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

CITY OF CHICO SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON STORM WATER MASTER PLAN UPDATE

(Chico, CA – October 7, 2021 –) The City of Chico is in the early planning and development stages of a comprehensive update to the Storm Water Master Plan (SWMP) and is seeking public input.

While the current SWMP has been incrementally updated since its implementation in 1987, this effort would develop a new plan consistent with all current standards. The plan covers storm water management within the City limits, as well as some unincorporated areas within the City's sphere of influence.

The SWMP will describe the typical features of drainage facilities throughout the City that are expected to be used for both private development and capital projects in order to meet the objectives of the plan. The purpose of the SWMP is to improve existing storm drainage, reduce the potential for flooding in the City, and to identify acceptable and compliant drainage facilities for future development.

A Notice of Preparation, consistent with California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, has been prepared for update and is available for review through November 1, 2021. The NOP and other supporting project information is available for review and download online at <https://chico.ca.us/sewerstorm-drain-engineering>, or in person at the City of Chico Public Works Department located at 411 Main Street.

The City will be hosting a virtual public information meeting for this project on October 20, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams. The meeting will include a brief presentation of the project followed by a question and answer session. The meeting may be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/54s86f52>.

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