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

CITY OF CHICO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT BEGINS CLEANUP OF LOWER BIDWELL PARK

(Chico, CA – January 13, 2021 –) On Tuesday, January 12, 2021, City staff from the Chico Public Works Department – Operations and Maintenance Division began a coordinated effort to remove trash and debris from Lower Bidwell Park. Over 6.5 tons, or 50 cubic yards, of trash and debris were removed in a one-day period.

City staff successfully identified what items could be discarded as trash and what items were to be kept as personal belongings. All engagements were cooperative, and items confirmed as trash were then removed by Public Works staff using hand tools such as rakes, shovels, and grabbers to consolidate trash into designated areas where a wheel loader then loaded the items into a nearby dump truck. Items identified as personal property that were too large to be carried out by individuals were taken to be stored at the Chico Police Department for a period of up to ninety days.

The section of Bidwell Park where the cleanup was concentrated includes a riparian corridor of Big Chico Creek. The City is grateful for our Public Works employees and their efforts to ensure debris did not make its way into the waterways. Staff did note significant degradation in the area and will focus future efforts towards environmental rehabilitation.

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