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**Save the Date!
Saturday, September 15th**

**31ST ANNUAL
BIDWELL PARK & CHICO CREEKS CLEANUP**

**DON'T BE
TRASHY, KEEP
IT CLEAN!**



Butte Environmental Council & the City of Chico
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**Join hundreds of volunteers and help remove
TONS of waste from Chico's waterways at the
31st annual Bidwell Park and Chico Creeks Cleanup**

As a thank you to our volunteers after the cleanup Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. will host an Appreciation BBQ! The BBQ includes a free food and beverages for all volunteers, live music, games, and prizes! **NEW THIS YEAR, volunteers who ride their bikes to the BBQ will be given an extra drawing ticket** for a chance to win one of several prizes, including a chance at a bicycle donated by Pullins Cyclery.

September 15th is closer than you think, so gather your co-workers, friends, neighbors, and family and register to volunteer today!

**Register in advance to go through
EARLY EXPRESS CHECK-IN at the event**

[Register as an individual or family](#)

[Register as a group \(6 or more\)](#)

Thank to our 2018 sponsors

Recology - Butte County Fish and Game Commission - Butte County Public Works
- City of Chico - Klean Kanteen - Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. - Chico News and
Review - Native Daughters of the Golden West
Sierra Landscaping - CARD

Interested in being a sponsor?

Contact Angel at (530) 891-6424 or watershed@becnet.org

**Butte County Board of Supervisors sign a
resolution with BEC**



At the Butte County Board of Supervisors meeting on June 26th a resolution with Butte Environmental Council was passed unanimously!

The resolution does three things:

- Identifies Butte Environmental Council as Butte County's ally by continuing to actively and earnestly participate with Butte County throughout the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation process.
- Officially identifies BEC as one of many representatives for the environment at large in Butte County, and
- Establishes Butte County's official position in support of effective representation for both domestic pumpers and the environment in all of the Butte County sub-basins.

This resolution further ensures that the local environment will have a voice as our community plans a sustainable future for our groundwater! [Click here to read the Staff Report and Resolution](#)

Support BEC's water advocacy [DONATE](#) today!

Water Warriors return on July 28th to further beautify our area!

The [Water Warriors Program](#) is part of BEC's Watershed Program devoted to removing invasive plant species, planting natives, stabilizing banks, and creating usable natural space for the public in our waterways and parks!

Join us at Teichert Ponds at 9am on July 28th to help make a difference in your community.



As part of the City of Chico's adopt-a-spot program, Water Warriors has adopted spots at Teichert Ponds and the area of Bidwell Park from the CARD center to Mangrove. By volunteering, you will be part of the renewal and protection process of these spots.

**Come out on July 28th at 9am to help restore our waterways!
Meet Behind Kohl's with closed toed shoes**

ADVOCACY UPDATES:

Stonegate Development



The proposed Stonegate Development threatens some of our regions most precious natural resources, further reducing vernal pool habitat already decimated by development throughout the State of California, and removing populations of federally endangered species, like Butte County Meadowfoam.

[Click here to read Butte Environmental Council's comment letter](#) to the City of Chico on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).

***The fight to protect this vernal oasis is far from over!
Get involved! Email natalie.carter@becnet.org to sign up for BEC's Stonegate Action Alert list to hear first about project updates, informational workshops, opportunities for public comment, and more.***

Support BEC's land use advocacy [DONATE](#) today!

Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP)

The City of Chico is seeking input on the Draft Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP).

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF HOW WE USE WATER IN CHICO! Share your thoughts on the proposed projects, and how the plan can be improved to reflect your communities priorities and values.

[The draft SWRP can be accessed on the City's SWRP webpage here](#) and a paper copy is available at the front desk of City Hall. Comments on the SWRP will be accepted from June 21st to July 12th, 2018. Please email comments and questions to swrp@chicoca.gov.

CITY OF CHICO

SEEKS FEEDBACK

The City of Chico is accepting comments on the draft Storm Water Resource Plan for the Big Chico Creek and Little Chico Creek Watersheds.

Draft Storm Water Resource Plan

COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM
JUNE 21ST - JULY 12, 2018

The draft document can be found online at:
http://www.chico.ca.us/building_development_services/sewer/StormWaterResourcePlan.asp

A paper copy will be available at the City Hall's front desk at 411 Main St, Chico

Email comments and questions to:
SWRP@CHICOCA.GOV

THE PURPOSE OF THE SWRP IS TO IDENTIFY AND PRIORITIZE MULTI-BENEFIT PROJECTS TO CAPTURE AND MANAGE STORM WATER AND DRY WEATHER RUNOFF.



If you think you could be doing more to conserve...

These simple strategies will ultimately help you cut your energy bill and keep you cooler at the same time!

Cutting your energy bill also helps our environment by protecting our air and reducing power plant emissions. For more opportunities to save energy, check out our **DIY Home Energy Saving Toolkit**. This free toolkit is full of supplies and measuring devices that will help you lower your utility costs while saving precious resources. We offer four free

LED light bulbs, faucet aerators, a low-flow shower head, water stripping and more you can keep for yourself. Other items such as a Kill-A-Watt® Meter, a thermal temperature detector, and a water flow rate bag are also included in our Energy Saving Toolkits.

You can check a Toolkit out at a Butte County Library, or

at our office located at 313 Walnut St, Ste 140 Chico, CA 95928.

[Click for more information about our free DIY Home Energy Saving Toolkit](#) or call our office at (530) 891-6424.

SIMPLE STRATEGIES TO REDUCE THE BILL

As the temperature begins to rise, so do your energy bills. Try these 5 strategies to cool down without reaching for the thermostat!

KEEP YOUR BLINDS CLOSED

Up to 30% of unwanted heat comes through windows. Interior blinds can reflect light back out that would otherwise be converted into heat inside your home.



SET YOUR CEILING FANS TO ROTATE COUNTER-CLOCKWISE

A fan rotating counter-clockwise blows cool air downward. The cool wind chill effect on your skin can make a room feel up to 8 degrees cooler. You can save up to 40% on air conditioning costs.

LET IN THE NIGHT AIR

Take advantage of the cool night temperatures and open your windows at night to create a cooling breeze. But, make sure to seal your windows in the morning before it warms up!



DITCH THE INCANDESCENT LIGHTS

Switch over to LED lights. Around 95% of energy is converted into light, and very little energy is wasted as heat. Incandescent lights waste about 90% of their energy in heat.

FIRE UP THE GRILL

Now that the heat is here, try not to use the oven or stove top. These will heat up your house. Opt for a toaster oven or grill outside!



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ENERGY SAVING TOOLKIT



Contains **FREE** resources to make
your home more energy efficient

For more information,
visit the Butte County Library or call Butte
Environmental Council (530) 891-6424
www.becnet.org or visit us in person 313
Walnut St., Chico, CA

Save energy. Save money. Save the planet.

Save the date for another BEC ED-Venture!

**Saturday, August 4 - 9am to 2pm
Feather River**

Join us for our annual
Kayaking Ed-venture!
Participants will spend the
morning kayaking on the
Feather River with experts
and guides.

We will break for lunch along
the beautiful Feather River,
please pack your own
lunch.

After lunch, we will go to
Feather River Fish Hatchery
for a private tour. Kayaks,
paddles, and life vest will be
provided.

**\$35 registration fee
includes kayak and a 1
year BEC membership.**

Space is limited so

[register today!](#)

KAYAKING ED-VENTURE

Saturday August 4

9 AM - 2 PM

Join us for our annual kayaking ed-venture on the beautiful Feather River and a private tour of its fish hatchery.

\$35 registration fee - includes kayak and a one year BEC membership.

MUST register in advance - space is limited

**Kayaks, paddles, and life vests
will be provided**



Oaks Watering EVERY SUNDAY ALL SUMMER!



Come out and help nurture the newest oak seedlings!

We have entered the 4th year of watering and are seeing high success rates thanks to all of our committed volunteers.

Volunteering is EASY!

**Join us at 8:00 AM Sunday mornings at the
North Rim Trail parking lot in Upper Bidwell Park.**

You will be taking buckets of water out to our Oak seedlings. Easy as that! Be ready for the sun, wear pants and good shoes for the uneven, and sometimes prickly terrain...and don't forget to bring plenty of drinking water for yourself!

Oaks watering lasts all summer so don't be afraid to join us in Upper Bidwell any weekend if you want to make an impact in your community. You'll meet some awesome Chico locals and get to know more about [BEC's Oaks Restoration Program!](#)

So You Know: Have A Yard Full of Native Plants!



Now is the perfect time to transition your yard to be both beautiful and have it fulfill your community responsibility by keeping it environmentally friendly! The Mount Lassen division of the California Native Plant Society has published virtual tours showcasing yards in the area full of native plants. These videos focus on a variety of yard projects that range from a low maintenance lawn renovation all the way to a creekside oasis depicting the beauty of the Sacramento Valley.

Bringing native plants to your home has an invaluable impact on the community as many native plants require less water, support local wildlife,

and conserve our state's vast ecosystem.

To find the YouTube playlist of Virtual Native Plant Garden videos, click [here](#). Click [here](#) to find out more about California Native Plant Society.

Want to share your community event or resource email: staff@becnet.org

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