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*****MEDIA ALERT*****

CITY OF CHICO TO HOST VIRTUAL URBAN FOREST SUMMIT

(Chico, CA –January 6, 2023) The City of Chico, in collaboration with the Butte Environmental Council, and Dudek, a leading multidisciplinary, environmental, and engineering consulting firm, today announced that it will host the second Urban Forest Summit. The Summit will be held online Thursday, January 12, 6-7:30pm.

The City’s Urban Forest Master Plan will help guide decisions concerning the urban forest over the next 40 years. Summit organizers will lead community members through a series of guided discussions with a specific focus on the Strategic Plan element of the City’s UFMP.

“The Strategic Plan component of the UFMP is where “the rubber meets the road” and will list the specific goals and actions over the next forty years as the City anticipates and reacts to climate-related issues, including increasing heat and drought severity,” says Richie Bamlet, City of Chico Urban Forest Manager. “We look forward to meaningfully engaging with the Chico community on developing a thoughtful strategy to manage the City’s trees today and ensure their health and longevity for the benefit of future generations.”

The Urban Forest Summit is open to all and the city encourages participation by residents, business owners and anyone who wishes to be involved in planning for the City’s Urban Forest. Attendees can register at <http://Bit.ly/3WJFUL2> or by following the link at www.chicotrees.org

Funding for the California Climate Investments Grant Project has been provided by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund through the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) Urban and Community Forestry Program.

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About the City of Chico: Known as the “City of Trees,” Chico is a Northern California city in the Sacramento Valley where residents take pride in their urban forest. A city of 110,000, the City of Chico’s mission is to protect and enhance the community’s quality of life for present and future generations. Learn more at <https://www.chicotrees.org>, and follow the Public Works Department on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for more information about the Urban Forest Master Plan.

The City of Chico Urban Forest Revitalization Program is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment— particularly in disadvantaged communities. The Cap-and-Trade program also creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution. California Climate Investments projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero-emission vehicles, environmental restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling, and much more. At least 35 percent of these investments are located within and benefiting residents of disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income households across California. For more information, visit the California Climate Investments website at <http://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov>.

About Butte Environmental Council (BEC): BEC is a leading non-profit environmental organization based in Chico, California. Founded in 1975, BEC has continued to provide the community with environmental education, information, and advocacy through programs and events. BEC's achievements are made possible by the active support of more than 900 valued members, staff, and board.

About Dudek: Dudek is a multidisciplinary environmental and engineering consulting firm based in Encinitas, CA. Dudek is listed as one of the Top 120 U.S. Environmental Firms (Engineering News-Record, 2021). To learn more about Dudek visit www.Dudek.com and follow us on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#), and [Glassdoor](#).