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

CITY OF CHICO TO HOST URBAN FOREST SUMMIT

(Chico, CA – July 22, 2021 –) The City of Chico, in collaboration with the Butte Environmental Council, and Dudek, a leading multidisciplinary, environmental, and engineering consulting firm, today announced that it will host the Urban Forest Summit. The Summit will be held on Saturday, July 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the ARC Pavilion (2040 Park Avenue, Chico, California 95928).

A vital component of the City's Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP), the Summit provides an opportunity to inform and interact with the community the Plan will serve. Attendees will learn about key findings of the health and condition of the urban forest, the UFMP process, and updates by the City and Butte Environmental Council. Summit organizers will lead community members through a series of guided brainstorming exercises to identify critical successes, barriers, and desires for the City's urban forest.

The City's Urban Forest Master Plan will help guide decisions concerning the urban forest over the next 40 years as the City anticipates and reacts to climate-related issues, including increasing heat, drought severity, and wildfire threat.

"The Urban Forest Summit provides community members a space to share the obstacles and opportunities related to growing and maintaining trees on their property, and the challenges and successes they observe with City tree management," says Richie Bamlet, City of Chico Urban Forest Manager. "We look forward to meaningfully engaging with the Chico community on developing a thoughtful strategy to manage the City's trees today and ensure their health and longevity for the benefit of future generations."

The Urban Forest Summit is open to all and the City encourages participation by residents, business owners and anyone who wishes to be involved in planning for the City's Urban Forest. Spanish language translation will be available. Refreshments, prizes and giveaways will be available for all participants. To register, visit <https://forms.gle/6G4n6dchxS88jGPq9>. For more information, visit <https://chico.ca.us/chico-urban-forest-summit>.

Funding for the California Climate Investments Grant Project has been provided by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund through the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFire) Urban and Community Forestry Program.

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About the City of Chico: Known as the “City of Trees,” Chico is a Northern California city in the Sacramento Valley where residents take pride in their urban forest. A city of 110,000, the City of Chico’s mission is to protect and enhance the community’s quality of life for present and future generations. Learn more at <https://chico.ca.us>, and follow the Public Works Department on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for more information about the Urban Forest Master Plan.

The City of Chico Urban Forest Revitalization Program is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment– particularly in disadvantaged communities. The Cap-and-Trade program also creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution. California Climate Investments projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero-emission vehicles, environmental restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling, and much more. At least 35 percent of these investments are located within and benefiting residents of disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income households across California. For more information, visit the California Climate Investments website at <http://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov>.

About Butte Environmental Council (BEC): BEC is a leading non-profit environmental organization based in Chico, California. Founded in 1975, BEC has continued to provide the community with environmental education, information, and advocacy through programs and events. BEC's achievements are made possible by the active support of more than 900 valued members, staff, and board.

About Dudek: Dudek is a multidisciplinary environmental and engineering consulting firm based in Encinitas, CA. Dudek is listed as one of the Top 120 U.S. Environmental Firms (Engineering News-Record, 2021). To learn more about Dudek visit www.Dudek.com and follow us on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#), and [Glassdoor](#).