises provisions relating to certain behavioral health services. (BDR 39-434)	Com. on HHS	NACHSA Leg. Com.	Northern Region Behavioral Health Policy Board - Establishes profession of Certified Prevention Specialist in statute and authorizes individuals at least 16 years of age to provide peer recovery support services as interns and receive compensation.	First Reading
AB61	Authorizes the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County or any local government within Washoe County to establish a demonstration project for a certain toll road. (BDR 43-468)	Com. on Growth & Infra.		City of Sparks - Authorizes the Washoe County Regional Transportation Commission or any local government with the county to create a pilot project for a toll road between La Posada Drive and USA Parkway.	First Reading
AB64	Revises provisions relating to public meetings. (BDR 19-445)	Com. on Gov't Affairs		Attorney General - Makes changes to Open Meeting Law to allow members of a public body to receive legal advice and deliberate on the legal advice outside the definition of a public meeting. Makes an addition allowing members of the public to use 3 minutes for public comment and allows the public body to refuse public comments on contested cases until a final decision is reached. Prohibits a public body from holding a public meeting by remote technology where they will adjudicate a contested case or conduct a regulation workshop or hearing unless there is also a physical location for members and the public.	First Reading

AB69	Removes the prospective expiration of the Nye County Sales and Use Tax Act of 2007. (BDR S-137)	Com. on Revenue	Nye County - Eliminates the October 1, 2027 sunset on the Nye County Sales and Use Tax.	First Reading
AB70	Revises provisions related to energy. (BDR 58-454)	Com. on Growth & Infra.	NACO - Would allow Boards of County Commissioners to submit written comments on applications for renewable energy facilities within their jurisdiction and require the Director of the Office of Energy within the Office of the Governor to consider the comments when approving or denying an application for partial abatement of sales and use and property taxes.	First Reading
AB77	Revises provisions governing tax abatements for certain businesses. (BDR 32-282)	Com. on Revenue	GOED - Allows GOED to approve partial abatements for businesses that offer import substitution jobs or is a specialty health care provider, or offers health care in a rural area. Eliminates GOEDs ability to deny an application based on the applicant expanding in a county where they have already received a partial abatement. Changes the number of anticipated employees from 50 to 500 for the requirement to have a paid family and medical leave. Also allows GOED to approve abatements for biomass and biofuel recycling to include materials from solar panels.	First Reading
AB80	Establishes provisions relating to soil health. (BDR 49-387)	Com. on Nat. Res.	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources - Creates the 9 voting member, plus any other nonvoting member with technical or scientific expertise, Soil Health Advisory Board within the State Conservations Commission at DCNR. The Board is tasked with encouraging agriculture producers to adopt soil health practices and promote understanding and scientific research of soil health. Creates the Fund for Soil Health in the State Treasury for the purpose of issuing grants.	First Reading

SB2	Revises provisions relating to collective bargaining. (BDR 23-417)	Com. on Gov't Affairs	State Controller - Eliminates the existing exemption from public meeting rules for collective bargaining between public employers and employees for any negotiation or informal discussion between the local government employer and an employee organization or employees, meetings with mediators, or any meeting or investigation conducted by a fact finder or arbitrator.	First Reading
SB3	Revises provisions relating to public contracts. (BDR 27-431)	Com. on Gov't Affairs	City of North Las Vegas - Eliminates the existing prohibition of local governments to enter into a contract in accordance with a request for proposals if a contractor's license is required for any portion of work performed under the contract.	First Reading
SB15	Revises various provisions relating to governmental administration. (BDR 30-464)	Com. on Gov't Affairs	Clark County - Eliminates the requirement that the annual Debt Management Meeting occur in August. Changes the deadline for payment of delinquent taxes from 5pm to the close of business of the tax receiver of the county and from 5pm to close of business for the county treasurer in redemption property transactions.	First Reading
SB19	Authorizes the Governor to enter into certain interstate fire compacts. (BDR 47-381)	Com. on Nat. Res.	Committee on Natural Resources - Ratifies the Great Plains Wildland Fire Protection Compact which facilitates assistance in prevention, pre-suppression, control of wildland fires, management of prescribed fires, training and mitigation and recovery activities.	First Reading
SB21	Revises provisions relating to outdoor recreation. (BDR 35-266)	Com. on Nat. Res.	Outdoor Recreation at DCNR - Makes changes to the Advisory Board on Outdoor Recreation, of which the NACO Board is required to provide recommendations for one member from a county under 100K in population. Authorizes additional uses for the Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program.	First Reading
SB24	Provides for the certification and regulation of emergency medical responders. (BDR 40-292)	Com. on HHS	Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Adds emergency medical responder to the definition of emergency medical attendant and emergency response employee, specifies that a emergency medical responder must be certified by a health officer and makes revisions so that emergency medical responders have privileges similar to EMTs.	First Reading

<u>SB25</u>	Revises provisions relating to fire protection. (BDR 42-249)	Com. on Gov't Affairs	State Fire Marshal - Adds cannabis cultivations and productions facilities to the list of entities that the State Fire Marshal must enforce laws and adopt regulations pertaining to safe exit in case of fire.	First Reading
<u>SB28</u>	Revises provisions relating to municipalities. (BDR 22-411)	Com. on Gov't Affairs	City of Las Vegas - Appears similar to AB10 (2023); Increases the median gross income average resident threshold from 60% to 120% to be considered affordable, adds affordable housing and transportation projects to the list of allowable purposes for the creation of tax increment areas.	First Reading
<u>SB31</u>	Revises provisions relating to the adjudication of vested water rights. (BDR 48-260)	Com. on Nat. Res.	Division of Water Resources (DCNR) - Exempts the Federal Government from having to submit proof of a water claim to the State Engineer by December 31, 2027.	First Reading
<u>SB34</u>	Revises provisions relating to certain providers of health care. (BDR 54-449)	Commerce & Labor	NACHSA Leg. Com. which enable portability of license within compact states: (1) Physician Assistant Licensure Compact; (2) Nurse Licensure Compact; (3) Audiology & Speech Language Pathology Compact; (4) Physical Therapy Licensure Compact; (5) Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact.	First Reading
<u>SB36</u>	Establishes provisions relating to the conservation of groundwater. (BDR 48-384)	Com. on Nat. Res.	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources - Creates the the Nevada Conservation and Recreation Program within the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as well as the Nevada Water Buy-Back Initiative within the program. The Initiative has the purpose of buying retiring water rights in groundwater basins with insufficient supply to serve rights within the basin.	First Reading
<u>SB39</u>	Revises provisions relating to emergency management. (BDR 36-269)	Com. on Gov't Affairs	Division of Emergency Management - Establishes the Nevada Hazard Mitigation Revolving Loan Account in the State General Fund for the purpose of granting loans to eligible recipients, including local governments, for hazard mitigation projects.	First Reading

SB40	Creates the Medicaid Health Care Workforce Account. (BDR 38-451)	Com. on HHS	NACHSA Leg. Com.	Patient Protection Commission - Establishes Medicaid Health Care Workforce Account which allows DHCFP Administrator to expand health care workforce support programs, such as GME provision, indirect costs associated with GME, fellowship/apprenticeship programs, and loan repayment, where federal financial participation is available, and also allows Administrator to seek grants or other financial sources to support Account activities.	First Reading
SB43	Revises provisions relating to environmental protection. (BDR 40-264)	Com. on HHS	NACHSA Leg. Com.	Division of Environmental Protection / DCNR - Revisions provisions relating to solid waste management authority whereby health districts within counties of 100,000 and in an area where a health district has authority through an interlocal agreement, the district BOH may act as solid waste management authority; issue permits to an owner of a public water system to operate the system.	First Reading
SB47	Provides for a study of certain issues relating to insurance. (BDR 57-405)	Commerce & Labor	NACHSA Leg. Com.	Washoe Behavioral Health Policy Board - Requires Commissioner to apply for funds to support study on extent to which public and private insurers in Nevada achieve behavioral health insurance coverage parity as required by federal law.	First Reading
SB48	Revises provisions relating to planning and zoning. (BDR 22-413)	Com. on Gov't Affairs		City of Las Vegas - Revises provisions related to master plans for local governments to include sustainability and resilience, a plan to address homelessness that includes probable causes, an estimate of the number of people facing homelessness, provisions for resources, and an inventory of available housing. Also includes additions to requirements for the land use plan to designate future land uses for all areas of the city, county or region, as well as a public safety plan and economic development.	First Reading
SB51	Provides for reimbursement of cities and counties for reductions or subsidies of certain fees for affordable housing projects. (BDR 25-438)	Com. on Gov't Affairs	NACHSA Leg. Com.	Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities - Creates the Account for Housing Expansion Through Local Partnerships that authorizes funds in the Account to reimburse cities and counties for the cost of reducing or subsidizing certain fees to assist in maintenance and development of affordable housing.	First Reading

SB53	Establishes certain requirements relating to notices of road hazards and road closures. (BDR 35-406)	Com. on Growth & Infra.	Lyon County - Adds 2 nonvoting members representing navigation providers to the The Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety of which NACO appoints one voting member to. Adds provisions that allow cities, counties and regional transportation commissions to submit road condition reports to state maintained public information sites such as Nevada 511 as well as to navigation providers.	First Reading
SB54	Requires Medicaid to provide coverage of certain services for persons experiencing homelessness. (BDR 38-412)	Com. on HHS	NACHSA Leg. Com. City of Las Vegas - Requires Medicaid, to the extent federal financial participation is available, to provide 90 days during 12 month period of medical respite care for persons experiencing homelessness, which includes case management, care coordination, behavioral health care, food and housing supports, transportation to care, and more.	First Reading
SB55	Establishes provisions relating to agricultural tourism. (BDR 18-508)	Com. on Revenue & Economic Development	Lieutenant Governor - Would require the Commission on Tourism to develop and administer a grant program to establish agritourism in the state. The Commission will consult with the Department of Agriculture on regulations on the qualifications of business for agritourism. Section 15 would allow the Director of the Department of Agriculture to supersede local authority to issue a special use permit to a business that was denied a permit by the local government.	First Reading
SB61	Revises provisions relating to the powers and duties of certain cities relating to the annexation and detachment of territory. (BDR 21-467)	Com. on Gov't Affairs	Clark County - Requires a Board of County Commissioners to appoint a public body if a regional planning commission is not established to develop comprehensive planning. Also requires Clark County to adopt a program of annexation subject to public meeting requirements. Creates a 3 member city annexation and detachment commission.	First Reading
SB65	Revises provisions relating to certain records of investigations of deaths. (BDR 20-452)	Com. on Gov't Affairs	NACO - An addition to NRS Chapter 259 to clarify that certain records of a Medical Examiner or Coroner are public records. This is a clarification on what is or is not considered a public record.	First Reading

SB68	Revises provisions relating to behavioral health. (BDR 54-403)	Com. on Commerce & Labor	Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board - Requires additional reporting to policy boards from behavioral health licensing boards; ratifies Social Work Licensure Compact.	First Reading
SB69	Revises provisions relating to economic development. (BDR 32-369)	Com. on Revenue & Economic Development	Storey County - Would require the Department of Taxation to determine if there are colocated businesses contracted to occupy all or part of a data center that was approved for abatement. Upon request from the county in which the datacenter is located, the Department of Tax would provide a copy of the audit report that is confidential and not considered a public record. Makes provisions for lead participants of projects in economic diversification districts to make payments to the city or county to defray costs of infrastructure or service to the project.	First Reading
SB71	Revises provisions relating to purchasing. (BDR 27-366)	Com. on Gov't Affairs	Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs - Requires local governments to post information on purchases and procedures for requesting notice of solicitations or other methods of obtaining contracts on the local government website. Creates the Nevada Diverse Business Advisory Council which NACO is allowed a seat on, for 2 year terms with meetings every 3 months.	First Reading
SB73	Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-455)	Com. on Leg. Op's & Elections	NACO - Requires county and city clerks to allow anyone to inspect registered voter signatures however, prohibits clerks from providing or allowing a copy of the registered voter signature.	First Reading
SB74	Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-482)	Com. on Leg. Op's & Elections	Secretary of State - Requires the SOS to allow any registered voter to an approved electronic transmission system to apply for and cast a ballot, provides the template for a declaration of candidacy for independent candidates for partisan offices. Directs a county clerk to forgo distribution to an individual who has elected not to receive a mail ballot.	First Reading
SB78	Revises provisions relating to boards, commissions, councils and similar bodies. (BDR 18-301)	Com. on Rev. & Econ. Dev.	Department of Business and Industry - Significant changes to various boards, commissions, councils, and similar bodies.	First Reading



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Justice-Involved Reentry Initiatives

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OVERVIEW: Nevada Medicaid's Justice-Involved Reentry Initiatives represent the state's efforts to comply with new requirements from the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (CAA) and state Assembly Bill (AB) 389 (2023), which together require Medicaid to cover services for certain justice-involved populations. Part of these efforts includes the submission of a new state application for federal approval of a Section 1115 waiver of Title XIX of the Social Security Act to allow the state to receive federal funds to pay for services provided to these populations prior to their release.

BACKGROUND: People leaving incarceration and reentering the community often have a hard time accessing needed services for health concerns, including mental health and substance use disorder treatment. As early as 2025, certain justice-involved populations in Nevada will become eligible for new Medicaid coverage immediately prior to their release to help them succeed and thrive during their reentry into the community. The goal of these efforts is to help these individuals connect with community providers to better support their health care needs during the reentry process.

THE CALL TO ACTION: Join Nevada Medicaid, corrections and justice facilities, health care providers, and community partners across the state on this important journey to provide health care services to this vulnerable and at-risk population. One goal is to help ensure access to Medicaid and Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) services prior to release from a public institution. To join this work, ask questions, or learn more, email 1115waivers@dhcfp.nv.gov.

LET'S GET STARTED: Nevada Medicaid is leading the effort in collaboration with the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services and its Divisions, correctional partners, state justice system, community partners and other stakeholders to get these initiatives up and running in 2025. Please join us and provide your feedback. To learn more, please visit the Justice Involved Reentry Program website: https://dhcfp.nv.gov/Pgms/Waivers/Reentry_Initiative/.

Questions? Input? Want to join stakeholder meetings? Contact us at: 1115waivers@dhcfp.nv.gov

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New Medicaid Programs for Successful Reentry from Incarceration

These services are aimed to help youth and adults smoothly transition back to their community after incarceration, reduce recidivism, and increase access to health care.



Coverage of New Services

- Case management
 - Physical & behavioral health screening, diagnostic, and treatment services
 - Prescription medications
- Services will be available both before and after release from carceral facilities.*

Eligibility

Nevada Medicaid-eligible incarcerated adults and youth up to age 21 (or up to age 26 if involved in Foster Care)



Timeline

New services for **youth** will be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement beginning **January 1, 2025**.
Adult services are expected to be available for reimbursement by **Winter 2025**.

Learn more and provide input on the rollout by contacting 1115waivers@dhcfp.nv.gov



NACO's Public Health Coordinator 2024 Year in Review

Throughout 2024, the NACO Public Health Coordinator worked to enhance the capacity and effectiveness of Nevada's counties to address public and behavioral health priorities and challenges through the following initiatives:

Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) Assessment:

- Completed FPHS data collection, analysis, and final report for all rural and frontier counties, identifying specific improvement opportunities across each Foundational Program Area and Capability for local governments, health departments/districts, and legislators.
- Visited County Commissions / Boards of Health of all participating counties and hosted in-person community review meetings in each county to verify results and develop community engagement in local public health improvement.
- Shared Nevada's strategies and results through national 21st Century Learning Community and Public Health Accreditation Board convenings and media channels.

Visit our webpage for FPHS report access and to listen to a Public Health Accreditation Board podcast recorded with NACO's Public Health Coordinator: ([Advocacy | Public Health | Nevada Association of Counties](#))

SB118 Public Health Improvement Funding Implementation Support:

- Provided technical assistance and data to County Health Officers, Commissions, and County Human Services to determine local public health priorities for SB118 funding.
- Collaborated with state officials to ensure clear communication about funding requirements and best practices for local implementation.
- Supported counties with SB118 Implementation as needed, including coordinating meetings with Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Public and Behavioral Health, the State Dental Officer, and more.

Behavioral Health Initiatives:

- Supported state contractor with the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Behavioral Health Emergency Operations Assessment by sharing FPHS data and resources, participating in core workgroup calls, and connecting contractor to county staff across the state.
- Coordinated with regional behavioral health coordinators to align strategies across all counties, connect county government to local behavioral health improvement initiatives, and monitor for
- Supported individual counties as needed with behavioral health improvement projects, such as Behavioral Health Task Forces and county-level Suicide Prevention Plans

Opioid Needs Assessments and Programming:

- Provided ongoing technical assistance, data collection, and drafting of county opioid needs assessments, with 13 counties completed and 1 ongoing.
- Collaborated with state agencies to ensure county knowledge of Fund for Resilient Nevada NOFOs, reporting guidelines, and technical assistance opportunities, as well as funding requirements and best practices for local implementation.

- Coordinated with state contractors and local stakeholders to support Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) programs in rural jails.

Workshops, Conferences, and Outreach:

- Organized presentations and panels during the NACO Annual Conference, including:
 - Medicaid panel highlighting statewide MCO roll-out and school-based service updates, which prompted a robust discussion on improving county-level Medicaid access.
 - Homelessness-focused session showcasing county-level programs and data modernization efforts, resulting in shared strategies for enhancing social service delivery.
- Organized a statewide workshop on [Local Public Health Governance](#), attended by over 50 representatives from all counties. The workshop provided participants with actionable strategies for improving board meeting effectiveness, insights into Nevada's public health structures, and examples of successful governance models from other states.
- Represented Nevada at national public health forums, including the 21st Century Learning Community for Public Health Transformation bringing back actionable insights for public health modernization.
- Participated in State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Committee, NACHSA meetings, Behavioral Health Policy Board meetings, Statewide Prevention Coalition meetings, and more related to public and behavioral health infrastructure, workforce development, and health and human services programs.

Partnerships and Advocacy:

- Partnered with UNR School of Public Health and state organizations on community health needs assessments and FPHS initiatives, resulting in comprehensive data collection and actionable insights that directly informed the development of public health priorities for the state.
- Acted as a liaison between state agencies, counties, and community stakeholders to enhance local public health capacity.
- Worked with the Governor's Finance Office, Legislative Counsel Bureau, and the Joint Interim Committee on Health & Human Services to educate on national models for sustainable public health funding and special considerations for Nevada's counties.

Outcomes and Impact:

- Strengthened local public health infrastructure by providing local County Health Officers and county staff with enhanced data collection, strategic planning resources, and intra-agency coordination.
- Fostered collaboration across federal, state, and local entities to develop cohesive responses to public and behavioral health challenges.
- Delivered actionable resources and training to counties, empowering local leaders to make informed decisions.

BY-LAWS OF THE NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Adopted *New Date*

ARTICLE I

NAMES AND DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1. NAME. This organization shall be known as “Nevada Association of Counties.”

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. The terms defined in this section shall have the meanings given unless otherwise provided or indicated by context:

Sub. 1. “Association” means the Nevada Association of Counties.

Sub. 2. “Board” means the Board of Directors of the Association.

Sub. 3. “Commissioner” means any duly elected, **appointed**, qualified, sitting county commissioner or Carson City Supervisor.

Sub. 4. “County” means any county unit or government in the State of Nevada and includes Carson City.

Sub. 5. “Member County” means any county of the State of Nevada that pays the annual membership fee established by the Association.

Sub. 6. “Affiliate” means any organization whose membership consists predominately of county officials or employees that seek formal recognition as being associated with the Association and has been approved by the Board. Examples of “Affiliates” are Nevada Assessors Association, County Fiscal Officers Association and Nevada Association of County Human Services Administrators.

Sub. 7. “Associate Membership” means any entity, company, organization or individual that is not a member county or county official or employee that wishes to be involved with the Association with no voting rights.

Sub. 8. “Government Partner” means a non-voting affiliated organization not primarily comprised of elected officials. Examples of “Government Partner” are general improvement districts, regional water authorities, and public works associations.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

SECTION 1. OBJECTIVE. The Core belief of the Association is that counties, being general purpose government entities encompassing both unincorporated and incorporated areas and thereby providing services to all people within the State, should exercise initiative and leadership and assume responsibility in dealing with the problems and needs requiring attention and action on a statewide basis. The Mission Statement for the Nevada Association of Counties shall be:

To encourage county government to provide services that will maximize efficiency and foster public trust in county government.

SECTION 2. PURPOSES. The purposes of the Association shall include but are not limited to the following:

Sub. 1. To enhance the working relationships within county government; to strengthen the communication with federal, state and private organizations; to identify and solve common problems; to promote effective and efficient government; and to provide a forum for determining the long range goals for county government.

Sub. 2. To provide training and educational programs for local government officials and other members of the private and public sector.

Sub. 3. To provide ways and means whereby elected and appointed county officials may interchange information, ideas and experiences and to obtain expert advice.

Sub. 4. To provide the Legislature, other units of government and the public with necessary information about county government and the means by which it may be improved.

Sub. 5. To rent, purchase, and otherwise own or hold real estate or other property, including beneficial interest therein either solely or jointly with other organizations to house staff; to assess and collect dues; to contract with governmental units, persons, firms, or other organizations to procure or provide services or to perform functions by either contracting party or jointly and to pay or receive money therefore; and to do all such other things as are incidental and proper or reasonable and desirable to carry into effect the purposes of the Association.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP & DUES

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP. The Association shall have four classes of membership. The designation of such classes and the qualifications of the members of such classes shall be as follows:

Sub. 1. County Membership. County membership in this Association is available to any county in the State of Nevada which indicates its willingness to cooperate with and support the work of the Association. The Board of Directors may **temporarily** suspend county membership of any county for non-payment of annual dues that are assessed under Article III, Section 2, Sub. 1., **until such dues are paid in full.**

Sub. 2. Affiliate Membership. The Board may, upon written application and subject to ratification by the Board, recognize as affiliates of the Association organizations whose membership consist predominately of county officials or county employees. The general purpose of such affiliates shall be to encourage maximum cooperation between the Association and the various county functions, between administrative departments and agencies and between the counties throughout the State. The Board may require for affiliate recognition such conditions as to activities, membership and finances, as it deems appropriate. In no event shall recognized affiliate advocate legislation or other policies as Association policies unless such policies have been approved by the Board as being consistent with the Association's policies and programs.

Sub. 3. Associate Membership. The Board may, upon written application and subject to ratification by the Board, approve the membership. The general purpose of such memberships shall be to encourage maximum cooperation between the Association and private businesses. In no event shall an associate member be able to vote or represent the Association.

Sub. 4. Government Partner Membership. The Board may, upon written application and subject to ratification by the Board, approve the membership. The general purpose of such memberships shall be to broaden the scope of relationships with the non-elected departments of county government that are not directly associated with the formal programs of NACO. In no event shall a Government Partner member be able to vote or represent the Association.

SECTION 2. DUES. The annual membership dues for county membership, affiliate membership and associate membership shall be in accordance with the following:

Sub. 1. COUNTY MEMBERSHIP DUES. The Board of Directors shall determine dues for county membership in the Association in accordance with the formula consisting of a base assessment calculated from the audited revenues of the individual county and a per capita population assessment which is attached to the By-laws as Appendix A, and an additional assessment based on a percentage, as determined by the Board to apply to all counties, equivalent to the most recent federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) payment made to each county. **The Board may determine additional dues, based on Association needs. Such dues would be adopted under existing policy and would be reviewed and approved by a majority of Board members during such time as they may be considered. Further, members would be notified thirty (30) days prior to any additional dues or assessments.**

Sub. 2. AFFILIATE DUES. The Board of Directors may, if deemed necessary, determine appropriate dues for affiliate membership in the Association

Sub. 3. ASSOCIATE DUES. The Board of Directors may, if deemed necessary, determine appropriate dues for associate membership in the Association.

Sub. 4. GOVERNMENT PARTNER DUES. The Board of Directors may, if deemed necessary, determine appropriate dues for government partner membership in the Association.

SECTION 3. ASSOCIATION BUDGET AND FISCAL YEAR. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December each year. The Board shall adopt an annual budget for the Association prior to the beginning of the fiscal year at a date not later than December 15th, **with payment of dues within 90 days.**

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. GENERAL POWERS. The Board shall have all powers necessary to carry out effectively the management, business and affairs of the Association and such other powers as are necessary and incidental to the performance of the Association's purposes as specified in Article II, Section 2, of these By-Laws.

SECTION 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. There shall be organized a Board of Directors composed of the following:

Sub. 1. County Directors. One (1) commissioner from each member county of the Association appointed by their respective governing board. Another commissioner from the same county may serve as an alternate with the same voting rights as the County Director and may exercise the county's voting right in the absence of the County Director.

Sub. 2. NACo Director. Any county commissioner who has been elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Counties.

Sub. 3. WIR-NACo Director. Any county commissioner who has been elected to the Western Interstate Region-NACo Board of Directors.

Sub. 4. Association Officers. Any county commissioner who has been elected to the office of the President, President Elect, or Vice President of the Association. The Immediate Past President shall also serve as an Association officer.

Sub. 5. Affiliate Director. One official from any organization who has been granted Affiliate status of the Association's Board of Directors, except that such officials may, upon prior request, vote only on matters related to their Affiliate membership as determined by the Association's President.

Sub. 6. At Large Member of the Executive Committee. Any commissioner who is chosen by a majority of the Board of Directors to serve on the Executive Committee pursuant to Section 3 Article V of the NACo By-Laws.

SECTION 3. TERM OF OFFICE. The term of office for each member of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

Sub. 1. The term of office for County Directors and Association officers will begin on the first day of January of each year and shall end on December 31 of each year.

Sub. 2. The term of office for NACo Directors shall run for two consecutive years. Each year shall run concurrently with their term of office as appointed by the National Association of Counties Board of Directors.

Sub. 3. The term of office for WIR-NACo Directors shall run concurrently with their term of office as appointed by the National Association of Counties Western Interstate Region Board of Directors.

Sub. 4. Affiliate Directors shall serve for a period of one year or until a successor is appointed by the Affiliate organization.

SECTION 4. DIRECTORSHIP VACANCIES. If for any reason, a vacancy occurs in any directorship, that directorship will remain vacant until such time as filled by the appointing authority.

SECTION 5. OFFICER VACANCIES. If for any reason an Officer of the Association is unable to complete his or her term of office, the office shall be declared vacant. Such vacancy shall be filled as specified in Article V, Section 8.

SECTION 6. VOTING. Except as provided in Article IV, Section 2, Sub. 5, and Sub. 1 of this Section all members of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to one vote.

Sub. 1. If there are more than two (2) members from a county on the Board of Directors, that county shall only have one vote in addition to the vote of the County Director.

SECTION 7. REGULAR MEETING. The President may call the time and place for holding regular meetings of the Board. The Board shall hold at least two (2) regular meetings each year. A written notice of each meeting of the Board shall be required. Such notice shall be transmitted electronically to members at least 10 working days in advance of the meeting and such notice shall be accompanied by an agenda. At the request of a Board member this notification may be given by mailed letter.

SECTION 8. QUORUM. A majority of the County Directors on the Board, which may include alternates, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board.

SECTION 9. MANNER OF ACTING. The act of the majority of the Directors present at a meeting of which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or these By-Laws.

SECTION 10. SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD. Special meetings of the Board may be called by or at the request of the President or any nine (9) County Directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board may fix the place within the State of Nevada as a place for holding any special meetings of the Board called by them. Each Director shall receive at least five (5) working days notice of such special meeting.

SECTION 11. DISSOLUTION. The Board may be dissolved at any time by unanimous vote of all the members. Upon dissolution of the Board, the counties then participating shall mutually agree upon the transfer of personnel, division and distribution of assets, outstanding indebtedness and liabilities (including accrued personnel benefits).

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

SECTION 1. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS. There shall be a President, President Elect, and Vice President of the Association. At the Annual Meeting of the Association, there shall be an election to fill the office of Vice President and any other office previously filled pursuant to Article V, Section 8 of these By-Laws.

SECTION 2. TERM OF OFFICE. The term of office for Association officers will begin the first Monday in January of each year and shall end on December 31 of each year.

SECTION 3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The President, President Elect, Vice President and Immediate Past President shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee may be expanded by a maximum of two (2) At-Large members with one (1) commissioner from each of the two counties with the largest populations chosen by a majority of the Board of Directors if those counties are not otherwise represented on the Executive Committee. If the Immediate Past President is no longer eligible to serve on the Executive Committee pursuant to Article V, Section 4, Sub. 1, the next Immediate Past President who is eligible may serve on the Executive Committee if approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to act in those circumstances and on those matters as directed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICERS.

Sub. 1. Any commissioner from any member county of the Association shall be eligible to serve as an officer of the Association. ~~however they must be a current member of the Board.~~ **Such an individual must be a current member of the Board of Directors.**

Sub. 2. In the event that an officer is unable to serve as a commissioner, the term of the office in the Association is deemed to end and the remaining officers shall ascend as provided by Article V, Section 5.

Sub. 3. Unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors, the President of the Association shall not be from the same **member** county in consecutive years.

Sub. 4. A former President of the Association shall not be eligible to seek election as an officer, except as Immediate Past President, without prior approval of a majority of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5. DUTIES AND ASCENDENCY OF OFFICERS. The officers shall have the following powers and duties and shall ascend in the following order:

Sub. 1. President. The President shall preside at all regular and special Association, Board and Executive Committee meetings. The President shall perform the usual duties as the chief elected officer of the Association and may speak for or on behalf of the Association and Executive Committee. The President, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, shall make all standing committee appointments and shall be an ex—officio member of all standing and special committees of the Association and Board. The President may sign with any other appropriate officers or designated

persons of the Association authorized by the Board, any deeds, mortgages, contracts or any other instruments which the Board wishes to be executed. The President shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Sub. 2. President Elect. The President Elect, if eligible pursuant to Article V, Section 4, shall automatically ascend to the office of President at the end of the term of President Elect. The President Elect shall automatically ascend to the office of President should a vacancy occur in the office of President. In the absence of the President or in the event of an inability or refusal to act, the President Elect shall perform the duties of the President and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all restrictions upon the President. The President Elect shall, at the direction of the President, assist the Executive Director in program development for the Institute of Local Government. The President Elect shall serve as Secretary of the Association and perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or the Board.

Sub. 3. Vice President. The Vice President, if eligible pursuant to Article V, Section 4, shall automatically ascend to the office of President Elect at the end of the term of Vice President. The Vice President shall automatically ascend to the office of President Elect should a vacancy occur in the office of President Elect. In the absence of the President and President Elect, or in the event of their disability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall have all powers of and be subject to all restrictions upon the President and President Elect. The Vice President shall, at the direction of the President, assist the Executive Director in developing the budget for the Association. The Vice President shall serve as chairperson of the Elections Committee. The Vice President shall perform such other duties from time to time as may be assigned by the President or the Board.

SECTION 6. FISCAL OFFICER. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Fiscal Officer to review the financial records of the Association monthly. The Fiscal Officer shall serve as the Association's Treasurer and be responsible for meeting with the Executive Director quarterly to discuss the financial records and report back to the Board of Directors. The Fiscal officer shall annually review the Association's internal control policy and recommend to the Board of Directors any pertinent changes.

SECTION 7. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Sub. 1. Prior to each Annual Meeting the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee composed of three (3) commissioners from member counties of the Association. The Chair of the committee shall be the Vice President of the Association. The two (2) remaining members of the Committee shall be appointed from those commissioners who have exhibited a knowledge of the Association and its goals; leadership within the Association; and representation within the diverse segments and areas of the Association.

Sub. 2. The Nomination Committee shall recommend a slate of officers that includes a nomination for the Vice President and any other offices filled pursuant to Article V, Section 8 to the general membership 30 days prior to the Annual Conference. Such recommendation shall be transmitted electronically to the Board of Directors of the Association. At the request of Board member this notification may be given by a mailed letter.

Sub. 3. Nomination for Vice President and any office filled pursuant to Article V, Section 8 can also be made during the Annual Business Meeting of the Association. Such nominations are deemed valid even if absent from the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee.

SECTION 8. VACANCIES. If for any reason an office becomes vacant prior to the end of the term of office, the vacancy may be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Any office filled in this manner must be ratified through the election process at an Association meeting.

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ARTICLE VI

MANAGEMENT

SECTION 1. PERMANENT OFFICES. The Board shall establish and maintain a permanent office for the Association.

SECTION 2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. The Board shall appoint an Executive Director to serve at the pleasure of the Board as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Association. The Executive Director shall be chosen solely on the basis of training, experience and other qualifications in the field of local government administration and legislative advocacy. The Executive Director is responsible to the President and Executive Committee members to ensure that the directives of the Board of Directors are carried out in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Association. The Executive Director need not be a resident of the State of Nevada when appointed, **however such a candidate would need to establish residency in the state of Nevada within 6 months after appointment.** The Executive Director shall attend all meetings of the Board, but shall not vote, and shall have the following powers and duties to be exercised in accordance with the policies declared by the Board:

Sub. 1. To attend all Board and Executive Committee meetings and to preserve in books of the Association true minutes of the proceedings of all meetings.

Sub. 2. To see that all resolutions, rules, regulations and orders of the Board are carried out.

Sub. 3. To develop a staffing plan, including position descriptions, based on budgets approved by the Board of Directors.

Sub. 4. To appoint and remove, on the basis of merit and fitness in accordance with the Association policies and regulations, all subordinate regular and special employees of the Association.

Sub. 5. To present to the Board plans, studies and reports prepared for Board purposes and action and recommend to the Board for adoption those measures deemed necessary to enforce or carry out the powers and duties of the Board or for the efficient administration of the affairs of the Association.

Sub. 6. To keep the Board fully advised as to its financial condition, and to prepare and submit to the Board an annual budget for the Association and such other financial information as it may request.

Sub. 7. To represent the Association's public policy position to the Legislature, local government and the public.

Sub. 8. To perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Board.

SECTION 3. FISCAL POLICY. The Board of Directors shall adopt and maintain an internal control policy to facilitate proper fiscal controls.

ARTICLE VII

CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS

SECTION 1. CONTRACTS. The Board may authorize any officers, agent or agents of the Association, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of or on behalf of the Association, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

SECTION 2. CHECKS, DRAFTS AND ORDERS. All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes or otherwise evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Association shall be signed by officers or designated persons of the Association.

SECTION 3. DEPOSITS. All funds of the association shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Association in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board or Executive Director may designate.

SECTION 4. FUNDS. Any funds which may come to the Association or be subject to its control, for its use in furthering and promoting the aims and purposes of the Association or its policies, shall be received, disbursed, controlled and accounted for by the Executive Director.

SECTION 5. TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT. Member travel for Association related business may be reimbursed in accordance with a policy approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. There shall be such standing and study committees as are determined by the Board. All committees shall have such authority, direction, duration and limitations as are determined by the Board.

SECTION 2. All recommendations of any standing and study committees shall be made to the Board in writing.

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ARTICLE IX

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING. The Association shall hold an Annual Business Meeting in conjunction with the Association's Annual Conference, the time and place of which shall be determined by the Board. Notice shall be given to the Board of Directors not less than thirty (30) days prior to the opening session. Such notice stating the time and place of the meeting shall be transmitted electronically to each member of the Board of Directors. At the request of a Board member this notification may be given by a mailed letter.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION. Special meetings of the Association may be called by or at the request of the President or the Board of Directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Association may fix the place within the State of Nevada as a place for holding any special meetings of the Association called by them. Each Director shall receive at least five (5) working days notice of such special meeting.

SECTION 3. QUORUM. A quorum shall be necessary for the transaction of business at the Annual Association Business Meeting. Unless otherwise required by statute or these By-Laws, a quorum shall be a majority of the member counties. The Executive Director shall determine for the record as to whether a quorum is present.

SECTION 4. MANNER OF ACTING. Every decision at a meeting of the Association shall be by a majority of votes cast provided a quorum is present. Each county may cast the same number of votes that are equal to the number of commissioners elected to their respective Board of Commissioners. In the event that no commissioner is present from a member county, an elected official in attendance may cast that county's votes. In the event that no elected official is present from a member county, a designated county official may cast the county's vote. The Executive Director shall cause to be written minutes and records of the Annual Association Business Meeting to be kept.

ARTICLE X

ELECTION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES OFFICERS

A member county must adhere to ARTICLE XII, Voting, of the National Association of Counties (NACo) By-Laws, except that the vote(s) of a member county that is entitled to vote for an officer of the National Association of Counties (NACo) must be made by an elected official from that county who is registered and qualified to vote in accordance with, ARTICLE XII, Section 3 of the NACo By-Laws, and is present at the NACo Annual Conference. Alternatively, a member county that does not have an elected official in attendance but is otherwise registered to vote may leave its written proxy with the head of the Associations' delegation.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

SECTION 1. PROPOSALS **AND ADOPTION**. A new By-Law or amendment to an existing By-Law may be proposed by the Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote **and approval** of the Board present at any regular or special meeting of the Board.

~~SECTION 2. ADOPTION. After a new By-Law or amendment to an existing By-Law has been proposed, such proposed By-Law or amendment may be adopted at any properly noticed Association meeting. Each **member** county may cast the same number of votes that are equal to the number of commissioners elected to their respective Board of Commissioners. In the event that no commissioner is present from a member county, an elected official in attendance may cast that county's votes. In the event that no elected official is present from a member county, a designated county official may cast the county's vote. **Proposed amendments must be approved by a majority vote of the voting active member counties.** A copy of a By-Law or amendment proposed by the Board pursuant to Article X Section 1 shall be electronically transmitted to each County Director at least thirty (30) days prior to the Association meeting date at which the proposed By-Law or amendment is to be voted on. At the request of a County Director this notification may be given by a mailed letter.~~

SECTION **2 3**. EFFECTIVE DATE. Such proposed By-Law or amendment, when duly approved, shall go into effect immediately following its adoption unless otherwise provided.

ARTICLE XII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY. The rules of parliamentary procedure and practice contained in *Roberts Rules of Order* shall supplement the rules and procedures adopted by the Association and shall govern the Association, the Board and Association committees in all cases in which *Roberts Rules of Order* is applicable and insofar as they are not inconsistent or in conflict with the statutes of the State of Nevada, these By-Laws or on rules or regulations adopted by the Nevada Association of Counties.

Appendix A

NACO Dues Formula

$$\text{NACO Dues} = \text{Base Assessment} + \text{Population Assessment}$$

BASE ASSESSMENT: The base assessment is based upon the most recent audited revenues submitted by each county to the Tax Commission.

Audited S-1 Revenues	Base Assessment
\$0 - \$5,499,999	\$4,500
\$5,500,000 - \$10,499,999	\$6,500
\$10,500,000 - \$15,499,999	\$8,500
\$15,500,000 - \$20,499,999	\$10,500
\$20,500,000 - \$35,499,999	\$13,000
\$35,500,000 - \$50,499,999	\$15,500
\$50,500,000 - \$65,499,999	\$18,000
\$65,500,000 - \$250,499,999	\$21,500
\$250,500,000 and above	\$24,500

POPULATION ASSESSMENT: The population assessment is based on the prior year's population figures certified by the Governor.

Population	Assessment Per Capita
0 – 5,000	0.15
5,001 – 10,000	0.12
10,001- 25,000	0.10
25,001 – 50,000	0.08
50,001 – 100,000	0.06
100,001 – 500,000	0.04
500,001 and above	0.03

Resolution

of the Nevada Association of Counties

24-06

A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF NACO'S OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

WHEREAS, Nevada is comprised of 17 counties served by 120 elected County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Nevada's counties provide services to their communities in a multitude of ways including public safety, health & human services, conducting elections, public infrastructure, public land coordination, and parks & recreation; and

WHEREAS, the NACO Board of Directors is comprised of County Commissioners from all 17 counties, appointed by their peers to represent the interests of their counties; and

WHEREAS, NACO's Board of Directors represent Nevada's counties on issues both within the State and on a National level; and

WHEREAS, NACO Directors participate on over 20 Boards, Commissions and Committees on both the State and National level; and

WHEREAS, NACO Directors support the citizens of Nevada by assisting with the educational opportunities NACO provides to county officials and staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Nevada Association of Counties, do hereby recognize the outgoing members of the **2024 NACO Board of Directors - Lincoln County Commissioner Varlin Higbee, Esmeralda County Commissioner Ralph Keyes, and Mineral County Commissioner Tina Rubert Manzini** for their contributions to their counties and the Nevada Association of Counties.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of December, 2024 by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Association of Counties.

Attests:

Stacey Giomi
President

Vinson W. Guthreau
Executive Director



2024 NACO Public Lands & Natural Resources Summary

The NACO Natural Resources Manager mainly supports counties on federal advocacy for issues that pertain to Federal Land Management Decisions affecting Nevada's Counties. This position at NACO is critical to our ability to serve NACO's members effectively. Every county in Nevada has public lands and this position also assists in policy discussions, coordinating county advocacy and providing the county perspective to senior level policy makers and elected officials on issues related to Public Lands and Natural Resources. This summary is not exhaustive, but provides a high-level overview of the work NACO does on behalf of Counties.

- Organized an all-county call with senior leadership in the Governor's office to influence the Governor's consistency review regarding the Large Utility Scale Solar PEIS. This led to extensive county concerns, and perspective being included in the Governor's response to the Department of Interior.
- Scoping comments submitted on the BLM's Renewable Energy Rule.
- Provided Protest Comments on Behalf of NACO and coordinated multiple county protests regarding Large Utility Scale PEIS.
- Attended WIR Conference in Coleville, WA. Participated in panel discussions around western inter-state public lands and natural resource issues, and the implementation of the National Center for Public Lands Counties.
- Coordinated multiple county involvement and engaged the legal services of Holland & Hart surrounding legal basis for the Large Utility Scale PEIS.
- Coordinated with county natural resource staff and the BLM to develop revisions to Cooperating Agency Memorandums of Understanding between the BLM and Nevada counties.
- Comments submitted to the Bureau of Land Management and Department of Interior on the Categorical Exclusion for Geothermal Projects on Public Lands.
- Participated in Cooperating Agency meetings on behalf of counties for Greater Sage Grouse Plan Amendments, and the Western Solar Programmatic EIS update.
- Public Lands & Natural Resource panel at NACO's annual conference: Engaging with State Agencies, a Toolkit for Local and State Government Coordination.

- NACO staff attendance and representation on the following interagency groups: State Land Use Planning Advisory Council, Sagebrush Ecosystem Council, Bi-State Sage Grouse Local Area Working Group, Smart from the Start Interagency Consortium, Intergovernmental Executive Committee on FRTC Modernization, Technical Advisory Committee for NWCII Grants, Nevada Natural Resource Leadership Group meetings.
- NACO staff hold regular meetings with leadership at the following agencies: Nevada Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Nevada Department of Outdoor Recreation, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Bureau of Land Management.
- NACO PLNR staff monitor and inform members of federal and state funding opportunities that counties may be eligible for.