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

TEMPORARY SECTION CLOSURE OF CAPER ACRES FOR INSTALLATION OF NEW NICO SHADE AND RESURFACING PROJECT

(Chico, CA – August 10, 2021 –) Beginning Tuesday, August 10, 2021, a portion of the Caper Acres playground in Lower Bidwell Park will be closed to begin installation of new, large shade sails and to resurface the Nico Dragon Play Area (Phase 3).

The Nico Play Area, in addition to a section of the main playground leading from the service gate to the play area, will be temporarily fenced off during construction. Work is expected to take place during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday through mid-October 2021. This schedule may be subject to change. Other areas of the Caper Acres Playground will remain open during normal playground hours.

REM Construction, Incorporated was awarded the contract to perform the work. In addition to the new shade sails and play surface, several new pieces of play equipment will also be installed. The Nico Shade and Resurfacing Project was made possible from approximately \$65,000 in generous donations from the community, and from the City's and CARD's Proposition 68 Per Capita grant funds available from the California Department of Parks & Recreation. The City is continuing to work with the community to enhance other components of the playground, such as a Monkey Face Zip-Line Play Area.

The City appreciates the public's patience and support during this temporary partial closure. For more information regarding closures and playground work, please contact the Park Division at 530-896-7800 or by email at parkinfo@chicoca.gov.

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