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**\*\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\*\***

## **CAPER ACRES TEMPORARY CLOSURE IN PREPARATION FOR NICO PLAY AREA REOPENING CEREMONY**

**(Chico, CA – April 20, 2022 –)** Caper Acres playground in the One Mile Recreation Area in Bidwell Park will be closed from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 22, 2022. This closure is to accommodate the removal of construction fencing and in preparation for the reopening of the Nico Sea Serpent Play Area. A reopening ceremony will be held on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

The Nico Play Area has been closed since 2021 due to the Nico Shade and Resurfacing Project. The project included the construction of large, new shade sails and the installation a new poured-in-place playground surface. Designed by Melton Design Group, the contract to perform the work was awarded to REM Construction, Incorporated.

The Nico Shade and Resurfacing Project was made possible by over \$65,000 in community donations, and from the City of Chico's and the Chico Area Recreation & Park District's California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access Act of 2018 Proposition 68 Per Capita grant funds, which are available from the California Department of Parks & Recreation.

The City appreciates the public's patience and support during this temporary closure. For more information, please contact Linda Herman, Parks & Natural Resources Manager, at (530) 896-7241; Lynda Gizzi, Public Works Public Information Officer, at (530) 353-5816.

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