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## **CITY AWARDED \$1.53 MILLION URBAN GREENING GRANT FOR COMANCHE CREEK GREENWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE 2**

The City of Chico is pleased to announce that we have successfully competed for and won a \$1,530,929.00 Urban Greening Grant from the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) to construct Phase 2 of the Comanche Creek Greenway Improvement Project. When complete, this project will provide both expanded recreational opportunities in south Chico, as well as a critical Class I paved bike and pedestrian gap closure between vital employment centers, neighborhoods, future growth areas (Barber Yard), and the regionally significant Class 1 Chico Durham Bike Path at Hegan Lane and Midway.

Funded by Cap-and-Trade revenues, the Urban Greening grant program funds projects that are designed to reduce greenhouse gases by sequestering carbon, decreasing energy consumption, and reducing vehicle miles traveled. The goal is to improve air and water quality and provide opportunities for walking, biking and recreation.

The Urban Greening Grant Program is very competitive. The CNRA received nearly \$340 million in grant requests from jurisdictions throughout the state, though it had only \$76 million to award. After a thorough review of the City's application materials and a successful site visit with CNRA representatives, the City of Chico was chosen as one of only two jurisdictions north of Sacramento County to receive grant funding from this program.

Receipt of this grant truly represents the culmination of years of work by the community, including the Friends of Comanche Creek, Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District, and many neighboring businesses, as well as the Chico City Council, Bidwell Park and Playground Commission, and City staff.

For more information about the Comanche Creek Greenway Improvement Project, please contact Tracy Bettencourt, Regulatory and Grants Manager, at [tracy.bettencourt@chicoca.gov](mailto:tracy.bettencourt@chicoca.gov) or Brendan Ottoboni, Director of Public Works – Engineering at [brendan.ottoboni@chicoca.gov](mailto:brendan.ottoboni@chicoca.gov). Additional information about the Urban Greening Grant Program can be found on the CNRA website at [www.resources.ca.gov/grants/urban-greening/](http://www.resources.ca.gov/grants/urban-greening/). Follow project updates on the City of Chico Public Works Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/cityofchicopublicworks/](http://www.facebook.com/cityofchicopublicworks/).

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