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

CITY PLAZA CLOSURE

(Chico, CA – March 29, 2021 –) The City of Chico will be closing the City Plaza from Friday, April 2, 2021 through Thursday, April 22, 2021 to conduct repairs in the fountain area.

During the maintenance activities conducted last spring by the Public Works Department, it was discovered that the expansion joints on the entire surface area surrounding the fountains were starting to fail, and that, if the joints were left in disrepair, they would seriously undermine the integrity of the concrete foundation, electrical circuits, and the fountain features themselves. In order to mitigate the potential for further degradation of the surface of the City Plaza, and to preserve the city's investment in the upgrades to the Plaza conducted during 2006-2007, the expansion joints will be replaced to extend the durability of the Plaza for future use.

The City appreciates the patience of the community while these repairs are being conducted. To protect the integrity of the new sealants being applied, the Plaza will be closed to foot traffic during the duration of the repair work so that the expansion materials can cure and settle as intended without disruption. The public restroom facilities located in the Plaza will remain open during this time.

“We plan to have the Plaza fully operational with fountains in use by early May so that it can be utilized and enjoyed during upcoming community events,” said Erik Gustafson, Public Works Department – Operations and Maintenance Division Director.

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