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CRITICAL FIRE DANGER PROMPTS LINDO CHANNEL CLEANUP

CHICO, CA — In response to critical fire danger in and around Lindo Channel, the Chico City Council adopted a resolution declaring a local emergency on August 3, 2026. Out of concern for the safety of our community, as well as those living in the channel itself, Chico City staff recently spent two days cleaning up Lindo Channel.

- 48 unoccupied and previously occupied encampments were cleared.
- 27 individuals were offered shelter.
- 130 yards of debris were removed from the Channel, weighing 22 tons.

Throughout the coming months, crews and city contractors will continue performing restoration work in the area.

We recognize that people experiencing homelessness are members of our community and deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. Our approach is therefore one of compassion and accountability. We are working to address unsafe conditions, protecting our community, and connecting people experiencing homelessness with services, resources, and safer alternatives.

Located in Butte County, California, Chico is the cultural and economic center of the northern Sacramento Valley and the largest city north of Sacramento. Known as a college town, the home of California State University, Chico and for Bidwell Park, one of the largest urban parks in the United States. For more information, visit www.chicoca.gov.

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