

On 6/10/26, 10:51 AM, Sophie Fox <sfox@placer.ca.gov> wrote:

Our office has received a number of questions and concerns regarding Nevada County's ongoing process to potentially allow a commercial cannabis dispensary in the Soda Springs area. Because Soda Springs is immediately adjacent to Placer County and District 5, we understand why many Donner Summit residents are interested in this issue and want to stay informed.

We wanted to provide some clarification about the process and the County's role.

This proposal is entirely within Nevada County's jurisdiction. Placer County and Supervisor Gustafson do not have any decision-making authority over the selection process, permitting, or approval of a cannabis dispensary in Soda Springs.

Based on information provided by Nevada County staff, Nevada County is currently developing a competitive application and scoring process that would allow for the selection of up to two retail cannabis dispensary locations in unincorporated Nevada County—one in Soda Springs and one in North San Juan. The process is still in its early stages, and no dispensary has been approved or permitted at this time.

Nevada County's anticipated timeline includes:

- Development of application and scoring criteria during 2026
- Opening of an application period later in 2026
- Selection of a potential applicant
- A subsequent public permitting process through the Nevada County Planning Department before any dispensary could ultimately be approved

For residents who would like to learn more, submit comments, or participate in the process, we encourage you to contact the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, Nevada County Planning Department, or attend meetings of [Nevada County's Commercial Cannabis Dispensary Application Evaluation Committee](#). Those agencies will be responsible for considering public input and making decisions related to this proposal.

While our office will continue to monitor issues that may affect District 5 residents, questions, comments, and concerns regarding this proposal should be directed to Nevada County officials, who are the appropriate decision-makers.

Thanks!

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