

## BACKGROUND

The Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (NSAQMD or District) Annual Air Monitoring Report is produced by the staff of the NSAQMD. This report is intended for use by a wide variety of government agencies, businesses, citizen groups and others. It is hoped that the quantity and detail of information will be sufficient for most persons and applications. If further information is required, please contact Joe Fish at (530) 274-9360, ext 103. A slightly more detailed version of this report can be viewed on our Website at: <http://www.myairdistrict.com/>

The NSAQMD is comprised of three contiguous, mountainous, rural counties in northeastern California. Those counties are Nevada, Sierra and Plumas. The NSAQMD is located within an air shed referred to as the Mountain Counties Air Basin (MCAB). Data for this report is only from that region under the jurisdiction of the NSAQMD. A brief profile of each county is provided below:

**NEVADA COUNTY** - Population: 100,227<sup>\1</sup> Area: 978 sq. miles  
For further info see: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ote/forecast2005/Nevada%20Forecast.pdf> or <http://www.mynevadacounty.com/>

**SIERRA COUNTY** - Population: 3,514<sup>\1</sup> Area: 959 sq. miles  
For further info see: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ote/forecast2005/Sierra%20Forecast.pdf> or <http://www.sierracounty.ws/>

**PLUMAS COUNTY** - Population: 21,557<sup>\1</sup> Area: 2,618 sq. miles  
For further info see: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ote/forecast2005/Plumas%20Forecast.pdf> or <http://www.countyofplumas.com/>

\1 - Source: California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, Report E-2  
[www.dof.ca.gov/html/demograp/repndat.htm](http://www.dof.ca.gov/html/demograp/repndat.htm)