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MEDIA ALERT

CITY OF CHICO CONTINUES CLEANUP OF CITY PARKS AND WATERWAYS

(Chico, CA – February 5, 2021 –) On Thursday, February 4, 2021, the Chico Police Department continued with their efforts to enforce the City's Park Rules & Regulations, pressing ahead with the City Council's priority of achieving a safer, more beautiful and clean community for all Chico residents to enjoy. Chico Police received voluntary compliance from individuals in the area and no arrests were made or citations given.

In conjunction with this effort, City staff from the Public Works Department began a coordinated effort to remove trash and debris from "The Wedge" area at Pine and Cypress Streets. Over 70 cubic yards, or 17.84 tons, of trash and debris were removed from the area. Environmental degradation was noted in the area, which has now been completely closed for rehabilitation.

City staff worked with individuals at the site to identify what items could be discarded as trash and what items were to be kept as personal belongings. Items identified as personal property that were too large to be carried out by individuals were taken to be stored at the Chico Police Department for a period of up to ninety days.

City staff will be continuing with the City Council's direction of enforcing park rules and regulations in a professional and compassionate manner.

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