



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**  
**City of Chico/County of Butte**



**Minutes of February 5, 2014**

3:30 P.M.

Conference Room No. 2, Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street

**Present:** Kirk, Stone, Wahl

**Absent:** Goloff, Gruendl

1. **Approve Minutes**

Approved Minutes of the November 6, 2013, meeting. (Kirk/Wahl 3-0-2)

2. **Cooperative Effort to Clean Up Trash/Homeless Encampments in the City and County**

Supervisor Kirk discussed how cleanup efforts are continuing and that the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) is continuing to assist. CAO Hahn stated that the County and City are working cooperatively to clean up encampments that are located on public land. Supervisor Wahl advised that the site on Lindo Channel keeps getting re-inhabited and continues to be a problem for the neighborhood. Hahn will advise the Undersheriff of the ongoing issue.

3. **Downtown Chico Issues (Homelessness, Drug/Alcohol Abuse, Mental Health Issues)**

Chico Police Captain Porter advised that there are no new issues and that the Mayor's task force has met and had a large number of attendees. The next task force meeting is February 20<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Kirk stated that Behavioral Health was in attendance at the meeting. Councilmember Stone asked about Probation's involvement. Porter acknowledged that Probation has limited availability and staffing. CAO Hahn advised that Probation is opening a new day reporting center in Chico later this month. ACM Orme stated that there are many partnerships forming to address these issues such as the Downtown Ambassadors, Clean & Safe Committee, Downtown Pastors, and others that are all having a positive impact.

4. **Solid Waste Franchises**

County Public Works Director Crump advised the County is working with three haulers and a consultant to determine rates. They hope to bring the matter before the Board of Supervisors in the spring. Councilmember Stone asked if the County is requiring flow control and Crump advised that they were. CAO Hahn stated the County is hoping that they can contractually have Chico's waste taken to the County landfill and to coordinate with the City on the City's process. Supervisor Kirk stated she was surprised to learn the City may be considering a single hauler. ACM Orme advised that the City had hired R3 Consulting who has prepared a draft Request for Proposals and outlined an expedited process. This was taken before the Finance Committee who expressed concerns over the potential of a rate increase and the aggressive timeline. The Finance Committee asked staff to further evaluate the best way to proceed, to define what is considered a multifamily residence, address flow control, and explore other types of services the haulers could provide to the City. Another factor is that the City knows approximately what the residential rates are but does not know what commercial rates are being charged. There is also contention over the requirements of a notice provision that the City is to provide to the haulers. CAO Hahn expressed that it is important to know that County and City staff are talking and although the timelines are not aligned there will not be a negative impact to either the County or City processes.

5. **Regional Flood Management Plan**

Tom Fossum, Public Works Deputy Director, discussed the mandated Regional Flood Management Plan. SB5 addresses a 200 year flood protection requirement in urban areas. Chico

is the only urban area in the region. DWR has issued preliminary 200 year maps. A meeting was held yesterday between the County and City to discuss amendments to the City's General Plan which will be completed in July 2015. Chico is in a good position. Model ordinances are being reviewed that local ordinances could be based on. The Regional Flood Plan will identify projects that should be done in the future and will require 100 year flood protection for smaller areas in the region. The Draft Mid and Upper Sacramento River Regional Flood Management Plan is expected to be out in mid to late March.

6. **Nitrate Compliance Program**

City Assoc. Civil Engineer Thompson advised it has been a weak quarter for connections with only ten. The City is working through some issues with LAFCO that would hopefully expedite the connection process in the future. Area 2S is under construction (Mangrove/Esplanade). The sewer main line is installed and they are working on installation of the laterals. They will then slurry seal to finish it off. The remainder of 2S (Mangrove to the Freeway) has experienced setbacks due to staffing. They may also need to go up the alleys instead of the street requiring Rolls, Anderson & Rolls and the utilities to come back and re-mark the area. Cutting the project into smaller sections is being considered to shorten the time. Survey data is being collected for Area 3S (West of Esplanade). There have been fewer complaints on the 2S project which is attributed to the community outreach performed. County Economic/Community Dev. Manager Macarthy stated the County is working with the Regional Board for groundwater monitoring with the goal of developing a monitoring plan that will provide the necessary data that will eventually lead to the lifting of the Prohibition Order.

7. **Economic Development and Regional Tourism**

County Economic/Community Dev. Manager Macarthy advised that the County has drafted a 2014-17 update to the Economic Development Strategy which will go before the Board for consideration at its February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Board had directed staff to move forward with the conceptual regional tourism/draft marketing plan at its December meeting. As a part of that plan, a Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) is being considered with the funds that are generated going directly into marketing. The County is currently working with the cities and industry leaders to determine if there is support for such a concept from the hotel industry prior to moving forward with the TBID formation process. ACM Orme stated they are getting positive feedback from the businesses. Redding's TBID brings in \$900,000 a year and it is estimated Butte County could bring in over \$350,000 a year if a one dollar assessment was implemented. CAO Hahn stated the TBID would be controlled by a board made up of the hoteliers who would ensure the funding could not be redirected by the County and cities and would have control over how it is spent. There is a modest cost to set up the district and the County and each city will be asked to contribute. Supervisor Wahl asked when the hoteliers may vote and was advised that they were taking it slow but hopefully in the fall. Wahl then asked if both the Hotel Diamond and the budget hotels would charge the same rate and was advised that if the hoteliers choose a flat rate system the same rate would be charged or they may choose to set the rate as a percentage of the value to the stay.

8. **Future Discussion Topics**

It was the consensus of the Committee to keep the same topics for the next meeting and add an update on 900 Esplanade.

9. **Future Meeting Dates**

The next meeting will be May 7<sup>th</sup>, followed by August 6<sup>th</sup>, and November 5<sup>th</sup>.

10. **Public Comment**- None

11. **Adjournment** 4:25 p.m.



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**  
**City of Chico/County of Butte**



**Minutes of May 7, 2014**

3:30 P.M.

Conference Room No. 2, Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street

**Present:** Goloff, Gruendl, Kirk, Stone, Wahl  
**Absent:** None

1. **Approve Minutes**

Approval of the February 5, 2014 minutes was postponed until the August 6, 2014 meeting.

2. **Cooperative Effort to Clean Up Trash/Homeless Encampments in the City and County**

Supervisor Kirk stated that the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) continues to do what it can and that Lindo Channel seems to be staying cleaned up. Supervisor Wahl has observed that as the City cleans up more of the problems are being pushed into the County and along Mangrove. Councilmember Stone stated that as the City focusses on the Downtown Area it will exacerbate the problems elsewhere.

3. **Downtown Chico Issues (Homelessness, Drug/Alcohol Abuse, Mental Health Issues)**

Chico Police Captain Porter advised that the Police Department is dealing with these ongoing issues on a per call basis. He stated that it seems to have gotten a little better but the bad weather is improving so the incidents will likely increase. The AP109 realignment is also increasing the number of issues and many are mental health issues. Councilmember Stone asked if the downtown property owners were increasing security again. Capt. Porter said that consistent contact helps, that the Police Department is still trying to utilize the HELP program, and that the City's Sit Lie Ordinance has been a good educational tool on acceptable behavior. Councilmember Stone asked about a Community Justice Court and the use of community service. Capt. Porter advised that with realignment the people are more sophisticated and learn how to work the system making such programs even more difficult to manage. Mayor Gruendl discussed the efforts of the Mayor's Task Force on Community Services which has 42 participants. The Task Force has been looking into housing options, such as little houses, and will be visiting other communities to see what they have done. CAO Hahn advised the County has a grant to fund a six bed mental health crisis facility in Chico. This would be a residential crisis facility not a PUF and would not be locked down.

4. **900 Esplanade**

County General Services Director Hunsicker reported that the County is getting positive input on the Museum's use of the building. The County has sealed the building's envelope, corrected drainage issues, much of the roof has been reconstructed with the remaining part is being corrected now. The windows are 75-80% done. He said the Museum of Northern California Art (monca) has done a great job communicating with the County and the fence around the building will come down in a couple of weeks.

Pat Macias with monca addressed the Committee and advised of a "Pop Up" art exhibit all about veterans, that monca is working with an architect on their plans for the building and has established a campaign fund raising committee. They also bought a little yellow school bus to transport art and to use as a marketing tool. Supervisor Wahl commented that monca has far exceeded what the veterans anticipated would be done with the building.

5. **Solid Waste Franchises**  
County Public Works Director Crump advised the County has developed preliminary rates based on certain metrics, and that they will be meeting with the haulers again in the next week or two. County staff hopes to bring the item back to the Board of Supervisors sometime around June - August. Assistant City Manager Orme said the City is working with the haulers regarding the five year noticing requirement, cost recovery of the costs associated with the City's franchising efforts and that both haulers have agreed to work with the City to have franchise agreements in place by January 2015.
6. **Regional Flood Management Plan**  
County Public Works Director Crump advised that the draft working plan for State levy and local concern areas was out for review. City Associate Civil Engineer Thompson said that the list of projects may become the subject of a bond. Crump noted that funding would likely go to state projects not local ones.
7. **Nitrate Compliance Program**  
City Assoc. Civil Engineer Thompson advised all pipes are installed in the Chico Vecino area and City crews are conducting minor pavement repairs. Next week sealcoating will occur, then its 100% done. Plans for the 1S area are at the State for review of eligibility. It is hoped construction will begin in late July and that they looked at getting in the alleyways because the septic is currently located there. He noted that there will be an increase in processing fees soon. The new fees will go into effect 120 days after Council adoption and will increase to 90% recovery over a 3 year period. County Program Development Manager Hatcher advised that outreach continues via newsletters and door hangers to let people know the status of the projects and provide contact numbers. She also handed out connection statistics. The next project area is 3S. All construction will be finished by 2017.
8. **Economic Development and Regional Tourism**  
County Economic/Community Development Manager Macarthy discussed the Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) concept which involves a per night assessment on hotel rooms. The hoteliers will have control over the funds generated and use the funds to market the region. They have been meeting with the hoteliers and have an idea of where the industry stands on the concept. They should know by June or July whether the concept will move forward. The initial cost to establish the TBID is \$70,000 countywide with each jurisdiction sharing the cost. If the assessment was established at \$1 per night it would generate approximately \$350,000 annually.  
  
Assistant City Manager Orme advised the Committee that the City of Chico had won the CALED award of excellence for the Team Chico economic development concept. The City has also applied for the Helen Putnam Award through the League of California Cities. He said that Team Chico is currently looking at how to brand Chico and to establish one single information portal. Also, due to its faith in Team Chico, the City has disbanded its Economic Development Committee and Team Chico will be making quarterly reports directly to Council.
9. **Future Discussion Topics**  
It was the consensus of the Committee to keep many of the same topics and to add updates on the Mayor's Task Force on Community Services and the mental health crisis facility.
10. **Future Meeting Dates**  
The next meeting will be August 6<sup>th</sup>.
11. **Public Comment**- None
12. **Adjournment** 4:50 p.m.



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE City of Chico/County of Butte



### Minutes of August 6, 2014

3:30 P.M.

Conference Room No. 2, Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street

**Present:** Goloff, Gruendl, Stone, Wahl

**Absent:** Kirk

1. **Approve Minutes**

Approved minutes of the February 5, 2014, and May 7, 2014 meetings. (Wahl/Stone 4-0-1)

2. **Mental Health Crisis Facility – Update**

County Chief Administrative Officer Hahn advised that the County of Butte received an \$867,000 grant to fund a residential care facility providing acute crisis care for persons deemed not to be a danger to themselves or the public but who still need 24 hour care. There is a big need for this type of transitional care in the community. It is anticipated the facility will have eight to ten beds and will be located in Chico. Once a location is identified the County will hold public hearings to educate the neighborhood. A use permit from the City is not necessary because the County is a higher level government agency than the City. Councilmember Gruendl told the Committee of the California Hospital Financing Authority which funds hospital buildings. As the number of beds are increased in a facility both the staffing and qualifications also increase. CAO Hahn advised that the facility must be residential and it is difficult to find a house that would accommodate more than eight to ten individuals. The typical stay in such a facility is two weeks. It is hoped that having such a facility will aid local law enforcement. City Manager Orme advised he would keep the City Council updated on this item.

3. **Mayor's Task Force on Community Service - Update**

Councilmember Gruendl provided the Committee a *Task Force Priorities Summary* document as well as a draft framework (attached). He stated that the priorities listed bring many people together and gets past barriers that may exist. Housing is the first priority. There is a tiny house initiative to create low end housing that is more than temporary and property has been found that they are interested in considering. The collaboration among providers is moving toward a central agency that would manage and provide all types of referrals.

4. **Solid Waste Franchises - Update**

Assistant City Manager Constantin advised that the report to Council from the City's consultant has been delayed until August 19<sup>th</sup> at which time direction will be given to define the parameters for negotiations with the haulers. The City hopes to have a January 1, 2015 implementation date and is negotiating with two haulers, Waste Management and Recology. County Public Works Director Crump advised that they are working with three haulers and hope to go back to the Board of Supervisors in September for finalization of the agreements and approval of an Ordinance. He stated that rates for the majority of people will not be impacted by the change. CAO Hahn stated their commitment was to have nobody's rates fluctuate greatly and that 97-98% will not see much variation. The critical piece for the County is to contractually commit the haulers to taking Chico's tonnage to the Neal Road facility. If the City's agreement with haulers remains silent on flow control then the County's agreement will take priority. Crump also advised that drop box service is still open for competition.

5. **Nitrate Compliance Program - Update**

City Assoc. Civil Engineer Thompson advised the Chico Vecino area is completed. Original bids for Phase 2 were rejected and new bids will be opened on Monday. Neighborhood meetings will begin in early October. Staff is working with Cal Water and PG&E to work unpaved alleys which will be improved with new road base and to install collars around manholes. Design will start soon for the next area, 3S. County Economic and Community Development Manager Macarthy discussed outreach and quarterly update meetings. There is also an upcoming change in application and in lieu fees. Staff intends to go back to previous households in the next month or so to let them know of this increase in fees to see if this will spur sewer connection applications.

6. **Economic Development and Regional Tourism– Update**

County Economic and Community Development Manager Macarthy advised that in some counties the county has a TBID as well as the cities but the discussion locally is for a single assessment. The next step in the process is to meet with each jurisdiction and with hoteliers to educate them on the concept. The indication to date is that they are interested. A consultant will be hired to form the TBID with funding available from the cities and county. Conceivably the TBID could be established over the next year. By law TBIDs must be re-evaluated after five years.

7. **Future Discussion Topics**

There was a discussion on whether to add a discussion on the issues arising from the locked gates at the 5 Mile parking lot to the agenda but it was the consensus of the Committee not to include it and that staff will meet to discuss resolutions to the issues. It was agreed that the topics from this meeting will be agendaized for the next meeting and that the 900 Esplanade project will be added only if there are items to report on.

8. **Future Meeting Dates**

The next meeting will be November 5, 2014.

9. **Public Comment-** None

10. **Adjournment** 4:30 p.m.

**Mayor's Task Force on Community Services  
Priorities and Barriers Survey April 2014  
TASK FORCE PRIORITIES SUMMARY**

**Part 1: Priorities of Task Force**

The top five priorities in order of support are as follows:

1. Housing First Priority – Outreach resulting in housing.
2. Street Outreach Initiative.
3. Day Resource Center.
4. Bad Weather Emergency Shelter.
5. Crisis Intervention Training and Wet Shelter (tied).

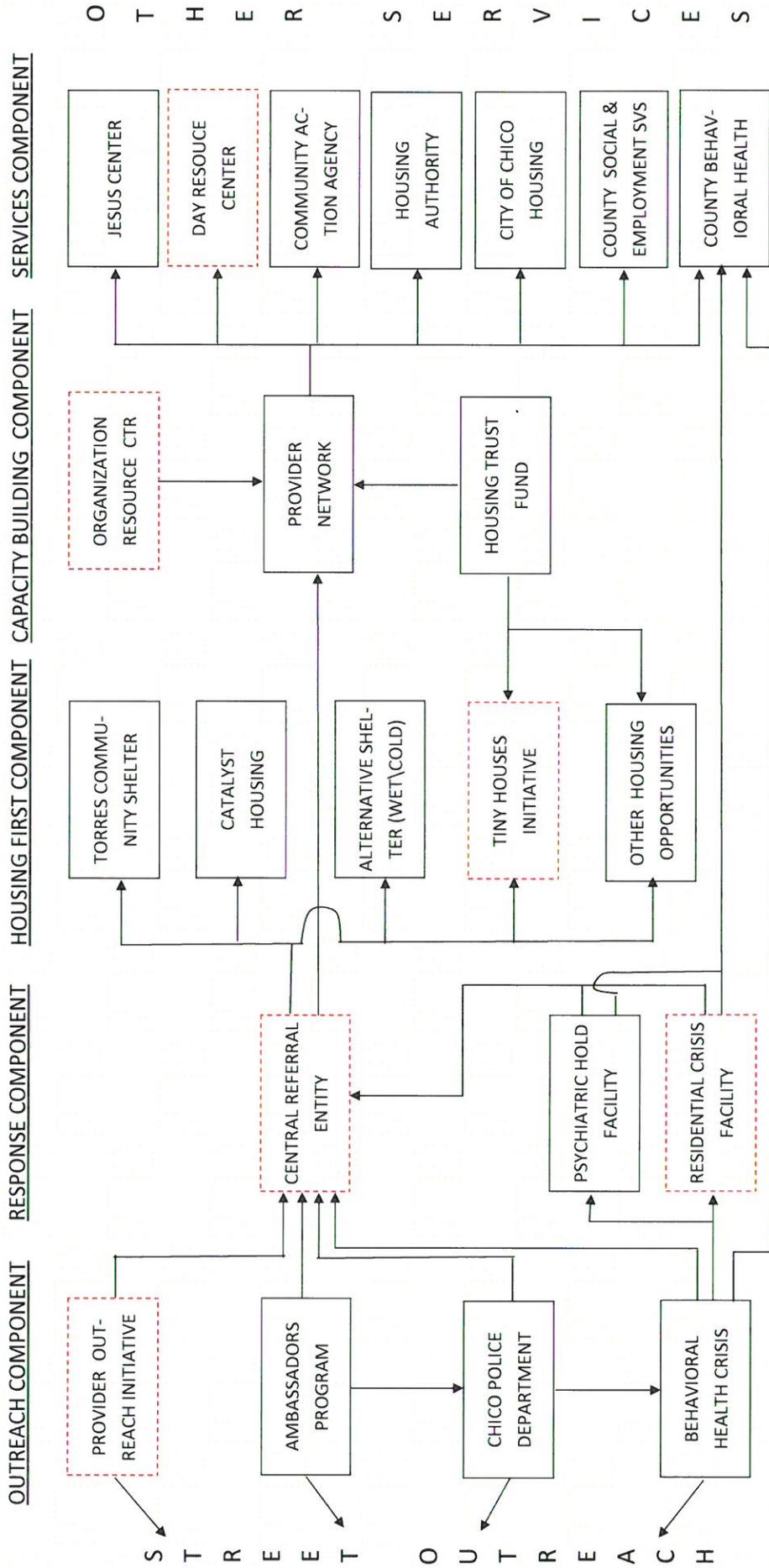
Note: There were a few comments about how some items were on the list and some not. The method to include was based on the premise to list that items not fully implemented. The idea of a “managed camp” was represented by “CHAT Alternative Housing – Tiny Houses” since CHAT originally introduced the campground concept, which modified into the tiny house idea.

**Part 2: Service Collaboration**

1. 90% of the survey respondents (21) believe that the coordination of services and cases can be improved.
2. Some ways that coordination can be improved include in order of importance:
  - a. Service One Stop or Providers Under One Roof
  - b. Centralized Entity Receives Referrals and Coordinates Providers
  - c. Service Providers are Represented on a Team
  - d. Local Providers Meet to Coordinate Referrals or Cases as Needed
  - e. Other
  - f. Computerized Referral and Case Management System.
3. 71% of the survey respondents believe service providers can better coordinate with street volunteers and/or law enforcement.
4. 81% of the survey respondents believe the street volunteers, such as the Ambassadors, and the local provider network can play a role responding to needs before law enforcement does.

The task force is a time limited committee of 42 that has studied various approaches to homelessness, especially those which have barriers to implement, to identify priorities and entities responsible that can achieve successful rollout of the priorities.

MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES  
 COLLABORATIVE FRAMEWORK  
 - DRAFT -





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**Absent:** Goloff, Gruendl

1. **Approve Minutes**

Approved minutes of the August, 6, 2014 meetings. (Stone/Wahl 2-1-2)

2. **900 Esplanade**

County General Services Director Hunsicker advised the sealing of the building has been completed. Pat Macias with monca and project architect David Griffith addressed the committee and discussed the conceptual schematic design, detail design for the front section and the overall Master Plan. There are some engineering issues with the accessible entrance. The ramp comes out into the City right of way, and some on-street issues such as heaved sidewalks with asphalt patches as well as a non-compliant accessible corner. A grant of license from the city is possible to accommodate the ramp. The goal is to be in the building by the spring of 2016.

Monca had a great October with many fun events and raised \$104,000 during the Annie B's drive. The fundraising goal is to get to \$200,000 in January.

3. **Mental Health Crisis Facility – Update**

County Chief Administrative Officer Hahn advised that although 24 hour care is not a threat the siting of the facility off of Pillsbury turned out to be problematic. The County had a community meeting for the Pillsbury site and heard loud and clear that the facility is not wanted there. An alternative site on Rio Lindo by the old Community Hospital is being looked at now and discussions are in process with Enloe. The state grant amount for this project is \$800,000.

4. **Solid Waste Franchises - Update**

County Public Works Director Crump advised that the Board of Supervisors approved the franchise for three haulers in October. The term of the agreement is 15 years with an option for five additional years and is effective March 1<sup>st</sup> to allow for outreach to the community and hauler ramp up. A map identifying the Solid Waste Collection Zones was handed out. CAO Hahn stated the key component of the agreement with the haulers is that waste is hauled to the county landfill. He advised the county would like to dispel the erroneous information getting out into the community regarding the landfill. He requested an opportunity to present the County's vision for the landfill at an upcoming City Council meeting. The City is a critical partner and the landfill is dependent on city waste. City Manager Orme advised the City's franchise process is in the negotiation phase with the haulers.

5. **Nitrate Compliance Program - Update**

City Assoc. Civil Engineer Thompson provided an update on phases three and four of Area 2S (Arbutus/Sheraton and Lindo/Vallombrosa). Utilities are being relocated to the alleys to make room for sewer and PG&E is relocating gas lines which complicates the project. They have

conducted successful neighborhood meetings and there is a lot of interest. As a result of the increase in processing fees taking effect October 6<sup>th</sup> sewer connection applications are way up to get ahead of the fee increase. The next area will be 3S with design beginning in the next week or two. There is another fee increased on July 1<sup>st</sup> so another notification will be made to all of the project areas.

Supervisor Kirk noted that the prohibition order covers the whole urban area. Hot spots were identified and became the focus but there are still significant portions of the community on septic which may not be sustainable. County Management Analyst Hatcher discussed the ground water monitoring and the good partnership with the Regional Board. They are getting an understanding of what is needed to get the order lifted. Although data is showing a downward trend we are not there yet. County Economic and Community Development Manager Macarthy advised that construction should be done 2016-2017. City Assoc. Civil Engineer Thompson said a side issue is that some 50 year old homes that are on their second or third leach field may face cleanup costs around \$25,000-\$30,000.

6. **Economic Development and Regional Tourism – Update**

City Manager Orme handed out the Team Chico Annual Report and advised that the group's continual effort is being recognized. Team Chico was presented an award by Cal Ed in the spring and is receiving the Helen Putnam award from the League.

County Economic and Community Development Manager Macarthy provided an update on the progress being made toward the formation of a TBID which would be a long term sustainable funding source. They have met with the hoteliers and a few weeks ago the City Manages put together a RFP for a consultant. County Management Analyst Hatcher advised that two valid response were received and are being evaluated. It is hoped a contract will be executed in December. It will take nine to ten months to form a district (ability to collect) and the hoteliers will need to vote on it. The hoteliers want to look at a percentage system (1-2%). Discussions are also being held with the Casinos who do not have to pay toward the TBID as to how/what they can contribute. CAO Hahn said the consultant is being paid for by al the cities whose share is in accordance with their population but they are exploring opportunities to reimburse the funds. CM Orme shared that there is a community travel survey related to the airport and commercial air service will be launched November 12<sup>th</sup> with a goal of 1000 responses by December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The hope is to get an idea of the type of services the community really wants.

7. **Future Discussion Topics**

(1) Jail impact fees; (2) Social Accountability Program; (3) Economic Development; (4) 900 Esplanade; (5) Nitrate Compliance Program; (6) Mental Health Crisis Facility; and (7) Courthouse update.

8. **Future Meeting Dates**

Proposed meeting dates: February 4, May 6, August 5, and November 4, 2015.

9. **Public Comment** – John Mertz addressed the committee and asked what happened to the intergovernmental committee to include the School District and CARD. Supervisor Kirk said she was on the committee and it was difficult to get everyone to participate. Supervisor Wahl stated that people lost interest in it. Supervisor Kirk suggested that agendas for these meetings could be sent to them.

10. **Adjournment** 4:45 p.m.