

CHICO 2030 GENERAL PLAN

Annual Progress Report May 2015



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INTRODUCTION

OVERVIEW

Chico’s General Plan sets a new direction for the future of Chico. Adopted in April of 2011, the Plan was shaped by extensive public outreach, and expresses community priorities through a policy framework that guides public decision-making on the growth and preservation of Chico.

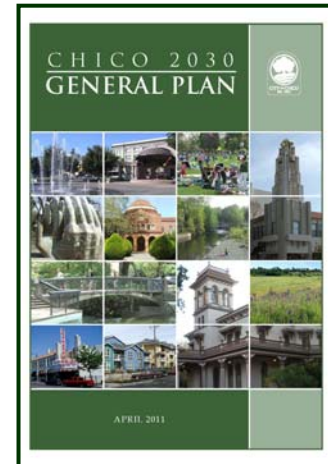


Table 1, below, lists the General Plan elements, including six mandated by the state and six optional elements, and the date of their adoption or last major revision. California’s Government Code requires that staff provide an annual report on the status of implementing the City’s General Plan. The annual report is submitted to the City Council and Planning Commission, as well as to the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research and the Department of Housing and Community Development. This is the third annual progress report on the Chico 2030 General Plan.

Table 1: General Plan Elements

| Element | Required/ Optional | Date of Adoption or Major Revision |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sustainability | Optional | 2011 |
| Land Use | Required | 2011 |
| Circulation | Required | 2011 |
| Community Design | Optional | 2011 |
| Downtown | Optional | 2011 |
| Economic Development | Optional | 2011 |
| Housing | Required | 2014 |
| Parks, Public Facilities, and Services | Optional | 2011 |
| Open Space and Environment | Required | 2011 |
| Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation | Optional | 2011 |
| Safety | Required | 2011 |
| Noise | Required | 2011 |

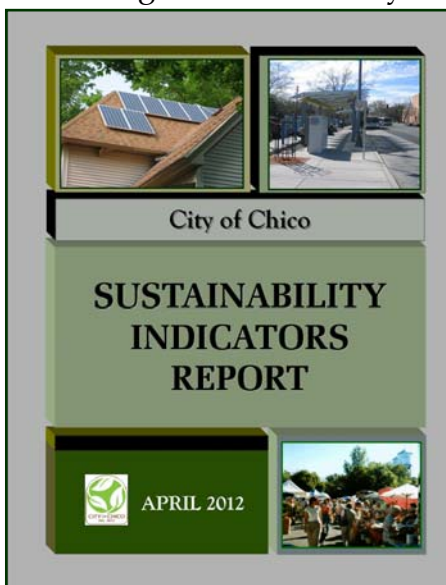
This report is intended to help the community and City officials assess how the General Plan is being implemented in accordance with its goals and policies, and to help establish and provide direction on future priorities.

REPORT COMPONENTS

This report consists of six major components:

- 1) *Population*. A summary of population trends.
- 2) *Development Activity*. An overview of the type of development that occurred in Chico the prior year, along with an assessment of how well the General Plan fostered desired development.
- 3) *Land Availability and Capacity*. A discussion of the City's remaining land availability and residential capacity.
- 4) *Long-Range Planning Activity*. A summary of long range planning efforts.
- 5) *Housing*. Highlights on housing trends and an overview of affordable housing production.
- 6) *General Plan Implementation Status*. **Appendix A** is a complete list of General Plan actions with comments regarding their implementation status.

In addition, the General Plan calls for development of indicators to gauge progress in advancing its sustainability-related policies and goals. The *Sustainability Indicators Report* is reviewed in conjunction with the General Plan Annual Report providing a comprehensive overview of the General Plan's performance.



FIVE-YEAR GENERAL PLAN REVIEW

Every five years, the City will thoroughly review the General Plan, and revise and update it as necessary. This process will examine the entire General Plan, and will be an opportunity to determine if the Plan's goals, policies, and actions are still relevant or if revisions should be considered. Information from the annual reports will be used to inform this more comprehensive review. The first five-year review will take place in 2016.

POPULATION

POPULATION HISTORY

Population data are the most direct indicators of growth trends in Chico. **Table 2** lists the City of Chico’s population by decade from 1950 to 2010 with the average annual growth rates for each decade. The information is also presented as a chart in **Figure 1**. Population growth resulted from new development in Chico, as well as from annexations of County areas that added residents to the City. During certain periods, annexations accounted for more than half of the City’s population growth. As an example, of the 17,602 population increase between 1999 and 2005, new residential development accounted for a 44% increase (7,774 residents) and annexation accounted for a 56% increase (9,828 residents). In addition to the City population, approximately 10,000 people living outside the City limits, but in the greater Chico urban area, regularly use City infrastructure, facilities, and services.

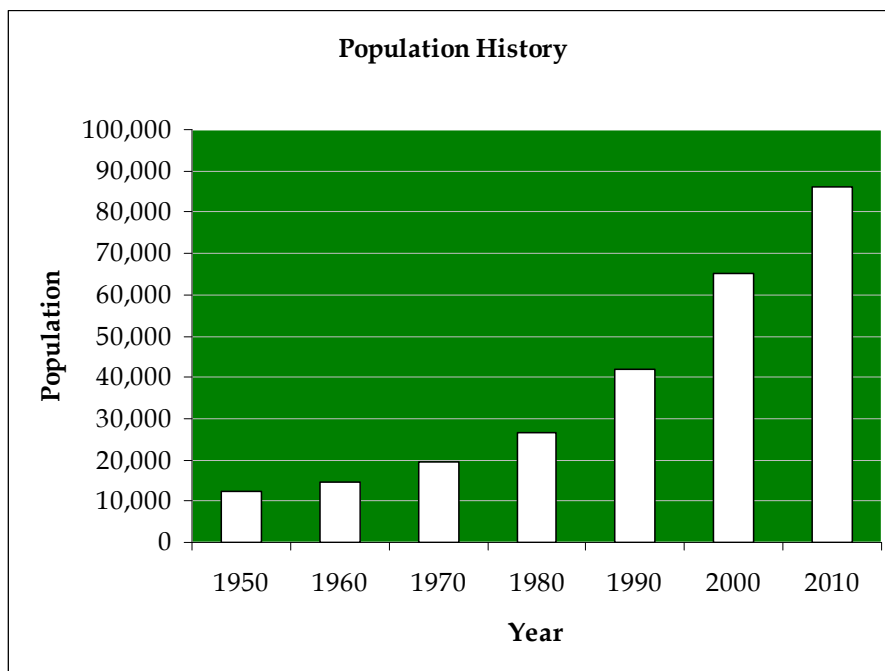
Table 2: City of Chico Population History

| Year | Population * | Average Annual Increase for each 10-Year period |
|------|--------------|---|
| 1950 | 12,272 | -NA- |
| 1960 | 14,757 | 2.0% |
| 1970 | 19,580 | 3.3% |
| 1980 | 26,601 | 3.6% |
| 1990 | 41,774 | 5.7% |
| 2000 | 65,175 | 5.6% |
| 2010 | 86,103 | 3.2% |

* Source: California Department of Finance.
Includes annexations.



Figure 1: Chico Population History by Decade



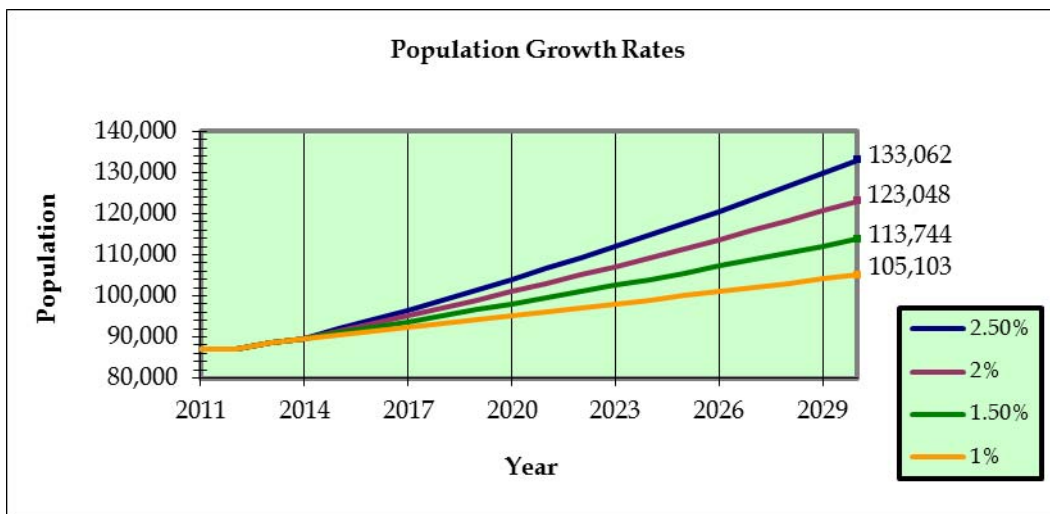
RECENT POPULATION TRENDS

According to California Department of Finance Unit Survey data, on January 1, 2015, the estimated population for Chico was **89,634**, representing an increase of 1.2% (1,020 people) from the prior year. The increased population is related to both new construction (234 units) and an annexation (104 units as part of the Stewart Avenue annexation). The approximately 0.7% growth rate from new development is less than last year's 1.0% growth rate, but generally consistent with the 0.5% to 1% City growth experienced the past four years.

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

The 2030 General Plan projects the need to accommodate a population of 139,713 by the year 2030. This projection assumed a continuation of the City's historic 2% growth rate. **Figure 2** compares the 2% growth rate used to inform the General Plan Update process to other possible growth rates moving forward from the 2015 city population of 89,634. Given that Chico is experiencing a lower growth rate, the city population in 2030 will be significantly less than that projected in the General Plan.

Figure 2: Population Projections at Various Growth Rates



DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS, REZONES & ANNEXATIONS

Below is a summary of General Plan amendments, rezones, and annexations that occurred in 2013.

General Plan Amendments

General Plan amendments may be proposed and acted upon at any time during the year and each action may include multiple amendments. Amendments can be City-sponsored or applicant-driven. Changes to the Plan require public hearings by the Planning Commission and City Council, and an evaluation of environmental impacts as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. During the annual review of the General Plan, General Plan amendments are analyzed to determine whether or not they signal a trend or an emerging issue that the City should address more comprehensively.

There were no General Plan amendments completed in 2014.

Rezones

Rezoning (or pre-zoning) a property can be City-sponsored or applicant-driven. Changes to a property's zoning requires public hearings by the Planning Commission and City Council, and an evaluation of environmental impacts as required by the California Environmental Quality Act.

There were no rezones completed in 2014.

Annexations

One annexation to the City occurred during 2014, and was a required Butte Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) condition for the connection of a new multi-family development in the County to the City's sanitary sewer system. The annexation of fifty-six parcels with a variety of single-family and multi-family residences, as well as five commercially zoned parcels, was initiated directly with LAFCO by the applicant. See details below in **Table 3**.

Table 3 2014 Annexations to the City of Chico

| LAFCo Number | Title | General Plan Designation | Acres | Units | Date of Resolution |
|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|
| 22-2013/14 | Stewart Avenue Annexation #3 | various | 25 | 104 | 12/06/2014 |

As funding is available, the City continues to improve infrastructure in previously annexed county islands to be consistent with current City standards. These efforts have been significantly hampered by the state's dissolution of the City's Redevelopment Agency.

SUMMARY OF PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

There continued to be a clear trend of increased development activity in 2014, reflecting a recovery from the nationwide economic recession, which was the worst environment for development since the Great Depression. Projects entitled or constructed in 2014 are summarized below. The increase in development has provided greater opportunities to apply the policy framework and strategies of the General Plan.

Residential Entitlements

Approved residential entitlements in 2014 are listed below in **Table 4** (subdivisions and parcel maps) and **Table 5** (multi-family housing) along with the number of new (or reconfigured) lots or units, the acreage, and the land use designation for each project. Because of the large inventory of entitled undeveloped lots, new subdivision activity was minimal. Entitlements were largely confined to multi-family projects, small parcel maps and subdivisions, and a redesign of a previously entitled project to “recalibrate” to changed conditions in



the housing market. Noteworthy among last year’s residential entitlements is the Village Green Planned Development/Subdivision. This 46-unit single-family product on a Medium Density Residential-designated parcel is a good example of the ongoing stream of smaller infill and redevelopment projects that are successfully being integrated into the community’s fabric. Small project sites can present unique challenges in meeting all of the City’s development standards, but utilizing the City’s Planned Development process provides a flexible mechanism to aid the City in meeting its goal of thoughtful infill development. Also worth highlighting are two larger multi-family approvals (totaling 297 units) that reflect a continuing demand for apartments throughout the community.

Table 4: Approved Subdivisions and Parcel Maps

| Name | Lots | Acres | General Plan Designation |
|--|-----------|-------------|----------------------------|
| PM 14-03 Lamb/Souza (Fair Street) | 4 | 0.56 | Low Density Residential |
| PM 14-01 Ernat (790 W. 11 th Ave.) | 4 | 0.92 | Low Density Residential |
| PM 13-04 ASR Enterprises (2208 Normal Ave.) | 3 | 0.5 | Low Density Residential |
| S 14-02 Estates @ Hooker Oak (1982 Hooker Oak) | 9 | 2.7 | Low Density Residential |
| S 13-02 Mariposa Glen (2443 Mariposa Ave.) | 6 | 0.76 | Low Density Residential |
| S/PDP 14-01 Village Green (Sierra Sunrise/Idyllwild) | 46 | 5.76 | Medium Density Residential |
| TOTAL | 72 | 11.2 | |

Table 5: Approved Multi-Family Projects

| Name | Units | Acres | General Plan Designation |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| AR 14-12/UP 14-12 Oakdale Apartments | 26 | 0.8 | Commercial Mixed Use |
| AR 14-08 Stewart Avenue Apartments | 6 | 0.29 | Medium-High Density Residential |
| AR 13-09 Nash Apartments | 4 | 0.5 | Commercial Mixed Use |
| AR 13-21 Manzanita Avenue Apartments | 12 | 0.66 | Office Mixed Use |
| AR 13-19 Carriage Park Apartments | 141 | 7.1 | Medium-High Density Residential |
| AR 13-18 Fiore Di Monte | 156 | 8 | Medium-High Density Residential |
| TOTAL | 345 | 17.35 | |

Residential Construction

In 2014, the demand for new housing showed continued signs of recovery. There were 202 building permits for single-family residences continuing the 2013 trend of 229 permits, both up from the 122 in 2012. Further, in 2014, multi-family unit permits kept a healthy pace with 24 permits for 183 multi-family units matching 2013’s 27 permits for 163 units. One hundred and forty-eight of the multi-family units were at the Eaton Village



Apartments on Penzance Avenue at Eaton Road. Five single-family residences were lost through demolition. The continued healthy trend in housing production is in response to a limited supply of residential units for sale and rent, continued job growth, and low interest rates.

Commercial/Industrial Entitlements

In 2014, entitlements were approved for approximately 35,000 square feet of new commercial and industrial space by the Planning Commission and Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board, as shown in **Table 6**. The most notable new office space is the 13,740 square foot administration headquarters for the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico located in the Meriam Park site. The two-story office building includes shapes, colors and materials that are emblematic of Native American architecture. Development activity at Meriam Park has prompted construction of a new 3-way signaled intersection along E. 20th Street that includes enhanced pedestrian and artistic features.

Table 6: Approved Commercial/Industrial Projects

| Name | Square Feet | General Plan Designation |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| AR 14-10 Mechoopda Tribal Admin. Bldg. | 13,740 sf Office Bldg. | Traditional Neighborhood Development |
| AR 14-09 Buffalo Wild Wings | 6,500 sf Restaurant | Regional Commercial |
| AR 14-07 Pour House | Outdoor Seating Area | Regional Commercial |
| AR 14-06/UP 14-14 Marie Callendar's Remodel | 7,600 sf new restaurant | Regional Commercial |
| AR 14-05 14-04 Crepeville Restaurant | 100 sf addition and Outdoor Seating Area | Commercial Mixed Use |
| AR 14-14/UP 14-18 Starbucks East Ave. | 5,200 sf | Regional Commercial |
| UP 14-05 Starbucks Notre Dame | 904 sf addition | Commercial Mixed Use |
| UP 12-08 Titus 4-Plex | 780 sf addition | Low Density Residential |
| TOTAL | 34,824 sf | |

Commercial/Industrial Construction

In 2014, building permits were issued for construction of 169,512 square feet of new commercial space with construction costs valued at over 13 million dollars. This activity is up considerably from 2013's 34,344 square feet of new commercial space with construction costs valued at over 4 million dollars. Notable projects include the 54,043 square foot office and mini-storage on Eaton Road, the 41,148 square foot BCAG B-Line Transit Operation Center on Huss Drive, the 22,616 square foot Printed Image on Park, and 10,000 square feet of professional office space on the Esplanade.



Mixed-Use Projects

There were no mixed-use projects in 2014. Developers regularly engage staff with mixed-use proposals, and then later share that they were unable to obtain financing due to a lender's concern with risks associated with a mixed-use product.

Other Projects

In addition to residential, commercial, and industrial project approvals, a number of existing wireless telecommunication facilities received approvals for 4G and LTE upgrades to enhance wireless service throughout the City.

SPECIAL PLANNING AREAS

The 2030 General Plan identifies five Special Planning Areas (SPAs) to accommodate new growth. The SPAs are to be developed as integrated, complete neighborhoods with a mix of housing types and businesses, along with parks and open space. These areas will be master planned and thoughtfully developed using the best planning practices available.

There are no active applications for a Special Planning Area.

OPPORTUNITY SITES

The General Plan identifies fifteen Opportunity Sites throughout the City as strategic infill and redevelopment areas. They include underutilized transportation corridors and regional retail centers, areas in the City's core, and other residential or light industrial areas that can accommodate growth. Increased density and intensity, as well as mixed-use development at these locations is desired, directed, and supported with incentives. The General Plan assumes that 13-15% of the land within the fifteen Opportunity Sites will redevelop over the life of the Plan. The Annual Report tracks major redevelopment projects within the Opportunity Sites, but does not provide a detailed accounting of redevelopment activity for its effect on the land supply.

Below are brief descriptions of infill and redevelopment projects recently approved or currently underway within the Opportunity Sites.

Development activity is beginning to show a steady increase, and several projects are located within the Opportunity Sites. The North Valley Plaza Opportunity Site represents an ongoing success story of infill and redevelopment at an underutilized regional retail center. In 2014 alone, plans for new development and redevelopment included a new Starbucks, reuse of the large commercial suite previously occupied by Michael's for a new 99¢ Store, a Buffalo Wild Wings, and an enhanced outdoor seating area for the Pour House. Prior to 2014, Sportman's Warehouse opened in the old Mervyn's and a new Taco Bell developed at the corner of East and Pillsbury. And in 2015, plans are underway for a Galaxies Restaurant.

LAND AVAILABILITY

DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL

For the 2030 General Plan update process, an assumption was made that the City's historic population growth rate of 2% would continue. With this assumption, it was estimated that the City would need to accommodate 40,262 new residents (in approximately 16,300 new dwelling units) and 20,852 new jobs by the year 2030. The Plan was prepared for a projected 2030 City population of 139,713.

The General Plan Land Use Diagram includes new growth areas, vacant infill areas, and redevelopment areas that were designed to accommodate Chico's future growth with a range of housing choices. The full development potential of the Land Use Diagram has been estimated to support over 150,000 people and accommodate over 25,000 new jobs at build-out, which is anticipated to occur well after 2030.

Table 7 lists the total acreage in each land use designation, and reports the number of vacant acres available for development in each designation. Acreage totals for the land use designations in Special Planning Areas (SPAs) are listed separately in **Table 8** below.

Table 7: Vacant Acreage by Land Use Designation (SPAs Not Included)

| Land Use Designation | Acreage* | | Vacant** | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | Total Acres | % of Total | Acres | % of Total Vacant |
| Very Low Density Residential | 1,546 | 7.4% | 466 | 19.9% |
| Low Density Residential | 5,035 | 24.2% | 579 | 24.7% |
| Medium Density Residential | 1,097 | 5.3% | 244 | 10.4% |
| Medium High Density Residential | 773 | 3.7% | 133 | 5.7% |
| High Density Residential | 11 | 0.1% | 4 | 0.2% |
| Residential Mixed Use | 76 | 0.4% | 14 | 0.6% |
| Neighborhood Commercial | 96 | 0.5% | 36 | 1.5% |
| Commercial Service | 204 | 1.0% | 23 | 1.0% |
| Commercial Mixed Use | 617 | 3.0% | 80 | 3.4% |
| Regional Commercial | 410 | 2.0% | 83 | 3.5% |
| Office Mixed Use | 390 | 1.9% | 49 | 2.1% |
| Industrial Office Mixed Use | 127 | 0.6% | 58 | 2.5% |
| Manufacturing & Warehousing | 1,304 | 6.3% | 387 | 16.5% |
| Public Facilities and Services | 2,052 | 9.8% | N/A | |
| Primary Open Space | 5,206 | 25.0% | N/A | |
| Secondary Open Space | 1,704 | 8.2% | N/A | |
| Special Mixed Use (Meriam Park) | 197 | 0.9% | 186 | 7.9% |
| TOTALS | 20,843 | 100% | 2,343 | 100% |

* Acreage does not include land with a Resource Constraint Overlay Designation.

** Vacancy is updated less frequently in the unincorporated portions of the SOI.

Table 8: Available Acreage in Special Planning Areas

| Land Use Designation | Acreage | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| | Approximate Acreage * | % of Total |
| Very Low Density Residential | 132 | 5.8% |
| Low Density Residential | 571 | 25.2% |
| Medium Density Residential | 264 | 11.6% |
| Medium High Density Residential | 81 | 3.6% |
| High Density Residential | 37 | 1.6% |
| Residential Mixed Use | 15 | 0.7% |
| Neighborhood Commercial | 19 | 0.8% |
| Commercial Service | 0 | 0.0% |
| Commercial Mixed Use | 32 | 1.4% |
| Regional Commercial | 42 | 1.9% |
| Office Mixed Use | 5 | 0.2% |
| Industrial Office Mixed Use | 120 | 5.3% |
| Manufacturing & Warehousing | 34 | 1.5% |
| Public Facilities and Services | 28 | 1.2% |
| Primary Open Space | 329 | 14.5% |
| Secondary Open Space | 556 | 24.6% |
| TOTALS | 2,265 | 100% |

* Acreage does not include rights-of-way.

Given the recent reduced development activity, the low population growth rate since Plan adoption, and the amount of available land, it is anticipated that ample and diverse housing and employment opportunities exist for the community throughout and beyond the life of the Plan.

Residential Capacity

One purpose of the Annual Report is to ensure that an adequate supply of land remains available to support the future housing needs of the community. Residential capacity is defined as the total population that can be absorbed through the build-out of vacant residentially-designated land, including approved undeveloped lots, within the City’s Sphere of Influence. The capacity of these undeveloped areas is summarized in **Table 9** (see **Appendix C** for methods). Reductions have been made to account for: 1) 15% land vacancy (i.e., land that may not develop due to insufficient infrastructure, unwilling seller, or other factors); and 2) a 3% unit vacancy rate (considered the minimum for the market to operate efficiently in terms of providing consumer choice and mobility for households).

Table 9: Capacity of Vacant Residential Land

| Land Use Designation | Vacant Acreage | Assumed DUs/Acre | Total Units | Assumed Persons/Unit | Population |
|---|----------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Very Low Density Residential | 236 | 1 | 236 | 3 | 708 |
| Low Density Residential | 227 | 4.5 | 1,022 | 2.4 | 2,452 |
| Medium Density Residential | 94 | 8 | 752 | 2.4 | 1,805 |
| Medium-High Density Residential | 109 | 17 | 1,853 | 2.4 | 4,447 |
| High Density Residential | 4 | 25 | 109 | 1.8 | 191 |
| Residential Mixed Use | 14 | 16 | 224 | 2.4 | 538 |
| Special Planning Areas (Units Assumed in General Plan) | 1,100 | Varies | 6,683 | 2.4 | 16,039 |
| SUBTOTALS | 1784 | N/A | 10,798 | Average 2.4 | 26,179 |
| After 15% Reduction for Land Vacancy | | | | | 22,252 |
| Total Capacity on Approved Lots | | | 5,276 | X 2.4 = | 12,662 |
| | | | | | Subtotal |
| | | | | | 34,915 |
| | | | | | Less 3% Unit Vacancy |
| | | | | | (1,047) |
| | | | | | Total* |
| | | | | | 33,867 |

* Total does not include units in the RCO areas, or that might be realized through redevelopment or from mixed-use designations.

The total residential capacity is estimated to be 33,867. Assuming the City’s historic annual growth rate of 2 percent from the January 1, 2015 population estimate, the residential capacity would be absorbed over approximately 16 years. It is important to note that the residential capacity estimate is conservative because it does not include an assumption for redevelopment, or new units in mixed-use designations, even though the General Plan policy framework is supportive and expectant of redevelopment and mixed-use, particularly within the Opportunity Sites. Also, no units were estimated for land with the Resource Constraint Overlay (to account for the presence of highly sensitive habitat and species). The Land Use Diagram, therefore, has the potential to support a greater number of dwelling units and population than this estimate.

At this same 2 percent growth rate, the residential capacity of approved undeveloped lots (i.e., 12,662 population) is approximately 7 years. A 1.5 percent growth rate would extend the capacity to 9 years, while a 1 percent growth rate would take nearly 13.5 years to build out. A majority of this capacity is in larger projects like Meriam Park, Mtn. Vista/Sycamore Glen, Oak Valley, and the western portion of the Northwest Chico Specific Plan. These “ready-to-

go” properties provide a variety of housing types to meet the community’s needs for the foreseeable future.

This exercise shows that the General Plan’s residential capacity will meet the community’s future housing demand. One key factor that may affect this conclusion in the future is that much of the capacity lies in the Special Planning Areas (SPAs), which require comprehensive planning that may delay their immediate availability for development. It will be important to track development trends in the SPAs to evaluate their impact on availability of residential land to meet housing needs.

Commercial/Office/Industrial Land

316 acres of land designated for various types of commercial uses remain vacant, while land designated for Office or Industrial-Office Mixed Use has 232 acres remaining vacant, and 421 acres of industrial land remain vacant. This capacity is adequate for the current and projected future need. This capacity does not include the significant amount of existing, built commercial, office, and industrial space that is available for lease or purchase throughout the community, or the predominantly undeveloped Meriam Park site with a Development Agreement that allows for up to 287,000 square feet of retail and 900,000 square feet of commercial space. As with residential capacity, RCO-overlain land and potential redevelopment sites are not included in the vacant land totals.

Public and Semi-Public Land

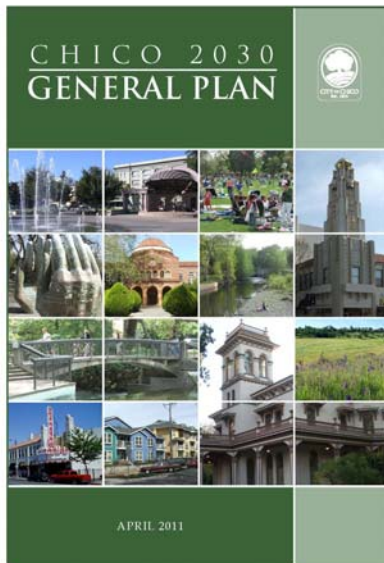
At this time, sufficient land remains available for public facilities and parks. The new North Butte County Courthouse has been completed at the Meriam Park site in southeast Chico, and CUSD has a number of projects underway throughout the community. No other significant new public structures or parks were constructed in 2014. Further, public facilities, parks, and open space will be integrated into new growth areas consistent with the policy direction for the Special Planning Areas found in the General Plan.



LONG RANGE PLANNING ACTIVITIES

PROJECTS

The ongoing implementation of the 2030 General Plan includes planning efforts that position Chico to accommodate future growth in a more sustainable manner and ready the community for investment and economic development opportunities. Below are summaries of some of the larger planning efforts that were recently completed, or that are ongoing.



User Fee Study Update

In May 2014, the City Council adopted new and revised user fees for Building, Planning, and Engineering fee-based services. Council adopted fees at 90% cost-recovery, and directed that the increase be phased in over a three-year period.

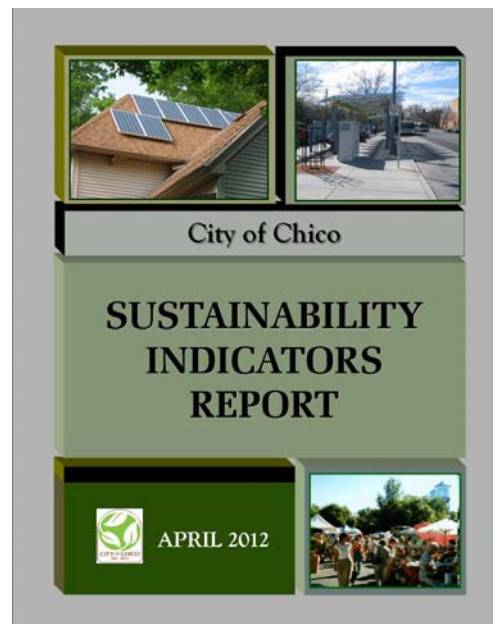
Housing Element Update (2014-2022)

According to state law, the City must update its Housing Element (one of the seven required elements of a General Plan) every five to eight years, with specific deadlines established by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. The Housing Element is the primary policy document to guide the development, rehabilitation, and preservation of housing for all economic segments of Chico's population. Informed by public workshops and other outreach,

the City Council adopted a new Housing Element in June 2014. The Element contains an assessment of housing needs, an inventory of resources and constraints relevant to meeting those needs, and an eight-year program of actions the City intends to implement to meet housing needs.

General Plan Annual Report/Sustainability Indicators Report

Consistent with the General Plan, templates for the General Plan Annual Report and an accompanying Sustainability Indicators Report have been developed. The Annual Report focuses on land use development and community growth, and provides an evaluation of the year's development trends, current land supply, and the ability of the Plan to meet future needs. Staff also developed indicators to gauge progress in advancing the Plan's sustainability-related policies and goals. The indicators serve as proxies, or representations, of the status of larger issue areas. The two reports move forward in tandem annually to both the Commission and Council, and are intended to help guide decision making and assist with developing annual departmental work programs.



Consideration of New Regulations for Businesses Selling Alcohol

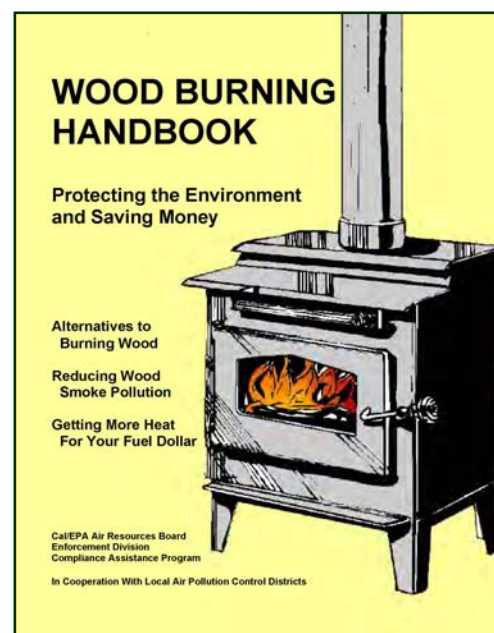
As directed by Council, staff has developed proposed amendments to the City's Land Use and Development Regulations (Municipal Code) regarding the regulation of businesses which sell alcohol, including changes to current conditional use permit requirements for new businesses selling alcohol, as well as the concept of a "deemed approved" ordinance to establish operating standards for existing businesses. The Planning Commission considered the proposed amendments and provided a recommendation to Council. Council will act on the amendments in 2015.

Best Practices Manual

Consistent with direction in the General Plan, work has begun on development of a Best Practices Manual, or a compilation of existing standards, regulations, guidelines, and policies applied by the City to development projects to avoid or minimize impacts on the environment. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines allow the use of uniformly applied local guidelines and standards as mitigation for the environmental effects of future projects when accompanied by specific findings. The City will have assurances of environmental protection without requiring applicants to comply with unnecessary, time-consuming and expensive environmental review requirements. This in turn will support the City's project streamlining and economic development goals.

Climate Action Plan

In November 2012, the City Council adopted a Climate Action Plan (CAP), which identifies actions to be taken by the City and the community to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 25% below 2005 levels by 2020. This City goal is consistent with State and Federal efforts to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases linked to climate change. In November 2013, Council appointed a seven member Sustainability Task Force (STF) to function as a "working committee" to lead the City's implementation of the CAP, and directed staff to work with the ad hoc committee as needed. The CAP is broken up into Phase I and Phase 2 actions. Phase I actions are to be implemented prior to 2015 and are projected to reduce GHG emissions to 10% below 2005 levels, with the remaining 15% of the 25% goal to be achieved in Phase 2 between the years 2016 and 2020. Many Phase I actions have already been implemented, are underway, or are ongoing. The STF has been meeting regularly over the past year at both the full committee and sub-committee level to review the status of implementation of the CAP and to prioritize actions for consideration by Council. Having a CAP in place



that meets State requirements streamlines the CEQA review process for private and capital projects, saving both time and money.

Historic Preservation Program

Following the Council's adoption of an historic preservation ordinance (HPO), staff submitted an application to the State Office of Historic Preservation for the City of Chico to be designated a Certified Local Government (CLG). On December 20, 2011, Chico was officially designated the 60th CLG in the State of California. Staff continues to implement the program, and regularly utilizes the HPO to preserve historic properties or their components. Through the HPO, two new properties have been added to the City's Historic Resources Inventory, and in 2014, the City Council granted approval to its ninth Mills Act contract (historic preservation agreement). In 2015, staff hopes to apply for a grant application to fund an update of the City's Historic Resources Inventory, develop a Cultural Resources Management Plan (an action directed by the General Plan), and/or preparation of a Historic Survey Report for restoration of Bidwell Bowl .

INTERAGENCY OR INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION EFFORTS

Staff spends significant time coordinating and collaborating with other municipalities, agencies, and special districts to foster quality regional planning and streamline the regulatory environment.

Butte County Air Quality Management District - CEQA Handbook Update

Staff has collaborated with the Butte County Air Quality Management District (Air District) for three years on a comprehensive update to the Air District's CEQA Air Quality Handbook. The new Handbook, which was adopted by the District's Governing Board in October 2014, is user-friendly and provides improved guidance for evaluating potential air quality and greenhouse gas impacts of a project when complying with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. The newly adopted Handbook includes information and approaches necessary to analyze air quality impacts, screening criteria to determine the extent of the analysis, approaches to modelling and determining the significance of impacts, and mitigation for impacts that are significant.

Butte Regional Conservation Plan

The Butte Regional Conservation Plan (BRCP) is being coordinated by BCAG on behalf of Butte County's local jurisdictions, water districts, as well as Caltrans. The BRCP is both a federal Habitat Conservation Plan and a state Natural Community Conservation Plan. It is a voluntary plan that promises streamlined endangered species act permitting for land development, transportation projects, and other covered activities over the 50 year term of the permits. It also proposes to provide comprehensive species, wetlands, and ecosystem conservation, and contribute to the recovery of endangered species. If adopted, the BRCP



will replace the existing environmental permitting. Staff remains highly involved in this multi-year planning process providing land use data, and commenting on draft documents and methodologies for addressing Butte County Meadowfoam. The formal public draft BRCP and its associated Draft Environmental Impact Report are scheduled for release for public comments in the summer of 2015.

Butte County Agricultural Mitigation Ordinance

Per the Butte County General Plan, County staff developed an Agricultural Mitigation Ordinance (AMO) to mitigate the conversion of agricultural land to non-agricultural uses in areas not designated for urban development. City staff has been involved in stakeholder meetings and providing comments on draft ordinances to ensure that the County's AMO does not compromise the City's ability to implement its General Plan or conflict with the City's long-standing strategy to preserve agricultural land through preservation of the Greenline. The County Board of Supervisors is due to adopt the AMO in late summer 2015.

Butte LAFCO Coordination Regarding Sewer Hook-ups and Annexation

For several years, the City and LAFCO had been unsuccessful in resolving a number of issues relating to the extension of City sewer to County properties, and to the development of a mutually agreeable program for annexing County "islands". These issues are particularly important as it relates to connecting parcels in the high Nitrate Areas of Concern to city sewer. To improve relations, a sub-committee made up of Council members and City staff met regularly with a subcommittee from LAFCO to identify mutual goals and seek resolution. An agreement has been approved by Council resolving the longstanding points of contention which includes the following key highlights: 1) the City agrees to initiate annexation of the Chapman and Mulberry islands (with the final annexation being recorded 5 years after LAFCo approval), and 2) the City will make application for after-the-fact approval of the unauthorized sewer connections.

HOUSING

A Housing Element Annual Report is provided to the State Housing and Community Development Department under separate cover in April of every year. A copy of that report is attached as **Appendix B**. Below are general summaries regarding housing market trends, affordability, housing market supply and demand, and affordable housing production.

HOUSING MARKET TRENDS

The for-sale housing market continued its recovery into 2014. The Chico median home price increased from \$265,000 for all of 2013, to \$275,950 in March 2015. The number of home sales declined by 4.6% between 2013 and 2014. However, the proportion of sales that were bank-owned properties or short sales continued to decline in 2014, from 17% of total sales in 2013, to 8.5% of total sales in 2014. The number of conventional sales actually increased between 2013 and 2014, from 876 to 920 (Multiple Listing Service). The percentage of sales that were bank-owned foreclosures has been declining since the peak in 2011. In March 2015, bank-owned foreclosures in Chico were 75% lower than March 2014 (Realty Trac, April 2015). Mortgage interest rates continued to remain low while unemployment continued to decline in the State of California. These trends point to continued steady growth in housing demand, sale prices and home values in 2015.

The strong rental market in Chico continued through 2014 into 2015. The greatest increase in median rent was seen for three-bedroom units during this period, increasing from \$1,154 in April 2014 to \$1,354 in March 2015 (Rentbits.com). Per a NVPA Survey, the rental vacancy rate for apartments in Chico was estimated at 1.2% for the 3rd quarter of 2014. By comparison, a typical balanced rental market has a vacancy rate of about 5%. The waiting list for Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers in Chico has decreased dramatically over the last two years, from 788 households in 2013 to 187 as of April 16, 2015. This is largely due to the restoration of federal funding to the program after cuts and sequesters over the previous years.

AFFORDABILITY

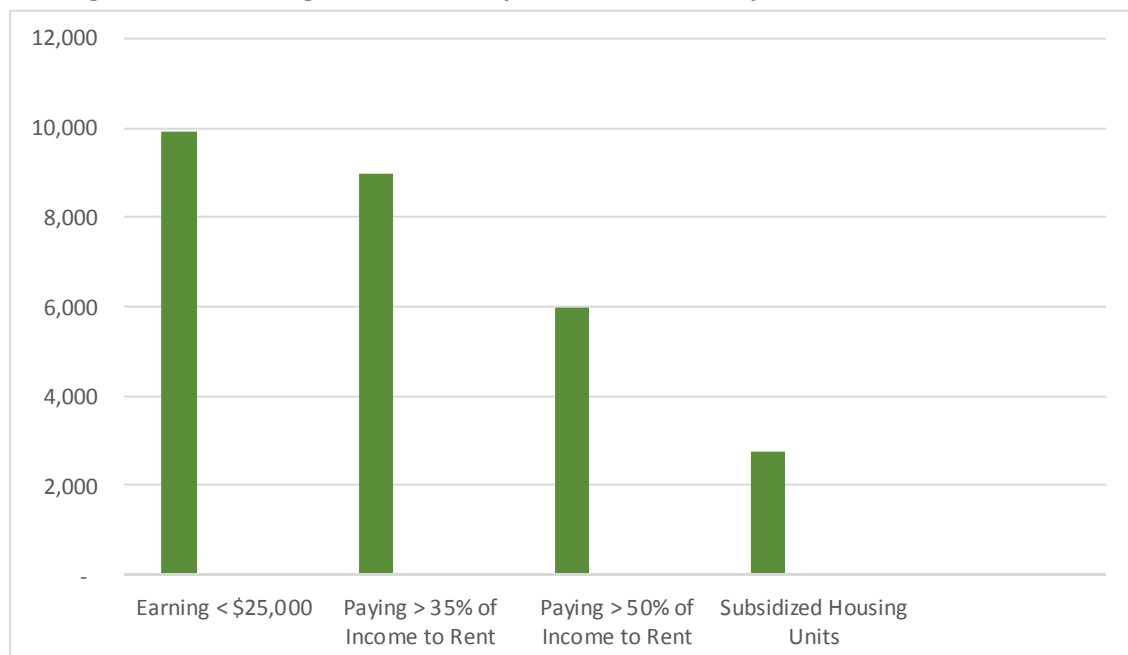
The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has estimated the 2015 fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment at \$870. A household earning \$34,800 annually can afford to pay this amount. **Table 10** below compares the rent level that is affordable to Very Low Income and Extremely Low Income Households. This assumes that households in all income categories pay 30% of their income toward rent.

Table 10: Affordable Rent Levels

| | Rent | Income |
|---|-------|----------|
| 2-Bedroom Fair Market Rent in Chico | \$870 | \$34,800 |
| Affordability for a 3-person Very Low Income Household | \$641 | \$25,650 |
| Affordability for a 3-person Extremely Low Income Household | \$385 | \$15,390 |

The estimated number of Chico households earning less than \$25,000 annually was estimated at 9,898 in 2013, about even with the number of households estimated in this category in 2012. Most households earning less than \$25,000 fall into the category of Very Low Income households. About half of Chico renter households pay over 35% of their income to rent, and almost one-third pay over 50% of their income to rent (2013 American Community Survey, U.S. Census). In the chart below (**Figure 3**), these household counts are compared to the number of publicly-subsidized housing units in Chico, including Section 8 voucher holders.

Figure 3: Housing Affordability and Availability



AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRODUCTION

Since the 2009-2014 Housing Element was adopted in August 2009, 338 units affordable to low-income households have been built in Chico. Unit production through the 2009-2014 Housing Element period is summarized below in **Table 11**

Table 11: Recently Built and Planned Affordable Housing

| | Units |
|--|------------|
| Low-Income Affordable Units Produced 2009-2013 | 338 |
| Units Completed in 2014 | 2 |
| Estimated Units to be Completed in 2015 | 2 |
| Estimated Units to be Completed in 2016 | 16 |
| Total | 358 |

State law requires that each municipality set goals and land use policies to produce housing affordable to a range of income levels. Housing production goals for Chico are calculated by the Butte County Association of Governments. This is called the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), which is set for a seven-year period. The current RHNA period is 2007-2014, the end of which coincides with the Housing Element update period. Chico's RHNA for low-income affordable housing during this period is 2,567 units.¹ From 2007-2014, 570 low-income affordable housing units were produced (22% of the RHNA goal). While the RHNA is one indication of housing need, inadequate resources dedicated to affordable housing have hampered the ability of California communities to meet these goals.

¹ There is often some confusion about whether or not a community is required to develop the number of affordable units specified in the regional housing needs allocations during the Housing Element horizon. The Housing Element does not actually require local agencies to build the number of affordable housing units identified. Instead, state law requires that local government provide adequate sites and make a good faith effort to address local housing needs. Cities must demonstrate adequate density as a proxy for affordability. Vacant acreage appropriately zoned at certain densities presumes that these sites will facilitate low and moderate income affordable housing to be built.

APPENDIX A: GENERAL PLAN ACTION STATUS

Every General Plan action listed in this appendix has an associated timeframe for implementation, a department responsible for implementation, and a current status. The actions in the General Plan will either be implemented in one of four phases, or will be ongoing throughout the life of the Plan. In response to the adoption of the General Plan, City departments have been, and continue to, update master plans, and implement codes, ordinances, and other policy documents to be consistent with the General Plan.

The General Plan actions have been broken up into two separate tables to reflect their implementation timing:

1. The first table lists actions assigned to a certain phase (I thru IV) and then by the order they appear in the General Plan. Phase I and II actions represent programs or efforts that are the City's immediate priorities in implementing the Plan, selected for early implementation because they will most effectively transform City operations, accommodate growth, and ensure an urban character consistent with the Plan's vision, goals, and policies. The original phase time frames were: Phase I by 2013; Phase II by 2016; Phase III by 2021; and Phase IV by 2030.
2. The second table lists the remaining actions for which implementation will be "ongoing" throughout the life of the Plan. This generally means that they are or will be incorporated through the City's routine operations and require no discrete implementation effort. These actions are listed in the order they appear in the General Plan.

Although there has been progress in implementing the General Plan, many departments reported that the economic downturn and budget conditions have limited their financial and staff resources, and as a result, the timeframe for implementation of some actions will be extended. Impacts from the current economy include:

- Significant staff reductions
- Loss of Redevelopment Agency funding
- Reduced General Fund revenue
- Slowed development
- Decreased revenue for the City's enterprise funds

PHASED GENERAL PLAN ACTIONS

| Timeframe | General Plan Action Title | Action Text | Responsible Party | Status |
|----------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|--|
| Phase I | SUS-1.2.1 (Sustainability Indicators) | Develop broad and measurable sustainability indicators for the economy, environment, and social equity to be assessed in General Plan Annual Reports and Five Year Reviews as a measure of the City's progress toward sustainability. Revise the indicators as necessary to best evaluate the City's progress. | CDD | A template for the Sustainability Indicator Report was developed in 2012 and will be brought forward to the Planning Commission and City Council annually with the General Plan Annual Report. |
| Phase I | SUS-1.3.3 (Sustainability Coordinator) | Assign the title and tasks of Sustainability Coordinator to a City staff member. | CM | No staff member has been assigned the title of Sustainability Coordinator. This could change depending on the City's final reorganization and staffing and funding resources. |
| Phase I | SUS-1.5.1 (Sustainability Webpage) | Create a webpage that describes the City's sustainability efforts, identifies partnerships, and provides educational resources and opportunities for community members. | DPW | A webpage with this information was launched in 2014. |
| Phase I | SUS-1.5.3 (Green Business Program) | Work with local partners to develop a Chico Green Business certification program to recognize local businesses that implement measures to conserve energy and water, minimize waste, and prevent pollution. | DPW | This program has morphed into a business assistance program and staff collaborated with the Chamber of Commerce on the effort. |
| Phase I | SUS-3.1.1 (Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Program) | Develop and implement an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Program that directs the purchase of products and services for municipal operations that are environmentally preferable (e.g., renewable, recyclable, non-toxic) and sold locally to the maximum extent economically and legally feasible. | DPW | One of the actions in the Climate Action Plan is to develop standardized language for insertion into annual purchasing contracts to encourage use of environmentally preferable products and services. |
| Phase I, then ongoing | SUS-3.3.3 (Sustainable Departments) | Monitor each City department's progress toward reducing the environmental impact of City operations. | CDD | This is informally done through the annual review of General Plan Actions. A more formal process is being considered. Fleet continues to research and monitor alternative fuel market including bio-diesel, natural gas, and hydrogen. Fleet diesel powered trucks are retrofitted with particulate filters, or equipped with cleaner burning engines 2007 or newer. |
| Phase I | SUS-5.2.4 (Remove Barriers to Renewable Energy) | Revise the Municipal Code to allow deviations from normal development standards such as height limits, setbacks, or screening when doing so is necessary to allow the efficient use of renewable energy devices. | CDD | The first phase of updates to Title 19 covered edits to implement this action, including modifying section 19.060.090.E.2 to allow these devices with the setback areas and allowing them beyond height limits with an approved use permit. |
| Phase I (year one), then ongoing | SUS-6.2.1 (Emission Reduction Actions) | Use the Climate Action Plan to guide the City's actions to meet the City's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal. | CDD, Citywide | The Council-approved Climate Action Plan is utilized to guide actions to be taken to achieve a 10% GHG reduction goal by 2015 and an additional 15% by 2020. Throughout 2014, a Council-appointed Sustainability Task Force met and collaborated with community partners to implement the CAP. |

| Timeframe | General Plan Action Title | Action Text | Responsible Party | Status |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------|---|
| Phase I, then ongoing | SUS-7.1.1 (Farmers Markets) | Allow farmers markets to operate on City-owned properties, where consistent with other municipal uses. | CDD, CM, DPW | As part of the comprehensive Title 19 update, in Chapter 19.50 "Temporary events" was added to land use Table 4-12 as a Temporary Use (TU) within the PQ zone. The changes related to Action SUS-7.1.2 also implement this action. |
| Phase I | SUS-7.1.2 (Local Food Sales) | Amend the Municipal Code to allow farmers markets and other local food distribution centers as a permitted use in appropriate zoning districts, and establish standards for their use. | CDD | This is actually two separate actions. First, a new subsection has been added to Section 19.22.020 of the Zoning Code regarding Farmers Markets. It allows temporary farmers markets on any non-residential property, subject to the conditions listed in the section. In addition, Section 19.22.030 was modified to consider use permits for farmers markets that don't meet the standards listed in 19.22.020. Second, local food distribution centers were intended to refer to small produce stands, typically selling locally-grown produce. These are currently permitted for up to three months a year by Section 19.22.020.K. |
| Phase I | SUS-7.1.3 (Small Animals) | Amend the Municipal Code to reduce barriers to small animal keeping in residential districts, with consideration for neighborhood compatibility. | CDD | The first phase of updates to Title 19 included edits to land use Table 4-2 in Section 19.42 allowing small animal keeping as of right in residential zoning districts RS, R1, and R2. The second phase of Title 19 updates includes changes to Section 19.76.040 to make language consistent, clarify standards, and list which animals are considered small or large. The section name changed from Animals and Fowl to Animal Keeping to match the listed use in the Land Use Tables, requiring a minor edit to Section 19.80.030. Also, bee keeping standards in this section were simplified to remove the use permit requirement and to increase the allowed density of bee keeping to help with requests for greater pollination of backyard gardens without creating an over concentration within the City. |
| Phase I | SUS-7.2.1 (Community Gardens) | Amend the Municipal Code to allow community gardens as a permitted use in appropriate zoning districts, including multi-family residential, and establish standards for their use. | CDD | The first phase of updates to Title 19 included edits to the land use Table 4-2, to allow community gardens as of right in all residential zoning districts. As a part of phase two updates to Title 19, development standards for community gardens have been added as a new Section 19.76.190. |
| Phase I | SUS-7.2.3 (Gardening as Recreation) | Request that the Chico Area Recreation and Parks District and other local gardening or agricultural organizations promote community gardens by offering classes such as gardening and composting and by allowing community gardens at their facilities. | CDD | No request has been made by the City, although the City is collaborating with a number of groups, including GRUB and BEC, to promote community gardens on city-owned and affordable housing sites. |
| Phase I | LU-2.3.2 (Allowed Uses) | Amend the Municipal Code to reflect and implement the General Plan's land use designations. | CDD, CA | The Zoning Ordinance (Title 19) was amended in 2011 creating zoning districts and amending the Zoning Map to implement the new General Plan land use designations. |

| Timeframe | General Plan Action Title | Action Text | Responsible Party | Status |
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| Phase I | LU-2.4.1 (Update Zoning Ordinance) | Establish zoning districts, use regulations, development standards, and performance requirements in the Municipal Code consistent with the General Plan. | CDD, CA | The Zoning Ordinance (Title 19) was amended in 2011, making the zoning districts consistent with the General Plan. Phase II of the Title 19 update further implemented changes to development standards and performance requirements as called for by the General Plan. |
| Phase I | LU-2.4.2 (Update Zoning Map) | Amend the Zoning Map to be consistent with the General Plan Land Use Diagram. | CDD | This was completed during the first phase of updates to Title 19. A few additional properties were rezoned in a subsequent clean up GPA/RZ effort that was approved by City Council in October 2012. |
| Phase I | LU-3.4.1 (Rehabilitation) | Provide flexibility in development standards for building retrofits when doing so will advance Policy LU-4.2 | CDD | Policy LU-4.2 calls for support for infill, redevelopment, and rehabilitation projects that are compatible with surrounding properties. This action will be utilized as part of project review in support of quality infill projects, and can also be implemented through the City's -PD (Planned Development) process allowed by the Municipal Code. In addition, Phase two of the Title 19 updates included additional parking reduction opportunities for retrofit projects (19.70). Single tenant sites will now have the opportunity to apply for a reduction in the amount of required off street parking. |
| Phase I | LU-4.1.2 (Tiered Fee Structure) | Adopt a tiered development fee program that varies fees by development type and location in recognition of the different impacts that various types of development have on City services and infrastructure costs | DPW | A new fee program/nexus study is currently being developed and is due to be considered by Council in 2015. |
| Phase I | LU-5.1.3 (Flexible Parking) | Amend the Municipal Code to allow flexibility for parking reductions and parking in shared lots. | CDD, CA | A complete update to the City's parking standards, including flexibility for parking reductions and parking in shared lots was addressed in Phase II of the Title 19 update. |
| Phase I | LU-7.1.1 (Airport Compatibility) | Amend the City's Municipal Code and Zoning Map to implement airport overflight zoning district overlays, consistent with the boundaries and general policy direction contained within the Butte County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, which address the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airport noise-related compatibility issues and noise-resistant construction techniques. • Height limitations for both structures and landscaping. • Lighting, electrical interference, glare, or other issues which may endanger the landing, takeoff, or maneuvering of aircraft. • Prohibition of incompatible land uses and limitations on the density and/or intensity of land uses. • Infill compatibility criteria consistent with the 2005 agreement between the City and the Butte County Airport Land Use Commission. | CDD | Completed in Phase I of the Title 19 update. |

| Timeframe | General Plan Action Title | Action Text | Responsible Party | Status |
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| Phase I | CIRC-3.6.1 (Bicycle Parking and Facilities) | Update the Municipal Code requirements for bicycle parking, and include where appropriate, requirements for bicycle-support facilities, such as personal lockers and showers. | CDD, CA | As part of Phase II of the Title 19 update the parking requirements have been amended to require that when 10 or more bike parking stalls are required that half of them need to be covered. In addition, the new parking standards allow for vehicle parking reductions without the need for a Use Permit if bicycle support facilities like lockers and showers are provided as part of a project. |
| Phase I | CIRC-8.1.1 (Parking Standards) | Amend the Municipal Code to establish parking standards that support trip reduction goals by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowing parking reductions for projects that implement trip reduction methods (such as vehicle loan program and transit passes), for mixed-use developments, and for shared parking; and • Requiring new office projects with more than 25 employees to provide preferential on-site parking for carpools. | CDD, DPW, CA | As part of Phase II of the Title 19 update the parking requirements have been amended to permit a reduction in the number of off-street parking spaces where the project includes vehicle trip reduction measures or is located within an area of mixed use development. Flexibility was added to code provisions for counting off-site parking toward a project where excessive parking exists within 500 feet of the project site. |
| Phase I | CIRC-8.1.2 (Parking Requirements) | Amend the Municipal Code to include minimum and maximum parking requirements that reduce surface parking area and ensure areas are not over-parked based on development intensity, proximity to transit stations, and availability of nearby on-street parking and parking facilities. | CDD, DPW, CA | As part of Phase II of the Title 19 update, minimum parking requirements were reduced by approximately 20% for nearly all listed land uses. In addition to the criteria listed above, parking reductions may also be approved based on availability of public transit or being located within a Corridor Opportunity Site. |
| Phase I | CD-3.3.1 (Public Spaces) | Amend the Municipal Code to establish a required minimum outdoor area dedicated to public (employee and customer) gathering as part of new non-residential development. | CDD, CA | This issue is addressed by the combination of requiring landscaped open space areas by Title 19 and Design Guidelines that encourage the integration of pedestrian gathering areas and employee break areas. |
| Phase I | DT-2.3.1 (Allowed Uses) | Amend the Municipal Code to allow frequently visited, resident-serving uses by right in Downtown. | CDD, CA | Residential serving uses were added to the land use tables for the DN and DS zoning districts during the first phase of updates to Title 19. |
| Phase I | DT-3.2.1 (Ground-floor Uses) | Amend the Municipal Code to establish a retail zoning district in North Downtown that requires development to incorporate retail or other uses that contribute to increased pedestrian activity on the ground-floor and requires use permit approval for other ground-floor uses. | CDD, CA | Phase I of the Title 19 update established the North Downtown zoning district and its associated land use tables. |
| Phase I | DT-4.3.1 (South Downtown Zoning) | Amend the Municipal Code to allow uses that attract pedestrian activity and limit uses that could detract from the pedestrian-oriented character of South Downtown. | CDD, CA | Phase I of the Title 19 update revised the land use tables for the South Downtown zoning district. |
| Phase I | DT-7.2.1 (Downtown Parking Requirements) | Amend the Municipal Code to eliminate minimum parking requirements in North Downtown, and reduce or eliminate minimum parking requirements in South Downtown. | CDD, CA | Parking Chapter 19.70 eliminates the off-street parking requirement for all uses in all zoning districts in North Downtown, as well as for South Downtown, with the exception that all new residential units must provide 1 space per unit or as approved by entitlement. |
| Phase I, then ongoing | DT-8.1.2 (Historic Building Preservation) | Preserve and protect buildings of special historic or architectural interest within a Downtown Historic Overlay Zoning District. | CDD, DPW | The City's adopted Landmark Overlay Zoning District performs this function. |

| Timeframe | General Plan Action Title | Action Text | Responsible Party | Status |
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| Phase I | ED-1.3.2 (Development Standard Enhancements) | Amend the Municipal Code to simplify and streamline the permitting process, including allowing more uses outright subject to development standards. | CDD, CA | Through all phases of the Title 19 update, changes have been made to the land use tables and to development standards to allow additional land uses by right, subject to standards, that previously required use permits, including but not limited to: outdoor retail sales, small animal and bee keeping, small furniture stores in Downtown, mobile food vending, and more. To streamline the permitting of mobile food vending in particular, Section 19.22.030.C was removed, so they no longer require a use permit. Instead, a new Chapter 19.23 has been added to explain the application process for a Mobile Food Vendor permit. |
| Phase I | PPFS-1.1.1 (CARD Leadership) | Convey properties and funding mechanisms to the Chico Area Recreation and Parks District (CARD) for operation, maintenance and programming of parks identified in the City of Chico/CARD Memorandum of Intergovernmental Cooperation, Coordination, and Understanding. | DPW, CM, CA | The City has conveyed all parks identified in the Chico/CARD MOI along with funding for operation and maintenance. |
| Phase I | PPFS-1.1.2 (Park Development Fees) | Adopt park development fees that support the goals of the CARD Parks and Recreation Master Plan to fund the acquisition and development of neighborhood and community parks, and community use facilities, such as an aquatic park, needed as a result of new development. | DPW, CM, CA | New master plans for CARD and the City will inform decisions on Park Fees. Consideration of new CARD park fees will move forward simultaneously with the City's update of development impact fees in 2015. |
| Phase I | PPFS-1.1.6 (Multiple Use of School Facilities) | Encourage the Chico Unified School District, CSU Chico, Butte College, and the Chico Area Recreation and Parks District to coordinate the joint use of school facilities for community recreation and other public purposes. | DPW, CDD | These discussions are ongoing and joint use of facilities is already occurring. The City has not taken any formal action. |
| Phase I | PPFS-6.1.2 (Development Fees) | Update the development fee program as needed to ensure that storm water drainage development fees are equitable and adequate to pay for the storm water drainage infrastructure needed for future development. | DPW, CDD | Storm drainage fees are updated regularly to account for inflation, but a more comprehensive development fee is underway for Council's consideration in 2015. |
| Phase I | OS-4.1.1 (Air Quality Impact Fee) | In cooperation with the Butte County Air Quality Management District, ensure the District or the City develops an air quality impact fee for projects in the City of Chico as one method to further mitigate air quality impacts. | CDD | Staff coordinated over several years with BCAQMD staff to update the CEQA Air Quality Handbook to ensure there is a mechanism to mitigate all air quality impacts during the project review process. |
| Phase I | OS-4.1.3 (Wood Burning) | Implement measures to reduce air pollution from wood burning. | DPW, CDD | Mandatory wood burning restrictions have been adopted by the City for non-compliant air quality days. |
| Phase II | SUS-1.3.2 (Sustainability Materials) | Develop sustainability training materials to educate City staff and the community on the City's sustainability goals and efforts. | DPW, CDD | Early concepts for materials are being developed, and the City promotes its sustainability activities through press releases and the City's new Sustainability website. |
| Phase II, then ongoing | SUS-2.2.1 (Agency Website Links) | Maintain links from the City website to other agencies that make decisions about local matters. | DPW | A Sustainability webpage with these links was launched in 2014. |

| Timeframe | General Plan Action Title | Action Text | Responsible Party | Status |
|---------------------------------|---|---|-------------------|--|
| Phase II, then ongoing | SUS-4.3.1 (Green Development Checklist) | Include a Green Development Checklist and supporting materials with City planning and building applications and permits highlighting ways to incorporate green development principles into project design. | CDD | This is happening by default as a requirement of the CA Green Code. Local building officials work together on Green (and other) forms that are shared throughout our region. |
| Phase II | SUS-4.3.3 (Reduce Heat Gain) | Establish standards for new non-residential structures, such as reflective roofing or light colored pavement to reduce the heat gain associated with traditional urban development. | CDD | This action will be pursued prior to 2016. It is possible that this action would be better addressed as part of the update to the City's Design Guidelines. |
| Phase II | SUS-5.1.2 (PG&E and Education) | Consult with PG&E to promote public education about energy efficiency and conservation methods, and encourage them to provide more energy from renewable sources. | DPW | The City's STF is coordinating with PG&E, which has a low income residential weatherization program that retrofits hundreds of Chico homes annually. In the last 5 years, PG&E has helped over 370 small and medium businesses in the area implement energy efficiency initiatives at a cost of over \$1M and an annual savings of 5,165,033 kWh. PG&E's programs and rebates are highlighted on the City's Sustainability website, and were the topic of one of the City-sponsored Sustainable Business Series workshops. |
| Phase II | SUS-5.2.3 (Passive Solar) | Incorporate passive solar design principles (e.g., building materials, high-albedo roofs, eaves, window placement, landscaping, and building orientation) into the Design Guidelines Manual. | CDD | This will be done as part of the Design Guidelines update. |
| Phase II | LU-1.1.1 (Sphere of Influence) | Update the City's Sphere of Influence as depicted in the General Plan Land Use Diagram. | CDD | The City intends to initiate a SOI and MSR update in 2015 with LAFCo |
| Phase II | LU-1.1.4 (Electronic Permitting) | Fully implement an electronic permitting program for processing and record keeping of building, planning, and engineering projects. | CDD, DPW | Significant progress has been made on the implementation and functionality enhancements to the Permits Plus program for building, planning, and engineering projects. In addition, the Building Division implemented an on-line permitting system in 2014 for certain permit types. |
| Phase II | LU-2.3.6 (Increase Discretion of Large Format Retail) | Consider mechanisms to increase City discretion regarding new or expanded large-format retail uses. | CDD, CA | To be addressed in future clean-ups to Title 19. |
| Phase II | LU-2.4.3 (Best Practices Manual) | Update the City's Best Practices Manual. | CDD | A draft Manual has been prepared. |
| GP Policy that became an Action | Policy LU-2.6 (Agricultural Buffers) | Require buffering for new urban uses along the City's Sphere of Influence boundary adjacent to commercial crop production. Landscaping, trails, gardens, solar arrays, and open space uses are permitted within the buffer. Design criteria for buffers are as follows: A minimum 100-foot-wide physical separation, which may include roadways, pedestrian/bicycle routes, and creeks, between the agricultural use and any habitable structure. Incorporate vegetation, as may be needed, to provide a visual, noise, and air quality buffer. | CDD | The second phase of Title 19 Updates included modifications to Chapter 19.64 (Agricultural Preservation Standards) that require the buffer called for in this policy and that establish standards for the associated design criteria. |

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| Phase II | LU-4.2.1 (Residential Infill Guidelines) | Amend the Design Guidelines Manual to include residential infill guidelines that address compatibility between new and existing development such as visual intrusion and massing within a transition zone. | CDD | This will be done as part of the Design Guidelines update. |
| Phase II | CIRC-2.3.1 (Flexibility in Street Design) | Update the Municipal Code to allow innovative and unique modifications to roadway standards under the following circumstances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extraordinary construction requirements due to terrain, roadside development, or unusual right-of-way needs. • Significant environmental constraints. • As specified by Community Design policies regarding Chico's scenic roadways and foothill locations. | DWP, CDD, CA | Municipal Code already allows for deviations from standards for special circumstances including unusual physical constraints and environmental mitigations. Additional modifications will be considered as part of the Title 18 Subdivision Standards update. |
| Phase II | CIRC-4.2.1 (Housing or Destination Connections) | Amend the Municipal Code to require new subdivisions and large-scale developments to include safe pedestrian walkways that provide direct links between streets and major destinations such as transit stops, schools, parks, shopping centers, and jobs. | CA, CDD | This action will be addressed during the Title 18 Subdivisions Standards update. |
| Phase II | CIRC-5.2.2 (Central City Route Marketing) | Bolster community support, awareness, and ridership of a central city transit route by encouraging BCAG to solicit public input on the naming and exterior design of its transit vehicles. | CDD, DPW | BCAG is aware of this action, and additional discussions with BCAG will occur in the coming years. |
| Phase II | CIRC-9.1.1 (City Travel Demand Management) | Develop and implement a City of Chico Travel Demand Management Plan that provides incentives for City employees to commute in modes other than single-occupant vehicles. | HR, DPW, CDD | The City of Chico offers employees a Bicycle Incentive Program, has bike lockers and shower facilities, and participates in the community-wide Bike to Work Week Challenge to encourage bicycling to work. In addition, the City offers employees a free annual bus passes for the regional transit system. These and other incentives at some point will be consolidated into a TDMP. |
| Phase II | CIRC-9.1.2 (Existing Employer Trip Reduction Programs) | Encourage employers to provide transit subsidies, bicycle facilities, alternative work schedules, ridesharing, telecommuting and work-at-home programs, and preferential parking for carpools/vanpools. | CM, CDD, DPW | Title 19 has been amended to permit a reduction of off-street parking for projects that implement vehicle trip reduction measures such as vehicles loan programs, enhanced bicycle facilities, and transit passes. Through the 2014 Sustainable Business Series, information regarding employer trip reduction programs was shared with the business community. |
| Phase II | CD-2.2.1 (Update Design Guidelines) | Update the City Design Guidelines Manual to incorporate desired edge treatment solutions for a variety of conditions. | CDD | This will be done as part of the Design Guidelines update. The update is on temporary hold until additional staff and funding resources can be identified. |
| Phase II | CD-2.3.3 (Commercial Corridor Improvements) | Update the Design Guidelines Manual to incorporate concepts from the Park Avenue Visioning Study to apply to future roadway improvements along the City's commercial corridors. | CDD, DPW | This will be done as part of the Design Guidelines update. The update is on temporary hold until additional staff and funding resources can be identified. |
| Phase II | CD-3.1.2 (Update Design Guidelines) | Update the City Design Guidelines Manual as necessary to maintain consistency with the General Plan, the City's Land Use and Development Regulations, and current architectural solutions. | CDD | This will be done as part of the Design Guidelines update. The update is on temporary hold until additional staff and funding resources can be identified. |

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| Phase II | CD-5.1.1 (Residential Infill Design Guidelines) | Update the City's Design Guidelines Manual to specifically address residential infill design in terms of building scale, height and setbacks, parking and access, transitions, and landscaping. | CDD | This will be done as part of the Design Guidelines update. The update is on temporary hold until additional staff and funding resources can be identified. |
| Phase II | CD-7.2.1 (Public Art Plan) | Develop and maintain a Public Art Strategic Plan to guide comprehensive integration of public art throughout the community. | CM | Development of a Public Art Strategic Plan is on the Art Commission's Bi-Annual Work Plan, however, due to staffing and funding cuts it is uncertain when this action will be initiated. |
| Phase II | DT-1.1.1 (Support Downtown Business) | Support Downtown business and property owners by helping to develop and fund public/private partnerships, such as business improvement districts, to provide for increased maintenance, cleanliness, security, marketing, business retention and recruitment. | CM, DPW | The City is working with the Downtown Chico Business Association to coordinate maintenance priorities and to engage property owners in Downtown cleanliness as a foundation for public/private partnerships. The City is also collaborating with the Chico Clean & Safe Program to investigate opportunities to support Downtown businesses. |
| Phase II | DT-2.5.2 (Public/Private Development Partnerships) | Investigate the use of City-owned properties and underutilized private parking lots in public/private partnerships as an incentive for new development Downtown. | CM, CDD, DPW | Staff has developed a methodology to prioritize City-owned properties Downtown that might best suited for redevelopment. The methodology has been shared with the Internal Affairs Committee and Council, and a determination will be made by Council of whether or not the City should proceed with a public/private partnership. |
| Phase II | DT-3.1.2 (Common Spaces) | Modify standards and building fees to allow and encourage the incorporation of architectural features that create welcoming outdoor places for residents, employees and visitors. | CDD, DPW | The City's Design Guidelines direct integration of pedestrian plazas, art components, gathering areas and employee break areas. |
| Phase II | DT-3.3.1 (Sidewalk Uses) | Encourage the active use of sidewalks by expanding their allowed uses to include outdoor seating and dining, streetscape and landscape furnishings, and other pedestrian features, while maintaining space for a path of travel. | CDD, DPW | <u>This is allowed through the Chico Municipal Code:</u> Chapter 14.70-USE OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR OPERATION OF OUTDOOR CAFÉS" / Chapter 14.80,"PLACEMENT OF SIDEWALK PLANTERS WITHIN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT. In addition, the City worked with Celestino's Pizza during implementation of the Couplet Project to expand use the sidewalk for outdoor seating and dining. Other opportunities are being investigated. |
| Phase II | DT-3.5.3 (Highway 32) | Consult with Caltrans to identify ways to improve pedestrian access and safety where Highway 32 crosses Downtown. | DPW | Sidewalk upgrades have been made to SR 32 (E. 8th/9th Streets) in the Downtown and throughout the corridor from SR 99 to Downtown. |
| Phase II | DT-3.7.2 (Truck Deliveries) | Facilitate an effort among Downtown businesses and delivery companies to develop Downtown loading and unloading guidelines with the objective of reducing vehicle congestion that can discourage pedestrian and bicycling activity. | DPW | This concept is included in Downtown Access Plan, however no activity has occurred during the previous year. |

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| Phase II | ED-1.3.3 (Economic Resilience) | Update the Economic Development Strategy to highlight the importance of using renewable, recyclable, and local resources to strengthen the resilience of Chico's economy. | CM | An Economic Development Action plan, tied to the Economic Development Element and the City's Economic Development Strategy, was adopted in FY 2012-2013 and highlights the importance of local purchasing. The City continues to work with stakeholders to develop a local purchasing initiative. In addition, the City new Sustainability website highlights the benefits of buying local. |
| Phase II, then ongoing | ED-1.8.1 (Economic Development Summit) | Conduct a regional economic development summit to foster improved planning, coordination, and partnerships that benefit the local and regional economy. | CM | The City is participating in quarterly meetings with economic development partners and service providers hosted by Butte County. In addition, the City has collaborated with the Chamber of Commerce to present an annual Business Summit which identifies key economic development priorities. |
| Phase II | ED-1.8.2 (Silver Dollar Fairgrounds) | Encourage the State and the Silver Dollar Fair Board to increase utilization of the fairgrounds for uses such as conferences, fairs, concerts, or sporting events that draw residents from the greater region. | CM | There has been no activity on this action. |
| Phase II, then ongoing | ED-1.9.1 (Buy Local Campaign) | Promote spending at businesses located in the City of Chico through a "Buy Local" campaign. | CM | The City supported the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce to develop and launch a Buy Local campaign. In addition, the City received from a CSUC Geography class an evaluation of other cities' local purchasing policies and programs, which will be utilized as the City's program moves forward. |
| Phase II | CRHP-1.1.6 (Best Management Practices) | Update the City's Best Management Practices Manual to include environmental review protocol, communication with appropriate agencies, and standard conditions of approval for discretionary projects that protect cultural and paleontological resources. | CDD | Initial research and report drafting have been undertaken, and a draft manual has been prepared. |
| Phase II | CRHP-2.5.1 (Register Listings of City-owned Properties) | Pursue the listing of City-owned historic properties on the National Register of Historic Places and California Register of Historical Resources. | CDD | To be initiated when staff resources are available. |
| Phase II | CRHP-3.1.1 (Mechoopda Consultation) | Establish a Consultation Protocol and a Cultural Resources Management Plan with the Mechoopda Indian Tribe. | CDD | To be initiated when staff resources are available. |
| Phase II, then ongoing | CRHP-3.1.4 (Education for City Staff) | Conduct City and Tribal-sponsored training programs that increase City staff awareness and respect for Tribal Ceremonial Places and artifacts on City-owned land. | CCD, DPW | Cooperative training with the Mechoopda has already occurred, and additional training is planned. |
| Phase II, then ongoing | CRHP-3.1.5 (Education for the Public) | Conduct City and Tribal-sponsored training programs, in partnership with the Northeast Information Center, to educate property owners, land developers, and construction personnel about the importance of cultural resources and the legal framework for their protection. | CDD | To be initiated when staff resources are available. |

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| Phase II | PPFS-5.1.4 (Groundwater Protection Development Standards) | Amend the Municipal Code to include development standards that protect groundwater recharge areas. | CDD, CA | Staff investigated the most current mapping of groundwater recharge areas and found that the models used to create the maps are not precise enough to be used to define areas for additional development standards. Staff will continue to monitor the recharge mapping efforts of Butte County, the Department of Water Resources, and other organizations concerned with local groundwater quality and quantity. In the mean time, several existing development standards, including setbacks from creeks and those for the Resources Constraints Overlay Zoning District, as well as adherence to stormwater BMPs required by the City's NPDES permit with the State, will protect groundwater recharge areas as they are coarsely mapped in Figures 12-9 and 12-12 of the Butte County General Plan. |
| Phase II | PPFS-6.1.1 (Update the Storm Drainage Master Plan) | Update, adopt and implement an updated Storm Drainage Master Plan that identifies areas with infrastructure deficiencies and establishes a program to address the deficiencies. Address drainage issues on a basin or sub-basin scale. Identify opportunities to increase infiltration, based on factors such as existing infrastructure, geology, the hydrology and hydraulics of the receiving waters, and planned land uses. | DPW | On hold until staff and funding resources can be identified. |
| Phase II, and ongoing | PPFS-8.1.5 (Recycling on Public Land) | Provide recycling bins and collection services wherever waste containers are located on City property and in public parks. | DPW | Recycling containers are provided in most cases. In 2015, the City received 20 new recycling bins that were placed throughout lower Bidwell Park. |
| Phase II | PPFS-8.1.7 (Commercial and Industrial Recycling) | Amend the sections of the Municipal Code pertaining to solid waste and recycling to apply to commercial and industrial customers. | DPW | State legislation (AB 341) established a mandatory recycling requirement for businesses and multifamily properties. DPW staff has been working with the haulers, NVPOA, Chamber etc, to inform businesses and property owners of this new requirement. The City's new solid waste franchise agreement will include commercial/industrial and multi-family recycling. |

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| Phase II | OS-1.3.1 (Dark Sky Ordinance) | Consider adoption of a Dark Sky ordinance. | CDD | Currently, CMC 19.60.050 limits light pollution by requiring exterior lighting to be directed downward and shielded or recessed to confine glare and reflection. The Foothill Development overlay zone also limits light pollution in the foothills. In addition, the City's street light standard is dark sky compliant, full cutoff light fixtures. These existing requirements and standards address most of what would be in a dark sky ordinance. The remaining aspects of such an ordinance could include retrofitting older, non-compliant lighting. At this time, however, the City budget cannot support retrofitting of existing, non-compliant fixtures. Staff will continue to investigate additional measures that could be implemented with or without a dark sky ordinance to complete the implementation of this action. |
| Phase II | OS-2.1.1 (Open Space Plan) | Develop and adopt an Open Space and Greenways Master Plan that catalogues the City's open space land holdings, ensures that management and maintenance programs are in place, identifies long-term funding, coordinates with other public and private open space holdings, and prioritizes additional open space acquisitions, dedications, and easements to enhance connectivity, protect resources, and facilitate public access and circulation. | DPW | Staff is compiling an inventory of properties. The BPPC has identified developing management concepts for Greenways as a workplan priority. However, development of a master plan is on hold until additional staff and funding resources can be identified. |
| Phase II | OS-2.4.2 (Foothill Design Guidelines) | Update City's Design Guidelines Manual to address viewshed issues associated with foothill development. | CDD | This will be done as part of the Design Guidelines update. The update is on temporary hold until additional staff and funding resources can be identified. |
| Phase II | OS-3.2.2 (Map Recharge Areas) | Work with local, state and regional agencies to identify and map groundwater recharge areas within the Sphere of Influence. | CDD, DPW | Not currently being pursued. |
| Phase II | OS-3.3.1 (Water Conservation Program Funding) | Work with the California Water Service Company to implement a water conservation program to reduce per capita water use 20 percent by 2020 pursuant to the requirements of the State Water Plan. | DPW, CDD | Staff regularly consults with Cal Water, attends quarterly meetings that address this issue, and promotes Cal Water's water efficiency efforts on the City's Sustainability website. |
| Phase II | S-4.3.2 (Structural Standards) | Incorporate building construction standards for the Local Resource Area (areas which are provided City fire suppression services) that are consistent with the requirements for the State Responsibility Areas (areas that are provided State and County fire suppression services) designated as Very High, High, and Moderate Fire Hazard Severity Zones | CDD, FD | The Department is waiting for the State to complete their maps for this area. Once they are complete, zones will be compared and requirements will be prepared for a code amendment proposal, if necessary. |
| Phase II | S-4.3.4 (Development Standards) | Encourage the County to require development in unincorporated areas within the City's Sphere of Influence to conform to the City's development standards. | DPW, CDD | The County's development standards for urban areas closely mirrors the City's development standards. Additional coordination is still required. |

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| Phase II | S-4.3.5 (Fire Sprinklers, New Structures) | Consider adoption of an ordinance that exceeds state standards requiring automatic fire sprinklers in new non-residential construction. | FD | With the economic downturn and the negative attitude of the construction/development community towards the newly introduced residential sprinkler requirement as well as other time constraints, this is not being actively pursued at this time. |
| Phase II | S-5.1.1 (Strategic Plan) | Using community input, develop a Police Department Strategic Plan to help guide priorities and staffing levels for the Department | PD | The Police Department has not yet initiated this effort. The ability to do so in the near future will be challenged as a result of insufficient administrative staffing to meet Department demands. |
| Phase II | S-7.1.1 (Coordinate with UPRR) | Request Union Pacific Railroad to verify that relevant safety measures for at-grade crossings are implemented and maintained, and assess the feasibility of improving safety features, including enhanced crossing gate practices and warning devices. | PD, CM | The Police Department routinely coordinates with UPRR to address safety and enforcement issues related to the crossings and railroad track in Chico. |
| Phase II | N-2.2.2 (Silver Dollar Speedway) | Seek support of the State and the Silver Dollar Fair Board to reduce the noise levels associated with events at the Silver Dollar Speedway. | CDD | Not currently being pursued. |
| Phase III | SUS-5.1.1 (Clean Energy Loan Program) | Explore implementation of a City-sponsored clean energy program to provide low-interest loans to property owners for the installation of energy efficiency improvements or renewable energy devices. | BDS, Finance, CM | City staff collaborated with the County in its development of a PACE (property assessed clean energy) program that can be utilized county-wide. |
| Phase III, then ongoing | CIRC 1.6.1 (Collect Multimodal Data) | Collect and analyze multimodal data for the City's intersections and roadway segments, paying particular attention to higher traffic volume intersections. Use this information on multimodal travel behavior to update, refine, and recalibrate, if necessary, the City's Travel Demand Forecasting Model, which projects future traffic volumes. | DPW | A comprehensive update to the City's travel demand forecasting model to include multi-modal data is planned for the future. In the meantime, multi-modal data for discreet City projects is considered during project design (e.g., E. 20th Street Corridor). |
| Phase III | CIRC 1.6.2 (Travel Demand Model) | Enhance the City's Travel Demand Forecasting Model to include the effects of smart growth on travel behavior and measure how changes in land uses and transportation facilities can reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions. | DPW | To be initiated in Phase III. |
| Phase III | CIRC-7.1.3 (New Grade-Separated Crossings) | Explore the feasibility of constructing new grade-separated crossings based on state criteria and funding availability at the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Route 32 at 8th and 9th streets (included in the Regional Transportation Plan); • West 8th Avenue; • West East Avenue; • West Second Street; and • State Route 32 at Eaton Rd. | DPW | To be initiated in Phase III, but funding sources are a concern. |

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| Phase III | CD-1.2.2 (Pride of Ownership) | Create a program to recognize property owners for exemplary property care and maintenance along key streets, gateways, and neighborhoods such as the Eastwood Park Subdivision along E. 8th and 9th Streets, the south Esplanade, Mansion Park, and along Woodland Avenue. | CDD | To be initiated in Phase III. |
| Phase III | DT-2.5.1 (Downtown Utilities) | Work with local utility providers to assess and improve infrastructure to meet the needs of the development projected for Downtown. | DPW, CDD | To be initiated in Phase III. These efforts are only in response to individual projects, but utility improvements have been proceeding with 1st/2nd Street Couplet project, as well as with individual projects. |
| Phase III | DT-3.7.1 (Number of Travel Lanes) | Giving special consideration for north-south circulation patterns and the delivery needs of Downtown businesses, identify options to reduce the number of travel lanes on Downtown streets to accommodate additional diagonal parking or an enhanced pedestrian environment. | DPW | To be initiated in Phase III, and concepts implemented as part of the 1st/2nd Street Couplet project. |
| Phase III | DT-6.2.2 (Creek Path) | Create a pedestrian/bicycle path along Big Chico Creek to improve circulation through Downtown and provide public access to the creek. | DPW | To be initiated Phase III. |
| Phase III | DT-6.3.1 (Design of Signs) | Install signs and landmarks throughout Downtown with graphics that reflect the character and history of Downtown to reinforce a uniform, recognizable Downtown "brand" and to help residents and visitors navigate and find key destinations and parking. | DPW, CDD, CM | To be initiated in Phase III. |
| Phase III | DT-7.2.2 (On-Street Parking) | Preserve existing on-street parking along main traffic corridors to support street-level activities, and convert parallel parking to diagonal parking where possible to increase parking supply. | DPW | This was done as part of the 1st/2nd Street Couplet project, and at a number of other locations in the Downtown. |
| Phase III | ED-1.4.3 (City-Owned Sites) | Pursue opportunities to sell or lease City-owned lands for uses other than municipal operations. | CM | Staff has developed a methodology to prioritize City-owned properties Downtown that might best suited for redevelopment. The OMB and the first floor of the Municipal Building have leasing agreements in place. Consideration of selling or leasing other City-owned land will be initiated in Phase III. |
| Phase III | PPFS-5.3.1 (Treated Wastewater) | Explore the feasibility of using treated wastewater to provide irrigation to landscaped areas and other suitable locations to reduce the demand for groundwater. | DPW | Staff continues to look for grant funding opportunities to conduct a feasibility study and meets periodically with Cal Water to discuss opportunities within Chico's Sphere of Influence. Wastewater treatment staff to maintain contact with RWQCB for possible State reclaimed water projects/funding sources. |
| Phase III | PPFS-5.4.2 (City Water Efficiency) | Develop plans and seek funding to replace water-intensive City landscape and irrigation systems with drought tolerant and water efficient systems. | DPW | The City is working with Cal Water, who is providing a large number of water conserving replacemet nozzles to commerical clients. Staff is seeking additional grants for this purpose. |

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| Phase III | OS-1.3.2 (Reduce Light Pollution) | Seek community cooperation to reduce existing light pollution. | CDD, DPW | No outreach has been initiated other than implementing City lighting standards that seek to reduce light pollution. |
| Phase III | OS-3.3.4 (Reclaimed Water) | Determine the feasibility and costs and benefits of reusing the City's treated wastewater for irrigation. | DPW | Staff continues to look for grant funding opportunities to conduct a feasibility study and meets periodically with Cal Water to discuss opportunities within Chico's Sphere of Influence. Wastewater treatment staff to maintain contact with RWQCB for possible State reclaimed water projects/funding sources. |
| Phase III | OS-6.1.3 (Tree Planting Program) | Develop and implement a tree planting program as a mitigation method to reduce air quality impacts and improve carbon sequestration. | DPW, CDD | At this time, the City's efforts are directed toward replacing trees in the 3000 plus empty tree planting sites. Since the City requires trees to be planted in new developments, opportunities to plant large numbers of trees in new locations are not being sought. |
| Phase III | CRHP-1.1.5 (Financial Assistance Programs) | Pursue grant funding sources available to Certified Local Governments to establish and maintain a Cultural Resources Management Plan and to expand the City's Historic Preservation Program. | CDD | To be initiated in Phase III. |
| Phase III | N-2.2.1 (Railroad Warning Systems) | Consult with Union Pacific Railroad (and Amtrak as applicable) to investigate the cost, safety, and feasibility of implementing alternative railroad warning systems and safety measures that reduce the use of train horns near residential areas while still meeting public safety objectives. | CDD | To be initiated in Phase III. |
| Phase IV | CIRC-7.1.1 (Passenger Rail Service) | Investigate opportunities to partner with other agencies to explore the feasibility of expanding passenger rail service to Chico as part of a statewide system. | CM, DPW, CDD | To be initiated in Phase IV. |
| Phase IV | CD-6.1.2 (Landmarks) | Construct landmarks to support wayfinding at key locations throughout the City such as entries to historic neighborhoods, points of interest, significant buildings, and natural features. | DPW, CDD | To be initiated in Phase IV. |
| Phase IV | DT-6.2.1 (Downtown Gateways) | Establish gateway landmarks that create a sense of entry and a welcoming first impression for residents and visitors at major entry points to Downtown from the south, east and west. | CM, DPW, CDD | This effort is implemented as capital project proceed at Downtown entry point locations, for example the 1st/2nd Street Couplet Project. |
| Phase IV | ED-1.2.7 (Rail, Aviation, and Highway Access) | Explore opportunities to improve access to Chico from other markets via enhancements to the local rail and aviation facilities and services, as well as through improved connections from Chico's business districts to State Route 99 and Interstate 5. | CM, DPW, CDD | The City is collaborating with the local business community to investigate the potential for expanded commercial air service, and is supporting BCAG's program for Hwy 70/99 to be four lanes from Chico to Sacramento. |
| Phase IV | S-7.1.3 (Grade-Separated Crossings) | For improved emergency response and traffic circulation, support interagency studies to identify the best possible locations and feasibility for funding and developing grade-separated (vehicle and pedestrian/bicycle) railroad crossings within the City. | PD, DPW, CDD | No activity during the previous year, to be initiated in Phase IV. |

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| <p>Within 5 years of TRB development of MMLOS standards</p> | <p>CIRC-1.5.1 (Traffic Analysis)</p> | <p>Monitor the development of MMLOS standards by the Transportation Research Board and other jurisdictions. When a valid methodology for Chico is identified, develop and adopt Transportation Impact Analysis Guidelines that include MMLOS standards specific to Chico to supersede the LOS standards. The MMLOS standards will apply to City-maintained roadways and will allow for flexibility as necessary to recognize site specific constraints, such as protecting sensitive resources, or ensuring pedestrian and bicycle safety.</p> | <p>BDSB, PSD</p> | <p>Development and use of MMLOS standards is being monitored.</p> |

ONGOING GENERAL PLAN ACTIONS

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| SUS-1.3.1 (Sustainability Programs) | Identify and develop programs and initiatives that advance Chico's sustainability goals. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | Numerous General Plan Actions and other initiatives that address sustainability are completed or underway. |
| SUS-1.4.1 (Community Building Programs) | Continue to support and promote special community events and programs at City and public facilities that foster community pride, celebrate local culture and history, and promote social equity and tolerance. | CM, DPW, CDD | ongoing | The Annual Community Organization Funding Program provides financial assistance to non-profit community organizations in support of this action. |
| SUS-1.4.2 (Diversity Action Plan) | Update the City's Diversity Action Plan as necessary, and develop and implement a diversity scorecard. | CM | ongoing | The Diversity Action Plan was completed in 2011, and is being implemented through the City Manager's office. |
| SUS-1.5.2 (Sustainable Partnerships) | Participate in conferences and meetings that promote sustainability. | Citywide | ongoing | The City has participated in CSUC's This Way to Sustainability conference, and attends other meetings and conferences locally that address issues effecting the environment, economy, and social equity. |
| SUS-2.1.1 (Communication Technology) | Utilize new technology, as available, to improve communication with residents, including alternative ways to share information, notice hearings, and solicit or receive public input on local issues. | CC, IS, CDD | ongoing | New information is regularly added to the City's website. In addition, the Planning and Building webpages underwent comprehensive updates in 2013 to improve access to information for builders, developers, and the community. Updates to Title 19 have expanded noticing requirements to reach more members of the community. Social media and alternative technologies are being explored. |
| SUS-2.1.2 (Neighborhoods and Planning) | Facilitate participation by neighborhood organizations in local decision-making. | CDD | ongoing | The City's efforts on neighborhood planning activities have been suspended. Regardless, noticing for projects in neighborhoods are sent directly to neighborhood organizations to ensure their involvement in the planning process. |
| SUS-3.2.1 (Municipal Operations) | Perform energy audits of existing City operations and maintenance practices every four years to identify and implement energy savings measures. | DPW | ongoing | In 2014, installed reflective/white roofing (~4000 square feet) at Fire Station 5; installed about ~1400 square feet of reflective white roofing at Fire Station 4; replaced 6 original HVAC units at the PD; began explorative LED lighting conversion at City Parking Structure; performed several smaller scale LED lighting conversions in various facilities; replaced water faucets; and initiated a lighting (LED) audit in all major city facilities (expected completion June 2015) |

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| SUS-3.2.2 (Energy Generation) | Continue to explore opportunities to generate energy on City properties. | DPW | ongoing | Staff is developing an RFP for solar on several sites. The goal is have no out of pocket investment with an acceptable Power Purchase Agreement. |
| SUS-3.3.1 (Municipal Recycling) | Promote the use of recycling bins at municipal facilities, public parks, and recreational spaces, and as necessary, increase the size, durability, and number of recycling bins as well as the range of materials accepted. | DPW | ongoing | In 2014, the Parks Division placed 20 additional recycling containers in lower Bidwell Park. |
| SUS-3.3.2 (Materials Reduction and Reuse) | Explore opportunities to reduce consumption and increase reuse of materials, vehicles and equipment in City operations. | DPW-lead, Citywide | ongoing | Fleet recycles vehicle equipment whenever possible. Road Crew reutilizes asphalt grindings in grading operations. |
| SUS-3.4.1 (Fuel-Efficient Fleet) | As needed, purchase new municipal fleet vehicles and equipment that are highly fuel-efficient, use alternative-fuel, or electricity, allowing flexibility for maintenance, safety, and other special use vehicles. | DPW | ongoing | In 2014, Fleet replaced one electric vehicle, and also ordered an electric truck for street maintenance division. The truck has a bank of batteries that operates all the equipment including airless paint sprayers, lighting, pumps, and air compressors. Fleet also instituted a bio-diesel program that included installation of a 275 gallon bio-diesel tank. Select diesel use the bio-diesel and there are plans to expand use to entire fleet. Bio-diesel is purchased from Spring Board Biodiesel. |
| SUS-4.1.1 (Green Facilities) | Construct new significant municipal facilities to at least the baseline certification level of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), or its equivalent. | DPW | ongoing | There is no new facility construction. |
| SUS-4.1.2 (City-Funded Green Projects) | Incorporate green building materials and techniques in projects financed by the City, allowing flexibility for costs including long-term operating costs. | CM, CDD, DPW | ongoing | Facilities staff incorporates green building product into its replacement projects whenever possible. |
| SUS-4.2.1 (Public Landscaping) | Install drought tolerant landscaping and water conserving irrigation systems at City facilities, medians, and parkway strips to reduce water use and maintenance costs. | DPW | ongoing | Irrigation systems are being upgraded to include new water conserving nozzles, and where possible within budget constraints, new ET based controllers are being installed. Chip mulch is being spread throughout the city in all medians and in all landscape areas. |
| SUS-4.3.2 (Green Staff Training) | Provide regular training to ensure that City employees are able to implement the State's Green Building Code, conduct energy audits, and review or rate green building projects. | CDD | ongoing | All City inspectors and plan checkers have had training in the CA Green Code and CA Energy Code. No funding has been identified for staff to conduct energy audits. |

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| SUS-5.1.3 (Energy Efficiency Upgrades) | Monitor compliance with City requirements for energy conservation upgrades upon resale of homes and improve public awareness of the requirements. | CDD | ongoing | Enforcement of the energy retrofit program is unfunded, so it functions as a "self-enforced" program. A compliance guide is provided on the City website. Also, realtors may now access a database of properties with current energy certificates. |
| SUS-5.2.1 (Integration of Energy Efficiency Technology) | Utilize City incentives identified in Action LU-2.3.1 to encourage the integration of energy efficiency measures and renewable energy devices, in addition to those required by the state, during early project review. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Ongoing as projects are considered. |
| SUS-5.2.2 (Educational Material) | Provide builders and homeowners with resources and information about energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies at the Municipal Hall Planning and Building counters and on the City's website. | CDD | ongoing | Some materials are already available, and others are being developed. |
| SUS-6.2.2 (Greenhouse Gas Inventory) | Update the Citywide Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory at least every five years, and compare the results with previous inventories to evaluate progress towards the City's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal. | DPW | ongoing | In coordination with the STF, the City is developing an annual GHG emission indicator to track the City's progress in meeting its GHG reduction goal. The new indicator will be available in 2015. |
| SUS-6.2.3 (Climate Action Plan) | Review and revise as necessary the Climate Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the City's 2020 emission reduction goal, and revisit the need for new goals beyond 2020. | DPW | ongoing | The CAP was approved by Council in 2012. |
| SUS-7.2.2 (Identify Community Garden Locations) | Conduct an inventory of existing community gardens, and identify opportunities for community gardens on public properties. | CDD | ongoing | Staff collaborated with a CSUC class to develop an inventory of sites appropriate for community gardens and shared the results with local, interested parties. In 2012, the City collaborated with BEC to develop a 1-acre community garden on the City-owned vacant property at Notre Dame and Humboldt Avenue. In 2014, BEC developed another community garden on City-owned property on Nord Avenue. |
| LU-1.1.2 (Coordinated Planning) | Consult with Butte County and other entities, as appropriate, to facilitate a coordinated approach to land use planning within the Planning Area. | CDD | ongoing | City staff meets quarterly with Butte County and the other local jurisdictions as part of BCAG's standing Planning Director's meetings. |

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| LU-1.1.3 (Shared Responsibility Agreements) | Consider agreements for critical planning topics and activities with Butte County and other agencies and special districts | CDD | ongoing | The City and LAFCo entered into an sewer extension and annexation agreement, staff helped the Air District update its CEQA Handbook, and staff continues to participate and comment on the BCAG-led Habitat Conservation Plan process. |
| LU-1.2.1 (Greenline) | Retain the Greenline. | CDD | ongoing | Retained. |
| LU-1.2.2 (Foothill Development) | Apply the City's Foothill Development Standards to projects in foothill areas. | CDD | ongoing | Phase two Title 19 Updates included a new Foothill Development (-FD) overlay zone (Section 19.52.100) for property at 270 feet in elevation and above. The -FD overlay zone combines the existing foothill development standards from Chapter 19.66 and the foothill design criteria from 19R. In addition, the overlay zone implements several General Plan actions related to foothill development. A new Foothill Development permit will be required for construction and projects within the -FD overlay zone to ensure consistency with the development standards. The creation of the Foothill Development permit required changes to Chapter 19.12, Chapter 19.40, a minor edit to 19.80.030, the creation of a new Chapter 19.27, and the deletion of Chapters 19.66 and 19R.66. |
| LU-1.3.1 (Public Investment in Infrastructure) | When setting priorities for public infrastructure spending, give particular attention to improvements that will support development and redevelopment of the designated Opportunity Sites. | DPW, CM, CDD | ongoing | This approach was used in developing RDA project priorities. Downtown: 1st/2nd Str Couplet (design), Mangrove Ave/5th Ave Reconstruction (build), North Valley Plaza - Bikeway 99 (build), E. 20th St. Traffic Studies, Skyway: Skyway-SR 99 I.C. (build), Bikeway 99 (build), Pomona Ave: Nitrate Action Project (build). It continues to be utilized in prioritizing the City's Capital Improvement Program. |
| LU-1.3.2 (Special Planning Area Studies) | Require public facility financing plans, infrastructure phasing plans, and other studies as applicable in connection with development applications for Special Planning Areas. | CDD | ongoing | The first phase of updates to Title 19 established the SPA zoning district which requires these plans and studies prior to development. |
| LU-1.3.3 (LAFCo Coordination) | Require that applications for sphere of influence updates and annexations are consistent with Local Agency Formation Commission requirements and include a conceptual plan for the affected territory, including pre-zoning and a plan for infrastructure financing and phasing. | CDD | ongoing | To be implemented as part of a request to LAFCo for a SOI amendment. |

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| LU-2.2.1 (Annual Report) | <p>Provide an annual report to the Planning Commission and City Council on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of the General Plan and progress in its implementation • Status of Sustainability Indicators • General Plan amendments • An evaluation of the year's development trends, current land supply, and the ability to meet future needs. | CDD | ongoing | A Progress Report for the 2030 General Plan is prepared annually. |
| LU-2.2.2 (Five-Year Review) | <p>Provide a comprehensive General Plan Review to the Planning Commission and City Council every five years, that addresses the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of the General Plan and progress in its implementation • Status of Sustainability Indicators • General Plan amendments • An evaluation of development trends, current land supply (projected vs. actual), market conditions, and the ability to meet future needs • The need for any policy changes to address the conclusions of the above evaluation | CDD | ongoing | The first comprehensive 5-year General Plan report will be produced in 2016. |
| LU-2.3.1 (Provide Incentives) | <p>To support desired development patterns and economic development opportunities, continue the use of, and expand as appropriate, City incentives, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority project processing • Deferral of development impact or permit fees • Flexibility in development standards such as parking, setbacks, and landscaping requirements • Density and intensity bonuses • Support for infrastructure upgrades | CM, CDD | ongoing | The use of existing incentives will continue. In addition, non-conforming site improvements have been explicitly called out in CMC 19.08 to allow greater flexibility for redevelopment and infill development. CMC 19.70 was also modified to add more opportunities for reductions in required off street parking including reduction opportunities for single tenant sites. Density bonuses are allowed in Corridor Opportunity Sites, which are the areas preferred by the General Plan for higher density and intensity development. |

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| LU-2.3.3 (Encourage Mixed-Use Development) | <p>Allow horizontal and vertical mixed uses in the following land use designations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential Mixed Use • Neighborhood Commercial • Commercial Mixed Use • Regional Commercial • Office Mixed Use • Industrial Office Mixed Use | CDD | ongoing | During the first phase of updates to Title 19, changes were made to the land use tables to allow mixed uses in all of the above zoning districts except RC Regional Commercial. In the current phase of updates, Live/Work (mixed use) units are being added as a permitted mixed use in the RC district. In addition, several different combinations of mixed uses have been and will continue to be allowed in all of the listed zoning districts. |
| LU-2.3.4 (Require Mixed-Use) | <p>Require horizontal or vertical mixed-use in the following land use designations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Mixed Use • Neighborhood Commercial sites two acres and larger • Special Planning Areas (with the exception of the Bell-Muir SPA) | CDD | ongoing | During the first phase of updates to Title 19, the requirement for mixed use was added in the SMU and SPA zoning districts. In Phase 2 of the Title 19 updates, a requirement for mixed use on properties of 2 acres or greater in the NC district was added to Chapter 19.44.010 and 19.44.040. |
| LU-2.3.5 (Incentives for Vertical Mixed-Use) | Utilize City incentives identified in Action LU-2.3.1 to support vertical mixed-use projects. | CDD, CM | ongoing | Staff is working with a project proponent to develop a mixed use project in the Downtown Opportunity Site, and has shared these incentives. |
| LU-2.4.4 (Design Guidelines) | Maintain and update, as necessary, the City's Design Guidelines Manual. | CDD | ongoing | An update of the Design Guidelines Manual is on hold pending identification of staff and funding resources. |
| LU-2.5.1 (Resource Constraint Overlay) | For development proposals on properties with the Resource Constraint Overlay, which highlights known sensitive resource areas, land owners must conduct detailed environmental studies, adhere to CEQA requirements, and coordinate with resource agencies to determine actual development potential. Development proposals for a density or intensity of use above that assumed for the purposes of General Plan projections and the General Plan EIR will need to address impacts not evaluated as part of the General Plan. | CDD | ongoing | No development has been proposed on a site with the RCO overlay. |
| LU-2.7.1 (General Plan Consistency Review) | Conduct a General Plan review in conjunction with adoption of policy and regulatory documents to ensure consistency with relevant provisions of the General Plan. | CDD | ongoing | A General Plan consistency determination is made by Council during an approval of all policy and regulatory documents. For example, a determination of General Plan consistency was made as part of the Phase 1 Title 19 Municipal Code update. |

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| LU-3.3.1 (Development of Neighborhood Plans) | Facilitate and encourage the participation of neighborhood groups and associations in the preparation of neighborhood plans that articulate a vision for the neighborhood, identify neighborhood priorities for future public improvements and capital projects, and serve as a focal point for neighborhood involvement in improvement projects. | CDD | ongoing | The City's efforts on neighborhood planning activities have been suspended. The City's capital improvement plan incorporates priorities identified as part of previous neighborhood planning efforts. |
| LU-3.4.2 (Improve Substandard Properties) | Continue the Housing Rehabilitation Program to provide deferred-payment loans and grants to low-income homeowners to improve their properties. | CDD | ongoing | The City is continuing this program, on a limited basis, specifically providing grants for connection to City sewer for low income homeowners. |
| LU-3.4.3 (Code Enforcement) | Continue the City's Code Enforcement efforts to preserve existing neighborhoods through the elimination of blight and improvement of substandard housing. | CDD | ongoing | Most code enforcement activity is complaint driven. |
| LU-3.4.4 (Provision of Infrastructure) | Upgrade and provide infrastructure in existing neighborhoods consistent with adopted neighborhood plans as funding is available. | DPW | ongoing | This is an ongoing effort, however, the dissolution of the City's RDA has greatly hampered the City's ability to fund neighborhood improvements. |
| LU-4.1.1 (Education about the Benefits of Infill) | Provide community education regarding the benefits of infill through the neighborhood planning process and in the analysis, recommendations, and findings for infill development projects and capital expenditures that support infill and redevelopment. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | The City's efforts on neighborhood planning activities have been suspended. Regardless, staff reports for infill projects highlight the General Plan's policy framework that is supportive of quality infill development. |
| LU-4.2.2 (Mix of Dwelling Types) | Allow a mix of dwelling types within all residential land use designations consistent with density requirements and applicable design criteria. | CDD | ongoing | Implemented through Phase I of the Title 19 update. |
| LU-4.2.3 (Pre-Application Meetings) | For projects proposed on or adjacent to residentially zoned property, which require a discretionary approval by the Planning Commission or City Council, require applicants to have a pre-application neighborhood meeting with interested parties in the respective neighborhood to hear issues and consider input. | CDD | ongoing | Required by Title 19 of the Municipal Code. |
| LU-5.1.1 (Incentives for Opportunity Site Development) | Utilize City incentives identified in Action LU-2.3.1 to promote infill development, redevelopment, rehabilitation, and mixed-use projects in the designated Opportunity Sites. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Incentives are being used, particularly flexibility in development standards. |

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| LU-5.1.2 (Midpoint Density for Corridor Opportunity Sites) | <p>Require that projects within Corridor Opportunity Sites and Downtown be developed at or above the midpoint of the allowed density range (before Table LU-2 footnotes) unless one or more of the following findings are made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed project does not include residential development. • Residences are integrated vertically in a mixed-use project. • Site considerations such as parcel size, configuration, environmental resources, or other features make achieving the midpoint infeasible or undesirable. • Infrastructure constraints make achieving the midpoint impractical. | CDD | ongoing | Being implemented through the Corridor overlay applied as part of the Title 19 Update. |
| LU-5.1.4 (Streetscape Enhancement) | As part of future roadway improvement projects in the Corridor Opportunity Sites, incorporate streetscape enhancements such as bulb-outs, benches, wide and separated sidewalks, on-street parking, public art, and street trees to improve the pedestrian environment and serve as a catalyst for revitalization. | DPW | ongoing | Implemented as part of capital projects: 1st/2nd Str Couplet, Caltrans improvements at SR32/Main and Broadway intersection, etc. |
| LU-5.1.5 (Redevelopment Partnerships) | Actively seek and support partnerships between the City, property owners, and developers for redevelopment in the Regional Center Opportunity Sites. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Staff worked closely with the new owners of the Chico Mall to support reinvestment and reuse of the Mall. In addition, staff is working with the owner of the North Valley Plaza Mall to enhance redevelopment opportunities. |
| LU-6.1.1 (Designation of Future Special Planning Areas) | Require an amendment to the General Plan for a designation of a new Special Planning Area. | CDD | ongoing | No new areas were designated SPA this year. |
| LU-6.1.2 (Amendment to Existing Special Planning Areas) | Require an amendment to the General Plan Land Use Diagram and corresponding conceptual land use plan for any significant change to a Special Planning Area boundary. | CDD | ongoing | No changes were made to any SPA boundaries this year. |

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| LU-6.2.1 (SPA Planning Requirements) | <p>Require more detailed land use planning in the form of a specific plan, planned development, or other comprehensive plan for each Special Planning Area (SPA) prior to development occurring on vacant land within a SPA. In addition to the Actions specific to each SPA, subsequent land use planning shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a parcel-specific land use plan based on site, infrastructure, and environmental analysis. • Include the range of uses identified on the SPA conceptual land use plan (a conceptual land use plan is not intended to direct specific acreage or organization of land uses, but is intended to depict the general mix of desired land uses within the project area). • Have no significantly greater traffic, air quality, or noise impacts than those analyzed in the General Plan environmental analysis (residential and non-residential development assumptions for each SPA are provided in Appendix C). • Be consistent with the corresponding text for the SPA found in Appendix C. | CDD | ongoing | No development proposals have been received for the other SPAs. |
| LU-6.2.2 (Bell Muir SPA Planning) | <p>Plan the Bell Muir SPA with primarily low density housing compatible with existing residential development and ongoing agricultural uses in the area. Subsequent planning will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify locations for community gardens or small-scale farms and develop design guidelines and buffering requirements to address potential incompatibilities. • Address infrastructure needs with particular attention to storm drainage and circulation, including north-south connections to East Avenue and improved access to State Route 32. • Develop special lighting and street standards appropriate for the rural character of the area. | PSD, BDS | ongoing | No development proposals were received for the Bell Muir SPA. |

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| LU-6.2.3 (Barber Yard SPA Planning) | <p>Plan the Barber Yard SPA with a mix of low, medium and high residential densities, a neighborhood core or commercial mixed-use center, office and light industrial uses, and parks and open space. Subsequent planning will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address circulation with a focus on extending and improving existing streets into the site that will distribute traffic on multiple streets, and improving connectivity in order to reduce traffic impacts on the existing residential neighborhood. • Incorporate adaptive reuse of existing buildings, where feasible. | PSD, BDS | ongoing | No development proposals were received for the Barber Yard SPA. |
| LU-6.2.4 (Doe Mill/Honey Run SPA Planning) | <p>Plan the Doe Mill/Honey Run SPA with a broad range of housing types and densities integrated with significant open space and recreational areas, supporting commercial services, and public facilities. Subsequent planning will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address circulation with primary connections to the site via Skyway and E. 20th Street. • Incorporate accessible open space on the eastern portion of the SPA, a community park, as well as neighborhood and mini parks. • Maintain open space by clustering development and providing open space buffers on the northern, eastern, and southern edges of the SPA. • Include visual simulations to ensure that development is not visually intrusive as viewed from lower elevations. • Incorporate special lighting standards to reduce impacts on the nighttime sky. • Address wildland fire considerations. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | No development proposals were received for the North Chico SPA. |

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| LU-6.2.5 (North Chico SPA Planning) | <p>Plan the North Chico SPA with a combination of residential densities and supporting commercial uses along with industrial and office uses. Subsequent planning will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address the Hicks Lane/Eaton Road/SR 99 intersection and include an arterial roadway originating at Hicks Lane, extending to State Route 99. • Address Chico Municipal Airport overflight zone compatibility. • Avoid FEMA-designated flood zones, or incorporate strategies that allow development to occur in flood zones. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | No development proposals were received for the Doe Mill/Honey Run SPA. |
| LU-6.2.6 (South Entler SPA Planning) | <p>Plan the South Entler SPA with regional and community commercial uses integrated with office and industrial uses, a mix of residential densities, and open space. Subsequent planning will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address circulation with a focus on the intersection at Southgate Avenue and State Route 99 and providing multiple access points to the site. • Ensure that the SPA serves as a visually attractive “landmark” gateway at the south end of the City with freeway visibility. • Preserve and/or provide trees along the borders of the SPA to provide a buffer to adjacent agricultural uses and open space. • Avoid FEMA-designated flood zones, or incorporate strategies that allow development to occur in flood zones. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Applications for annexation and development of the South Entler SPA have been received. As of March 2012 the applications remain incomplete. |
| LU-7.1.2 (Aviation Easements) | Continue to require aviation easements and deed notices for new development within the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan area. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Easements and notices continue to be required of development in this area. |
| LU-7.1.3 (Airport Certification) | Maintain Federal Aviation Agency Airport Certification of the Chico Municipal Airport for commercial passenger traffic. | CM | ongoing | Airport certification inspections are conducted by FAA annually and all identified correction items are immediately corrected or addressed as funding permits. |

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| CIRC-1.1.1 (Road Network) | Enhance existing roadways and intersections and develop the roadway system shown in Figure CIRC-1 over the life of the General Plan as needed to accommodate development. | DPW | ongoing | This action is perpetually underway. Recent projects include: 1st/2nd Str Couplet, 5th Ave Reconstruction, Skyway-SR 99 I.C, SR 32 Widening, SR 99-Eaton Rd I.C., Hegan Lane, Nord Hwy Bridge Repair, Nord Hwy-The Esplanade T.S. |
| CIRC-1.7.1 (Truck Routes) | In consultation with Butte County, the Butte County Association of Governments, and Caltrans, continue to designate and provide signed truck routes through the City, and ensure that City roadways are maintained. | DPW | ongoing | This is completed, and is updated regularly. |
| CIRC-1.8.1 (BCAG Collaboration) | Consult with BCAG on the development of the Regional Transportation Plan, and provide all information necessary for the Countywide traffic model to accurately reflect City development. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | Engineering and Planning staff coordinate with BCAG on the development of the RTP and its associated Sustainable Communities Strategy. |
| CIRC-1.8.2 (Sustainable Communities Strategy) | Participate in BCAG's effort to prepare the regional Sustainable Communities Strategy. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | City staff meet regularly with and provided data to BCAG staff in support of development of the Sustainable Communities Strategy. |
| CIRC-1.8.3 (Caltrans Highway Improvements) | Consult with BCAG and Caltrans regarding the prioritization and timely construction of programmed freeway and interchange improvements on the state highway system. | DPW | ongoing | SR 99 Auxilliary Lane Project (Phase 2) was completed in 2014. |
| CIRC-2.1.1 (Complete Street Standards) | With consideration of street classification and function, design new streets to accommodate all modes of travel, including transit, bicycles, pedestrians, vehicles and parking. | DPW | ongoing | This action is incorporated into all City capital projects, which include complete street attributes. Bulbing, new bicycle facilities, lighting have been incorporated into all roadway improvements. |
| CIRC-2.1.2 (Retrofitting Existing Streets) | Retrofit and upgrade existing streets, as funding allows, to include complete street amenities where appropriate, prioritizing improvements in locations that will improve the overall connectivity of the City's network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities or result in increased safety. | DPW | ongoing | This action is incorporated into all City capital projects, including: 1st/2nd Str Couplet (design) will contain Class I and Class II bike lanes and bulbing/5th Ave Reconstruction (build) was reconstructed to include Class II facilities and bulbing/Skyway:Skyway-SR 99 I.C.(build)/SR 32 Widen(design-build)/MLK Jr-E Park Ave Intx (build)/Nord Hwy-The Esplanade T.S. |
| CIRC-2.1.3 (Multimodal Connections) | Provide connections between and within existing and new neighborhoods for bicycles, pedestrians, and automobiles. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | This action is incorporated into all City capital projects, including: Bikeway 99 (build)/S.W. Neighborhood Ped Improvements/Nord Hwy/The Esplanade T.S. and portions of Bikeway 99 have all contributed to pedestrian improvements and gap closures in existing neighborhoods |

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| CIRC-2.2.1 (Connectivity in Project Review) | <p>New development shall include the following internal circulation features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A grid or modified grid-based primary street system. Cul-de-sacs are discouraged, but may be approved in situations where difficult site planning issues, such as odd lot size, topography, or physical constraints exist or where their use results in a more efficient use of land, however in all cases the overall grid pattern of streets should be maintained; • Traffic-calming measures, where appropriate; • Roundabouts as alternative intersection controls, where appropriate; • Bicycle and pedestrian connections to adjacent streets, trails, public-spaces, and bicycle paths; and • Short block lengths consistent with City design standards. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | This a requirement of new development implemented as part of project review. |
| CIRC 2.2.2 (Traffic Management) | Perform routine, ongoing evaluation of the street traffic control system, with emphasis on traffic management, such as signal timing and coordination or the use of roundabouts, to optimize traffic flow along arterial corridors and reduce vehicle emissions. | DPW | ongoing | This is an ongoing effort. Corridors that have been enhanced in the past 5 years include: East Ave/Manzanita/Bruce Rd. from Nord Ave. to SR 32; W. 8th Ave. between Nord and Esplanade; E. 5th Ave. between Esplanade and SR 99, Mangrove Ave. between SR 99 to E. 1st Ave.; and E. 1st Ave. between Esplanade and Downing. |
| CIRC-2.2.3 (Traffic-Calming Measures) | Install appropriate traffic-calming devices, such as bulbing and reduced street widths, to discourage speeding and "cut-through" traffic on existing local streets. | DPW | ongoing | 1st/2nd Str Couplet (build)/5th Ave Reconstruction (build) contain traffic calming devices such as bulbing and roundabouts |
| CIRC-2.2.4 (Safe Routes to Schools) | Work with the Chico Unified School District to identify, promote, and improve safe routes to schools. | DPW | ongoing | The City coordinates annually with CUSD to develop and implement safe routes to schools grants. Staff is also applying for additional grant monies to implement bike path improvements. In 2014, City and CUSD staff are coordinating a comprehensive review of all CUSD facilities' circulation needs. |
| CIRC-3.1.1 (Add Bicycle Facilities) | Incorporate bicycle facilities identified in the CUABP into public road construction projects and private development projects. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | This is done as part of the project review process. |

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| CIRC-3.1.2 (Bikeway Connections) | Increase connectivity of existing bike facilities to enhance bikeway network completeness. | DPW | ongoing | With construction of Bikeway 99 (Phase I and Phase II) several connection points and gap closures have been installed. Physical barriers like channels, creeks and arterial roads were over come. |
| CIRC-3.1.3 (Bicycle Crossings) | Identify and pursue funding to construct crossings at creeks, railroads, and roadways consistent with the Chico Urban Area Bicycle Plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity. | DPW | ongoing | Phase II of Bikeway 99 resulted in the construction of a new clearspan bridge over Little Chico Creek from the southside Teichert Ponds to the existing Class I path on the north side of Little Chico Creek. Staff continues to work towards installation of similar on the west side of Highway 99 connecting 20th Steet Park to Humboldt Road. |
| CIRC-3.1.4 (Regional Bicycle Trail Coordination) | Consult with Butte County, Butte County Association of Governments, and other agencies regarding implementation of a regional bikeway system. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | The existing Chico Urban Area Bicycle Plan was adopted in 2008. The City is initiating a comprehensive update to the City's bicycle plan in 2015, which will include consultation with the County and BCAG. |
| CIRC-3.1.5 (Bikeway Map) | Promote bicycle use by providing an updated map of Chico's bikeways to bicycle stores, CSU Chico, and other key meeting places for bicyclists. | DPW | ongoing | A new Bikeway Chico Map, including the Bikeway 99 and other bicycle improvements, was made available in Summer 2014. |
| CIRC-3.3.1 (Bikeway Requirements) | Require pedestrian and bicycle connections to the Citywide bikeway system every 500 feet, where feasible, as part of project approval and as identified in the Chico Urban Area Bicycle Plan. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | This requirement is applied through the project review process. |
| CIRC-3.4.1 (Construction and Maintenance) | Continue to ensure that all new and improved streets have bicycle-safe drainage grates and are free of hazards such as uneven pavement and gravel. Maintain a program for the sweeping and repair of bikeways. | DPW | ongoing | Standard procedure, all projects designed this way. |

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| CIRC-3.4.2 (Signage, Markings, and Lighting) | Continue to provide signage and markings to warn vehicular traffic of the existence of merging or crossing bicycle traffic where bikeways make transitions into or across roadways. Delineate and sign bikeways in accordance with Caltrans' standards and install, where feasible, lighting for safety and comfort. | DPW | ongoing | Standard procedure, all projects designed this way. |
| CIRC-3.4.3 (Bike Safety in Schools) | Consult with the Chico Unified School District, CSU Chico, and Butte College regarding development of an educational campaign promoting bicycle safety and Safe Routes to School programs. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | City Staff recently was awarded a \$17,000 grant to initiate a Safe Route to School education program with Pleasant Valley H.S. and Marigold Elementary and plan on initiating a program soon. Staff anticipates future support of the Butte Bicycle Coalition who currently host several bicycle education events each year targeted towards kids and young adults. |
| CIRC-3.4.4 (Bicycle Detection at Traffic Signals) | Continue to install bicycle detectors at high volume bicycle/ automobile intersections that have actuated signals. | DPW | ongoing | Standard procedure, all projects designed this way. |
| CIRC-3.5.1 (Other Funding Sources) | Continue to pursue funding sources, including state and federal grants, for new bicycle facilities. | DPW | ongoing | Bikway 99 utilized State and Federal grants for its construction. The 1st and 2nd Street Downtown Couplet project also utilized local and federal funds. In addition, in 2014, the City received approximately \$1M in funding to implement the Comanche Creek Plan, which includes bike facilities. |
| CIRC-4.2.2 (Neighborhood Planning of Street Improvements) | Continue to use the neighborhood planning process to identify neighborhood priorities for the improvement of existing streets, including pedestrian facilities. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | This is an ongoing effort, however, the dissolution of the City's RDA has greatly hampered the City's ability to fund neighborhood improvements. |
| CIRC-4.3.1 (Safe Pedestrian Crossings) | As funding allows, improve pedestrian safety at intersections and other crossing locations by providing safe, well-marked pedestrian crossings, bulb-outs, on-street parking, audible warnings, or median refuges that reduce crossing widths. | DPW | ongoing | This action is incorporated into all City capital projects. In addition, Caltrans made pedestrian improvements at the SR32/Main and Broadway intersection in 2013. |
| CIRC-4.3.2 (Expand Sidewalk Infrastructure) | As funding allows, continue installation of sidewalk and pedestrian-related infrastructure in areas not currently served | DPW | ongoing | Ongoing as funding is available. |

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| CIRC-5.1.1 (Transit Master Plan) | Participate in BCAG's transit master planning efforts to help ensure that transit routes coincide with Chico's major destinations for employment and shopping, concentrations of housing, key institutions, and other land uses likely to supply riders for public transit. | DPW | ongoing | Standard procedure, all projects designed this way. Transit facilities were constructed to serve the new County Courthouse in 2014. |
| CIRC-5.1.2 (Intercity Bus Service) | In consultation with BCAG, Greyhound, and Amtrak, monitor demand for intercity bus transit service. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | The focus of coordination is with BCAG and its provision of bus service to area communities. |
| CIRC-5.1.3 (Transit Center) | Maintain the Downtown Transit Center as the key hub for intra-city public transportation. | DPW | ongoing | The Downtown Transit Center continues to serve this important role for the community. |
| CIRC-5.1.4 (Enhanced B-Line) | In consultation with BCAG, pursue funding sources and partnerships to support an enhanced B-Line with more frequent headways. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | Recommendations from the B-Line Market Study resulted in route changes and enhanced headways that have increased ridership. Other efforts to enhance the B-Line are ongoing, including improved transit stop signage, real-time GPS monitoring of bus location, and a new user App that identifies the best route to a destination. |
| CIRC-5.2.1 (Transit Oriented Development) | Support new development and redevelopment within the Central City and Corridor Opportunity Sites to support ridership. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | Supported. The multi-family Harvest Park and Bidwell Park Apartments projects are both recent examples. |
| CIRC-5.3.1 (Roadway Transit Facilities) | When planning or retrofitting roadways, consult with BCAG regarding the inclusion of transit stops, shelters, bus turnouts, and other transit improvements. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Standard procedure, all projects designed this way. |
| CIRC-5.3.2 (Transit Improvements for New Development) | During project review, consult with BCAG to determine appropriate requirements for the installation of stops and streetscape improvements, if needed to accommodate transit. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Staff regularly consults with BCAG through project review. |
| CIRC-6.1.1 (Land Use in Airport Vicinity) | Ensure that development in the area adjacent to the airport is compatible with airport operations. | CDD | ongoing | Implemented through the adoption of Airport Overlay zones as a part of the Title 19 update. |
| CIRC-6.2.1 (Routing Alternatives) | Continue to pursue additional passenger flights to and from Chico with varied origins and destinations. | CM | ongoing | Airport Commission Ad Hoc committee has been formed and is meeting with staff and interested community members to explore processes, requirements, funding options and opportunities for enhanced air carrier services. The Chamber has also initiated a dialogue to discuss the the importance and potential of Chico's airport. In 2014, an RFP went out for airport management services. |

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| CIRC-7.1.2 (Existing Railroad Crossings) | Continue ongoing partnerships to improve the condition and safety of railroad crossings by upgrading surface conditions and providing adequate signs and signals. | DPW | ongoing | No projects of this type during the previous year. |
| CIRC-8.2.1 (Parking Facility Design) | Require that parking facilities are designed with convenient connections to adjoining businesses and the public right-of-way and, where possible, shared access between adjacent development. This may include reducing barriers between existing parking lots to facilitate shared parking and providing pedestrian connections between adjacent developments. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | As part of the Phase 2 Title 19 update, revisions were made to the Code to remove the requirement to obtain a use permit for cross-access between non-residential projects. |
| CIRC-8.2.2 (Public Parking Facilities) | When designing new public parking facilities, incorporate preferred parking for renewable energy vehicles and assess the need for electric vehicle charging stations. | DPW | ongoing | No City projects of this type during the previous year. The CSUC parking structure incorporated these features. BCAG will be pursuing an EV readiness study in 2015/2016, and PG&E plans to install over 20,000 EV fueling stations state-wide in the coming years. |
| CIRC-9.1.3 (New Employer Trip Reduction Programs) | As a condition of project approval, require new non-residential projects that will employ more than 100 people to submit a Travel Demand Management Plan that identifies strategies, such as those listed in Action CIRC-9.1.2, to reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | To be implemented as part of the project review process. May require an amendment to Title 19. No projects of this size were processed this year. |
| CD-1.1.1 (Highlight Features and Resources) | Incorporate and highlight natural features such as scenic vistas, creeks, and trees, as well as cultural resources such as rock walls, into project design. | CDD | ongoing | Incorporated through project architectural review. |
| CD-1.1.2 (Landscape Improvement) | Emphasize landscaping as a fundamental design component, retaining mature landscaping when appropriate, to reinforce a sense of the natural environment and to maintain an established appearance. | CDD | ongoing | Incorporated through project architectural review. |
| CD-1.2.1 (Design Considerations) | Review the Community Design Concepts for neighborhoods, corridors, and centers from this element during project review. | CDD | ongoing | Incorporated through project review for projects in these areas. |
| CD-2.1.1 (Circulation and Access) | As part of project review, integrate a predominately grid-based street pattern into new development to enhance walkability and public health. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Incorporated through project review. |

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| CD-2.1.2 (Bike Trails, Paths and Medians) | Establish linkages and an improved sense of place through enhanced bike trails, pedestrian paths, landscaped medians and parkways. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Construction Bikeway 99 contributed to trail linkages. 20th Street Park to LCC bike path will contribute to trail linkages once right-of-way is secured. |
| CD-2.1.3 (Greenways) | Continue the City's existing program to expand creekside corridors by acquiring properties along creek edges for creekside greenways. | CM, DPW, CDD | ongoing | This program continues, but is dependent upon funding from development activity. Opportunities will be considered as funding permits. |
| CD-2.1.4 (Creek Views and Access) | As part of the design review of development and capital projects, improve visual and recreational public access to creeks. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Incorporated through review of both private and public projects adjacent to creeks. The Comanche Creek Management Plan which includes these concepts was funded for \$1M in 2014. |
| CD-2.3.1 (Screen State Route 99) | Minimize the visual impact of State Route 99 to new adjacent development through screening and buffering. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Incorporated through review of projects adjacent to SR 99. |
| CD-2.3.2 (Specialized Treatment for Scenic Roads) | Incorporate context sensitive roadway improvements on Chico's scenic roads, including Vallombrosa Avenue, E. 8th Street, the Esplanade, Chico Canyon Road, Centennial Avenue, Manzanita Avenue, Humboldt Road, and Bidwell Avenue. | DPW | ongoing | This has been done on Manzanita and E. 8th Street. No additional projects on these streets during the previous year. |
| CD-2.4.1 (Protection of Foothill Viewshed) | Design and blend foothill development with the surrounding landscape and topography to diminish its visual prominence from the valley floor. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Incorporated through both project and architectural review of foothill projects. In addition, phase 2 of the Title 19 update included the creation of the Foothill Development (-FD) overlay zoning district (19.52.100) which combines the existing foothill development standards from Chapter 19.66 and the foothill design criteria from 19R. The -FD district clarifies where and how to implement foothill development standards, design criteria, including those that implement this action. Additional guidance may be developed as part of the update to the City's Design Guidelines Manual. |
| CD-2.4.2 (Foothill Light Levels) | Design low light levels in foothill settings to optimize views of dark skies and minimize light pollution. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Incorporated through both project and architectural review of foothill projects. The -FD overlay zoning district (19.52.100) includes lighting design standards for streets and structures that limit up-lighting and minimize light pollution in the foothills. |

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| CD-2.4.3 (Foothill Streets) | In order to minimize cut and fill grading operations in foothill areas, design new streets at the minimum dimension necessary for access and parking. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | This direction is incorporated in City's Foothill Development Standards. |
| CD-2.4.4 (Block Lengths) | Minimize the length of street blocks in foothill development. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | This direction is incorporated in City's Foothill Development Standards. |
| CD-2.4.5 (Contours of Natural Slope) | Limit the extent and amount of grading in foothill areas, and where grading occurs, emulate the contours of the natural slope. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | No projects of this type during the previous year. This direction is incorporated in City's Foothill Development Standards. |
| CD-3.1.1 (Design Guidelines) | Utilize the City Design Guidelines Manual for architectural review of discretionary projects. | CDD | ongoing | Incorporated through project architectural review. |
| CD-3.2.1 (Pedestrian-Scale Site Planning) | Utilize design techniques provided in the City's Design Guidelines Manual that support pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly site planning. | CDD | ongoing | Incorporated through project architectural review. |
| CD-3.4.1 (Crime Prevention Design) | Incorporate appropriate crime prevention principles in new development projects to enhance community safety. Consider Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles when amending development standards. | PD, CDD | ongoing | Safe design is considered during project review. Planning and Police staff continue to work towards more standardized crime prevention design standards. In addition, crime prevention design principles were considered and balanced against community design principles throughout the update of Title 19. |
| CD-3.4.2 (Public Safety Project Review) | During design review, consult with the Police Department to avoid physical conditions such as dark parking lots or alleys, enclosed stairwells, and dark entrances that are susceptible to criminal activity. | CDD, PD | ongoing | Safe design is considered during project review. |
| CD-3.4.3 (Safe Parking Lot Design) | Require that commercial parking lots be designed with adequate opportunities for surveillance by police. | PD, CDD, DPW | ongoing | Safe design is considered during project review. Crime prevention design principles were considered and balanced against community design principles throughout the update of Title 19. |
| CD-4.1.1 (Neighborhood Design Details) | Develop and implement neighborhood plans that identify neighborhood design qualities and characteristics. | CDD | ongoing | The City's efforts on neighborhood planning activities have been suspended until new funding can be identified. |
| CD-4.1.2 (Urban Forest) | Protect and enhance the urban forest that characterizes the community and particularly its older neighborhoods. | DPW | ongoing | In 2014, Council approved funding to retain a consultant for urban forest management duties, including completing the Urban Forest Management Plan, updating the City's Street Tree List, and providing technical expertise regarding tree related decisions. |

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| CD-4.1.3 (Sense of Place) | As part of the design review of development and capital projects, encourage the integration of civic, cultural, natural, art, and other themes that create a sense of place for each neighborhood and contribute to the overall character of the community. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | This action is incorporated into all City capital projects, including:1st/2nd Str Couplet and Bikeway 99. |
| CD-5.3.1 (Adaptive Reuse) | Continue the City's Façade Improvement Program to support redevelopment and adaptive reuse of transitioning or aging commercial developments. | CDD, DPW, CM | ongoing | Redevelopment funded initiatives have been suspended due to AB 1X 26. New funding mechanisms are being actively pursued. |
| CD-6.1.1 (Gateway Integration) | As part of roadway improvement projects, integrate artistic gateway features at the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Route 99 near Southgate and Entler Avenues • Park Avenue near 20th Street • East 8th and 9th Streets between State Route 99 and Main Street • State Route 99 near Garner Lane • Highway 32 between W. East Avenue and Lindo Channel • Highway 32 near Yosemite Drive | DPW | ongoing | No projects at these locations during the previous year. |
| CD-7.1.1 (Art in Public Places) | Include art in public projects and in all private development projects that use public funding by continuing implementation of the City's Art in Public Places Program Policy and Procedures Manual. | CM, DPW, CDD | ongoing | This is ongoing. The SR 99 Bikeway Project included artists on the design team to include functional aesthetic treatments, and the Parkside Terrace affordable housing project included a sculpture as a entry way feature to the development. |
| CD-7.1.2 (Funding for Public Art) | Continue the City's program of allocating a percentage of capital improvement project budgets to fund the development and installation of public art projects | DPW | ongoing | This program continues. |
| CD-7.3.1 (Update Arts Master Plan) | Update, as necessary, the Arts Master Plan which guides the design and development of the City's cultural and arts programs. | CM | ongoing | An update will be considered in the future. |
| DT-1.3.1 (City Attention to Downtown Issues) | Continue to allocate staff resources to address current and future Downtown issues. | CDD, CM | ongoing | The City Manager's serves as a liaison and maintains active involvement in Downtown issues. Considerable resources have been used to partner with the Chico Clean & Safe effort. |

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| DT-1.3.2 (Downtown Working Group) | Meet with Downtown property owners, businesses, residents, CSU Chico, and others interested in Downtown to discuss solutions to key Downtown policy issues and support implementation of the Downtown Element. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Staff regularly meets with the DCBA, Chamber, business owners, schools, churches, and other interested parties as needed. A more formal arrangement is being considered, but will be pursued as funding permits. |
| DT-1.3.3 (CSU Chico and CUSD) | Consult with CSU Chico and Chico Unified School District to address mutual interests in Downtown. | CM, CDD, DPW | ongoing | The ongoing Town/Gown meetings provide a venue to discuss issues of mutual concern. |
| DT-1.5.1 (Plaza Park) | Reinforce the role of the Plaza as the cultural heart of Downtown by continuing to sponsor and allow cultural activities, and events that bring residents and visitors to Downtown such as concerts, and cycling, art and seasonal events. | CM, DPW, CDD | ongoing | Permits are routinely issued for appropriate events, and steps are being pursued in collaboration with the Chico Clean & Safe effort. |
| DT-1.5.2 (Farmers Markets) | Support the operation and enhancement of farmers markets within Downtown. | CM, DPW | ongoing | Staff works closely with the CCFM and DCBA regarding the operation and enhancement of the Saturday and Thursday Night markets. |
| DT-1.5.3 (Art in Downtown) | Continue to provide locations and funding to support the installation of art in public places Downtown | CM, DPW | ongoing | An artist was included on the design team for the 1st/2nd Street Couplet project. |
| DT-2.1.1 (Incentives for Vertical Mixed Use) | Utilize City incentives identified in Action LU-2.3.1 to support developers who construct vertical mixed-use projects within Downtown. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Consistent with direction in the General Plan, staff is extremely receptive to project proponents considering vertical mixed use projects. City incentives are shared with project proponents early in the planning process. |
| DT-2.2.1 (Incentives for Housing above Non-Residential Uses) | Utilize City incentives identified in Action LU-2.3.1 to support developers who build housing above non-residential ground-floor uses in Downtown | CDD, DPW | ongoing | All possible incentives listed will be employed to support this type of development Downtown. City incentives are shared with project proponents early in the planning process. |
| DT-2.3.2 (Residential Parking) | Consider the inclusion of dedicated residential parking spaces in new parking facilities. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | This action will be considered in the event new City parking facilities are developed. |
| DT-2.4.1 (Reuse Upstairs) | Promote intensified use and reuse of existing suites above ground floors. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Supported and encouraged. |
| DT-2.5.3 (Incentive for Land Assembly) | Utilize City incentives identified in Action LU-2.3.1 to support assemblage of multiple properties Downtown for larger integrated development projects. | CM, CDD | ongoing | Staff responds to queries regarding assembling properties Downtown for a larger project. All queries are given focused attention, and City incentives are shared with potential project proponents. In addition, redevelopment funded initiatives have been suspended due to AB 1X 26. New funding mechanisms are being actively pursued. |

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| DT-3.1.1 (Downtown Design Guidelines) | Maintain and apply the Design Guidelines Manual for Downtown building rehabilitation, new construction, parking, signs, streetscape, pedestrian pathways, and sidewalks. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Incorporated through project architectural review. |
| DT-3.2.2 (Mixed-use Parking Structures) | Ensure that new parking structures in Downtown are ringed primarily with ground-floor retail suites, other pedestrian-oriented uses, or will be otherwise integrated into larger mixed-use development projects. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | 1st/2nd Street Couplet design coordinated with CSUC 2nd Street Parking Structure. |
| DT-3.3.2 (Enhance Downtown Open Space) | Increase the use of public open space by providing well-maintained and well-lit pedestrian pathways, landscaping, street furniture, courtyards, shade, and other amenities. | DPW | ongoing | Public landscapes and parks are well maintained under contract to the City, with an emphasis on safety, as well as appearance. The 1st/2nd Street Couplet project includes Downtown improvements to enhance the pedestrian experience and safety. Downtown and several main corridors were a focus of LED streetlight retrofits and new LED streetlight installations (99 Bike Path) and in new development. |
| DT-3.5.1 (Enhance Sidewalks) | Enhance pedestrian facilities with features such as wide sidewalks, bulb-out corners, and street furniture, placing an emphasis on extending sidewalk features to South Downtown. | DPW | ongoing | This action is incorporated into all City capital projects, including: 1st/2nd Str Couplet, 5th Ave Reconstruction, Skyway-SR 99 IC, SR 32 Widenomg. MLK Jr-E Park Ave Intx, and Annual Ped Improvement Program. |
| DT-3.5.2 (Bicycling and Skateboarding on Sidewalks) | Enforce regulations prohibiting bicycling and skateboarding on sidewalks to maintain pedestrian safety, and promote alternate routes for bicyclists. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Enforcement of regulations related to bicycle and skateboarding on sidewalks is routinely integrated into the establishment of and response to PD priorities. |
| DT-4.1.1 (Coordinate Development Design Features) | Work with property owners who desire to coordinate development activities over multiple sites to create projects with complementary design features and shared facilities. | CDD | ongoing | Coordinated project development is encouraged and supported. |
| DT 4.2.1 (New Construction) | New construction in Downtown will have a minimum building height of two-stories, or no less than the average height of the existing buildings on both sides of the block in which the building is located, whichever is greater. | CDD | ongoing | The Title 19 update modified Chapter 19.44, Table 4-7, to include the two-story height minimum requirement for new construction in Downtown. |
| DT-4.2.2 (Downtown Edges) | Require new development at the edges of Downtown to be designed with transitions in building height and mass, where appropriate, to complement the physical character of the adjoining development. | CDD | ongoing | Incorporated through project architectural review. |

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| DT-5.1.1 (Downtown as Transportation Hub) | Promote Downtown as a key transportation hub, emphasizing the Downtown Transit Center. | DPW | ongoing | The Downtown Transit Center continues to serve this important role for the community. |
| DT-5.1.2 (Expand Bicycle Amenities) | Create additional bicycle lanes and safe, convenient, and attractive bicycle parking, including covered spaces. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | This action is incorporated into all City capital projects, including: 1st/2nd Str Couplet and Bikeway 99. |
| DT-5.1.3 (Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety) | Identify and address hazards for pedestrians and bicyclists. | DPW | ongoing | DPW is the City's public infrastructure ADA coordinator and responds to all concerns. |
| DT-5.1.4 (Transit Passes) | Coordinate and distribute subsidized transit passes for Downtown residents and employees to encourage increased transit use. | ASD | ongoing | Transit passes are made available to all City employees (regardless of their work location) and employees (non-City) working Downtown. |
| DT-6.2.3 (Creek Access) | Maintain public access to Big and Little Chico Creeks through adjacent development. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Phase 2 of the Title 19 update modified Section 19.60.030 (Creekside development) to include this requirement. |
| DT-6.2.4 (Creekside Development) | Require development and redevelopment along Downtown creeks to incorporate design features fronting the creek such as outdoor seating or dining, public open spaces, and creekside façade improvements. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Phase 2 of the Title 19 update modified Section 19.60.030 (Creekside development) to include this requirement. |
| DT-7.1.1 (Parking Strategy) | Implement a comprehensive Downtown parking strategy that addresses the needs of customers, visitors, employees, and residents. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Downtown Access Plan is already developed and utilized by staff and Council. |
| DT-7.1.2 (Parking Facilities) | Develop and charge for publicly-owned, well-lit, and safe parking facilities that allow 24-hour access to Downtown. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | This has been done, and will be further implemented as additional parking facilities are developed (as necessary). |
| DT-8.1.1 (Facade Improvements) | Provide incentives for façade improvement projects in Downtown. | CDD, CM | ongoing | Redevelopment funded initiatives have been suspended due to AB 1X 26. New funding mechanisms are being actively pursued. |
| ED-1.1.1 (Monitoring and Reporting) | Track implementation of the Economic Development Strategy and report on its status to the City Council. | CM | ongoing | Periodic economic development reports are made to City Council. |
| ED-1.1.2 (Periodic Updates) | Update the Economic Development Strategy as necessary to ensure that it is current and relevant to meeting the City's short and long term economic development needs | CM | ongoing | The Economic Development Action Plan is a living document that wil be updated and refined to meet current and relevant economic development needs. |

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| ED-1.2.1 (Land and Buildings) | Monitor conditions in regard to the City's supply of land and buildings to support economic growth and identify factors which may be inhibiting their development or redevelopment. Address any identified issues through appropriate zoning, infrastructure planning, and coordination with landowners and developers. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Staff actively works to resolve factors inhibiting development as issues are identified. In addition, the General Plan Annual Report highlights the City's land supply and development capacity. |
| ED-1.2.2 (Infrastructure Availability) | Monitor the availability of infrastructure and identify infrastructure needs that hinder the City's ability to successfully attract, expand, and retain businesses. Where a lack of infrastructure is found to be a barrier, investigate strategies and develop plans for the provision of needed infrastructure. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | Staff actively works to resolve factors inhibiting economic development and investment as issues are identified. Infrastructure projects are identified through a prioritization process that includes a focus on attracting, expanding, and retaining business. Staff is currently investigating improvements along the 20th Street and E. Park Avenue corridors. |
| ED-1.2.3 (Shovel-Ready Sites) | Work with owners of undeveloped or underdeveloped land to ready and market shovel-ready sites. This process would involve determining landowner willingness to sell or ready sites for different types of business development, providing assistance in organizing or assembling multiple properties under different ownership into larger parcels or coordinated project areas, assisting in the provision of infrastructure, environmental review, and site marketing. | CM, CDD, DPW | ongoing | Redevelopment funded initiatives have been suspended due to AB 1X 26. New funding mechanisms are being actively pursued. |
| ED-1.2.4 (CUSD Opportunity) | Work with Chico Unified School District to explore relocation of the District's bus yard and support buildings along State Route 99 in order to provide a strategically located commercial development opportunity. | CDD, CM | ongoing | Initial discussions have taken place with CUSD staff, but no substantive efforts have been undertaken. |
| ED-1.2.5 (Strategic Partnerships) | Work with CSU Chico, Butte College, non-profit organizations, CARD, businesses, and private developers to pursue public/private partnership opportunities that capitalize on Chico's skilled workforce and local educational institutions. | CM | ongoing | 2012-2013 Economic Development Action Plan emphasizes coordinating with economic development partners with respect to workforce issues as a key priority. |

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| ED-1.2.6 (Industrial Preserve) | Limit the expansion of incompatible uses within and surrounding areas where manufacturing and light industrial uses are to be retained, expanded, and attracted, including, but not limited to, the Southwest Industrial Region and the Chico Municipal Airport area. | CDD | ongoing | During the first phase of updates to Title 19, the land use tables were reviewed to ensure that uses within the industrial zoning districts are compatible with active industrial uses. |
| ED-1.2.8 (Agricultural Production and Distribution) | Promote local agricultural production and value-added food products as a base industry by enhancing local food distribution systems and supporting the reuse of agricultural and food wastes. | CM | ongoing | The Title 19 update relaxed requirements for animal keeping, improved opportunities for community gardens, and expanded areas where roadside food vendors can operate. In 2014, the City entered into a long-term lease with the CCFM to use a City-owned Parking Lot for the Saturday Farmers' Market, and approved use of City-owned property on Nord Avenue for a community garden. |
| ED-1.3.1 (Fast Tracking Key Opportunities) | For key economic development projects, prioritize project review and permitting by establishing a quick response interdepartmental staff team. | CM, CDD, DPW | ongoing | Team Chico is used for quick response to potential economic development opportunities. In addition, the City Business Team is convened as needed for streamlined development review and permitting. Recent example are the City's prompt and focused energy put into expediting a request from the Chico Mall to do a major face lift and to the re-siting of the Build.com. |
| ED-1.3.4 (Local Outreach) | Conduct regular outreach to the local business and development community to identify opportunities for greater regulatory efficiency. Share the outreach findings and recommendations with the City Council for consideration. | CM, CDD | ongoing | The City collaborated with the Chamber to conduct a Permitting Improvement Workshop. The workshop resulted in improvements to the City's permitting process experience, including on-line permitting, as well as comprehensive updates to the Planning and Building webpages. The CDD and DPW meet quarterly with the Chamber to discuss issues related to efficiency. The City is a key partner in the Team Chico program that reaches out to local businesses and seeks greater regulatory efficiency. |
| ED-1.4.1 (Phase and Prioritize Investment) | Prioritize investment in public infrastructure to areas that have the highest potential to retain and add jobs and attract new private investment based on factors such as access, location, compatibility with other uses, and potential to spur revitalization. | DPW, CM, CDD | ongoing | Prioritizing infrastructure improvements for economic development is a key consideration in the City's capital improvement planning process. |

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| ED-1.4.2 (Pursue Funding) | Identify, pursue, and contribute City funds to help secure state, federal, and other grants in support of economic development efforts. | CM, DPW | ongoing | Staff actively pursues grants funding and supports economic development partners in their grant funding pursuits. The City assisted in a grant submittal to secure \$758,200 for an alternative fuels pilot project in Chico for Springboard Biodiesel, a local manufacturer. The City received \$400k in funding from the EPA to pursue environmental assessments for Brownfield sites to enhance opportunities for sale and redevelopment. |
| ED-1.4.4 (Land Assembly for Infill/Reuse/Redevelopment) | Where appropriate, request Redevelopment Agency assistance to facilitate infill, reuse, and redevelopment through land banking and land assembly in partnership with private landowners and developers. | CM, CDD | ongoing | Redevelopment funded initiatives have been suspended due to AB 1X 26. New funding mechanisms are being actively pursued. |
| ED-1.4.5 (Base Level Employers) | Invest local resources and pursue outside investment and partnerships to retain, expand, and add new base level employers in Chico. | CM | ongoing | The City Manager's office maintains ongoing relationships with base level employers to assist with growth and expansion. In addition, the City is a key partner in the Team Chico program that supports local business needs. |
| ED-1.4.6 (Enhance Technology) | Continue to use technology to support the City's economic development goals. | CM, ASD | ongoing | Staff continues to look for new and emerging trends in technology to enhance the City's economic development goals. The Team Chico uses a variety of technology and outreach to support the City's economic development goals. |
| ED-1.4.7 (Sports Marketing for Economic Development) | Invest in the attraction and promotion of regional and other major sporting events to bring economic benefit to businesses located in Chico. | CM | ongoing | The Chico Heat are returning to Chico in 2016. The City continues to pursue bringing the Amgen Tour, a professional bike race, through Chico. |
| ED-1.5.1 (Placemaking) | Support the development and enhancement of "Third Places" (places people go after work or when not at home), including open space, recreation, art, and entertainment venues. | CDD, CM | ongoing | Placemaking is a key priority in the 2012-2013 Economic Development Action Plan. In addition, the City's art program continues to incorporate art into the City's capital projects. The City also approved a management plan for the Comanche Creek greenway that has since received \$1M in funding. The area will provide a unique "third place" for both the neighborhood and adjacent employers. |

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| ED-1.5.2 (Business Improvement Districts) | Assist local businesses and property owners in forming business improvement districts to promote economic development through initiatives, including marketing, tourism promotion, special events and programs, physical improvements, clean and safe programs, and activities which benefit the businesses and real property of the districts. | CDD, CM, DPW | ongoing | The City will support the evaluation of business improvements districts as requested by property and/or business owners. The City is also collaborating with the Chico Clean & Safe program to enhance Downtown. |
| ED-2.1.1 (Showcase Events) | Solicit and encourage major events such as professional bicycle races, and cultural and art events, to showcase Chico and increase tourism. | CM | ongoing | The City actively supports efforts to stage events, including Chico Palio, and has been pursuing bringing the Amgen Tour to Chico. |
| ED-2.1.2 (Convention Center and Hotels) | Explore the feasibility of establishing a convention center, either Downtown or in another location, such as the fairgrounds, and monitor the need for and availability of sites to accommodate additional hotels to meet the needs of visitors. | CM, PSD | ongoing | No effort has been initiated, and the dissolution of the City Redevelopment Agency may hamper this effort. |
| ED-2.2.1 (Event Marketing) | Collaborate with other groups to market local and regional attractions and events. | CM | ongoing | The City actively supports events through its annual economic development funding process. In addition, the City willingly works with requests from groups as requested. |
| ED-2.3.1 (Agricultural Tourism) | Promote agricultural tourism in Chico in collaboration with local farmers and food businesses. | CM | ongoing | No formal effort has been initiated, but the City works with requests from groups as requested. |
| ED-3.1.1 (Five Year Implementation Plan) | Partner with the Redevelopment Agency to update, adopt, and realize the Redevelopment Agency's Five Year Implementation Plan | CM | ongoing | Redevelopment funded initiatives have been suspended due to AB 1X 26. New funding mechanisms are being actively pursued. |
| PPFS-1.1.3 (Cooperative Development of Facilities) | Pursue cooperative development of neighborhood, community, and regional parks, as well as facilities that enhance recreational opportunities and economic development, such as sports and aquatic complexes, with the Chico Area Recreation and Parks District. | DPW | ongoing | The City acquired a grant that is being used to enhance the BMX and freestyle Park on MLK parkway. The City has also provided fiscal support to CARD for improvements to Hooker Oak Park and created new disc golf opportunities in the same area. |
| PPFS-1.1.4 (Park Maintenance Funding) | Aid in the formation of maintenance districts or other funding mechanisms to pay for the cost of ongoing maintenance and operation of parks. | DPW | ongoing | No new opportunities this past year. |
| PPFS-1.1.5 (CARD Review of City Projects) | Solicit comments from Chico Area Recreation and Parks District staff as part of early project review for Special Planning Areas and larger subdivision proposals. | CDD | ongoing | CARD will be consulted as part of early project review for SPAs. |

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| PPFS-1.1.7 (Evaluate Progress) | Coordinate with the Chico Area Recreation and Parks District (CARD) to provide periodic reports to the City Council, the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission, and the CARD Board of Directors documenting the status of the City's and District's efforts to develop and improve parks and recreational facilities. | DPW | ongoing | Updates will be provided in the future. |
| PPFS-1.1.8 (Funding to Develop Recreation Facilities) | Pursue local, state, federal, and other funds for the development of parks and recreation facilities. | DPW | ongoing | Staff regularly applies for and receives trail enhancement grants, and will be exploring donation options for infrastructure improvements. |
| PPFS-1.1.9 (Bidwell Park Master Management Plan) | Utilize the Bidwell Park Master Management Plan and consider the intent of Annie Bidwell's Deed to direct management and guide decision-making for Bidwell Park. | DPW | ongoing | Much of the vision, and many of the objectives and approaches of the Bidwell Park Master Management Plan (BPMMP) stemmed from Annie Bidwell's deed. The BPMMP provides a framework for decision making and decisions before the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission are put in terms of the BPMMP objectives. |
| PPFS-2.1.1 (Greenway Acquisition) | Continue the City's greenway purchase program to acquire properties located adjacent to creeks as they become available in order to expand habitat protection, trail creation, and public recreation opportunities. | CM, DPW | ongoing | No purchases were made this past year. |
| PPFS-2.1.2 (Creekside Design) | Continue to use Chico's Design Guidelines Manual for proposed development adjacent to creeks to address setbacks, building orientation, security measures, and lighting to promote public access and use of the City's creeks as amenities without detracting from the natural setting. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Staff applies the Design Guidelines Manual to ensure proper creekside design during project and architectural review. |
| PPFS-2.1.3 (Pathway and Trail Planning) | Design pedestrian and bicycle paths and trails adjacent to and across creeks that protect the riparian environment. | DPW | ongoing | This action is incorporated into all City capital projects, including: Bikeway 99, the LCC bike path, and the Comanche Creek Greenway project. |
| PPFS-2.1.4 (Assess Potential Impacts to Creeks) | Through the development and environmental review process, including consultation with state and federal agencies and non-profit organizations, ensure that natural areas and habitat located in and adjacent to the City's creeks are protected and enhanced. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | The environmental review process and federal and state permit requirements are applied to protect creeks and natural habitat. |

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| PPFS-3.1.1 (School Sites) | <p>Encourage Chico Unified School District to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locate schools to serve new neighborhoods. • Locate school sites safely away from heavy traffic, excessive noise, and incompatible land uses. • Locate schools in areas where existing or planned circulation infrastructure allows for safe access. • Promote safe student loading and unloading. • Promote walking, biking, riding transit, or carpooling to schools. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Staff coordinaates regularly with CUSD on planning, grant efforts, and circulation issues to meet the needs of residents and the District, as well as support the goals and policies of the General Plan. In addition, staff coordinates with CUSD during their master planning efforts. |
| PPFS-3.1.2 (Plan for School Sites) | Consult with Chico Unified School District staff when planning the Special Planning Areas to ensure that school facilities are in place to meet the needs of development. | CDD | ongoing | CUSD will be consulted as part of early project review for SPAs. |
| PPFS-3.1.3 (School Information) | Provide information to developers and interested parties on school locations and school facility fees during the City's project review process. | CDD | ongoing | Information is provided upon request. |
| PPFS-3.2.1 (Collaborate with Educational Institutions) | Work with CSU Chico, Butte College, and private educational institutions to meet existing and new student housing, transportation, and facility needs. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | This action is achieved through Town/Gown coordination and regular meetings with CUSD staff. |
| PPFS-3.2.2 (Education/Business Connections) | Support the development of research and business opportunities associated with the City's institutions of higher learning. | CM | ongoing | No formal effort has been initiated, but the City collaborates with CSUC and Butte College on a number of research efforts. |
| PPFS-4.1.1 (Require Connection to Sewer System) | Require all commercial and industrial development, as well as all residential development with lots one acre or smaller, to connect to the City's sewer system. | DPW | ongoing | Incorporated through project review and finalization. |
| PPFS-4.1.2 (Sanitary Sewer Master Plan) | Update and maintain the City's Sanitary Sewer Master Plan, as well as the Sewer System Model, to assure that improvements to the system are identified, planned, and prioritized. | DPW | ongoing | Sanitary Sewer Master Plan Update was completed in 2013. |
| PPFS-4.1.3 (Wastewater System Costs) | Secure financing for the expansion and maintenance of the Water Pollution Control Plant and sewer system through the use of connection fees, special taxes, assessment districts, developer dedications, or other appropriate mechanisms. Financing should be sufficient to complete all related project-specific sewer trunk and main lines at their full planned capacities in a single phase. | DPW | ongoing | Water Pollution Control Plant expansion completed in 2011. |

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| PPFS-4.2.1 (Septic System Information) | Assist Butte County with their effort to implement a public information campaign aimed at informing homeowners with septic systems of the proper design, use, and care of septic systems, as well as sewer connection opportunities | DPW | ongoing | Incorporated into Standard Operating Procedures. |
| PPFS-4.2.2 (Implementing the Nitrate Compliance Plan) | Continue collaboration with Butte County to implement the Nitrate Compliance Plan. | DPW | ongoing | The Nitrate Compliance Plan is being implemented and City staff participates in quarterly meeting with County staff, and cooperates on specific projects. Full implementation due to be complete in 2017. |
| PPFS-4.2.3 (Funding the Nitrate Compliance Plan) | Continue to seek funding opportunities to assist with the cost of connecting parcels currently relying on septic systems to the City's sewer system. | DPW | ongoing | Staff monitoring potential funding sources and considering strategies. |
| PPFS- 4.3.1 (Infiltration Program) | Develop and implement an inflow and infiltration program to identify, monitor, and line or replace existing pipes that are the source of excessive wet weather infiltration and reduced system capacity. | DPW | ongoing | This direction is incorporated into the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan Update. |
| PPFS-4.4.1 (Wastewater Meters for Industrial Uses) | Require installation of wastewater meters for all new or expansions of existing Significant Industrial User facilities. | DPW | ongoing | Wastewater meters are required on Significant Industrial Users (SIU) that discharge flows of 25,000 gallons per day or more per day. |
| PPFS-4.4.2 (Emerging Technologies) | Incorporate emerging wastewater treatment technologies to enable wastewater management practices to adapt and be more efficient. | DPW | ongoing | Wastewater Treatment staff continually monitor developments in technologies that enable wastewater practices to be more efficient and determine their feasibility for use. |
| PPFS-5.1.1 (Groundwater Protection Advocacy) | Oppose regional sales and transfers of local groundwater, including water export contracts, and actively participate in county-wide and regional discussions and advocacy for the protection of groundwater resources. | CM, CDD | ongoing | Staff attends meetings that address this important issue, and the City will oppose sales and transfer of local groundwater. Letters of opposition have been sent in response to environmental documents for water transfers. |
| PPFS-5.1.2 (Groundwater Supplies and Budgeting) | Support periodic evaluation of groundwater availability using the Butte Basin Groundwater Model and Cal Water's work to establish a water supply budget with specific measures to assure sustainable levels of groundwater. | CM, CDD | ongoing | Groundwater monitoring beneath Chico is performed regularly by Cal Water and shared with Butte County for incorporation in an annual Groundwater Status Report. In addition, staff supports continued study of the the groundwater basin to ensure sustainable levels of groundwater. |
| PPFS-5.1.3 (Groundwater Recharge and Quality) | Where feasible given flood management requirements, maintain the natural or existing condition of waterways and floodplains and protect watersheds to ensure groundwater recharge and water quality. | DPW | ongoing | This is a standard procedure as required by the State, all projects are designed this way. |

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| PPFS-5.1.5 (Groundwater Levels as Indicator) | Use groundwater levels as one of the sustainability indicators to measure the City's progress toward sustainability as directed by SUS-1.2.1. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | The General Plan directs using groundwater levels as an indicator. However, groundwater levels are affected by a myriad of variables, and interpreting fluctuations is highly complex. This indicator would require extensive background and discussion, and therefore is not well suited to the Sustainability Indicators Report format. However, Butte County has an ongoing effort to comprehensively monitor groundwater levels, including data from Cal Water for the Chico area. A 5-6 page excerpted section from Butte County's Groundwater Status Report regarding the state of Chico's groundwater level monitoring is provided to Council annually under a separate cover. |
| PPFS-5.2.1 (Water Flow and Pressure) | Ensure that new City infrastructure provides for water flow and pressure at sufficient levels to meet domestic, commercial, industrial, institutional, and firefighting needs. | DPW, FD | ongoing | This is a standard procedure as required by the State, all projects are designed this way. |
| PPFS-5.2.2 (Wells and Private Water Systems) | Where public water delivery systems are available, discourage use of wells and private water systems for domestic water use. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | Incorporated through project review and finalization. |
| PPFS-5.2.3 (Water Services for New Development) | Work with Cal Water to ensure that water treatment and delivery infrastructure are in place prior to occupancy or assured through the use of bonds or other sureties to the City and Cal Water's satisfaction. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | City staff coordinates with Cal Water staff during its master plan efforts to identify where growth will occur, and during project review Cal Water is involved. |
| PPFS-5.3.2 (Water Reuse) | Encourage new development to install water conserving irrigation systems such as grey water systems. | CDD | ongoing | Water conservation systems beyond those required by AB 1881 were intended to be encouraged in larger projects of the sort that has not occurred during the past year. Additional water conserving methods will be encouraged for larger projects in the future. |
| PPFS-6.2.1 (Storm Water Drainage Standards) | Regularly update storm water drainage standards to include all current best management practices and ensure water quality and quantity standards governing the discharge of storm water drainage to downstream receiving waters conform with State and Federal regulations. | DPW | ongoing | This is a condition of the City's National Pollution Discharge Elimination Permit with the State Water Resources Control Board. |
| PPFS-6.2.2 (Expand Storm Water Infrastructure) | As funding allows, continue installation of storm water drainage infrastructure in areas not served. | DPW | ongoing | Storm water facilities are generally incorporated as part of capital projects in areas that do not currently have storm drainage infrastructure. |

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| PPFS-6.3.1 (Alternative Storm Water Infrastructure) | Continue to develop engineering standards and guidelines for the use of alternative storm water infrastructure in order to minimize impervious area, runoff and pollution, and to maximize natural storm water infiltration wherever feasible. | DPW | ongoing | No new standards developed during the previous year, but staff continues to carefully track alternative storm water infrastructure for use in the community. The City is seeking funding for a "model" low impact development project at Parking Lot 5 to highlight "green" storm drain infrastructure. |
| PPFS-6.4.1 (Storm Water Management Program) | Continue to implement the City's Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) and enforce storm water provisions in the City's Municipal Code. | DPW | ongoing | Incorporated into standard operation procedures. |
| PPFS-6.5.1 (Flood Management) | Consult with Butte County and other flood control agencies to ensure that all possible actions are taken to prevent floodwaters from entering the City. | DPW | ongoing | Incorporated into standard operation procedures. |
| PPFS-6.5.2 (Natural Watercourses) | Utilize natural watercourses and existing developed flood control channels as the City's primary flood control channels when and where feasible. | DPW | ongoing | Incorporated into standard operation procedures. |
| PPFS-6.5.3 (Flood Impacts) | Require that new development not increase flood impacts on adjacent properties in either the upstream or downstream direction. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | Incorporated into standard operation procedures. |
| PPFS-6.5.4 (Flood Zones) | Require new development to fully comply with State and Federal regulations regarding development in flood zones. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | Incorporated into standard operation procedures. |
| PPFS-7.1.1 (Library Services) | Consult with Butte County regarding strategies to assure the continued operation of the Chico Branch of the Butte County library system. | CM | ongoing | The Chico Branch of the Butte County Library continues to be an asset to the community and surrounding area. The City Manager's office coordinates with the Butte County Administrator's office annually to coordinate the funding needs of the Butte County Library system. |
| PPFS-7.1.2 (Funding Arts and Cultural Programs) | Seek opportunities to provide financial and governmental assistance which leverages additional funding for arts and cultural programs. | CM, DPW | ongoing | Opportunities are considered on a project-by-project basis, and as funding is available. |
| PPFS-7.1.3 (Partnerships for Cultural Programs) | Encourage partnerships among art and cultural groups, community organizations, and the local business community to develop new and expand existing cultural programs. | CM | ongoing | The City annually funds a marketing campaign in partnership with community organization and the local business community to promote Chico as a destination. The City also offers technical assistance to grow the organizational capacity of community groups, although that funding has been greatly reduced due to budgetary constraints. |

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| PPFS-8.1.1 (Green Waste) | Encourage recycling, composting, and organic waste diversion within the City and continue providing green yard waste recycling services, seasonal leaf collection and street sweeping services. | DPW | ongoing | In 2015, the City will enter into a new Waste Franchise Agreement that will enhance recycling and waste diversion community-wide. The City requires the waste haulers to provide curbside recycling service and to provide information on how and what to recycle to their customers at least once a year. The City also continues to own the only compost facility in Butte County that processes nearly 20,000 tons of greenwaste and continues to provide seasonal leaf collection and biweekly street sweeping. |
| PPFS-8.1.2 (Reduce Municipal Waste) | Establish the City as a role model for businesses and industrial operations through programs designed to encourage recycling, waste diversion, source reduction, and use of renewable resources. | DPW | ongoing | The City continues to recycle and reduce waste in its operations where possible. The City also purchases park benches, tables and other products made from recycled materials, uses rerefined motor oil and low sulfur diesel fuel in its fleet, and is pursuing the use of biodiesel and other alternative fuels. The City captures methane to run a cogenerator and installed a 1 megawatt solar facility at its WWTP to offset energy use at the plant. |
| PPFS-8.1.3 (Recycled and Recyclable Products) | Pursue City procurement that emphasizes the use of recycled and recyclable products. | DPW | ongoing | One of the actions in the Climate Action Plan is to develop standardized language for insertion into annual purchasing contracts to encourage use of environmentally preferable products and services. |
| PPFS-8.1.4 (Locations for Waste Management) | Identify safe and convenient locations and hours for the disposal and recycling of hazardous waste, plastics, glass, metals, electronics, food and other organic waste, construction waste, and other special wastes. | DPW | ongoing | The City continues to work with Butte County to promote the regional household hazardous waste facility, used oil recycling and the recycling of electronic wastes. The City also requires that the solid waste collectors provide convenient curbside recycling service for plastics, glass and other recyclables. The City is also working with the county to pursue the recycling of food and construction debris. |
| PPFS-8.1.6 (Recyclable Construction Materials) | Use the Green Building Checklist to encourage the use of recyclable materials in new construction. | CDD | ongoing | This is happening as a requirement of the CA Green Code on all new construction. An updated list of recycle vendors is available at the Building counter and attached to plans. |

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| OS-1.1.1 (Development/Preservation Balance) | Direct development to appropriate locations consistent with the Land Use Diagram, and protect and preserve areas designated Open Space and areas that contain sensitive habitat and species. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Development projects are checked for consistency with the Land Use Diagram during project review. |
| OS-1.1.2 (Regional Conservation Planning) | Actively participate in regional conservation planning efforts, in particular the Butte County Habitat Conservation Plan process, sponsored by the Butte County Association of Governments, which seeks the preservation of habitat areas needed for the ongoing viability of native species | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Staff participates in interagency planning activities and has provided significant comments on development of the Butte County HCP. |
| OS-1.1.3 (Sustainable Community Strategy) | In support of AB 32, work with the Butte County Association of Governments to implement the Sustainable Community Strategy (SB 375), which directs smart-growth development to urbanized areas. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Planning staff coordinated with BCAG, provided land use information, and provided significant comments in support of development of the local Sustainable Community Strategy. |
| OS-1.1.4 (Community Collaboration) | Consult with conservation groups to identify sites and projects for fund-raising and volunteer participation in public education, enhancement, maintenance, and protection of natural resources within the City's Sphere of Influence. | DPW | ongoing | Staff continues working with individuals and groups as part of the Volunteer Program, which last year amassed over 28,500 hours of work in Parks and Greenways. Staff explores coordination with conservation groups to explore funding options as opportunities arise. |
| OS-1.1.5 (Control Invasive Species) | Prioritize efforts to remove non-native species within Bidwell Park and other City greenways, and condition new development adjacent to Bidwell Park and greenways to protect native species and habitat from the introduction of invasive species. | DPW | ongoing | In 2015, the City collaborated with BEC to submit a grant to remove Arundo Donax from Little Chico Creek. Staff has been aggressively pursuing integrated invasive plant management using a variety of tools and resources, including the Parks Division conducting prescribed burns, planting of native grass, and continued education efforts. The development of a Natural Resources Management Plan will be an important next step. |
| OS-1.2.1 (State and Federal Guidelines) | Ensure that project-related biological impacts are considered and mitigated, and require applicants to obtain all necessary local, state and federal permits for projects that may affect special-status species or their habitat. | CDD | ongoing | Project review considers potential biological impacts, and if needed mitigation measures are applied and permits obtained. It is anticipated that the Butte Regional HCP process will streamline this process and provide better protection for biological resources. |
| OS-2.1.2 (Funding for Open Space) | Pursue outside funding sources for open space acquisition, management, maintenance, and restoration. | DPW | ongoing | Opportunities are considered on a project-by-project basis, and as funding is available. |

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| OS-2.2.1 (Creekside Greenway Program) | Continue collecting fees for creekside greenway acquisition, and purchase properties as opportunities arise. | DPW | ongoing | Opportunities are considered as funding permits. |
| OS-2.2.2 (Greenway Expansion) | Seek easements and dedications along the City's creeks to expand the greenway system. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | Opportunities are considered on a project-by-project basis, and as funding is available. |
| OS-2.4.1 (Visual Simulations) | Require visual simulations for foothill development to assess viewshed impacts | CDD | ongoing | Required as part of the new foothill design standards. |
| OS-2.5.1 (Setbacks from Creeks) | Consistent with the City's Municipal Code, require a minimum 25-foot setback from the top of creek banks to development and associated above ground infrastructure as a part of project review, and seek to acquire an additional 75 feet. In addition, require a larger setback where necessary to mitigate environmental impacts. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | This requirement is applied through the project review process. |
| OS-3.1.1 (Comply with State Standards) | Comply with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board's regulations and standards to maintain, protect, and improve water quality and quantity. | DPW | ongoing | This is a standard procedure, all projects processed this way. |
| OS-3.1.2 (Runoff from New Development) | Require the use of pollution management practices and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits to control, treat, and prevent discharge of polluted runoff from development. | DPW | ongoing | This is a standard procedure, all projects processed this way. |
| OS-3.1.3 (Discharge Enforcement) | Continue enforcement of illegal discharges to Chico's creeks. | DPW | ongoing | Incorporated into standard operation procedures. |
| OS-3.1.4 (Clean Creeks Project) | Continue implementation of the Chico USA Clean Creeks Project which provides community-wide education regarding storm water runoff, pollution management practices, and the importance of clean creeks. | DPW | ongoing | CUSA expired with its grant funding. The Storm Water Management Program is the successor to CUSA, and educational information is provided annually. |
| OS-3.1.5 (Water Quality Monitoring) | Monitor water quality in Big Chico Creek (above and below Sycamore Pool) daily between Memorial Day and Labor Day and monthly during the balance of the year. | DPW | ongoing | City continues to provide for the regular testing, on regular intervals, during this period both above and below Sycamore Pool on an annual basis. |

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| OS-3.1.6 (Teichert Ponds Restoration) | Seek funding to implement the Teichert Ponds Restoration Habitat Development Plan, which will enhance storm water quality, wildlife habitat, public access, and education at the Teichert Ponds stormwater facility. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | In 2014, a collaboration of community stakeholders began development of plans for informational and educational kiosks at the ponds that will enhance management and use of the site. Staff has submitted two grant applications to implement the Teichert Ponds restoration project, but has not received funding to date. |
| OS-3.1.7 (Five-Mile Operation) | Work with the Butte County Public Works Department to improve operation and maintenance of the Five-Mile flood control system to enhance flow and sediment management and thereby enhance water quality, fisheries habitat, and flood capacity. | DPW | ongoing | This effort was originally initiated by Butte County over 5 years ago. Funding considerations and other work priorities have dropped its urgency. |
| OS-3.2.1 (Protect Recharge Areas) | Avoid impacts to groundwater recharge areas through open space preservation, runoff management, stream setbacks and clustering of development. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Through project review, foothill development will be clustered and setback from streams to allow adequate drainage to recharge groundwater. |
| OS-3.2.3 (Nitrate Compliance Plan) | Continue to implement the Nitrate Compliance Plan. | DPW | ongoing | This is a high priority City capital project, which is due to be complete in 2017. |
| OS-3.2.4 (Monitor Contaminated Sites) | Monitor the status of known groundwater and soil contamination sites within the Planning Area as identified by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | The City is provided with occasional updates from DTSC regarding its monitoring of known groundwater contamination. |
| OS-3.2.5 (Groundwater Protection) | Oppose regional sales and transfers of local groundwater. | CM, CDD | ongoing | Staff attends meetings and conferences that address this important issue, and the City opposes sales and transfer of local groundwater through the provision of comment letters on CEQA determinations for groundwater sales. |
| OS-3.3.2 (Reduce the Use of Turf) | Limit the use of turf on landscape medians, parkways, and other common areas in favor of native and drought tolerant ground cover, mulch, and other landscaping design elements, and support the conversion of existing turf to less water-intensive ground cover types. | DPW | ongoing | Phase 2 of the Title 19 update modified Section 19.68.040 of the Code to add a greater emphasis on using native or drought tolerant species, particularly in the parkway planter strips. In addition, the City is not allowing the planting of lawn in the tree planting strip in new developments. Landscaping contracts now requires that all unplanted surface areas have chip mulch placed over bare ground to reduce water use and improve soil quality. |

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| OS-3.3.3 (Parkway Irrigation) | Design and monitor irrigation systems in medians and parkways to maximize efficiency and minimize nuisance run-off. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | Annual inspections and repairs are complete on all irrigation systems in the month of March and April, prior to irrigation season. Systems are being evaluated to replace old irrigation heads and systems with new more water efficient systems, wherever possible. |
| OS-3.3.5 (Water Efficient Landscape Irrigation) | Enforce the requirements of state water conservation legislation when reviewing landscaping plans for new projects. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Phase 2 of the Title 19 update modified Section 19.68 of the Code implement AB 1881. In addition, staff ensure compliance with AB 1881 through project and plan review. |
| OS-4.1.2 (Air Quality Impact Mitigation) | During project and environmental review, evaluate air quality impacts and incorporate applicable mitigations to reduce impacts consistent with Butte County Air Quality Management District requirements. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Potential air quality impacts from projects are reviewed consistent with BCAQMD requirements. The District updated its CEQA Air Quality Handbook with assistance and input from City staff. |
| OS-4.1.4 (Pollution from City Equipment) | As viable alternatives become available, replace City-owned, gas-powered equipment with less polluting models. | DPW, FD, PD | ongoing | City continues working with vendors to stay informed of new developments, but is also trying to incorporate new, less polluting fuels in existing equipment. |
| OS-4.1.5 (Leaf Removal) | Enforce the City's no burn regulations, encourage composting, and continue the residential leaf pick-up program. | DPW | ongoing | Wastewater biosolids may be diverted to a co-composting operation. City continues to perform residential leaf pickup. |
| OS-4.1.6 (Reduce Traffic Pollution) | Reduce pollution from traffic by providing a well-connected circulation system with complete streets, enhancing bicycle facilities, supporting transit, and implementing traffic calming techniques such as roundabouts, narrowed streets, and chicanes. | DPW | ongoing | 1st/2nd Str Couplet (design)/5th Ave Reconstruction (build)/Skyway-SR 99 I.C.(build)/SR 32 Widen(design-build)/MLK Jr-E Park Ave Intx (build)/SR 99-Eaton Rd I.C./Nord Hwy-The Esplanade T.S. |
| OS-4.2.1 (Air Quality Education) | In consultation with the Butte County Air Quality Management District, disseminate information to educate the community about how to improve air quality. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Information on wood burning, air pollution, and the City's wood burning restrictions is provided on the City's Website. Educational brochures were requested from the District and are available at the high traffic 2nd floor counter at City Hall. |
| OS-5.2.1 (Agricultural Buffers) | Require buffers for development adjacent to active agricultural operations along the Greenline to reduce incompatibilities, and explore opportunities for public uses within buffers. | CDD | ongoing | Phase 2 of the Title 19 update modified Chapter 19.64 (Agricultural Preservation Standards) to require the buffer called for in this action. Buffer standards and design criteria are also specified in 19.64, as called for by Policy LU-2.6. |

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| OS-6.1.1 (Urban Forest Maintenance) | Maintain and expand the urban forest by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining existing city trees through regular, scheduled service • Planting new trees to replace those that require removal and enhance the street tree canopy, where needed • Requiring street and parking lot tree planting in new development • Working with commercial parking lot owners to improve the shade canopy • Implementing the Municipal Code's tree protection regulations • Using volunteer groups and property owners to plant new trees, care for newly planted trees, maintain young trees, and provide information and instructions regarding such care and maintenance | DPW | ongoing | In 2014, Council approved funding to retain a consultant for urban forest management duties, including completing the Urban Forest Management Plan, updating the City's Street Tree List, and providing technical expertise regarding tree related decisions. The City maintains street trees for elevation over the streets and for safety, as well as responds to high priority service requests. Street trees and parking lot trees are required in all new development. When commercial renovations occur, money for landscaping needs to go into tree cover first when parking lots are deficient in shade. Planting is now done by citizens requesting trees from the City, who agree to water and care for them for 3 years. |
| OS-6.1.2 (Utility Impacts) | Where feasible, require new underground utilities that are in close proximity to trees to be designed and installed to minimize impacts to trees through consultation with the Urban Forester. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | Utilities and capital projects are effectively working around trees using "potholing" and boring techniques to work around major roots. This has significantly reduced the impacts of construction on trees, especially during the installation of new curbs and sidewalks in older neighborhoods. In addition, as part of Phase 2 of the Title 19 update, an amendment was made to Section 19.60.120 calling for tree protection when underground utilities are installed. |
| CRHP-1.1.1 (Historic Preservation Ordinance) | Maintain and update as necessary the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance. | CDD | ongoing | The Ordinance was adopted 09/07/10, and is updated with new resources when necessary. |
| CRHP-1.1.2 (Historic Resources Inventory) | Maintain and update the City's Historic Resources Inventory. | CDD | ongoing | The Inventory was adopted 01/20/09, and is updated with new resources when necessary. |
| CRHP-1.1.3 (Historic Preservation Board) | Appoint members of a new Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board who meet the qualifications of a Certified Local Government and who serve a dual role in the architectural design review of new development and in the review of historic preservation decisions affecting the City's Historic Resources Inventory or new Landmark overlay zoning districts. | CDD | ongoing | Council adopted an Ordinance on 09/07/10 creating the new Architectural Review Historic Preservation Board. |

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| CRHP-1.1.4 (Certified Local Government) | Maintain the City's recognition by the State Historic Preservation Office as a Certified Local Government. | CDD | ongoing | Chico was officially designated as the State's 60th Certified Local Government on 12/21/11. |
| CRHP-1.1.7 (Public Resources) | Maintain all City-owned historic and cultural resources in a manner that is consistent with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Standard procedure, ongoing. |
| CRHP-1.1.8 (Records Search) | Continue to consult and require record searches for discretionary projects with the Northeast Center of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) located at CSU Chico. | CDD | ongoing | Standard procedure, ongoing. |
| CRHP-1.1.9 (Native American Consultation) | Continue to consult with and distribute environmental review documents to the Native American Heritage Commission through the State Clearinghouse. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Standard procedure, ongoing. |
| CRHP-1.1.10 (Architectural Historian Consultations) | Use the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) Consultants List to identify qualified architectural historians for project consultation. Require consultants for City and private development projects to meet the minimum Professional Qualification Standards adopted by the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historical Preservation. | CDD | ongoing | Standard procedure, ongoing. |
| CRHP-1.1.11 (Assistance Programs) | Provide assistance to Chico residents who are restoring qualified historic properties by offering development incentives as identified in the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance or additional federal and state support programs. | CDD | ongoing | Assistance and incentives were utilized under the new Historic Preservation Ordinance for the restoration of the Waterland Apartments. |
| CRHP-2.1.1 (Guidelines for Redevelopment of Historic Resources) | Utilize the City's Design Guidelines Manual for discretionary design review to address exterior alterations proposed to historic buildings in accordance with the Historic Preservation Ordinance. | CDD | ongoing | Ongoing, successfully implemented in the Downtown and on listed resources. |
| CRHP-2.2.1 (Exterior of Historic Structures) | With discretionary actions or in compliance with the Historic Preservation Ordinance, restore or preserve the original exterior of historic structures at the time of a change in use, whenever feasible. | CDD | ongoing | Ongoing, successfully implemented in the Downtown and on listed resources. |

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| CRHP-2.4.1 - (Heritage Tourism) | To both educate the public and stimulate the economy, work with public agencies, private organizations, property owners, and area businesses to develop and promote Heritage Tourism opportunities throughout Chico. | CM, CDD | ongoing | Chico hosted the State Historic Resource Commission's first quarterly meeting on 01/19/12, which included tours and receptions at local businesses. First educational outreach with Mechoopda Indian Tribe on 1/19/12, more planned at Chico Creek Nature Center in the future. |
| CRHP-2.4.2 (Ceremonies and Events) | Participate in the promotion of traditional ceremonies and events from the various cultures, ethnicities and nationalities that make up the Chico community. | CM, CDD | ongoing | Ongoing. |
| CRHP-2.4.3 (Diversity Action Plan) | Implement the Diversity Action Plan to support the various cultures, ethnicities and nationalities that make up the Chico community. | CM | ongoing | The Diversity Action Plan was completed in 2011, and is being implemented through the City Manager's office. |
| CRHP-2.4.4 (Community Awareness and Education) | Participate in the promotion of public tours, viewing, and informational presentations at historic buildings and archaeological sites. | CM, CDD | ongoing | Educational outreach with Mechoopda Indian Tribe ongoing at Chico Creek Nature Center, small amphitheater construction, 2012. |
| CRHP-3.1.2 (Northeast Information Center) | Maintain a Project Review Agreement with the Northeast Information Center (NEIC) and consult with the NEIC in preparation of a Cultural Resources Management Plan. | CDD | ongoing | Agreement being drafted. |
| CRHP-3.1.3 (Archaeologist Consultation) | Use the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) Consultants List to identify qualified archaeologists for project consultation. Require consultants for City and private development projects to meet the minimum Professional Qualification Standards adopted by the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historical Preservation. Consult with the Mechoopda Indian Tribe prior to the selection of archaeologists for City projects. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | This is an ongoing requirement that is implemented on a project-by-project basis. |
| CRHP-3.1.6 (Public/Private Partnerships) | Explore public and private partnerships that support the City's historic preservation program. Continue to utilize the Chico Heritage Association as a resource for issues and projects. | CDD, CM | ongoing | The State Historic Resource Commission's quarterly meeting in Chico on 01/19/12 was closely coordinated with the help of the Chico Heritage Association, which also continues to provide a valuable resource in project review. |

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| CRHP-3.1.7 (Educational Conferences) | In partnership with the Office of State Historic Preservation, CSU, Chico, the Chico Heritage Association, and the Northeast Information Center, continue to support educational conferences on Historic Preservation and Native American Resource Protection. | CDD | ongoing | An Historic Preservation Workshop, similar to the event in Fall 2007, is being considered as a collaborative effort between the City, Mechoopda Tribe, NEIC, and CSUC. |
| S-1.1.1 (Emergency Plan Maintenance) | Maintain, and update as needed, the City's Emergency Plan to guide emergency management in the City. | PD, FD | ongoing | The City's Emergency Operations Plan was updated in 2013. |
| S-1.1.2 (Emergency Response Awareness) | Promote community preparedness for hazards and awareness of emergency notification methods. | FD, PD | ongoing | The Fire Department continues to provide emergency preparedness training to all segments of the City's population. Special emphasis is provided to "at-risk" groups (youth, elderly and college students) as well as businesses. The Police Department is also utilizing social media for hazards and emergency notification such as e-mail, Facebook, Twitter and others. |
| S-1.1.3 (Incident Training) | Continue to participate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Incident Management System program, which provides a standardized approach to emergency incidents. | Citywide | ongoing | NIMS training is provided to all personnel as they are hired or promoted into position that require certification. |
| S-2.1.1 (Flood Hazard Analysis) | As part of project review, analyze potential impacts from flooding and require compliance with appropriate building standards and codes for structures subject to 200-year flood hazards. | CDD, DPW | ongoing | Completed as part of project review. |
| S-2.1.2 (Flood Hazard Management) | Continue efforts to work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and state and local agencies to evaluate the potential for flooding, identify areas susceptible to flooding, accredit the flood control levees in the City, and require appropriate measures to mitigate flood related hazards. | DPW | ongoing | Incorporated into standard operation procedures. |
| S-2.1.3 (200-year Flood Protection) | Cooperate with local, regional, state, and federal agencies to seek funding for the provision of 200-year flood protection. | DPW | ongoing | Incorporated into standard operation procedures. |
| S-2.1.4 (Floodplain Hazard Materials) | Provide materials to the community regarding Federal Emergency Management Agency and California Department of Water Resources flood mapping. | DPW | ongoing | Incorporated into standard operation procedures. |

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| S-3.1.1 (California Building Code) | Require all new buildings in the City to be built under the seismic requirements of the California Building Code. | DPW | ongoing | The City's building permit process includes a review of a building design related to the respective seismic zone. |
| S-3.1.2 (Potential Soil Hazards) | In areas with highly expansive soils, require appropriate studies and structural precautions through project review. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | When applicable, soil studies are conducted and structural accommodations are made through project review. |
| S-4.1.1 (Fire Response Time) | Strive to obtain an initial response time of five and a half minutes or less for at least 90 percent of fire emergency response calls in urbanized areas. | FD | ongoing | The department continues to strive to meet the national standard. |
| S-4.2.1 (Interagency Programs) | Continue to work with CalFire and the Butte County Fire Department on programs that will enhance fire protection and firefighting capabilities in the Planning Area, including maintaining aid agreements. | FD | ongoing | The automatic/mutual aid agreement between Chico Fire-Rescue and Cal Fire/Butte County Fire continues to be refined as necessary. The Chico Urban Area uses a "closest force response" element, which allows the closest resources to respond to an incident regardless of jurisdiction. Additionally, joint training is conducted on a regular basis between the agencies, which leads to improved service delivery to the community. |
| S-4.3.1 (Standards to Protect Structures) | Maintain, and update as needed, the standards manual for protecting structures in wildland fire areas. | FD | ongoing | Structural protection standards are in place for wildland fire areas, and will be updated when necessary. |
| S-4.3.3 (Project Design) | As part of project review process in wildland fire areas, require consideration of emergency evacuation routes and defensible buffer areas. | CDD, FD | ongoing | The Fire Marshal continues to do plan review of new projects to ensure proper fire department access and evacuation egress routes. The Fire Marshal also continues to work with Code Enforcement to ensure maintenance of defensible buffer area in high risk areas and undeveloped spaces within the City's jurisdiction. |
| S-5.1.2 (Police Staffing) | Maintain adequate staffing to meet the needs of the community's service population. | CM, PD | ongoing | For more than a decade, the Police Department has been staffed at levels significantly lower than average when compared to communities the size of Chico in the Western United States. As the community has continued to grow, the impact of the absence of growth in police staffing has been profound. In 2014, Council passed the Police Staffing Plan, to restore Chico PD's officer count to 83 as well as reinstitute the Target Team, Gang Unit, Traffic Team, and other special units. |

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| S-5.1.3 (Response Time) | Analyze and monitor factors affecting police response times, and make operational adjustments as necessary in order to provide the most expeditious responses. | PD | ongoing | Response times and activity levels are routinely monitored, and annual reports that include this information are prepared and provided to Council and the community. |
| S-5.1.4 (Specialized Resources) | Train, equip, and maintain specialized response teams for extraordinary emergency incidents. | PD, FD | ongoing | For the Fire Department, specialized response teams have been consolidated so that most personnel on these teams are working out of the same station. This allows for quicker response to incidents, improved training and decreased training expenditures. Specialized response teams are a top priority for the Police Department, but budget related issues compromise the ability of the Department to stay current with training. |
| S-5.2.1 (Community Needs Assessments) | Assess community needs, expectations, and satisfaction with the police on an ongoing basis. | PD | ongoing | The Police Department coordinated and administered a community survey during late 2011. The survey measured perceptions of safety in the community, opinions about what police priorities should be, and the level of satisfaction with the Department. The results of the survey were generally favorable. |
| S-5.2.2 (City Council Reports) | Report periodically to the City Council on citizen commendations and citizen complaints received. | PD | ongoing | The Police Department routinely reports to Council on citizen commendations, and a report is prepared annually and sent to the State Department of Justice regarding citizen complaints against peace officers. |
| S-5.3.1 (Neighborhood-Based Programs) | Enhance neighborhood-based crime prevention activities, such as Neighborhood Watch, Town and Gown activities, and community education programs. | PD | ongoing | The Police Department has historically participated in these activities, however, as a result of budget challenges, involvement has been significantly curtailed. |
| S-5.4.1 (University Police) | Maintain a memorandum of understanding with CSU, Chico University Police to coordinate law enforcement duties and services in the neighborhoods near the campus, such as the South Campus District. | PD | ongoing | There is an MOU in place that memorializes agreed upon areas of responsibility in campus neighborhoods, as well as the commitment to work together in providing for the safety of the campus community. |
| S-5.4.2 (Butte County Sheriff's Department) | Strive to maintain the mutual aid agreement, and continue cooperative policing in the greater Chico area with the Butte County Sheriff's Department. | PD | ongoing | The Police Department actively works with the Sheriff's Department to address policing issues in the Greater Chico Area. |
| S-5.4.3 (Disaster Planning) | Through the Butte County Office of Emergency Services, participate with area public safety and health agencies to plan and train for disaster preparedness. | PD, FD | ongoing | Disaster planning is an ongoing operation between all public safety and health agencies within Butte County. Emergency Operation Plans are being updated and standardized for all jurisdictions countywide. |

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| S-5.5.1 (Crime Detering Design) | Consider the incorporation of design features such as strategic window placement, lighting techniques, and landscaping into development projects to discourage criminal activity. | CDD, PD | ongoing | In coordination with the Police Department, crime-detering design is incorporated through project review. |
| S-7.1.2 (Education on Railroad Crossings) | Continue working with CSU Chico, UPRR, and student housing providers to develop and disseminate educational materials on the hazards of unauthorized railroad crossings, and regularly monitor and enforce crossing laws. | PD, CDD | ongoing | The Police Department routinely coordinates with CSU, Chico and UPRR to address safety and enforcement issues related to the crossings and railroad track in Chico. |
| S-8.1.1 (Planning for Hazardous Materials Safety) | Consult with the State Office of Emergency Services, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control, the California Highway Patrol, Butte County, and other relevant agencies regarding hazardous materials routing and incident response programs. | DPW, FD | ongoing | Chico Fire-Rescue is a partner in a JPA for hazardous materials response. Costs for all equipment and training are shared among the fire agencies within the county. |
| N-1.4.1 (Roadway Project Significance Criteria) | <p>For roadway improvement projects where an acoustical analysis demonstrates that it is not practical to reduce traffic noise levels to be consistent with Table N-1, the following criteria will be used as a test of significance for the environmental review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where existing traffic noise levels are less than 65 dB Ldn in the outdoor activity areas of noise-sensitive uses, a +8 dB Ldn increase in noise levels due to a roadway improvement project will be considered significant. • Where existing traffic noise levels range between 65 and 70 dB Ldn in the outdoor activity areas of noise-sensitive uses, a +5 dB Ldn increase in noise levels due to a roadway improvement project will be considered significant. Where existing traffic noise levels range between 65 and 70 dB Ldn in the outdoor activity areas of noise-sensitive uses, a +5 dB Ldn increase in noise levels due to a roadway improvement project will be considered significant. • Where existing traffic noise levels are greater than 70 dB Ldn in the outdoor activity areas of noise-sensitive uses, a 3+ dB Ldn increase in noise levels due to a roadway improvement project will be considered significant. | DPW | ongoing | These criteria were incorporated into the Hwy. 99 Auxiliary Lane Project and Hwy. 32 Project design between SR 99 and Bruce Road. |

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| N-2.1.1 (Noise Control Measures) | Limit noise exposure through the use of insulation, building design and orientation, staggered operating hours, and other techniques. Utilize physical barriers such as landscaped sound walls only when other solutions are unable to achieve the desired level of mitigation. | DPW, CDD | ongoing | When applicable, noise control measures are employed through project and environmental review. |
| N-2.2.3 (Noise from State Highways) | Request that Caltrans provide freeway sound walls with aesthetic design features, noise-reducing pavement, and speed reductions along state highways adjacent to residential areas where existing noise levels exceed 67 dBA. | DPW | ongoing | Sound walls were included in the SR 99 Auxillary Lane Phase 2 Project, and are being included in the SR 32 Widening Project. |
| N-3.1.1 (Noise Program Duties) | Enforce the City's Noise Ordinance by processing complaints, conducting on-site testing of noise sources, and sharing information on the effects of noise issues in the community. | CDD, PD | ongoing | Noise problems are generally complaint driven and are handled by both the Police Department and Code Enforcement depending on the time and nature of the complaint. The Police Department has been working with the community over the last year to develop and implement changes to the City Municipal Code Noise Ordinance in order to make it more useful for the police. |
| N-3.1.2 (Street Noise Environment) | Periodically assess the noise levels associated with city streets by reviewing traffic count data as an indication of increasing traffic noise. | DPW | ongoing | Updated traffic counts are taken regularly, which is then translated into noise contours. |

APPENDIX B: HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL REPORT

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Table A

Annual Building Activity Report Summary - New Construction
Very Low-, Low-, and Mixed-Income Multifamily Projects

| Housing Development Information | | | | | | | Housing with Financial Assistance and/or Deed Restrictions | | Housing without Financial Assistance or Deed Restrictions | | |
|---|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--|----------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | 5 | 5a | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Project Identifier (may be APN No., project name or address) | Unit Category | Tenure R=Renter O=Owner | Affordability by Household Incomes | | | | Total Units per Project | Est. # Infill Units* | Assistance Programs for Each Development | Deed Restricted Units | Note below the number of units determined to be affordable without financial or deed restrictions and attach an explanation how the jurisdiction determined the units were affordable. Refer to instructions. |
| | | | Very Low-Income | Low-Income | Moderate-Income | Above Moderate-Income | | | See Instructions | See Instructions | |
| Habitat 19th Street | SF | O | | 2 | | | 2 | 2 | HOME/RDA | 2 | |
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| (9) Total of Moderate and Above Moderate from Table A3 ▶ | | | 0 | 232 | | 232 | | | | | |
| (10) Total by income Table A/A3 ▶ ▶ | | | | 2 | | 232 | 234 | 2 | | | |
| (11) Total Extremely Low-Income Units* | | | | | | | | | | | |

* Note: These fields are voluntary

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Table A2
Annual Building Activity Report Summary - Units Rehabilitated, Preserved and Acquired pursuant to GC Section 65583.1(c)(1)

Please note: Units may only be credited to the table below when a jurisdiction has included a program in its housing element to rehabilitate, preserve or acquire units to accommodate a portion of its RHNA which meet the specific criteria as outlined in GC Section 65583.1(c)(1)

| Activity Type | Affordability by Household Incomes | | | | (4) The Description should adequately document how each unit complies with subsection (c)(7) of Government Code Section 65583.1 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|---|
| | Extremely Low-Income* | Very Low-Income | Low-Income | TOTAL UNITS | |
| (1) Rehabilitation Activity | | | | 0 | |
| (2) Preservation of Units At-Risk | | | | 0 | |
| (3) Acquisition of Units | | | | 0 | |
| (5) Total Units by Income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

* Note: This field is voluntary

Table A3
Annual building Activity Report Summary for Above Moderate-Income Units (not including those units reported on Table A)

| | 1. Single Family | 2. 2 - 4 Units | 3. 5+ Units | 4. Second Unit | 5. Mobile Homes | 6. Total | 7. Number of infill units* |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| No. of Units Permitted for Moderate | | | | | | 0 | |
| No. of Units Permitted for Above Moderate | 183 | 30 | 19 | | | 232 | |

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Table B

Regional Housing Needs Allocation Progress

Permitted Units Issued by Affordability

| Enter Calendar Year starting with the first year of the RHNA allocation period. See Example. | | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | Total Units to Date (all years) | Total Remaining RHNA by Income Level |
|--|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Income Level | RHNA Allocation by Income Level | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | | |
| Very Low | Deed Restricted | 1,560 | 192 | 14 | 30 | | 60 | 37 | 24 | | 357 | 1,203 |
| | Non-deed restricted | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Low | Deed Restricted | 1,007 | 17 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 44 | 67 | 66 | 2 | 208 | 799 |
| | Non-deed restricted | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Moderate | Deed Restricted | 960 | | | | | | | | | | 960 |
| | Non-deed restricted | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Above Moderate | | 2,189 | 310 | 219 | 172 | 415 | 338 | 130 | 300 | 232 | 2,116 | 73 |
| Total RHNA by COG. Enter allocation number: | | 5,716 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Units ▶ ▶ ▶ | | | 519 | 235 | 211 | 416 | 442 | 234 | 390 | 234 | 2,681 | 3,035 |
| Remaining Need for RHNA Period ▶ ▶ ▶ ▶ ▶ | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Note: units serving extremely low-income households are included in the very low-income permitted units totals.

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Table C
Program Implementation Status

| Program Description (By Housing Element Program Names) | Housing Programs Progress Report - Government Code Section 65583. Describe progress of all programs including local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing as identified in the housing element. | | |
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| Name of Program | Objective | Timeframe in H.E. | Status of Program Implementation |
| 2009-2014 Housing Element | | | |
| H.1.1.1 | Assist in providing fair housing workshops for tenants and landlords. | Ongoing | The City funds four fair housing workshops each year: two facilitated by Legal Services of Northern California; and two facilitated by the North Valley Property Owners Association. They are well-attended. |
| H.1.2.1 | Support regular fair housing audits to ensure that there are no regulatory constraints impeding persons from obtaining housing. | Annually | Regular review will occur. |
| H.2.1.1 | Develop an Infill Incentive Program. | 2010-2011 | An infill incentive program was implemented with the adoption of the 2030 General Plan in April 2011. |
| H.2.1.2 | Amend the City's density bonus provision to make it consistent with current State law (GC 65915-65918). | 2010-2011 | Phase II of the Municipal Code Update includes this allowance, and was adopted in November 2012. |
| H.2.2.1 | Leverage federal and state funding for 130 units of affordable rental housing. | 2011-2012 | 273 units were completed through 2013, exceeding the goal by 143 units. |
| H.2.3.1 | Annually complete a Housing Element review with the City Council. | Annually | Annual review was provided to council. |
| H.2.3.2 | Develop an Affordable Housing Resource Guide. | 2010-2011 | Completed, published and distributed. Updated in 2011 and again in 2014. Available on City website, as of 2014. |
| H.2.4.1 | Incorporate an education component to all affordable housing strategies and projects that will increase understanding of the need for affordable housing. | Ongoing | This has been incorporated into the annual Housing Element review with City Council, a written housing market report, community meetings and Council meetings. |
| H.2.5.1 | Set up a Housing Trust Fund. | 2011-2014 | Complete; local funds being raised and State Housing Trust Funds awarded. |

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| H.2.5.2 | Implement an Inclusionary Zoning program. | 2011-2012 | City Council has not yet considered this policy, but it will be presented to Council in 2015. |
| H.2.5.3 | Pursue an Employer Assisted Housing Program. | 2012-2013 | Due to elimination of proposed funding source, this program has not been pursued. |
| H.2.5.4 | Assure the provision of affordable housing units within newly developed Special Planning Areas. | Ongoing | No new development plans within Special Planning Areas were proposed in 2014. However, as directed by the Housing Element, master planning in the City's four Special Planning Areas will require the inclusion of affordable housing units as they go through the entitlement process. |
| H.3.1.1 | Consider expanding the City's Sphere of Influence to increase available land for housing. | 2010-2012 | The City's Sphere of Influence was expanded with adoption of the Chico 2030 General Plan. Currently there is significant land available to meet the City's near-term and mid-term housing needs, so the update is not necessary at this point. |
| H.3.1.2 | Continue to implement the Transit Corridor Overlay zone to encourage higher density and mixed uses in underutilized transit corridors. | 2010-2011 | The Corridor Opportunity Site overlay has been implemented with the updated General Plan designations and zoning. |
| H.3.2.1 | Maintain an inventory of vacant and underutilized parcels that could potentially be developed with housing. | 2010-2014 | An inventory was completed in 2010 and will be continually updated. |
| H.3.2.2 | Offer incentives to develop affordable housing, including: expedited review, financial assistance, and variances. | Ongoing | Completed as incorporated into the 2030 General Plan and the Municipal Code Update. |
| H.3.3.1 | Implement measures within adopted Neighborhood Plans, Master Plans and Specific Plans that encourage mixed-income housing near transit. | Ongoing | New General Plan policy for the Special Planning Areas (where master plans and Specific Plans are required for development) requires a mix of housing units, as well as the provision of affordable housing. |
| H.3.3.2 | Continue to implement the Traditional Neighborhood Development Code. | Ongoing | In process. The first project within a Traditional Neighborhood Development Code subdivision was an RDA-assisted 90-unit affordable rental project that completed construction in 2011. A courthouse is now underdevelopment as well, and it is hoped that it will promote commercial activity that will help the Meriam Park Traditional Neighborhood Development move forward with other residential development. |
| H.3.3.3 | Modify the zoning code to promote greater design flexibility for residential developments in unique settings. | 2010-2011 | The Municipal Code allows and promotes design flexibility through the Planned Development process. In addition, greater flexibility was integrated into the Code through the Municipal Code Update. Further, the City's Design Guidelines provide a range of design options for a variety of residential and non-residential projects. |

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| H.3.3.4 | Facilitate mixed residential-commercial development in commercial corridors served by transit. | 2010-2011 | All of the parcels along the City's commercial corridors have been given mixed use designations or the the designation allows some form of mixed use. The Municipal Code Update includes supporting mixed use zoning districts. In addition, there are City incentives that support mixed use projects (see status of H.2.1.1). Three RDA-funded affordable projects have been completed on transit corridors for a total of 178 units. |
| H.3.4.1 | Amend the City's Design Review Manual to provide a more predictable and transparent entitlement process. | 2009-2010 | Complete. Design Guidelines Manual was adopted in 2009. |
| H.3.5.1 | Increase zoning densities around the CSU Chico campus to encourage construction of additional housing for students near campus. | 2010-2011 | New land use designations and an Opportunity Site overlay has been applied to the South Campus area that increases residential densities, increases non-residential intensities, and promotes mixed use. This has been incorporated into the 2030 General Plan and Municipal Code Update. |
| H.3.6.1 | Provide necessary infrastructure to support residential development. | Ongoing | In process and ongoing. |
| H.4.1.1 | Develop a reasonable accommodation procedure for persons with disabilities. | 2009-2010 | The Municipal Code Update included the addition of a new section entitled "Accommodations for person with disabilities" that allows the staff approval of modifications to standards to accommodate improvements that provide access for persons with disabilities. Additional language will be added to comply with State HCD requirements. |
| H.4.2.1 | Encourage integration of childcare into family-oriented residential development. | 2010-2012 | The City has worked with agencies to identify opportunities to incorporate childcare into affordable housing. Due to funding and economic constraints, no new childcare centers have been built. |
| H.4.3.1 | Provide an inventory of accessible and adpatable units and a "visatibility" brochure. | 2009-2010 | Completed in 2010. The inventory and brochure were completed in 2010 in coordination with Independent Living Services of Northern California. The brochure was distributed to the City Building Department, architects and builders. |
| H.4.4.1 | Encourage the development of a variety of housing options for the elderly. | Ongoing | The City's Housing Rehabilitation and Accessibility Programs assist seniors to maintain their housing. New development of housing for seniors is stalled due to lack of funding sources. |
| H.4.5.1 | Continue the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA). | Ongoing | This program has expanded capacity and improved program performance. |
| H.4.6.1 | Amend zoning code to allow emergency shelters as a permitted use in the ML district without discretionary review. | 2009-2010 | City Planning staff has determined that the City's zoning code is in compliance with SB 2 and actually does not require amendment, as previously thought. |
| H.4.6.2 | Amend zoning code to allow supportive and transitional housing in all residential zones. | 2009-2010 | The Municipal Code update included definitions in the "Definitions" section directly form the SB 2 Legislation for transitional and supportive housing. Additional modification to the Code will be made to comply with State HCD. |
| H.4.7.1 | Support the development of Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units. | Ongoing | City staff has pursued opportunities in coordination with potential developers, though without identified funding, no progress has been made. |
| H.4.8.1 | Encourage Chico State University to involve the community and coordinate with City government on plans for campus housing. | Annually | City Housing staff meets with Chico Campus Housing Department to discuss student housing plans. |

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| H.5.1.1 | Continue to implement the neighborhood planning program. | Ongoing | City staff has secured funding to assess and redevelop a key brownfield site within the Southwest Chico Neighborhood Plan. In addition, RDA monies have been utilized for priority projects identified in the City's three neighborhood plans. |
| H.5.2.1 | Maintain a list of affordable housing development that are at risk of losing affordability covenants and work to preserve these units. | Annually | The list of at-risk developments is reviewed and updated annually. |
| H.5.3.1 | Continue to implement Infill Residential Flag Lot Standards. | Ongoing | The Municipal Code implements Infill Residential Flag Lot Standards. |
| H.5.4.1 | Conduct a Rental Rehabilitation Inspection Program to develop a program for rehabilitating rental complexes. | 2011-2012 | Due to lack of funding and reduction in staff, no progress has been made on this goal. |
| H.5.5.1 | Continue the City's owner-occupied rehabilitation program. | Ongoing | Program is being continued in a limited capacity, mainly to assist with sewer connections in State Mandated Nitrate Compliance areas. |
| H.5.6.1 | Establish an ongoing program to monitor and inventory housing conditions in the Chico Urban Area. | 2011-2014 | Housing Conditions Inventory was completed in 2012. |
| H.6.1.1 | Facilitate the development of an attached ownership housing demonstration project, such as townhouses or condominiums. | 2010-2012 | Lots have been identified for development. Associated infrastructure was completed in 2014. Funding is being assembled and construction is likely in 2015-2016. |
| H.6.2.1 | Promote homeownership through the Mortgage Subsidy Program. | Ongoing | City staff continued to assist low and moderate income first-time homebuyers in 2010 with the Mortgage Subsidy Program. However, the program was ceased in 2011 due to RDA dissolution. |
| H.6.3.1 | Assist the Urban Self-Help program for low-income first-time homebuyers. | 2011-2012 | Since 2009, completed 19 self-help homes in partnership with CHIP, and 13 self-help homes in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. |
| H.6.4.1 | Promote home buyer education. | Ongoing | Habitat for Humanity provides homebuyer education to homebuyers. Local non-profit ceased to provide counseling services in mid-2014. |
| H.6.5.1 | Consider a land trust program to preserve housing affordability. | Ongoing | In process. Received HCD Catalyst funds to capitalize this program within Meriam Park. |
| H.7.1.1 | Disseminate informational materials to developers and project designers about green building strategies. | 2009-2014 | Information was collected from PG&E and is distributed to builders on an ongoing basis at the Planning and Building Department counters. |
| H.7.1.2 | Add provisions to the code that promote energy conservation and renewable energy systems. | 2009-2014 | The 2030 General Plan directs revisions to the Municipal Code to allow deviations from normal development standards such as height limits, setbacks, or screening when doing so is necessary to allow the efficient use of renewable energy devices. This was completed as part of the Municipal Code Update. In addition, the City's Design Guidelines Manual promotes passive solar design principles (e.g., building materials, high-albedo roofs, eaves, window placement, landscaping, and building orientation). |

ANNUAL ELEMENT PROGRESS REPORT
Housing Element Implementation
(CCR Title 25 §6202)

Jurisdiction City of Chico

Reporting Period 01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014

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| H.7.1.3 | Explore financing options for installation of energy efficient measures and renewable energy systems in all new and existing housing projects. | 2009-2014 | Began coordination of owner-occupied rehabilitation program with a Community Action Agency weatherization program that received federal stimulus funds. In addition, three existing affordable rental developments have upgraded to solar power. Three new self-help subdivisions with a total of 25 homes, incorporated solar voltaics in partnership with GRID Alternatives and PG&E, at no cost to the homeowners. In partnership with PG&E, 91 older, existing homes were given energy conservation upgrades through the Energy Pioneers program. Two Habitat homes received solar installations in 2014. |
| H.7.1.4 | Incorporate green building into projects receiving City funds that exceed current building code standards. | 2009-2014 | The newly adopted General Plan directs the incorporation of green building materials and techniques in projects financed by the City. Green building systems and materials were incorporated in all city and RDA financed housing projects, including: solar photovoltaics, efficient tankless hot water systems; ample bike parking; drought-tolerant landscaping; and low-VOC paints and carpets. |
| H.7.2.1 | Partner with the local weatherization partner, Community Action Agency, to increase the energy efficiency of homes that receive assistance through the City's Housing Rehabilitation Program. | 2009-2010 | MOU with Community Action Agency executed in 2011. |

General Comments:

The 2009-2014 City of Chico Housing Element was adopted in August, 2009. The 2014-2022 Housing Element update was adopted in August 2014 and will be reflected in the 2015 APR.

APPENDIX C: METHODS

LAND AVAILABILITY

Vacant acreage (Tables 7 and 8) was calculated using GIS through the following steps:

Vacant Acreage (Not SPAs)

- Select by Attributes in ChicoPlanArea for all parcels with land use codes of: 2301 vacant, 1501-1503 agriculture, or 1014 SFR empty second lot. These codes are assigned to the parcels through a combination of windshield surveys, aerial photo studies, and tracking building permits.
- From the selected set, use Select by Attributes to “Remove from current Selection”, parcels below the legal minimum lot size (Shape_Area < 3,500 square feet). This avoids counting lots that cannot be developed or GIS errors (sliver parcels).
- Summarize on the GP field with a sum statistic created on the Shape.area field to get square footage totals for each designation.
- Open the DBF file in Excel, convert square feet to acres and save as an XLS file. Ignore the record for GP designation SPA. That acreage is calculated separately next.

SPAs (Table 8)

- The source for the Special Planning Areas acreage was the assumptions table for the General Plan Update. The acreage listed does not include infrastructure and rights-of-way.

Residential Capacity (Table 9) was calculated through the following steps:

- Vacant acreages were taken from Table 7 (see its methods above), but using GIS, areas with un-built lots in approved subdivisions were removed, so that their exact amount of approved units could be counted later.
- Vacant acreage in each residential designation is then multiplied by the assumed number of dwelling units per acre.
- The products are then multiplied by the assumed number of persons per unit, and these populations are summed to determine a subtotal residential capacity.
- 15% of this number is then subtracted to account for land vacancy (15% for land that may not develop due to insufficient infrastructure or unwilling sellers).
- Then, to determine additional capacity in recently approved projects, the following values (taken from the table on the next page) were summed:
 - Total number of units from recently approved subdivisions.
 - Total number of approved, but not built units on recorded maps, including a 2,104 unit potential in Meriam Park and a 1,324 unit potential in Oak Valley
- Lastly, 3% of the subtotal amount is removed to account unit vacancy (3% for a healthy market to provide consumer choice and mobility for households).

Entitled Undeveloped Land

Single Family Residential

| Name | Location | Owner / Developer | Status* | TMA Date** | Acres | Units | C/O's |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| DeGarmo Terrace | Esplanade / DeGarmo Dr | Montecito Investment Group | A | 06/19/08 | 6 | 41 | 0 |
| Foothill Park East 7 | St Lawrence Ave | Drake Homes Inc | A | 02/19/04 | 19 | 65 | 0 |
| Humboldt Subdivision | 1962 Humboldt Rd | Anderson Land & Investment Co LP | A | 11/15/07 | 3 | 17 | 0 |
| Las Palomas | E Lassen Ave, east of Mayfair Dr | Air-Vol Block Profit Sharing Trust | A | 05/03/07 | 2 | 14 | 0 |
| Lassen Subdivision | 216 W Lassen Ave | Chico & the Man LLC | A | 05/03/07 | 3 | 14 | 0 |
| Lassen Village | 2960 Burnap Ave | Lassen Village LLC | A | 06/17/07 | 3 | 25 | 0 |
| Mission Vista Ranch 2 | Humboldt Rd / Morning Rose Way | Ronco Enterprises LLC | A | 01/22/04 | 2 | 17 | 0 |
| Montecito Place | DeGarmo Dr | Forecast Land Investments LLC | A | 12/07/06 | 15 | 105 | 0 |
| Mountain Vista | Floral Ave / Eaton Rd | Greenline Preservation Partnership | A | 06/12/07 | 90 | 211 | 0 |
| Sierra Gardens Townhouses | Sierra SunriseTerr / Idyllwild Cir | Ilahee Sierra Gardens LLC | A | 11/04/08 | 7 | 72 | 0 |
| Tannelli Subdivision | 2211 Floral Ave | Kidd Revocable Trust | A | 10/05/06 | 3 | 12 | 0 |
| Tuscan Village | Eaton Rd / Burnap Ave | Shuster | A | 07/17/08 | 19 | 155 | 0 |
| Twin Creeks | Canyon Oaks, Parcel 8 | Riley Ventures LLC | A | 08/17/06 | 68 | 16 | 0 |
| Schill Subdivision (Remainder) | SW corner Esplanade / Nord Hwy | Webb Homes | A | 11/16/06 | 60 | 152 | 0 |
| Zamora Subdivision | 1367 East Ave | Marshall / Leeds | A | 03/16/06 | 4 | 14 | 0 |
| Belvedere Heights | E 20th St / Potter Rd | Ridgecrest Property Group LLC | R | 10/21/04 | 61 | 192 | 67 |
| Creekside Landing | W Eaton Rd / Rogue River Dr | Discovery Builders Inc | R | 06/01/06 | 97 | 350 | 150 |
| Godman Ranch | Redeemers Loop | GR Investment Partners | R | 05/16/07 | 8 | 44 | 42 |
| Harmony Park Circle | 3166 Cactus Ave | Davenport | R | 11/15/07 | 4 | 18 | 0 |
| Hillview Terrace | E 20th St / Potter Rd | Ridgecrest Property Group LLC | R | 07/06/06 | 27 | 73 | 67 |
| Innsbrook Subdivision | Innsbrook Way | Bill Webb Construction Inc | R | 12/21/06 | 25 | 107 | 74 |
| Lake Vista | Idlywild Ave | Alleghany Properties | R | 02/06/00 | 12 | 55 | 47 |
| Lee Estates | Chico Canyon Rd | Lee Family Trust | R | 03/02/06 | 3 | 7 | 5 |
| Park Forest Neighborhood | E 8th St | Vanoverbeek / Hawley Trust | R | 02/15/07 | 6 | 35 | 20 |
| River Glen | Glenwood Ave | Marshall / Conroy | R | 04/19/07 | 5 | 25 | 24 |
| Shastan @ Glenwood | Glenwood Ave / Wisteria Ln | Shastan Homes Inc | R | 03/02/06 | 15 | 58 | 41 |
| Siena @ Canyon Oaks | Canyon Oaks, Parcels 4 & 5 | Galli Designs Inc | R | 12/14/04 | 40 | 64 | 46 |
| Sycamore Glen | Eaton Rd / Mariposa Ave | AP Associates | R | 06/12/07 | 84 | 178 | 75 |
| The Orchard | Eaton Rd / Abbott Cir | Epick Inc | R | 04/05/07 | 34 | 55 | 55 |
| Westside Place | Nord Ave / Purcell Ln | Westside Stories Investments LLC | R | 07/20/04 | 21 | 168 | 30 |
| Wildwood Estates | Eaton Rd / Cactus Ave | Guillon Inc | R | 12/21/06 | 32 | 175 | 10 |
| Woodbrook | 2855 Mariposa Ave | Provost / Keeva | R | 08/04/05 | 5 | 28 | 26 |
| Approved | | | | | | 930 | |
| Recorded | | | | | | 1,632 | |
| | sub total | | | | | 2,562 | |
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| | Net total | | | | | 1,783 | |
| Oak Valley and Meriam Park | | | | | | 3,493 | |
| Total Units | | | | | | 5,276 | |