

Auburn



Auburn's Incorporation 1860 and 1888

Auburn was first incorporated in 1860 in order to take part in a bond effort to build the Sacramento, Placer and Nevada Railroad. The citizens voted to purchase \$50,000 in bonds. After incorporation, the town could have more say in the decisions made regarding their city, they had a board of trustees to govern the town, had a fire and police department, a public works department and generally become a legal entity.

The Sacramento, Placer and Nevada Railroad failed in 1862 and never made it to Auburn. By 1865 the Central Pacific Transcontinental Railroad came to Auburn. The bonds on the S. P. & N. Railroad came due in 1868. The City petitioned the state to repeal the incorporation of the city so they would be released from the debt they owed.

In 1888, the County Board of Supervisors approved the vote by the citizens of Auburn to incorporate the town once again.

Thompson and West, 1882 History of Placer County