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NEVADA COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER TO NO LONGER ACCEPT PASSPORT APPLICATIONS

Nevada County Clerk-Recorder Gregory J. Diaz announced today a regulation from the United States Department of State will halt the Nevada County Clerk-Recorder from being a passport acceptance facility. The Nevada County Clerk-Recorder will no longer accept passport applications on November 30, 2011.

Diaz said the regulation, as part of the Federal Passport Acceptance Program, prohibits facilities that issue birth records from being an approved passport acceptance facility- a location where residents apply for passports. After residents fill out their applications, the paperwork is sent on to the United States Passport Services, who ultimately issues the passports.

As required by California law, the Nevada County Clerk-Recorder issues birth certificates and, for the convenience of our citizens, we also serve as a passport acceptance office for the U.S. Department of State. The U.S. Department of State has indicated that dual function offices could be prone to the issuance of fraudulent passports. Therefore, the U.S. Department of State has notified our office stating no agency can process both birth certificates and passports. Furthermore, the passport acceptance function must be kept physically separate from the birth certificate function to the fullest extent possible.

Regrettably and as a practical matter, since we are required by state law to continue to process birth certificates, the Nevada County Clerk-Recorder will cease operating as a passport acceptance agency on November 30th, 2011. The closest passport acceptance agency is at the Auburn Post Office located at 371 Nevada Street, Auburn California. To locate another passport acceptance facility please visit <http://iafdb.travel.state.gov>. In the near future, the U.S. Department of State has indicated the Grass Valley Post Office will be taking on the role as a passport acceptance agency.