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

CITY OF CHICO CONTINUES CLEAN UP EFFORTS FROM RECENT STORM

(Chico, CA – October 25, 2021 –) The City of Chico is continuing cleanup efforts related to the October 24, 2021 weather event.

The Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments were committed to responding to calls for service throughout the storm, with the Communications Center receiving 892 calls during the event. Chico Fire & Rescue responded to 42 storm-related calls for service in a 24-hour period, including downed trees and tree limbs, trees into structures, flood assessments, and downed power lines.

All available Public Works Department resources, including the City's emergency contractors, are currently dedicated to storm cleanup, addressing downed trees and larger issues before moving to less immediate service requests. In addition, crews are continuing to work with Pacific Gas & Electric for calls related to downed power lines.

Lower Bidwell Park remains closed at this time and the public is advised not to enter the park as crews continue assessing damage and continuing cleanup efforts. All Upper Bidwell Park trails are currently closed; up-to-date trail, gate, and facility status can be found at <https://chico.ca.us/trail-gate-facility-status-and-hours>.

The City appreciates the community's patience, as cleanup efforts will continue throughout the week. High priority requests, such as damaged property or blocked access, will be addressed first. All requests for service have been logged by the Public Works Department; the public is advised to refrain from making repeated requests. New requests for service may be reported as follows:

- Call the Operations and Maintenance Division at (530) 894-4200, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Email rightofwaymaintenance@chicoca.gov.
- Fill out an online request using the form at <https://chico.ca.us/report-infrastructure-issue>.

For media inquiries, please contact Lynda Gizzi, Public Works Department Public Information Officer, at (530) 353-5816.

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