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Strengthening Community Through Economic Leadership

Economic Resource Council Impact Report for December 2025



WELCOME GIL MATHEW

We continue to make steady progress toward a more sustainable and thriving Nevada County economy. This momentum is driven by the support of our broader community, our Board of Directors, and valued partners. As we close out 2025 and look ahead to 2026, we are optimistic—seeing exciting new startups emerge while established companies rediscover energy and purpose. Throughout 2026, the ERC will share stories of the businesses we are proud to support.

A MONTH FILLED WITH ACTION

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee continued its conversation about the ERC's upcoming 30th anniversary, to be celebrated on January 6, 2026. Initial planning has begun to incorporate this milestone into the 2026 Annual Economic Summit.

The Committee also reviewed the organization's financial health and discussed steps underway to address the budget shortfall.

The 2026 calendar was reviewed, and dates were confirmed for the ERC's two signature events: the Tour of Nevada County on Thursday, April 30, and the Annual Economic Summit on Thursday, September 24.

California Jobs First - We Prosper Together

The ERC continues to monitor the progress and activities of the three grantees participating in the California Jobs First – We Prosper Together initiative. As part of this effort, the ERC organized a tour of a meat processing facility currently under construction in Colusa County, which is partially funded through a California Jobs First grant. This facility may serve as a potential model for a similar operation in Nevada County.

Biz Fundamentals

Enrollment is full for the upcoming January Biz Fundamentals class. The schedule has also been finalized for the March session, which will be held March 9–12. Classes are intentionally limited to eight participants to ensure each student receives focused attention and maximum access to course content and instructors.

Business Support

	<u>December</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Assisted Companies	10 Hrs	89 Hrs
Hours of One-On-One	37.5 Hrs	266 Hrs

New Businesses Under Contract

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Community Outreach

- Social Media Posts
- KNCO "All Things Economic"
- NC Media "All Things Economic"
- Geoship
- Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Gold Country Senior Services
- Interwest Insurance Services
- Recreation Collaborative
- Valley Vision

<u>Staff Time</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Catalyst Ambassador	72 Hrs	439 Hrs
Biz Fundamentals	0 Hrs	75.5 Hrs
Bring 'M Home Campaign	8 Hrs	24 Hrs

FEATURED STORY

And that's a wrap!

The December Board of Directors meeting each year offers an opportunity to highlight several of the thriving businesses the ERC has had the privilege to support. This year, three outstanding Nevada County companies were featured.

GeoShip, a new Nevada County business, is addressing housing challenges through the fabrication of innovative geodesic dome homes. GeoShip will be featured on the Tour of Nevada County this April, where participants will have the opportunity to meet the design team, observe the manufacturing process, and tour a completed home. Early registration is encouraged, as the tour frequently sells out.

Another exciting new business, **Tailored Tidbits**, also emerged this year. Owner and creator Brittany Fischer shared a brief presentation showcasing the unique, custom charcuterie experiences she brings to the community. Tailored Tidbits can be found at many local street fairs and community events.

Finally, **Nevada County Free Range Beef** shared its impressive growth story. An ERC client for the past three years, this dynamic agricultural company began on a small scale and has expanded through strategic acquisitions, significantly increasing both herd size and product offerings.

Each of these businesses expressed appreciation for the support they have received through the ERC—an affirmation of the meaningful impact of our work.

COMMUNITY FORUM

November's **Community Forum on AI** sparked meaningful dialogue and strong interest, though its timing made it difficult for many in the business community to attend. To broaden participation, the ERC is partnering with the Sierra College Foundation to bring the forum back at a more business-friendly time. On **February 24 at 4:00 PM**, three expert speakers will return to share insights and discuss the evolving future of AI.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this timely and relevant discussion.



Looking Forward

Business Support:

Biz Fundamentals Series: March 9, 10, 11, 12- 2026

Events:

Tour of Nevada County: Thursday, April 30, 2026

Nevada County Economic Summit: Thursday, Sept 24, 2026

Thank you to our members...We could not do this without your generous *support.*

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