



**CITY OF CHICO**  
**BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)**  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
May 27, 2014, 6:30 pm  
Municipal Center - 421 Main Street, Council Chamber

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**1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

- 1.1. Call to Order
- 1.2. Roll Call
- 1.3. Special Presentation: Award to the Mount Lassen Chapter California Native Plant Society (CNPS) for a Keep American Beautiful Waste Management grant to support invasive plant removal on City of Chico parks and other areas.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are to be considered routine and enacted by one motion.

- 2.1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

**Action:** Approve minutes of the BPPC meeting held on 4/28/14.

- 2.2. Tree Removal Permit for 534 Mission Santa Fe Circle

Applicant (Phyllis Lindberg) requests approval of a permit to remove a 20" diameter sycamore tree growing within the City ROW. Landowner is concerned that the tree's proximity to existing gas and electrical lines will pose a future hazard to public health and safety. **Recommendation:** Approval of removal permit.

- 2.3. Tree Removal Permit for 1609 Ridgebrook Way

Applicant (Judy Hemstalk) requests approval of a permit to remove and replace a 12" diameter sycamore tree growing within the City ROW. Landowner requests removal because the invasive root system is lifting the sidewalk and driveway (>1"). **Recommendation:** Approval of removal permit.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT** – if any

3. **NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None

**4. REGULAR AGENDA**

- 4.1. Permit Application for a Music Concert to show appreciation and acknowledgement to the Downtown Ambassadors (6/5/14)

Applicant (Ronald Reid) applied for a permit for a music concert at Children's Playground to acknowledge the efforts of the Downtown Ambassadors to "make downtown Chico a cleaner, safer, better place to live". **Recommendation:** Conditional approval.

- 4.2. Permit Application for the Primal Endurance X (9/6/14)

Charity 5K and 10K Run/Walk to help raise awareness and money for the Downtown Chico Business Association and Clean and Safe Chico. Application is to reserve City Plaza. The event will require street and/or encroachment permits. **Recommendation:** Conditional approval based on Applicant receiving appropriate permits for street and Right of Way issues.

**5. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Members of the public may address the Commission at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda; comments are limited to three minutes. The Commission cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.

**6. REPORTS**

Items provided for the Commission's information and discussion. No action can be taken on any of the items unless the Commission agrees to include them to a subsequent posted agenda.

- 6.1. Tree Committee – Richard Ober, Committee Chair
- 6.2. Parks and Street Trees Division Report - Dan Efseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on June 30, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).



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**BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)**

Minutes of  
April 28, 2014 Regular Meeting

**1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

**1.1. Call to Order**

Vice Chair Moravec called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**1.2. Roll Call**

**Commissioners present:**

Mary Brentwood  
Mark Herrera  
Jim Moravec  
Richard Ober  
Janine Rood  
Drew Traulsen

**Commissioners absent:**

Lisa Emmerich

**Staff present:** Dan Efseaff (Park and Natural Resource Manager), Ruben Martinez (Public Works Director, and Nancy Kelly (Administrative Assistant)

**1.3. Special Presentation – CSUC Geography 428 Site Planning class, Spring 2014**

Pam Figge's class presented: *The Cultural and Historic Background of Caper Acres and User Study: A Component of the Caper Acres Master Plan* (Lower Bidwell Park, Chico, California)

**2. CONSENT AGENDA** – Items 2.2 and 2.3 were removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion by Commissioner Ober.

**MOTION:** Approve item 2.1 of the consent agenda as submitted. **MADE BY:** Herrera. **SECOND:** Traulsen. **AYES:** 6 (Brentwood, Herrera, Moravec, Ober, Rood and Traulsen). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** Emmerich.

**2.1. Approval of Minutes**

**Action:** Approve minutes of BPPC meeting held on 3/31/14.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Items 2.2 and 2.3 were removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion by Commissioner Ober.

**2.2. Permit Application for Tree Removal (1960 Zachary Court)**

Applicant (Jesus Arredondo) submitted a permit to remove a 12" diameter European hackberry tree because of damage to the sidewalk (past damage to a water main) associated with the invasive roots. **Recommendation:** *Approval of removal and replacement permit.*

Commissioner Ober pulled both permit applications for tree removal to state that a procedure for an expedited process for obtaining a tree removal permit is still being worked out.

**MOTION:** Approve item 2.2 of the consent agenda as submitted. **MADE BY:** Ober. **SECOND:** Brentwood. **AYES:** 6 (Brentwood, Herrera, Moravec, Ober, Rood and Traulsen). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** Emmerich.

### **2.3. Permit Application for Tree Removal (28 San Ramon Drive)**

Applicant (Carol Gilmore) submitted a permit to remove a 17" diameter zelkova tree because it is lifting the sidewalk and driveway. This tree was planted without root barriers and was installed too close to the sidewalk. **Recommendation:** *Approval of removal and replacement permit.*

**MOTION:** Approve item 2.3 of the consent agenda as submitted. **MADE BY:** Ober. **SECOND:** Traulsen. **AYES:** 6 (Brentwood, Herrera, Moravec, Ober, Rood, and Traulsen). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** Emmerich.

## **3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

## **4. REGULAR AGENDA**

### 4.1 Permit for Rock Climbing

CSU Chico, Department of Kinesiology has requested taking a group of students from a rock climbing class to Upper Park. The request includes both bouldering and top rope climbing and rappelling. The request is for three days in the fall and another three days in the spring.

Park and Natural Resources Manager Efseaff stated that rock climbing is an approved activity in the park. However, it is considered to be one of the passive uses of the park. The park does not have an official designated area for rock climbing. Within the Master Management Plan, there will be a rock climbing plan eventually.

There were two types of climbing that were considered: Top roping or rappelling which would require hardware on top such as rock anchors; and bouldering. Erosion and thin soil issues were raised by staff in regards to bouldering. However, bouldering within the flood zone of the creek would have very few impacts on soils, plants and cultural artifacts. Staff had less confidence in bouldering on top without further review.

It was recommended to the Commission to split the two activities and to work through the details. . Since they are only requesting three days for each class session and there would only be two groups of six students, it would be a manageable sized group to observe and decide what to do in the future for a rock climbing plan.

The rock climbing plan would require a lot more: cultural resources, botanical survey, and possibly CEQA compliance.

Conditions have been added: no use or installation of permanent hardware, no removal of soil, and a higher insurance coverage could also be required. In the past, unsanctioned hardware was removed at the City's expense.

The applicant has proved to be willing to work with staff.

Herrera asked why since rock climbing is an approved use, then why did they need approval? Efseaff stated that once it is an organized activity, it requires a permit.

Ober asked if the Park Commission would need to approve the higher limits of insurance requirements.

Efseaff responded that it can be part of the acceptance of conditions. The City is shifting towards a different model of variable insurance – requirement of more for higher risk activities.

From the Public:

DG Laurie – asked about how the climbers would access the climbing areas.

Efseaff stated the applicant is trying to demonstrate an environmental ethic with the students in the class. They have a “no-trace” ethic. They are able to access the park via bicycle even with the gates closed.

DG Laurie – was concerned about the procedure if there was an accident or injury.

Ober – asked about the procedure for response and the costs associated with it.

Efseaff stated it would be a regular response of a ranger, fire personnel, EMT, etc. as appropriate. The high rate of insurance would cover those costs.

Dr. Jonathan Clark – he is the applicant for this permit. Some of the goals of this basic rock climbing course is to teach students to set up natural anchors and to find a spot to boulder that doesn't take a long time to get there.

Herrera – asked if he felt he had time to work with staff to iron out any ideas involved with the top rope climbing before next semester. Dr. Clark stressed a work together relationship and stressed that even a year from now be adequate.

Moravec – the applicant's willingness to work with the Commission on creating protocol for that type of top roping is very much appreciated.

**MOTION:** To approve the bouldering request with conditions and delay authorization of top rope climbing request until an additional investigation and recommendation can be made. **MADE BY:** Herrera. **SECOND:** Rood. **AYES:** 6 (Brentwood, Herrera, Moravec, Ober, Rood and Traulsen). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** Emmerich.

#### 4.2. Review and Provide Input on Public Works Reorganization and Urban Forest Manager

At the March 25, 2014 City Council meeting, the Council reviewed a proposed reorganization of the Public Works Department and a recruitment for a Parks Services Coordinator. The Council requested the BPPC to consider, review, and provide additional input to Public Works staff on the proposals related specifically to the duties associated with the Urban Forest Manager and the salary of the Parks Services Coordinator.

Public Works Director Martinez provided an overview of the recent changes in personnel, the shortfalls in staff coverage and the proposed reorganization.

Brentwood questioned that the Park Services Coordinator would keep the same duties but at a lower pay level. She was interested in the justification.

Martinez stated that Council asked it to be looked at.

Brentwood questioned whether the monies were being distributed in a fair way. She feels we need a Certified Urban Forester; therefore, that is her recommendation.

Herrera – questioned why the BPPC Commission wasn't allowed to weigh in on this issue previously. Would like to be able to provide input on any future vacancies.

Ober – Appreciates the opportunity to weigh in on this.

Moravec - Was not prepared to endorse the entire reorganization but is prepared to discuss specifics of some of the positions in the context of the reorganization. Expanded the time period for the public to speak from three minutes to five minutes.

From the Public:

Lise Smith-Peters, former Volunteer Coordinator/Park Services Coordinator - does not agree with the proposed reorganization. She is concerned with the current staff situation and the overwork load of staff. She doesn't believe one person can handle both the park management and handle the needs of the Urban Forest program. She questioned when he would be able to become a Certified Arborist which is what an Urban Forester needs to be. She questioned why other line staff are not included in this reorganization. Concerned that once the Urban Forest position is gone, that it will not come back. She strongly encouraged that the Park Services Coordinator position be filled as soon as possible and not balance the City's budget on the back of Bidwell Park.

Susan Mason – Is concerned that if the Urban Forester position is eliminated, it would never get funded in the future. She questioned the fact that former City tree maintenance worker is now paid on an hourly basis and are not receiving benefits. She strongly feels we need an experienced Urban Forester and a Park Services Coordinator.

Scott Gregory, biologist – Concerned that the Urban Forester position is being considered for removal. He conducted the street tree inventory for the City of Chico for his master's thesis. He inventories uplifted sidewalks due to tree roots. There are over 1,500 incidents of uplifted sidewalks which poses an ADA problem. He feels it will be difficult to reinstate the Urban Forester position if it is eliminated. Suggested keeping it vacant or staff it part time but do keep the position. Feels the position offers opportunities to apply for grants.

Karen Laslo – She was under the impression that the purpose of eliminating these positions was to save money but now she hears it is not to save money. Feels the citizens of Chico feel it is to save money. She is in support of filling the Urban Forester position and the Urban Forest needs to be maintained regularly and properly.

Woody Elliott – supports keeping the Park Services Coordinator. Regarding the Urban Forester position, as an interim measure, he supports contracting out for a Registered Professional Forester. This is a state license and can help the Commission adopt the Urban Forest Management Plan.

Renee Buchan – Feels the volunteer program thrives with a Volunteer Coordinator. Also feels the Urban Forester position is key and should be filled.

Commissioner Ober asked about current staffing levels for various positions. Staffing levels for FTE Euseff stated that rangers are currently down to 2.75 compared to two full time and two seasonal rangers three years ago. In regards to the maintenance workers, the current staffing level is about half of its peak in 2008. Martinez stated that in regards to the tree crew, there used to have be three 3-man crews, including a field supervisor. We are now down to one field supervisor and one hourly tree worker. As a negotiated item, we will bring that person back full time with benefits as of July 1. This will amount to two people.

Ober – this doesn't really put us in recovery mode. There is such a gap between where we were, where we are now, and where we want to be.

Herrera – we haven't ever seen upper management salary levels this high and park staffing levels this low. Does not feel he can support, in good faith, support a recommendation that adds tasks to an already overworked staff. Fewer staff doesn't support a healthy Bidwell Park

Brentwood – would like to keep the Urban Forester position because our urban forest identifies our city and would like to immediately fill the Park Services Coordinator position at the existing salary level. He would also like to see Public Works Director Martinez educate the Council on what these positions entail. Feels salaries should be more fairly distributed between managers and workers.

Traulsen – would struggle voting the recommendation down, but has a problem reducing salary ranges.

Rood – applauds any efforts to improve processes and be more efficient, but agrees with all the voices heard today that it would be wrong to get rid of the Urban Forester position as well as the Park Services Coordinator position.

Moravec – in regards to the Park Services Coordinator position, believes there is a tremendous return on investment and believes the position should be filled. However, in regards to the urban Forester position, he appreciates the creativity Martinez put into it, and agrees that many of the duties can be done by current staff and others contracted out to another party to maintain the urban forest.

Ober – believes there are certain core things that the City is responsible for (urban forest, parks, greenways, etc.) and believes the City should not abandon those responsibilities or should assume that they can be performed equally well by contracting them out.

**MOTION:** That the BPPC recommends to the City Council, the retention of the following full time positions: the Park Services Coordinator and the Urban Forester positions. These positions should be filled as soon as possible and compensated at appropriate competitive levels. **MADE BY:** Ober.

**SECOND:** Brentwood.

A friendly amendment by Rood to support a full time Park Services Coordinator and a part time Urban Forester.

Commissioner Ober felt the Commission should make as clear and strong endorsement for these positions as possible. He would like to provide staff with support that they need so that they can do their job.

Does not accept the friendly amendment. Would like the recommendation to be very clear and very strong.

The first motion was restated.

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## 5. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

D G Laurie - stated he would like to see the Upper Bidwell Park access road properly maintained and open year round, with weather permitting.

Woody Elliott – suggested asking for an added monetary donation when someone signs up for and pays fees for an activity in the park. This could help to fund staffing in the park.

Mark Herrera – would very much like to have a discussion at the Committee level about the City’s landscape contract and would like to see it on a future agenda.

## 6. REPORTS

- 6.1. **Tree Committee Report** – Chair Ober reported on the idea of a programmatic tree removal permit to expedite the process. A conceptual approach has been provided and the feedback was positive. Also, the conversation continued about the Urban Forest Management Plan. It is getting close to being actionable.
- 6.2. **Natural Resources Committee Report** – Chair Brentwood reported that they met about the design for Caper Acres. Greg Melton provided a presentation on the design based on comments received thus far. The conceptual plan will be available on the City’s website for further comments from the community. We will soon get the community involved in fundraising and volunteering.
- 6.3. **Parks and Street Trees Division Report** – Commissioner Ober asked about the grading of Upper Park Road. Efseaff reported that the road needs to be engineered and brought up to modern forest road standards.

From the Public:

DG Laurie stated that there are conflicting signs designating when the park road is closed.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

Date Approved: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

Prepared By:

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Nancy Kelly, Administrative Assistant

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Date

Distribution: BPPC





The painted lines indicate the utilities underground. The secondary power lines (red) run to the large green box.







Sidewalk damage from the invasive roots.



# BPPC Staff Report

Meeting Date: May 27, 2014

DATE: 5/15/2014  
 TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)  
 FROM: Theresa Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant  
 SUBJECT: Music Concert in concert to show appreciation and acknowledgement to the Downtown Ambassadors (6/5/2014)

### REPORT IN BRIEF:

Applicant (Ronald Reid) applied for a permit to host a music concert to show appreciation and acknowledgement the efforts of the Downtown Ambassadors to “make downtown Chico a cleaner, safer, better place to live”. The concert will be held at Children’s Playground. The applicant originally reserved Bidwell Bowl but the restrictions there limit the duration of amplified sound to 20 minutes and the applicant was unsure of the time that would be needed. This restriction is part of the Chico Municipal Code.

**Recommendation:** Conditional approval.

### Event Details

Date of Application	5/15/14
Date and Time of Event	6/5/14
Event Name	Music Concert
Applicant Name	Ronald Reid
Description	Appreciation and acknowledgement music concert
New Event? / # years?	New event
# Participants	100
Reason for BPPC Consideration?	Not an intensive use area
BPPC guidance	Children’s Playground has accommodated concerts in the past. As an aside, staff will recommend that the restriction on amplified sound at Bidwell Bowl be considered as part of the next work plan, as it greatly restricts the use of that facility as a venue.

### Conditions

Staff recommends the following conditions:

- Adherence to all park rules.
- Restrict access of vehicles for loading and unloading (1 vehicle at a time) on established paths and access areas.
- The applicant will need to do a final inspection of the reserved area at the conclusion of the event and remove any associated trash.

### Attachments:

- A. Application and Permit for Park Use

### Distribution:

Ronald Reed

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 5/21/2014



# City of Chico

## APPLICATION & PERMIT FOR PARK USE

Public Works Department - Park Division  
411 Main St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor/P.O. Box 3420  
Chico, CA 95927-3420  
(530) 896-7800 Fax: (530) 895-4899

Type of Event:
PUBLIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE <input type="checkbox"/>

### SECTION 1 - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Must be 18 or older • No glass beverage containers • Application fee due upon submittal •

THIS RESERVATION IS NOT VALID UNTIL APPROVED BY THE PARK DIVISION.

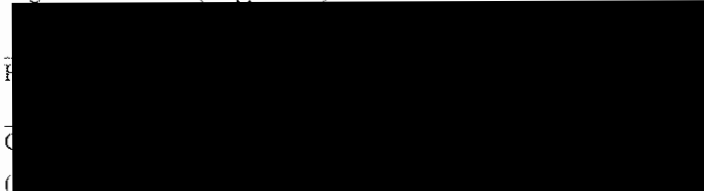
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Ronald A. REED  
Name of Applicant/Contact Person

MUSIC CONCERT  
Description of Event: (family BBQ, walk/run, describe below if needed)

Organization Name (if applicable)

Thursday June 5, 2014  
Day and Date of Event:



From: 4:00 ~~6:30~~ pm To: 8:30 P.m  
Total Time Needed for Set-up, Event, and Clean-up

From: 7:00 To: 8:30 100  
Time of Event Only Number of people

E-mail address:   
Note: Park gates will not remain closed beyond normal opening time for any event with less than 1,000 people. All races with less than 1,000 people at One Mile must start before 8:30 am. Street closure(s) subject to approval.

Contact Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

#### AREA REQUESTED: (Please check if requested)

- Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater
  - Electricity (15 amp)
- Note: Special conditions apply for amplified sound (12R.08.263 CMC)
- Cedar Grove Picnic Area
  - Electricity (15 amp) tables, restroom area (circle)
- Meadow
  - 100 amp Electrical Service
  - Water (public events only)
- Children's Playground
  - Electricity (15 amp)-Pick up key on: 6/5 Mon - Fri 8:00 - 3:30
  - Water (public events only)
  - 100 amp Electrical Service
- City Plaza (Additional fees may apply)
  - Electricity (15 amp)
  - Event Restrooms
  - Fountain - On
  - Meter Bags # \_\_\_\_\_
  - 100 amp Electrical Service
  - Water (public events only)
  - Fountain - Off
  - Sound Curtain

- Council Ring
  - Fire Permit
- Five Mile Picnic Area
- One Mile Picnic/Barbeque Area - Water available, no hose bib
- Oak Grove A
  - Sycamore Way Parking Lot Closure-Public Events ONLY
  - Electricity (15 amp) parking area, restroom area (Pick up key)
- Oak Grove B
- Band Stand (15 amp)
- BBQ-Pick up key on: \_\_\_\_\_ Mon - Fri 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
- Depot Park
  - Electricity (15 amp)
- Lower Bidwell Park (public events only): \_\_\_\_\_
- Upper Bidwell Park (public events only): \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (specify) (public events only): \_\_\_\_\_
- Early Entrance Needed (public events only) \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Additional Description of the Event: Community awareness free concert

FOR PARK RANGER ASSISTANCE during the event, CALL 530-897-4900 (Police Department Dispatch)

### SECTION 2 - PERMIT FEES

Call Park Office at 896-7800 for availability of park areas and fee schedule 80.020

- Application Fee \$ 19.00 (Non-Refundable)
- Reservation Fee \$ 11.00 (\$11.00 minimum, please call for quote)
- Insurance Fee \$ 40.00 (\$40.00 to process outside insurance)
- Vendor Fee # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$6.00 per vendor)
- Damage Deposit \$ 100.00 (\$100.00 refundable following acceptable clean-up after event)
- Early Entrance Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$32.50/hr, public events only)
- Additional Park Use Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (see fee schedule)

<b>Additional fees for City Plaza use:</b>
Event Restrooms _____ x (\$95.00) = \$ _____
#days
100 amp Electrical _____ x (\$30.00) = \$ _____
(electrician required) #days

Total Fee Required: \$ 170.00

Fee due upon submittal of application \* Make Checks Payable to: City of Chico

City of Chico Cash Receipt No. CR 380132 Payment Method: CK Date: 5/5/14 Received By: LT

Office Distribution:	Permit File (original) Park Field Supervisor	Park Ranger 1 Park Ranger 2	Senior Park Ranger Landscape Inspector.	Applicant Risk Management (e-mail)	Email(various) 920 Fund
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## SECTION 3

# CONDITIONS FOR PARK USE

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**You Are Responsible for Knowing the Park Rules. Please Observe the Following:**

- Alcohol** Alcohol is not permitted in any City Park or Playground.
- BBQ's** Portable BBQ's may only be used next to existing BBQ's in Lower Bidwell Park and Five Mile Recreation Areas.
- Bicycles** Must observe all California vehicular codes including one-way streets. Riders are expected to be courteous and yield to equestrian and pedestrian traffic. Helmets must be worn at all times in Upper Park, except when on pavement. Riders must stay on designated trails. Bicycle riding is not allowed in Caper Acres or on the Sycamore pool deck.
- Bounce Houses** Bounce houses and other similar play equipment are only permitted with a reservation and upon approval by the Park Division. The operators of this equipment must provide proof of insurance. Bounce houses are not allowed in Caper Acres.
- Campfires** No campfires allowed.
- Camping** No overnight camping allowed. Bidwell Park is a "day use park" only.
- Clean up** Permittee is required to completely clean up area at the conclusion of event. Additional garbage bags may be obtained from the General Services Department at time of reservation. (12R.04.180 CMC)
- Damages** Any damage to City property as a result of this event will be repaired at permittee's expense.
- Dogs** Dogs may be off leash from 5:30 AM until 8:30 AM in Lower Park -- All other times **dogs must be on a leash**. Along the north side of Upper Park Road, dogs may be "off leash" anytime. While "off leash," dogs must remain under control via master's voice. **Dogs are not allowed in Caper Acres, One-Mile or Five-Mile swimming areas, or designated swimming holes in Upper Park.**
- Electrical** All power extension cords, sound amplification equipment, and staging to be supplied by permittee. Permittee shall provide "tripping" prevention devices over power cords crossing any pathway.
- Fishing** Big Chico Creek: Check California Fish and Game Regulations, <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/regulations/>, Freshwater Sport Fishing, Alphabetical List of Waters with Special Fishing Regulations, (20) Big Chico Creek.  
Horseshoe Lake: Age 14 and over - license, catch and release; Under 14 - no license, catch and keep.
- Gate Closures** Upper Park gate at parking area E is closed on Sundays and Mondays and during wet periods. Gates can be closed for approved special events. See [www.ci.chico.ca.us/general\\_services\\_department/park\\_division/gate\\_closing\\_hours.asp](http://www.ci.chico.ca.us/general_services_department/park_division/gate_closing_hours.asp)
- Glass** No glass beverage containers allowed in any City Park or Playground.
- Horses** Horses must stay on designated trails. Horses are not allowed in One-Mile or Five-Mile Recreation Areas. Horses must cross the creek at approved crossings. Safe and courteous riding is the Park standard.
- Noise** No loud or unusual noises are allowed, including: radios and headsets that can be heard over 50' away. Music/Amplified Sound at One-Mile Recreation Area, please, face all speakers away from Woodland Ave.
- Park Closures** Lower Park is closed from 12:00 am (midnight) until 5:00 am every day, unless directly and actively proceeding to a destination outside of the park. Upper Park is closed between the hours of 11:00 pm and 60 minutes before sunrise every day, unless posted otherwise.
- Signs/Defacing** Defacing of trees, benches, tables, any park fixtures, open ground, or paved roads/paths with markings, staples, tacks, or signs is prohibited. No pinatas, or accessories shall be affixed to trees. Only barricades, cones, or self standing devices may be used for these purposes.
- Smoking** Smoking is not permitted in any City Park or Playground.
- Swimming** While in the 1-Mile swim area compliance with lifeguards is required for public safety. Pool is open and lifeguards are on duty from Memorial Day through Labor Day.
- Vegetation** No taking, cutting or injury of any vegetation in the Park is allowed.
- Vehicle Traffic**
- While gates are closed, limited use of vehicles to set up for event is permitted. Vehicles must be in compliance with the one-way designation of the roadway, must yield to all other activities (walking, jogging, bicycling, and horseback riding), must travel with flashers on and may not exceed ten (10) miles per hour.
  - Permittee shall provide adequate signs and supervision to avoid conflicts between vehicles, bicycles, equestrians, and general public.
  - Only emergency vehicles will be allowed access through the area of South Park Drive which has been closed to motor vehicles.
  - No vehicles are permitted to travel or park on grass areas.

**\*I have read and agree to conform to the above rules and conditions:**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Ronald A Reed*

**SECTION 4 – INSURANCE**

(to be determined by Park Office)

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS ARE APPLICABLE TO:**

Insurance Required

Not Required

- (1) All Public Events per Title 12R.08.240, and/or
- (2) All Events Public or Private where:
  - (a) Amplified sound is used, or
  - (b) The number of people participating amount to 100 or more.

For Insurance questions for your event, please contact the Risk Management office at 530-879-7910, by fax at 530-895-4733, or email at riskmanagement@chicoca.gov

If insurance is required, Certificate of Insurance, meeting City standards must be received by: May 22, 2014

Organization Named on Certificate of Insurance \_\_\_\_\_

Permittee shall supply, at least two (2) weeks in advance of the scheduled event, a Certificate of Insurance issued by a company licensed to do business in California with a Best's Insurance Guide rating of "B" or better ("A" rated if Company is unlicensed) which provides evidence of comprehensive and general liability coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 combined single limit, with policy endorsements as follows:

- (1) Identification of permit applicant, identification of event, date of event.

**NOTE: NUMBERS 2 AND 3 MUST BE SEPARATE ENDORSEMENTS:**

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X Ronald A Reed  
Signature of Applicant

X MAY 6, 2014  
Date

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JUNE 5, 2014 MUSIC EVENT Children Park 6pm to 7:30pm.

Our event is a community celebration of Hope & inspiration to acknowledge the efforts of the downtown ambassadors to make downtown Chin a cleaner, safer, better place to live.

Two singers will perform acoustic music.  
Free to all.

Ronald A. Reed

*Ronald A. Reed*

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# BPPC Staff Report

Meeting Date May 27, 2014

DATE: 5/14/2014  
 TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)  
 FROM: Theresa Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant  
 SUBJECT: Primal Endurance X 9/6/14

### REPORT IN BRIEF:

Charity 5K and 10K Run/Walk to help raise awareness and money for the Downtown Chico Business Association and Clean and Safe Chico. Application is to reserve City Plaza. The event will require street and/or encroachment permits. **Recommendation:** Conditional approval based on Applicant receiving appropriate permits for street and Right of Way issues.

### Event Details

Date of Application	4/25/14
Date and Time of Event	9/6/14 7:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.
Event Name	Downtown Chico 5K/10K
Applicant Name	Jason Garaventa
Description	5K / 10K Walk/Run
New Event? / # years?	1 year
# Participants	350
Reason for BPPC Consideration?	Not an intensive use area. (Unusual route for reserved area).
BPMMP Guidance	Running/walking is a permissible use under the Bidwell Park Master Management Plan (BPMMP). Because this route starts from City Plaza, it will not utilize the regular race route thru the park, and will require a permit and coordination with the Engineering Division and Police Department.

### Conditions:

Staff recommends the following conditions:

1. Adherence to all park rules.
2. The applicant must provide sufficient monitors (after consultation with Rangers) in safety vests to keep racers on the established route as well as direct traffic. Signage must also be in place in order to ensure racers follow the established routes and also to notify other park users of the event.
3. Cone area of south park drive between Gilby's Grove and path leading to Annie's Glen tunnel. Monitors will need to be present at this location.
4. Conditional approval based upon other City department review and permits (street closure and/or encroachment permit from the City of Chico Engineering Division and Chico PD).
5. The applicant will need to do a final inspection of the race courses at the conclusion of the event and remove all signs and course markings as well as pick up any associated trash.

### Attachments:

- A. Application and Permit For Park Use, 5K and 10K course maps

### Distribution:

Jason Garaventa

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 5/20/2014



# City of Chico

## APPLICATION & PERMIT FOR PARK USE

Public Works Department - Park Division  
411 Main St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor/P.O. Box 3420  
Chico, CA 95927-3420  
(530) 896-7800 Fax: (530) 895-4899

Type of Event:	
PUBLIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PRIVATE <input type="checkbox"/>

### SECTION 1 - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Must be 18 or older • No glass beverage containers • Application fee due upon submittal •

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PLEASE PRINT:

Jason Garaventa  
Name of Applicant/Contact Person

5K and 10K Walk/Run  
Description of Event (family BBQ, walk/run, describe below if needed)

Primal Endurance X  
Organization Name (if applicable)

Saturday 2/6/14  
Day and Date of Event

[Redacted]  
Contact Phone #

From: 7:00am To: 10:30am  
Total Time Needed for Set-up, Event, and Clean-up

From: 8:00am To: 10:00am 350  
Time of Event Only Number of people

E-mail address [Redacted]

Note: Park gates will not remain closed beyond normal opening time for any event with less than 1,000 people. All races with less than 1,000 people at One Mile must start before 8:30 am. Street closure(s) subject to approval.

- AREA REQUESTED:** (Please check if requested)
- Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater
    - Electricity (15 amp)
  - Note: Special conditions apply for amplified sound (12R.09.263 CMC)
  - Cedar Grove Picnic Area
    - Electricity (15 amp)
    - tables, restroom area (circle)
  - Meadow
    - 100 amp Electrical Service
    - Water (public events only)
  - Children's Playground
    - Electricity (15 amp)-Pick up key on: \_\_\_\_\_ Mon - Fri 8:00 - 3:30
    - Water (public events only)
    - 100 amp Electrical Service
  - City Plaza (Additional fees may apply)
    - Electricity (15 amp)
    - Event Restrooms
    - Fountain - On
    - Meter Bags # \_\_\_\_\_
    - 100 amp Electrical Service
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    - Fountain - Off
    - Sound Curtain

- Council Ring
  - Fire Permit
- Five Mile Picnic Area
- One Mile Picnic/Barbeque Area - Water available, no hose bib
- Oak Grove A
  - Oak Grove B
  - Sycamore Way Parking Lot Closure-Public Events ONLY
  - Electricity (15 amp) parking area, restroom area (Pick up key)
- Band Stand (15 amp)
  - BBQ-Pick up key on: \_\_\_\_\_ Mon - Fri 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
- Depot Park
  - Electricity (15 amp)
- Lower Bidwell Park (public events only): \_\_\_\_\_
- Upper Bidwell Park (public events only): \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (specify) (public events only): \_\_\_\_\_
- Early Entrance Needed (public events only) Yes  No

Additional Description of the Event: Charity Run to help the Clean and Safe Chico

FOR PARK RANGER ASSISTANCE during the event, CALL 530-897-4900 (Police Department Dispatch)

### SECTION 2 - PERMIT FEES

Call Park Office at 896-7800 for availability of park areas and fee schedule 80.020

- Application Fee \$ 19.00 (Non-Refundable)
- Reservation Fee \$ 192.00 (\$11.00 minimum, please call for quote)
- Insurance Fee \$ on file (\$40.00 to process outside insurance)
- Vendor Fee # 1 \$ 6.00 (\$6.00 per vendor)
- Damage Deposit \$ 100.00 (\$100.00 refundable following acceptable clean-up after event)
- Early Entrance Fee \$ 32.50 (\$32.50/hr, public events only)
- Additional Park Use Fees \$ 95.00 (see fee schedule)

<b>Additional fees for City Plaza use:</b>	
Event Restrooms <u>1</u> #days	x (\$95.00) = \$ <u>95</u>
100 amp Electrical (electrician required) #days	x (\$30.00) = \$ _____

Total Fee Required: \$ 432.50

Fee due upon submittal of application \* Make Checks Payable to: City of Chico

City of Chico Cash Receipt No: CR377670 Payment Method: CIC 2751 Date: 4/25/14 Received By: TR  
(3/6/14)

Office Distribution:	Permit File (original) Park Field Supervisor	Park Ranger 1 Park Ranger 2	Senior Park Ranger Landscape Inspector.	Applicant Risk Management (e-mail)	Email(Various) 920 Fund
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### SECTION 3

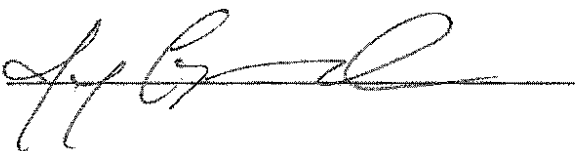
## CONDITIONS FOR PARK USE

**You Are Responsible for Knowing the Park Rules. Please Observe the Following:**

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- Bicycles** Must observe all California vehicular codes including one-way streets. Riders are expected to be courteous and yield to equestrian and pedestrian traffic. Helmets must be worn at all times in Upper Park, except when on pavement. Riders must stay on designated trails. Bicycle riding is not allowed in Caper Acres or on the Sycamore pool deck.
- Bounce Houses** Bounce houses and other similar play equipment are only permitted with a reservation and upon approval by the Park Division. The operators of this equipment must provide proof of insurance. Bounce houses are not allowed in Caper Acres.
- Campfires** No campfires allowed.
- Camping** No overnight camping allowed. Bidwell Park is a "day use park" only.
- Clean up** Permittee is required to completely clean up area at the conclusion of event. Additional garbage bags may be obtained from the General Services Department at time of reservation. (12R.04.180 CMC)
- Damages** Any damage to City property as a result of this event will be repaired at permittee's expense.
- Dogs** Dogs may be off leash from 5:30 AM until 8:30 AM in Lower Park -- All other times **dogs must be on a leash**. Along the north side of Upper Park Road, dogs may be "off leash" anytime. While "off leash," dogs must remain under control via master's voice. **Dogs are not allowed in Caper Acres, One-Mile or Five-Mile swimming areas, or designated swimming holes in Upper Park.**
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Horseshoe Lake: Age 14 and over - license, catch and release; Under 14 - no license, catch and keep.
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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



**SECTION 4 – INSURANCE**

(to be determined by Park Office)

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS ARE APPLICABLE TO:**

Insurance Required  Not Required

- (1) All Public Events per Title 12R.08.240, and/or
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If insurance is required, Certificate of Insurance, meeting City standards must be received by: August 22, 2014

Organization Named on Certificate of Insurance \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Park and Natural Resources Manager

Date

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# Downtown Chico 5/10k

Race will help raise awareness and money for the Downtown Chico Business Association and Clean and Safe Chico.

Permission as already been granted from CSU Chico for allowing the course to utilize part of there campus.

## 5k Course

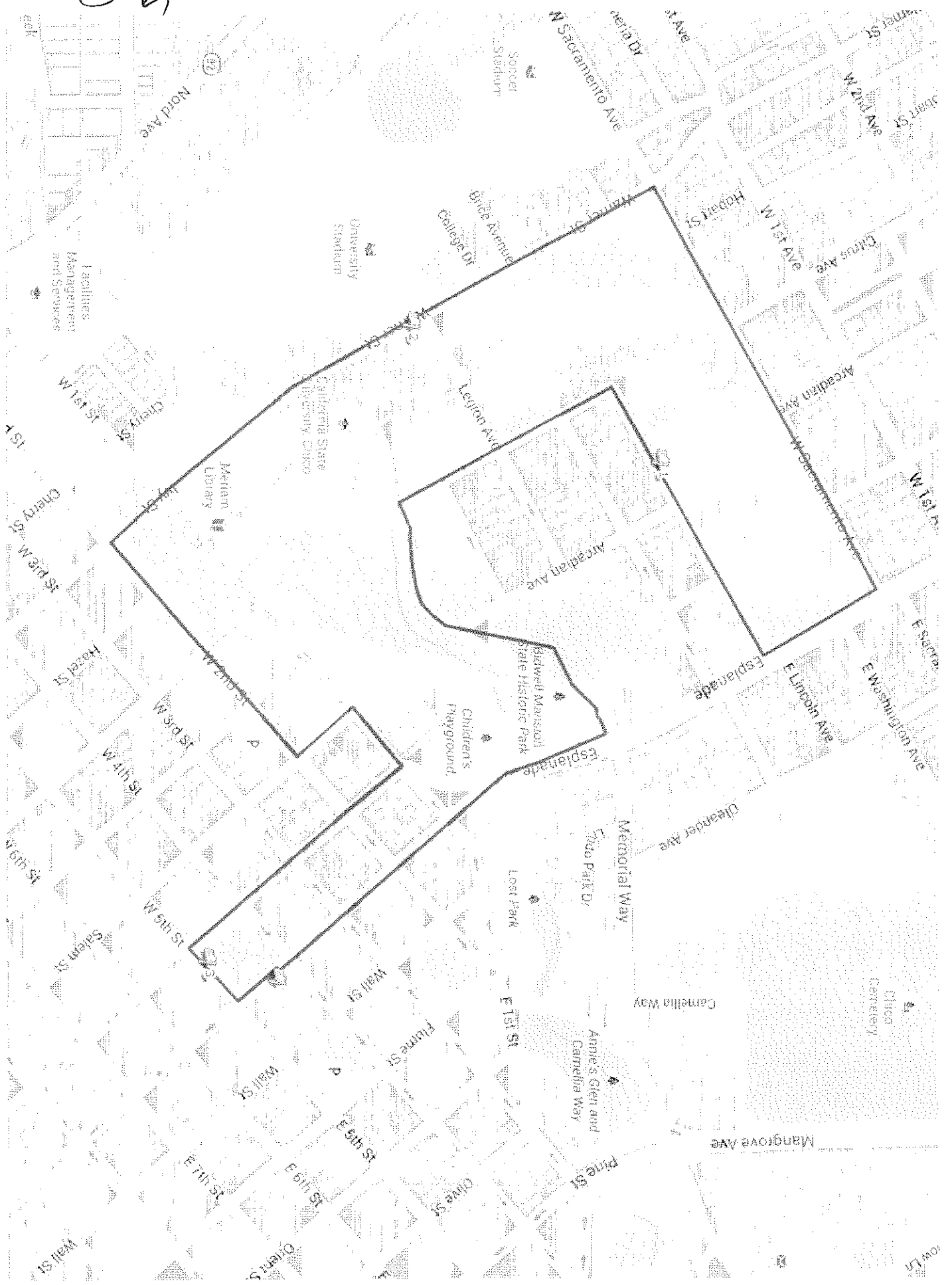
- Start on Main St. at City Plaza between between E. 4<sup>th</sup> and E. 5th St.
- North on Main St toward Esplanade.
- Crossing Esplanade to utilize south bound lane.
- Course then enters Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park at main entrance.
- Around Bidwell Mansion to corner of Sol-Wil-Le-No Ave and Arcadian Ave.
- Course then utilizes Chico Campus walk way to Citrus Ave.
- North on Citrus Ave to W. Lincoln Ave.
- East on W. Lincoln Ave to Esplanade.
- North on Esplanade Side road in front of Chico High School to W. Sacramento Ave.
- West on W. Sacramento Ave, south side sidewalk to Warner Street.
- South on Warner St. sidewalk.
- Warner St. turns into Ivy St., continue on Ivy St to W 2<sup>nd</sup> St.
- East on W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St to Salem St.
- North on Salem St. to E. 1<sup>st</sup> St.
- East on E. 1<sup>st</sup> St to Broadway St.
- South on Broadway St. to W. 5<sup>th</sup> St.
- East on W 5<sup>th</sup> St. to Main St.
- North on Main St.
- Finish at same point as start.



## 10k Course

- Start on Main St. at City Plaza between between E. 4<sup>th</sup> and E. 5th St.
- North on Main St to W. Second Ave.
- East on W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. toward E 1<sup>st</sup> St.
- E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. one block to bike/foot path.
- East on foot path through tunnel under Mangrove Ave. and Pine st.
- Continue on path to South Park Drive.
- South Park Dr to Butte Creek Bridge under Highway 99.
- Cross bridge to Peterson Memorial Way.
- West on Peterson Memorial Way toward Vallombrosa Way.
- Sidewalk of Vallombrosa Way to Bridge at One Mile.
- Crossing and utilizing foot paths around the back of the concession stand and baseball field back to South Park Dr.
- West on South Park Dr back through the tunnel under Mangrove Ave. and Pine St.
- Foot path back to E. 1<sup>st</sup> St.
- West on E. 1<sup>st</sup> street to Esplanade.
- North on Esplanade.
- Continue following the 5k Course back to finish line.

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# Tree Committee Report

Meeting Date 5/14/14

DATE: 5/15/2014  
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission  
FROM: Tree Committee/Park Division Staff  
SUBJECT: Tree Committee Meeting Summary – May 14, 2014

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rich Ober called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

**Attendees:** Commissioners present: Mark Herrera (interim alternate selected as a substitute for Lisa Emmerich during her absence) Richard Ober (Chair), and Janine Rood. Commissioners absent: None. Staff present: Dan Efsaef, Linda Sheppard, and Ruben Martinez. Public: Kristina Schierenbeck, Susan Mason, Charles Withuhn, Karen Laslo, and Woody Elliot.

## 2. REGULAR AGENDA

### 2.1. Introduction of Right of Way Street Tree Planting Program

Volunteer help in the Right of Way (ROW) has been available only in a limited fashion due to liability concerns from roadside hazards and the issuance of proper training and equipment. To facilitate volunteer organizations to help with the planting of City street trees, staff outlined a preliminary draft framework to provide a cost free permit, while meeting the necessary liability and procedural protections for the community.

Public Works Director (PWD) Martinez covered the impetus of the idea, challenges of working in the ROW, and some logistics of the proposed program. Though volunteers would help greatly with the planting, the program would obligate some staff time and material costs to keep the program operating at a high standard. Charles Withuhn described the positive experiences of staff training and working with volunteers on an Arbor Day planting and presented some ideas on how the training of volunteers might work. Citizens and Committee members favored the idea and outline of the framework. Instead of assigning a Committee member to work on the protocol with staff, PWD Martinez thought that he had enough feedback to develop a more refined version at a future meeting. The Committee concurred.

### 2.2. Draft Urban Forest Management Plan Update

Staff provided a brief overview of the request for input. Staff indicated that a number of written comments and notes have been submitted and suggested that comments at the meeting focus on larger issues with the document rather than a line by line review. Staff also welcomed comments via email or hard copy

A far ranging conversation ensued with comments related to review of the landscape contract, support of the concept to receive proceeds from the sale of walnut wood, landscaping practices related to leaves, support of planting larger trees, exploration of funding sources, use of native plants, development of a landscape plan checklist for developments, and reducing water use. Some participants supported the idea of putting more “teeth” in the Chico Municipal Code to enforce tree issues, and suggestions were pointed to on the ISA guidelines for developing and evaluating tree ordinances. Because of the challenge of planting trees in the appropriate location, some participants felt that a “matrix” table may help provide simple information on desirable trees rather than the report that is online. Parks and Natural Resource Manager (PNRM) Efsaef cautioned that since some of the objectives relate to the General Plan or the purview of other Departments and Commissions that perhaps the objectives should be split by implementable ones that are within the purview of the BPPC and suggestions that should be considered by other bodies. The Planning Department will also be consulted to review the document.

Several suggestions were offered on the next step including starting from the first page and working thru the document. The Committee concurred with PNRM Efsaef’s suggestion that the next meeting focus on the objectives. Staff can also provide a better estimate of the timeline at the next meeting. Staff reiterated that email comments are welcome ([parkinfo@ChicoCa.gov](mailto:parkinfo@ChicoCa.gov)), and that while each comment may not be addressed the information will be considered in any future revisions, which the Tree Committee will review.

**3. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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DATE: 5/20/14  
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)  
FROM: Dan Efseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager  
SUBJECT: Parks Division and Street Trees and Public Landscapes Report

## NARRATIVE

### 1. Updates

- a. Sycamore Pool Opening Delayed - Additional applicants have answered the City's call for lifeguards to staff the Sycamore Pool; however, the staff will not be assembled in time for the traditional Memorial Day opening. The pool closure means that lifeguards will not be on duty. The pool will be cleaned and filled for the Memorial Day weekend. The official pool opening will likely open the first weekend in June. The pool usually opens on Memorial Day weekend, with the first week in June usually the full kickoff of the program and expansion of hours. Staff is still recruiting qualified lifeguards (see below). Applicants may find more information at the City's web page ([http://www.ci.chico.ca.us/human\\_resources\\_and\\_risk\\_management/job\\_opportunities/Lifeguard.asp](http://www.ci.chico.ca.us/human_resources_and_risk_management/job_opportunities/Lifeguard.asp)).
- b. Keep American Beautiful Waste Management grants – The Mount Lassen Chapter-CNPS received one of the \$4,000 Keep American Beautiful Waste Management grants to use for roller bins for invasive plants removed from the City of Chico's parks and open space areas. Staff alerted partners about the grant and Susan Mason submitted the grant for the award to MLC-CNPS.
- c. Park Talk: Horseshoe Lake Trail Opening on June 6th – The Park Division will host a ribbon cutting and opening for a segment of renovated trail that connects parking lots to the Horseshoe Lake fishing pier. The trail connects ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) parking spots with the pier. A short ribbon cutting ceremony will start at 11 am on Friday, June 6th with Park Division staff available to answer questions. The opening precedes National Trail Day on June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Iron Canyon Ladder Rehabilitation Project - Due to budget constraints and because funding was 20% below expected costs, the City of Chico regrettably informed the funding agencies that the completion of the project appeared unfeasible, and requested that all grant agreements be cancelled.

### 2. Administrative and Visitor Services

- a. Park Permits – With the busiest time of year coming up, staff have been processing a large number of applications.

### 3. Planning/Monitoring

- a. Peregrine Point – A draft annual report will be part of the next BPPC packet.
- b. Caper Acres – A revised conceptual plan will be posted on the City webpage and Facebook page. The consultant is completing responses based on feedback. We are anticipating a follow-up Natural Resource Committee meeting in June or July.

### 4. Maintenance Program

- a. Staff continues daily cleaning and safety inspections of all recreation areas including: grounds, playgrounds, picnic sites, roads and paths, coupled with daily cleaning and re-supplying of all park restrooms. Maintenance and repair of park fixtures, daily opening of gates, posting reservations, unauthorized camp clean up and the constant removal of graffiti from all park infrastructure.
- b. **Lower Park:** Staff prepared and painted the Cedar Grove restrooms along with the installation of a new hand drier on the women's side. South One Mile circle planting site has been reworked with the addition of chips and a few replacement plants. Staff installed LED lights to the North One Mile facility to kick off the retrofit efforts to

bring our buildings up to a more efficient level. Coordinated efforts were made with the concession stand folks to prepare the One Mile facilities for their May opening.

- c. **Middle Park:** Work on the removal of telephone pole barricades and the install of split rail fence along Centennial Avenue is on hold for now as staffs energies are needed elsewhere. Maintenance continues on the Five Mile re-vegetation sites to fully establish the new plants.
- d. **Upper Park:** Standard Maintenance.
- e. **Ceres Ave Bridge** – Staff will be replacing boards that have decayed. Parks staff will be working with Engineering staff to explore replacement options (such as lightweight concrete) and funding sources.

**Upcoming Projects:** Parking lot grading, Upper Park road grading, Sycamore Pool preparation for summer ADA trail work, Signs installed at Lot C.

## 5. Ranger and Lifeguard Programs

- a. Park experiences an increase in visitation– The warmer weather is contributing to a significant increase in park use. Rangers have been out educating the public on park stewardship and park safety. There were several glass and alcohol violations that occurred during Easter weekend. Warnings were issued and voluntary compliance was hoped for in most cases. Rangers were on average out numbered 5 to 1 on alcohol contacts. Rangers also noted there were a number of gang members in the park.
- b. Lifeguards – Recruitment has been challenging. There were only 6 total applicants for the Head and Assistant Head Lifeguard positions. Of those 6, 5 accepted employment elsewhere. The candidate for Head Lifeguard is in the hiring process. There has been a total of 19 Lifeguard applicants. Eleven of the lifeguard candidates passed the interview process.
- c. Significant Incidents – On May 3rd, a deceased male was discovered in what appeared to be a transient camp under the bridge at Manzanita and Madrone (Lindo Channel). The exact cause of death is unknown at this time.

## 6. Natural Resource Management

- a. Trail Work – The Park Crew and Volunteers have been busy preparing the trails for summer with mowing and brush clearing occurring in several places in the Park. The work will continue over the next few weeks.
- b. Weed Control - Past efforts have reduced the amount of Yellow Star thistle in Middle Park. This year only a few places will be spot treated with herbicide. Staff is working with the Fire Department on a prescribed burn in June.
- c. Horseshoe Lake Trail Opening – The Park Division will host a ribbon cutting and opening for a segment of renovated trail that connects parking lots to the Horseshoe Lake fishing pier. The trail, on the south side of the lake, provide all ability access for visitors and connects ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) parking spots with the pier. The pier provides a viewing platform, fly-fishing casting practice, and fishing opportunities. State grant funding paid for the work, with Parks Crews overseeing the efforts of the local California Conservation Corps Chico office. A short ribbon cutting ceremony will start at 11 am on Friday, June 6th with Park Division staff available to answer questions. The opening precedes National Trail Day on June 7th.

## 7. Outreach and Education

- a. Public Safety Day– Park Rangers staffed an interactive park safety table at the Elks Lodge for the annual public safety day. Over 500 Chico area elementary school students were able to visit.
- b. “Celebrate the Jewel”– Park Rangers and Park Watch volunteers staffed a booth at the Chico Creek Nature Center for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual celebrate the jewel event. Park safety, wildlife behavior, natural habitats and general park information were presented to over 200 visitors.

## 8. Street Trees and Landscapes

- a. Monthly Highlights
  - i. Pruning along major corridors– Part of the strategy to minimize impacts associated with budget and staffing cuts has been to focus on principal transportation corridors to lessen the chances of limb failures. The City contractor (Petersen Tree Care) will begin safety pruning and elevating along 1) E 4th St, E 3rd St, and 2) Pine St and Cypress St. These streets were selected based on observations and the importance of these corridors.

b. Projects Completed:

- 5-Service Request- 3 hours, a detailed list is available.
- Down Limbs and Hangers- 44 hours (31 locations).
- Safety Meetings- 1 hour.
- Prep Time and DOT Inspections- 39 hours.
- GIS Tree Inventory- 32 hours.
- Equipment Maintenance- 10 hours.
- Traffic Safety Pruning- 49 hours (83 trees pruned).
- Priority Removals- 20 hours (12 dead or dying trees removed).C
- Irrigation- 110 hours
- Call Out cleanup- 12 hours.
- Brush Chipping and cleanup- 4 hours.
- Planting- 23 hours.

c. Tree Call Outs: 3 call outs for the month of April that required follow up clean up and inspections.

d. Tree Permits:

- Pruning- 2 approved
- Removal- 1 approved

City staff and volunteers from Chico Tree Advocates planted 5 Autumn Purple ash trees on El Dorado St for Arbor Day.



City staff and volunteers from CSUC planted 5 October Glory red maples on the corner of W 3rd St and Chestnut for Arbor Day.

c. Landscaping

- i. Contractor completed 98% of seasonal fertilizations, aerations and over-seeding of turf. Sites are monitored and may receive additional attention. Some turf is scheduled for De-thatching which reduces potential for disease and helps to prevent runoff of irrigation, therefore conserving water.
- ii. Water conservation efforts are constant. Timely repairs, proper system adjustments and regular runtime – program adjustments continue to prevent waste of water.
- iii. A new round of annual color planting is being installed during May at 16 locations. Some are located at municipal buildings and some are located within CMD - maintenance districts.
- iv. Flat mowing and weed abatement of Open Spaces and lots are presently being performed throughout town to reduce fire hazard during fire season.
- v. Storm water control basins and channel bottoms (30 combined) are being annually cleaned of Spring vegetation growth to reduce obstruction of flows.
- vi. Backflow prevention device testing has been initiated for their annual test reports. This protects California Water's supply from contamination at our landscape sites.

d. Upcoming Issues



- i. Pruning Contract – Staff is preparing a notice of bid for a pruning contract for the City's street trees.

## 9. Volunteer and Donor Program

- a. Earth Day - On April 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 12pm volunteers worked at Comanche Creek, North One Mile and Cedar Grove/ Chico Creek Nature Center. 169 community members participated in various projects including invasive weed removal, painting, and picnic bench construction and a clean-up of the Chico Creek Nature Center. CAVE, SWAP, PG&E, CUSC's Academic Advising Programs, and the CCC's are among the largest volunteer groups to attend. This event generated 607 volunteer hours. Comanche Creek Greenway was one of three sites in Chico chosen for Earth Day volunteer activities. We had 35 people working on 5 different projects, and we accomplished quite a bit, including the filling of a 40 yard green-waste bin to the brim. Because of the requests from volunteers, the group was able to support the regularly scheduled Monthly Volunteer Workday (April 26<sup>th</sup>).
- b. Arbor Day (April 25<sup>th</sup>) - 40 members of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity planted five trees at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Chestnut.
- c. Other Recent efforts - 14 Marsh Jr. High School students came out to the Sycamore Restoration Area to learn about habitat restoration while weeding around native plants and watering natives.
  - i. Girl Scout Troop 70215 and their families came out to Camila Way to removal a large area of vinca, ivy, and poke weed. They plan to return in the fall to re-vegetate the area with natives.
  - ii. Friends of Comanche Creek and the Park Division teamed up to host a community workday at Comanche Creek on April 26. Over 60 people worked to remove invasive weeds and trash from the area.
- d. Volunteer Hours – Staff will present the first and second quarter volunteer hours with the next scheduled report (July).
- e. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities
  - i. Klean Kanteen will be coming out next month to do their annual volunteer workday in the park. We will be pulling yellow starthistle from along the paths at Horseshoe Lake.
  - ii. The Park Division will be hosting Upward Bound students June 16- July 22. They will be removing invasive weeds from 1:30-4:30 Monday-Thursday at various locations in Lower and Middle Park.
  - iii. Other efforts (Please check the webpage for details and updates): May 21 (8 to 11 am) Remove invasive giant reed along Little Chico Creek, May 23 (8 to 11 am) Volunteer Maintenance of 9th and Hazel Park, May 24 (8 to 11 am) Yahi Trail Maintenance, May 24 ( 9- 11am)Sacramento River Road Cleanup, May 25 (8 to 11 am) Volunteer Session at Verbena, May 31 (9 am to noon) Comanche Creek Greenway Workday, June 7 (9 am to noon) National Trail Day in Bidwell Park -- meet at parking lot E, June 8 -- (9 am to noon) -- Comanche Creek Greenway Workday, June 14 (9 am to noon) Bidwell Bowl Volunteer Work Session, June 14 (9am - 12pm) - The Stream Team Water Quality Monitoring, June 28 -- (9 am to noon) -- Comanche Creek Greenway Workday.

## 10. Upcoming Issues/Miscellaneous

- a. Committee meetings – Staff anticipates upcoming meetings for the Tree Committee and Natural Resources Committee. Please note that meetings are conducted as needed and interested parties should check the City's webpage for agendas and information.

## MONTHLY SUMMARY TABLES

**Table 1. Monthly Public and Private Permits**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Participant #</b>
04/05/2014	City Plaza	Valley Oak Children's Services	Annual Children's Faire	1000
04/05/2014	1 Mile Oak Grove A & B	Bridging The Gap By Giving	Walk 4 Water	600
04/06/2014	Cedar Grove Meadow	Barony of Rivenoaks	Society for Creative Anachronism	100
04/11/2014	City Plaza	CSU Chico	Great Debate	200
04/12/2014	City Plaza	National Yo-Yo Museum	Nor-Cal Yo-Yo Contest	50
04/12/2014	1 Mile Oak Grove A & B	Delta Sigma Pi	Charity BBQ	100
04/12/2014	1 Mile Oak Grove A & B	Innovative Health Care Service	Poppy Walk & 5K Run	175
04/13/2014	Children's Playground	Bidwell Presbyterian Church	Easter Eggstravanza	249
04/19/2014	Caper Acres	Chico Area Recreation District (CARD)	Easter Egg Hunt	1500
04/19/2014	1 Mile Oak Grove A & B	University Foundation Center for Nutrition and Activity	Growing Healthy Children Walk/Run	800
04/20/2014	Upper Bidwell Park - Cross	Vineyard of Chico	Easter Sunrise Service	500
04/26/2014	1 Mile Oak Grove A & B	NVCF Yellow Door	Chico Walks for Autism	1000
<b>Totals</b>			<b>12</b>	<b>6274</b>

**Table 2. Monthly Private Permits**

<b>Type</b>	<b># Permits</b>	<b># Participants</b>
Private	13	547
Caper Acres	24	560
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1107</b>

**Table 3. Monthly Maintenance Hours.**

Category	Staff Hours	% of Total	% Change from Last Month	2014 Trend
1. Safety	199	36.7%	107.9%	
2. Infrastructure Maintenance	158	29.2%	69.6%	
3. Vegetation Maintenance	124	22.8%	312.7%	
4. Admin Time/Other	61	11.2%	45.8%	
<b>Monthly Totals</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>92.8%</b>	

**Table 4. Monthly Incidents**








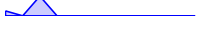

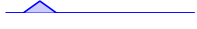
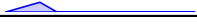

Ranger Report Incidents	Date	Location	Incident	Disposition
	4/3/2014	Lower Park	Resist Peace Officer	Arrest
	4/4/2014	Lower Park	Veh Burg	Beat Info
	4/4/2014	City Plaza	Fight	UTL
	4/13/2014	Lower Park	Broken Arm	Transported to Enloe
	4/15/2014	Upper Park	Bicycle Accident/Injury	Transported to Enloe
	4/18/2014	City Plaza	Warrant	Arrest
	4/21/2014	City Plaza	Fight	Arrest
	4/24/2014	City Plaza	Warrant	Arrest
	4/29/2014	Ringle Park	Warrant	Arrest
	4/29/2014	Ringle Park	Possession of Drugs	Arrest

**Table 5. Monthly Citations and Warnings**

**Ranger Report - Warnings 2014**

Violation - Warnings	Monthly			Annual			2014 Trend
	Total Warnings	%	Rank	Total Warnings	%	Rank	
Alcohol	70	27%	1	82	14%	4	
Animal Control Violations	46	18%	3	103	18%	2	
Bicycle Violation	36	14%	4	143	24%	1	
Glass	12	5%	6	28	5%	8	
Illegal Camping	15	6%	5	33	6%	7	
Injury/Destruction City Property	0	0%	11	1	0%	11	
Littering	2	1%	9	11	2%	9	
Other Violations	11	4%	8	34	6%	6	
Parking Violations	12	5%	6	64	11%	5	
Resist/Delay Park Ranger	1	0%	10	2	0%	10	
Smoking	51	20%	2	86	15%	3	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>587</b>	<b>100%</b>		

## Ranger Report - Citations 2014

Violation - Citations	Monthly			Annual			2014 Trend
	Total Citations	%	Rank	Total Citations	%	Rank	
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Glass	0	0%	5	3	2%	7	
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Smoking	0	0%	5	3	2%	7	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>149</b>	<b>100%</b>		

### Attachments:

- A. Bidwell Park Pulse. Spring 2014. Vol 5, Issue 2.

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# Bidwell Park Pulse

Quarterly Newsletter of the City of Chico's Park Division

## Chico Named Tree City USA for 30th Year

Arbor Day Foundation recertified Chico as a 2013 Tree City USA recipient. This is Chico's 30 year with the program. The Tree City USA program is a national program that provides the framework for community forestry management for cities and towns across America. Communities achieve Tree City USA status by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day.



Although the Street Trees

Division suffered severe cuts to staff in 2013, several initiatives are moving forward. Council reauthorized the rehiring of a Senior Tree Worker, the City issued an emergency tree services contract, and staff streamlined the process to provide information on claims and tree permits.



The Bidwell Park and Playground Commission's Tree Committee is working on the Urban Forest Management Plan, exploring a simplified permit process, and developing a protocol for allowing organizations to aid with tree planting and formative pruning in the City's Right of Way.



New crossing over the spillway.

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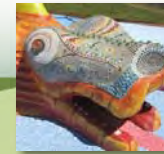
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**The Bidwell Park Pulse**

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**City of Chico Mission**

To protect and enhance our community's quality of life for present and future generations.

**Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)**

The BPPC is vested with the supervision, control and management of many public parks and playgrounds within the City. **Commissioners:** Mary Brentwood, Clay Craig, Lisa Emmerich, Mark Herrera, Jim Mikles, Jim Moravec, Richard Ober (Chair). **Staff Liaison:** Lise Smith-Peters, Management Analyst

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To Volunteer, check out the webpage calendar!

**About the Banner Photo:** Council Ring in Lower Park.

**Staff Spotlight:*****Lise Smith-Peters Recognized by BPPC***

Lise joined the Park Division in March 2006 to help build the volunteer program, and her duties quickly expanded to help support other park duties such as serving as the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC) liaison.

Lise is very social and has a knack for recruiting volunteers and helped build a program with thousands of volunteers and 20,000 volunteer hours annually. She also put in the time to learn about native plants and the problems caused by invasive plants.

In her position, Lise demonstrated a strong dedication to City Parks, often attending late night City meetings and then working with volunteers early the next morning or on weekends.

Lise leaves the City to become an Advancement Associate with the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences at CSU Chico.

We will miss Lise's dedication to the Park and big Texas laugh, and wish her the best in her new endeavor.



*Former Park Services Analyst/Volunteer Coordinator Lise Smith Peters recognized at the 2/24/14 Bidwell Park and Playground Commission Meeting.*

**Park Postcard:**

***Where is it?*** This is one of the first Heritage Trees in the program? This handsome blue oak has a diameter at breast height (dbh) of 53". Do you know where it is? Answer on p.4.

Wet Weather Trail Closures:

# Why are Trail Closures Shorter in the Spring Than Winter?

Staff have recently fielded questions regarding the variable length of closures associated with rainy weather. While this may be obvious to people familiar with the concept of evapotranspiration (or living thru a Chico Summer), it may not be to the general public. Staff developed the information below to show the underlying science between evapotranspiration and months of the year.

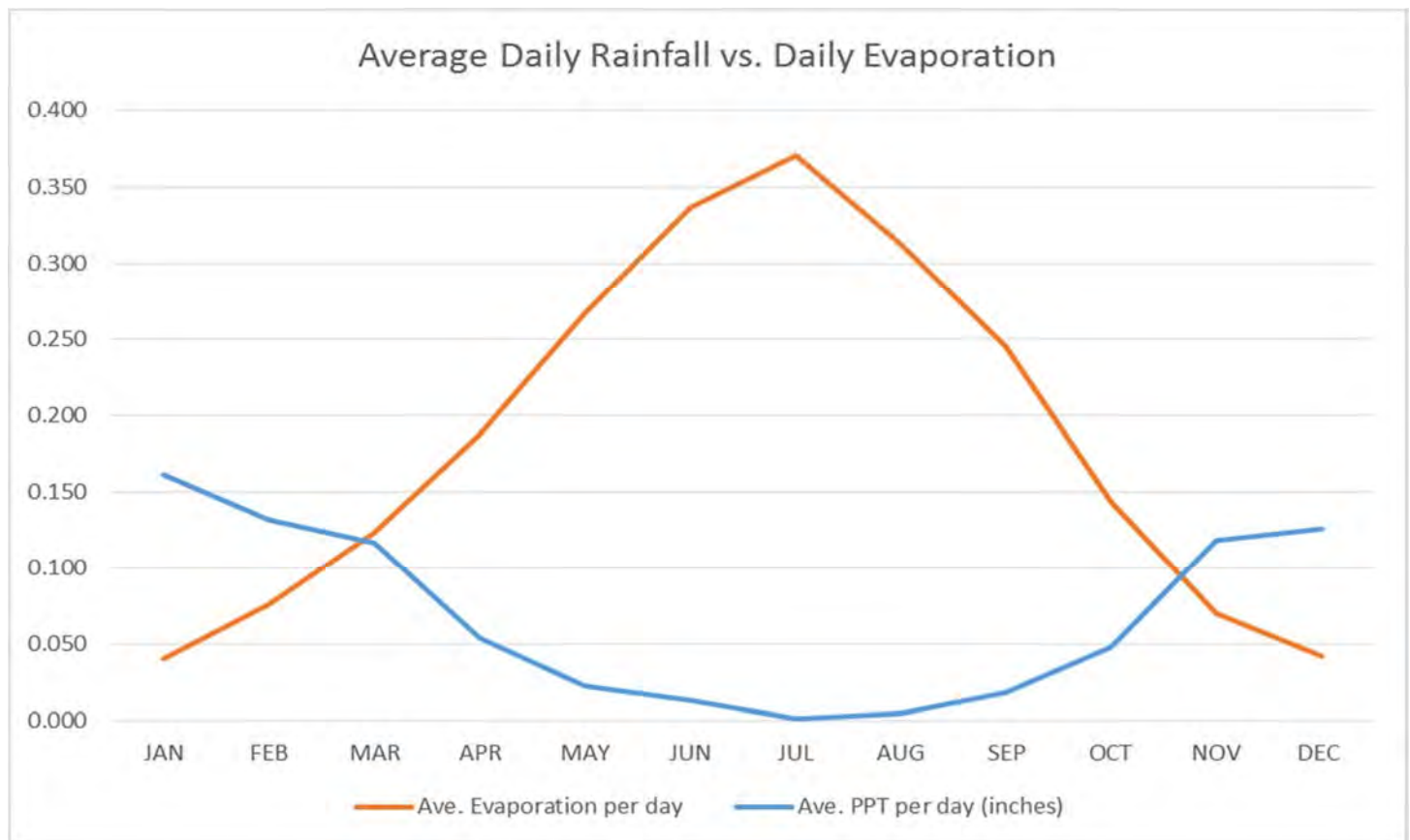
The Table shows “evaporative pan” data from 1905 to 2005. Evaporation is shown on the top row for each month. Not surprisingly, January exhibits the least (1.26 in), while July has the most (11.48 in). The difference between average daily rainfall and average daily evaporation is show in the graph below.

The last row of the table shows an example of the number of days to evaporate 0.25 in. It takes about 6.15 days in January and 0.68 days in July to evaporate the 0.25 inches. In other words it takes nearly 10 times longer for the same amount of rain to dry off in the winter than it does in the summer.

Bikes, horses, and even foot traffic can increase erosion and trail damage, and Upper and Middle Park are closed after rains. If a trail is muddy, tread lightly and please use Upper Park Road.

*-Dan Eifseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager*

LOCATION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Trend
CHICO EXPERIMENT STN	1.26	2.13	3.62	5.63	8.28	10.11	11.48	9.71	7.36	4.46	2.09	1.3	
<b>Analysis</b>													
Ave. Evaporation per day	0.041	0.076	0.123	0.188	0.267	0.337	0.370	0.313	0.245	0.144	0.070	0.042	
Ave PPT (inches)	5.00	3.70	3.62	1.61	0.71	0.39	0.04	0.16	0.55	1.50	3.54	3.90	
Ave. PPT per day (Inches)	0.16	0.13	0.12	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.05	0.12	0.13	
Ave. Days to evaporate Ave.Rainfall	3.97	1.74	0.95	0.29	0.09	0.04	0.00	0.02	0.07	0.34	1.70	3.00	
Ave. Days to evaporate 0.25 inch	6.15	3.29	2.03	1.33	0.94	0.74	0.68	0.80	1.02	1.74	3.59	5.96	
<b>Notes:</b>													
Data from average evaporation pan measurements from 1905 - 2005. These estimates are 0.7-0.8 of the expected evaporation from the surface.													
<a href="http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/htmlfiles/west">http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/htmlfiles/west</a>													





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Answer to "Where is it?": This blue oak is near Hillview Terrace Preserve.

## Caper Acres Needs your Help!

The Park Division and the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission have been gathering public input on a plan to address improvements that lessen the maintenance load and costs, improve safety, and retain Caper Acres unique character.

In the next few month, we will be developing a Master Renovation Plan that will identify priorities and costs.

In anticipation, the City has created a separate fund for this effort and citizens may make donations by using the attached form.

