

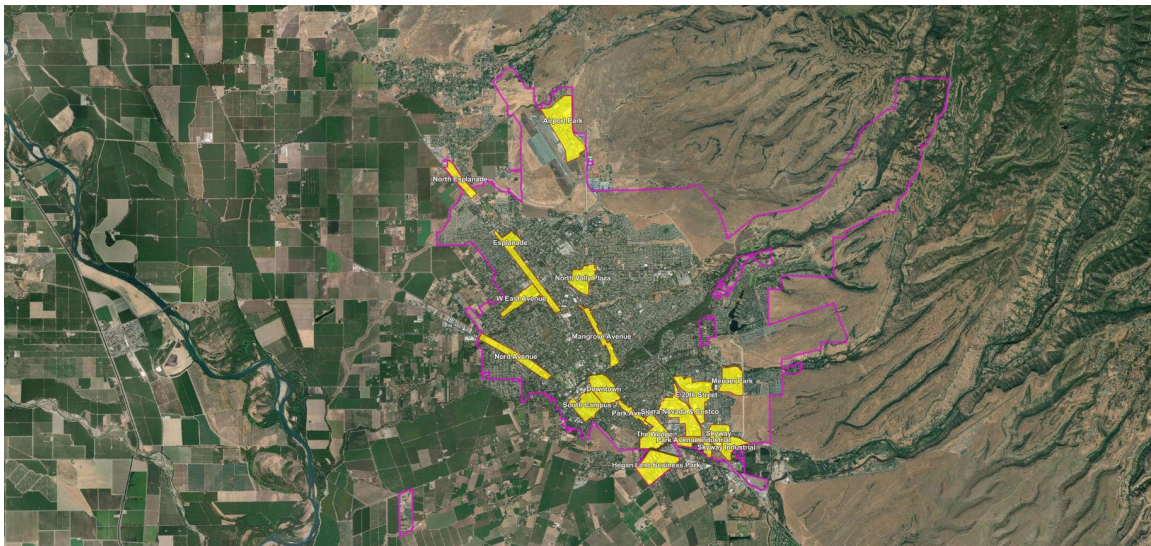


City of Chico

Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ)

Investment Guide

**Building the Future of Recycling-Based Manufacturing and the Circular Economy in
Northern California**



Welcome

The City of Chico welcomes businesses that manufacture recycled-content products, recover valuable materials, and advance California's circular economy. As a designated Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ), Chico offers strategic infrastructure, business support, and access to financing that can help companies start, relocate, or expand.

Executive Summary

Chico is strategically located in Northern California with access to Highway 99, Interstate 5, freight transportation, industrial land, and a skilled workforce. The City's goal is to attract recycling-based manufacturers and processors that transform recovered materials into new products while creating quality jobs.

Why Chico?

- Strategic Northern California location
- Available industrial land and redevelopment opportunities
- Highway, rail, and airport access
- Skilled workforce supported by California State University, Chico and Butte College
- Business-friendly local assistance
- Quality of life that supports workforce attraction and retention

What is the RMDZ?

The Recycling Market Development Zone program, administered by CalRecycle, supports businesses that use recovered materials as feedstock. Eligible projects may qualify for low-interest financing for equipment, facilities, and expansion.

Target Industries

- Organics processing
- Wood waste recovery
- Construction & demolition material recovery
- Paper and cardboard recycling
- Recycled-content manufacturing
- Repair, reuse, and remanufacturing

Regional Material Streams

Chico's region generates organics, wood waste, cardboard, paper, agricultural residuals, and construction materials that provide opportunities for circular economy businesses.

Transportation & Logistics

- Highway 99 connectivity
- Interstate 5 regional access
- Freight rail opportunities
- Airport access
- Regional distribution advantages

Industrial Development Opportunities

Chico offers industrial parks, redevelopment opportunities, and sites suitable for manufacturing and material processing. The City can assist businesses with site selection and development coordination.

Workforce

- California State University, Chico
- Butte College
- Skilled trades
- Manufacturing and logistics workforce
- Regional workforce development partners

Business Assistance

- Site selection assistance
- Development review coordination
- Business recruitment support
- Connections to financing resources
- Workforce and partner introductions

Next Steps

Businesses interested in locating or expanding in Chico are encouraged to contact the City's Economic Development Division to discuss sites, financing opportunities, and project needs.

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