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**SUBJECT:** City of Chico SWRP—Initial Project Feasibility Screening Criteria

Dear Ms. Spain:

This letter presents the Big Chico Creek (BCC) and Little Chico Creek (LCC) Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP) Initial Project Feasibility Screening Criteria.

### **INITIAL PROJECTS**

The initial projects are to be submitted for inclusion in the SWRP by the City, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members, stakeholders, and public. A summary of how initial projects were submitted is provided below:

- TAC Meeting 1 – Ideas for initial projects were requested at this meeting. The City provided a preliminary list of potential projects. Timmarie Hamill (stakeholder) verbally submitted projects.
- Public Meeting 1 – One initial project submission form was completed and submitted at this meeting. Other project ideas were discussed with a view to future submittals, but no documentation for these other projects has been received yet.
- By email to [swrp@chicoca.gov](mailto:swrp@chicoca.gov)
- By email to [dmoore@westyost.com](mailto:dmoore@westyost.com) – Projects were emailed to Doug Moore by Skyler Lipski.
- City of Chico SWRP Website – As of June 19, 2017, 64 projects have been submitted through the website). The projects identified at TAC Meeting 1 and Public Meeting 1 and the emailed projects were submitted via the website also (by West Yost staff), and are included in the list of 64 projects.

We anticipate additional projects will continue to be submitted as preparation of the SWRP progresses. All the initial projects will be documented and summarized in the SWRP. However, a maximum of 16 projects will be evaluated in detail, ranked, and prioritized in the SWRP.

## INITIAL PROJECT FEASIBILITY SCREENING

At TAC Meeting 2, we discussed the screening criteria, and the TAC approved the following criteria to screen the initial projects down to a set of 16 SWRP projects.

- **Benefits** – As required by the State SWRP Guidelines, each SWRP Project must have at least two main benefits and one additional benefit. See Table 4 of the Guidelines for the list of main and additional benefits. Projects that provide more than the minimum benefits will be prioritized above projects that meet only the minimum number of benefits. This criterion will be evaluated as either Yes or No.
- **Location** – The SWRP Projects must be located in the BCC/LCC watersheds and subwatersheds as defined in the Planning Area Description, Map, and Boundaries letter from West Yost Associates to Angela Spain, dated April 27, 2017. This criterion will be evaluated as either Yes or No.
- **Publicly Owned Land** – The SWRP Guidelines recommend that projects be sited on publicly owned lands (page 15). This criterion will be evaluated as High, Medium, or Low. High indicates the project is fully located on publicly owned land, while low indicates that the project is not on public owned land.
- **Project Sponsor** – The SWRP Project must have a sponsor that will be able to fund the initial capital costs and the annual operations and maintenance of the project. This criterion will be evaluated as either Yes or No, and the sponsor will be identified.
- **Estimated Affordability** – The SWRP Projects must be affordable to the sponsoring agency. This criterion will be evaluated as High, Medium, or Low. High indicates the project is affordable, while low indicates the project is not affordable.
- **Implementability** – SWRP Projects must be feasible. This criterion includes compliance with all applicable federal and state laws (including compliance with Trash Amendment), rules, guidelines, regulations, and requirements, the cost of potential environmental impacts, permitting, complexity, anticipated community support/opposition. This criterion will be evaluated as High, Medium, or Low. High indicates the project is relatively easy to implement, while low indicates that the project may be complex or hard to implement.

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Please contact me at (530) 792-3275 with any questions or comments.

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