

**California Department of Conservation  
Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program**

**2000 FIELD REPORT**

**COUNTY:** Nevada

**FIELD MAPPER(S):** Jan Carey

**PHOTOGRAPHY:**

*source :* NASA-Ames Research  
*date:* 8 Sept 1999  
*scale:* 1 :130,000  
*film type:* CIR  
*coverage gaps:* Camptonville, Pike, and Alleghany quads (no photo coverage)

**WRITTEN OR ORAL INFORMATION SOURCES:** *Please list which local governments, interest groups, or individuals submitted comments on the 1998 maps. Also list all phone and in-person contacts made while conducting the 2000 update.*

➤ *local review comments*

*cities:* none  
*county:* none  
*others:* none

➤ *personal contacts:*

Nevada City Chamber of Commerce was quite helpful with directions and maps.

➤ *websites*

[www.nevadacitychamber.com](http://www.nevadacitychamber.com)  
[www.darkhorseproperties.com](http://www.darkhorseproperties.com)

**1998-2000 CHANGES\*:** *Please summarize the most common changes to the maps. List representative locations (quads) of each type of change encountered. Make sure to list and describe particularly large, unusual or notable changes and give estimates of the acreage involved.*

➤ P, S, U → D: No changes.

➤ L, G, X → D: 3 changes. Approximately 40 acres of L designated land was converted to the Quail Valley golf course in the Grass Valley quad. Approximately 15 acres of X land was converted to housing in the Grass Valley quad. Approximately 10 acres of Western Gateway Regional Park (developed) was formed on G designated land in Penn Valley on the Rough & Ready quad.

➤ P, S, U → L, G: No changes.

➤ P, S, U → X: No changes.

➤ L, G, X → P, S, U: No changes.

**UNUSUAL:** *Category changes, complications with the Farmland of Local Importance definition, or any other special circumstances in 2000.*

G → X: 1 change. Approximately 60 acres of Western Gateway Regional Park (native vegetation) was formed from G designated land in Penn Valley on the Rough & Ready quad.

G, X → L: 17 changes.

The “L” designation for Nevada County includes any Williamson Act Land. The most significant number of changes and total area converted in this county falls into this category. With an updated digital overlay of the Williamson Lands, additions along with area and line changes have brought the L polygons up to date. The total addition of L designated land is approximately 310 acres, shifted primarily from grazing land.

L →G: 2 changes.

“L” grazing areas on soil not considered of Prime or Statewide importance.

**PROBLEM AREAS:** *What locations and map categories need careful checking in 2002? Why?*  
Check the Darkhorse Golf Club by the Lake of the Pines for golf course and housing development.

**OUT OF DATE BASE MAPS:** *Please list any base maps used for update or publication of this county which are woefully out of date due to extensive new development, road construction, etc.*

There are quads for this county that need road development updates. For example, the Rough and Ready and the Grass Valley quads (1973) do not have the Hwy 20 update, making the placement of polygons more difficult.

**LABOR ESTIMATE:** *Please estimate the amount of time spent on the following tasks.*

photo interpretation, start date: 5/1/01

photo interpretation, number of days: 4 days

ground truthing dates: 5/7/01

# days for map compilation and clean up: 3 days

\* **Note:** P = Prime Farmland; S = Farmland of Statewide Importance; U = Unique Farmland; L = Farmland of Local Importance; G = Grazing Land; D = Urban and Built-up Land; X = Other Land; W = Water Areas; I = Irrigated Farmland; N = Nonirrigated Farmland

*Further information on the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program can be found at:*

[www.consrv.ca.gov/dlrp/fmmp](http://www.consrv.ca.gov/dlrp/fmmp)