



COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SURVEY

Please help us better understand how the unique environmental health issues of the Gold Country impact you by completing this 30 question survey. Surveys are anonymous and results will be shared in aggregate form.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Please circle your answer. Leave question blank if you Decline to State.

1. How long have you lived in Nevada County?

- a. 0-5 years
- b. 5-10 years
- c. 10-20 years
- d. More than 20 years

2. Do you rent or own your residence?

- a. Rent
- b. Own
- c. Other

3. Which local community do you reside in?

- a. Smartsville
- b. Penn Valley
- c. Rough and Ready
- d. Grass Valley
- e. Nevada City
- f. Washington
- g. Camptonville
- h. North San Juan
- i. Dobbins
- j. None of the Above

4. Do you have children under the age of 18 years?

- a. Yes
- b. No

5. Education

- a. High School Diploma
- b. Some College
- c. Two-Year Degree
- d. 4-Year Degree
- e. Graduate School Degree

6. Income (household)

- a. Less than \$16,000
- b. \$16,001-\$38,000
- c. \$38,001-\$60,000
- d. \$60,001-\$83,000
- e. More than \$83,000

ISSUE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

7. Please rank the following environmental health issues based on your level of concern.

1 = most concerned about, 4 = least concerned about

_____ Mercury in Fish

_____ Dusty Recreation and Heavy Metals

_____ Water Quality and Access

_____ Wildfire and Air Quality

MERCURY IN FISH

Please circle your answer. Leave question blank if you Decline to State.

8. Do you fish at local water bodies?

- a. Never
- b. Once a Year
- c. Once a Month
- d. Once a Week or More

9. Do you eat the fish you catch at local waterbodies?

- a. Not Applicable
- b. Never
- c. Once a Year
- d. Once a Month
- e. Once a Week or More

10. Do your children (under 18 years) eat the fish you catch at local waterbodies?

- a. Not Applicable
- b. Never
- c. Once a Year
- d. Once a Month
- e. Once a Week or More

11. Which species of locally caught fish do you consume most often?

- a. Bass
- b. Rainbow Trout
- c. Brown Trout
- d. Sunfish
- e. Other
- f. Not Applicable

DUSTY RECREATION AND HEAVY METALS

Please circle your answer. Leave question blank if you Decline to State.

12. Are you aware that Nevada County's geology has naturally occurring heavy metals and minerals (lead, cadmium, arsenic, asbestos etc.)?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not Sure

13. Are you aware of any old mines in your neighborhood?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not Sure

14. Do you feel that you would be able to identify an abandoned mine based on land features (tunnels, shafts, piles of tailing etc.)?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not Sure

15. Do you work locally, in dusty conditions (landscaping, forestry, construction etc.)?

- a. Yes
- b. No

16. Do you use local trails for any of the following:

Circle all that apply.

- a. Not Applicable
- b. Running/Hiking
- c. Mountain Biking
- d. Horseback Riding
- e. Off-Highway Vehicles

WATER QUALITY AND ACCESS

17. Please rank the following water quality and water access issues based on your level of concern.

1 = most concerned about, 4 = least concerned about

_____ Less Water Available in the Future

_____ Contamination of Drinking Water

_____ Flooding During Major Storms

_____ Increased Cost of Water

18. Where do you get your water?

Circle up to two.

- a. City Water
- b. NID Treated Water
- c. NID Raw Water
- d. Small Water Provider
- e. Private Residential Well
- f. Purchased Water (Refill Stations, Bottled Water)
- g. Vendor Delivery
- h. Spring Water (Bitney Springs etc.)

19. Is the plumbing in your residence pre-1986?

Please circle your answer. Leave question blank if you Decline to State.

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not Sure

20. Have you had your water tested for lead?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not Sure

21. Does the amount of water in your well vary from year to year (static water level)?

- a. Not Applicable
- b. Yes
- c. No
- d. Not Sure

22. Have you had your well tested in the last five years?

- d. Not Applicable
- e. Yes
- f. No
- g. Not Sure

WILDFIRE AND AIR QUALITY

Please circle your answer. Leave question blank if you Decline to State.

23. Please rank the following wildfire and air quality issues based on your level of concern.

1 = most concerned about, 4 = least concerned about

_____ Health-Related Impacts (respiratory, heart, other)

_____ Loss of Property

_____ Ability to Evacuate Safely

_____ Lack of Adequate Homeowners or Renters Insurance

24. Do you or a family member you live with have a respiratory-related condition?

- a. Yes
- b. No

25. Do you check local air quality conditions during wildfire?

- a. Yes
- b. No

26. Do you have the ability to recirculate or filter indoor air when outdoor air quality is poor?

- a. Yes
- b. No

27. Do you have a job that requires you to work outdoors even if air quality is poor?

- a. Yes
- b. No

28. Do you have a woodstove in your home that you use more than once a week during cool weather?

- a. Yes
- b. No

29. Where do you get information about air quality and wildfire?

Circle all that apply.

- a. Local/Regional Television Station
- b. Local Newspaper
- c. YubaNet
- d. Social Media
- e. Air Resources Board
- f. Cal Fire
- g. Other: _____

30. Where do you get information about local environmental health issues?

Circle all that apply.

- a. Local/Regional Television Station
- b. Local Newspaper
- c. YubaNet
- d. Social Media
- e. Health Care Provider
- f. County Public Health Staff
- g. Other: _____

Please take a moment to note any additional comments and concerns you may have about environmental health in Nevada County and/or the Sierra Nevada region.
