

Hi Nevada City Citizen,

Your elected City Council is facing an important decision regarding the development of a 108 acre tract of land that was donated to the City. It was previously an old airport site that was closed in the 1970s and over the intervening years has lain fallow except for a portion of the old runway that has accumulated waste timber. The site is depicted on the map attached. The Council has conducted two workshops, and the neighbors (who are not technically Nevada City residents), have complained about the condition of the site, the fire hazard it presents, and the unmonitored encampments that intensify the fire risk. The City does not have the resources to maintain and monitor the site in its present condition, so is soliciting your opinion as to what should be included in the future development of the site.

In the order of preference, please rank what you envision to be a part of the development. The uses are listed alphabetically, and not by priority or preference. If a potential land use is not ranked, that will indicate you do not think that use is appropriate as part of the development plan.

Amphitheater – venue for community cultural experiences, i.e., concerts, plays, conferences, etc.

Athletic Uses – baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, basketball, bocce, horseshoes, etc.

Bathrooms – to support other uses

Cultural Center – to educate the community and provide a gathering place for the local Rancheria-Nisenan Tribe

Dog Park – to offer leash-free exercise opportunities for our canine friends

Gardens – botanical exhibits, community garden, decorative landscaping, etc.

Natural – leave the site as it is, recognizing that this option does not address the existing maintenance and monitoring challenges

Parking – to support the other proposed uses, possibly in conjunction with a solar facility

Residential – to serve the needs of the local homeless population (JA – IF this is a permitted use, there are those who advocate this use, so it should be presented)

Solar Farm – a solar facility to generate renewable energy for our environmentally-focused residents, and a funding source for other uses

Trails – bike, walking, horseback riding, etc.

Other – please specify

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Thank you for taking the time to express your opinion on the development of the City-owned airport site.

Rest assured your opinion matters.

Sincerely,

Nevada City Council Members

(signatures)

