

# Truckee project uncertain after cornerstone grocer leaves

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Nugget Markets officially pulled out of the Truckee Railyard development this month after determining the area would not be able to support it as well as two other new grocery developments approved in the last two months: a Raley's at Soaring Way, and a Grocery Outlet at Gateway.

The loss of its cornerstone grocer puts an important component of the Railyard project, which has already endured its shares of hurdles, up in the air.

"To take the one prospect of a really great grocery store out of downtown Truckee, I don't know how you can conclude it to be anything other than incredibly damaging," said Douglas Wiele, president of Foothill Partners, the developer working with Nugget on the project. "It's not clear to me whether there is a solution; we may just walk away from the whole thing ... the town has decided that sprawl is more important than the downtown."

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