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

EMERGENCY WARMING CENTER UPDATE

(Chico, CA – December 1, 2020 –) Pursuant to the discussion anticipated at tonight’s postponed City Council meeting regarding winter shelter options, City staff would like to reassure the public that activation protocols remain in place for an Emergency Warming Center.

City staff continue to monitor weather conditions daily and remain prepared to implement established protocols. The City contractor who provides space for warming and cooling centers continues to be unable to provide such space due to COVID-19. Thus, City staff is prepared to erect a tent structure to accommodate the need, should temperatures dictate activation.

“The City Council directed staff to ensure that Emergency Warming and Cooling Center options are available to the public when extreme weather conditions exist,” said Mark Orme, City of Chico City Manager. “City staff remains ready to deploy such space but is hopeful that a more permanent or established location can be found to better local residents needs during these situations.”

To obtain up-to-date activation information, please call 211.

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