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CITY OF CHICO - NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT **A NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

DATE: September 5, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Chico Community Development Director intends to adopt a Negative Declaration for the project described below. The project will be approved administratively unless referred to the City Council for action.

Storm Water Master Plan Update – The City of Chico is proposing to adopt an update to the Storm Water Master Plan (SWMP), which will guide future infrastructure decisions over the next 20 years. The purpose of the SWMP would be to improve existing storm drainage and to provide drainage facilities that can accommodate future development, as well as minimizing flooding within project limits. The proposed SWMP Planning Area covers the entire City of Chico in Butte County, California.

An Initial Study for environmental review has been prepared for the project. Based upon the information within the Initial Study, the Public Works – Engineering Department is recommending that a Negative Declaration be adopted for the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A Negative Declaration is a determination that a project will not have a significant impact on the environment. A 30-day public review period is being conducted on the Draft Initial Study / Proposed Negative Declaration (IS/ND) commencing on **September 5, 2024, and ending at 5:00 p.m. on October 1, 2024.** The document and all applicable technical appendices may be reviewed at the City's website at: <https://chico.ca.us/Departments/Public-Works/SewerStorm-Drain-Engineering/Storm-Water-Master-Plan-Update/index.html>.

Comments and questions relating to environmental concerns and the proposed Negative Declaration must be filed in writing to the City of Chico Public Works - Engineering Department, P.O. Box 3420, Chico, CA 95927 or sent via email to Richard.Burgi@ChicoCA.gov during the designated time period.

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