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

CITY OF CHICO URBAN FOREST REVITALIZATION PROJECT SPRING 2022 TREE GIVEAWAY

(Chico, CA – April 8, 2022) The City of Chico has partnered with the Butte Environmental Council (BEC), with support from CALFire, to plant up to 30 free trees in the urban areas of Chico. This community tree planting event will take place on **Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

The Urban Forest Revitalization Project provides of 20 species of trees, which are planted for Chico residents free of charge, and is made possible by the City of Chico, grant funding from CALFire, and community donations. While the deadline to sign up for a free tree has passed for Saturday's planting, property owners may sign up for the fall tree giveaway by emailing urbanforest@bec.org.

“Chico is fortunate to have an extensive tree canopy that provides shade, relief from the heat, and many other additional benefits,” said Richie Bamlet, City of Chico Urban Forest Manager. “As trees do have a finite lifespan, the City continually removes and replaces them. The trees that are planted as part of the Urban Forest Revitalization Project are for the benefit of future generations.”

The City of Chico's urban forest creates a significant sense of pride and community identity and is recognized as a key component of the community design element. Since 1984, the City of Chico has been designated as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

To learn more about street trees in the City of Chico and the Urban Forest Master Plan and Revitalization Project, please visit <https://chico.ca.us/street-tree-information>.

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