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**City of Chico Seeks Public Input in the Development of a Storm Water Resource Plan for the Big Chico Creek and Little Chico Creek Watersheds**

The City of Chico is pleased to announce the development of a grant-funded Storm Water Resources Plan (SWRP) for the Big Chico Creek and Little Chico Creek Watersheds. The purpose of the SWRP is to protect storm water quality by reducing pollutants and trash and to improve the use of storm water as a resource by “bringing to the top” those multi-benefit projects that can best meet the identified priorities on a watershed basis. Qualifying projects will provide benefits to water quality, water supply, flood management, the environment, public education and jobs.

The SWRP must satisfy the requirements of Senate Bill 985 and follow the State Water Board SWRP guidelines in order to establish the City’s eligibility to receive future State grant funds for storm water projects. The Outcome of the SWRP will be to provide the guidance and tools to support stakeholders in developing more competitive projects for state-wide grant funding opportunities to achieve watershed goals. The City plans to apply for Proposition 1 Implementation Grant Funds from the State Water Resources Control Board’s Storm Water Grant Program in 2018.

**How the Public Can Get Involved:** The City will hold three public meetings to discuss the SWRP and provide an opportunity for the public to comment on watershed priorities, suggest storm water projects to be evaluated, and consider the prioritization of the projects for future implementation. The second of these meetings will be held July 19, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the City of Chico’s Council Chambers at 421 Main Street, Chico, CA 95928.

For more information, please email [swrp@chicoca.gov](mailto:swrp@chicoca.gov) or visit the City’s SWRP website at [http://www.chico.ca.us/building\\_development\\_services/sewer/storm\\_water\\_management.asp](http://www.chico.ca.us/building_development_services/sewer/storm_water_management.asp) or <http://bit.ly/ChicoSWRP>

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