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**CITY OF CHICO
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE BIG CHICO CREEK
EROSION REPAIR PROJECT**

July 18, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Chico Community Development Director intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project described below. The project will be approved administratively unless referred to the City Council for action.

Big Chico Creek Erosion Repair Project (Capital Project No. 50497) – The City proposes to conduct erosion repair and bank stabilization at two bridge crossings over Big Chico Creek, Rose Avenue and Warner Street, and a third erosion repair site near the intersection of Manzanita and Vallombrosa in the City of Chico. Heavy flows from 2023 winter storms have caused scouring along the banks from the abutments at Rose Avenue and Warner Street Bridges. At the Manzanita and Vallombrosa erosion repair site, the west bank of the creek has significant erosion at the base, creating a “cave” that is exposed during normal flows. Rock slope protection (RSP) will be placed along the areas of scour at all three locations to prevent further damage and reinforce the banks and structures to better withstand future storm events.

Questions regarding the environmental review for this project should be directed to Tracy R. Bettencourt, AICP – Senior Planner, Public Works – Engineering Department, who can be reached at (530) 879-6903 or via email at tracy.bettencourt@chicoca.gov.

An Initial Study for environmental review has been prepared for the project. Based upon the information within the Initial Study, the Public Works – Engineering Department is recommending that a Mitigated Negative Declaration be adopted for the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A Mitigated Negative Declaration is a determination that a project will not have a significant impact on the environment after the incorporation of specific mitigation measures. A 30-day public review period is being conducted on the Draft Initial Study / Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) commencing on **Friday, July 18, 2025, and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 2025**. The document as well as all applicable technical appendices may be reviewed at the City's website at: <https://chico.ca.us/Departments/Engineering/Capital-Projects/Big-Chico-Creek-Erosion-Repair-Project/>

Comments relating to environmental concerns and the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration must be filed in writing to the City of Chico Public Works - Engineering Department, P.O. Box 3420, Chico, CA 95927 or sent via email to tracy.bettencourt@chicoca.gov during the designated time period.

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