

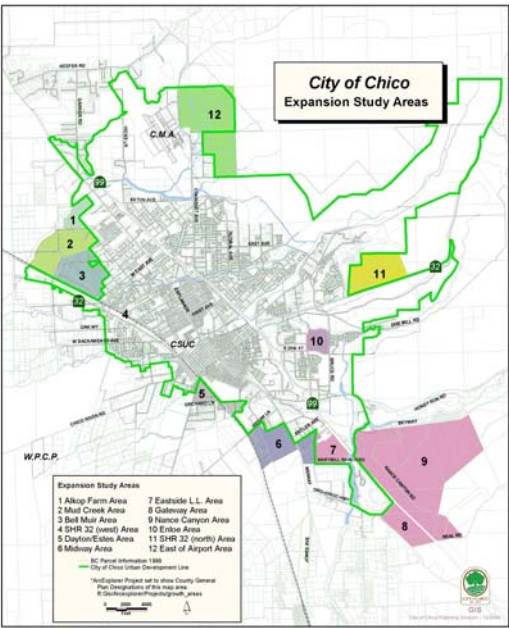
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Unique Chico—or Anytown, USA?

The umpteenth round of “lets break the Chico General Plan” is continuing to be discussed by the Chico City Council as it contemplates 12 potential growth areas to add to Chico’s planning sphere. There have been limited opportunities for public input, a stark contrast to the information gathered by previous Councils through large advisory groups, neighborhood meetings, and public hearings with an open floor for the public at council hearings. The next meeting on the topic will be held February 5, 2002 and subsequent meetings will surely follow. Whether the public is allowed to speak will be an issue as well as the outcome for the Chico community. It’s sort of a long story, but here is how it developed.

First a community works long and hard with all interests represented over three years to reach a visionary plan that was adopted unanimously by the Council in 1994. Property owners, developers, environmental groups, lawyers, planners, bankers, and elected officials spend thousands of hours to reach consensus that carefully balances all the issues at stake when you are planning to allow Chico’s population to grow from 80,000 to 134,000. Housing patterns worked with retail centers, transit lines, roads, jobs, parks, and civic sites. When it the plan was hailed by everyone as a model for

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The 12 shaded areas represent locations being considered for expansion.

Smart growth versus sprawl in California

How State and Local Public Policies Perpetuate Inefficient Development in the World’s Most Productive Agricultural Valleys

By American Farmland Trust

The following is an excerpt from an executive summary on smart growth and sprawl.

Local policies that most significantly promote sprawl include: failure to implement general land use plans; a preponderance of low-density zoning; subdivision standards that waste land; siting of schools and other public facilities at remote locations; and development fees that fail to reflect the public service cost differences between sprawl and smart growth.

Based on these findings, American Farmland Trust concludes that the state, regional and local policy bias in favor of sprawl in California is so systemic that only comprehensive policy reform can remove the obstacles to smart growth and lead to more efficient land use. Accompanying policy reform must be a fair test of consumer housing and commercial development preferences in the marketplace. AFT recommends the following initial steps toward meaningful policy reform: Adopt local general plans that favor more efficient development and enforce them in

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Supreme Court rules for endangered species

On January 14, 2002, the highest court in the United States upheld the ruling by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, affirming the protection of four fresh water crustaceans. Three of the shrimp are found here in Butte County. The case began in April of 1995 when the California Building Industry Association sued in an effort to eliminate the species’ federal protection, but Butte Environmental Council and the Environmental Defense Center of Santa Barbara, have supported the listings in the courts. Barbara Vlamis, BEC’s Executive Director, stated, “We are elated that the groups’ efforts have again contributed to a key judicial ruling that enforces the Endangered Species Act and has a tremendous impact on preserving California’s vernal pools.”

The legal plight of the four fresh water crustaceans began in September of 1994 when the United States Fish and Wildlife Service added the vernal pool fairy shrimp, the vernal pool tadpole shrimp, the longhorn fairy shrimp, and the

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How to Join BEC

To join BEC, just fill out the membership form on the back page of this paper. Yearly memberships are:

\$20	Low income	\$100	Wetlands Watch
\$35	Individual	\$150	Energy Elite
\$50	Household	\$500	Cougar Cadre

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Letter from the Executive Director

BEC has been serving North Valley communities for 26 years and has over 800 committed members that support our education and advocacy work throughout California. BEC represents this region like no other voice, since we are the only nonprofit north of Sacramento that tackles comprehensive environmental issues. Does the list below look familiar or are you new to the area and just learning about the complex issues that are part of BEC's work for the Sacramento Valley and its foothills?

Accomplishments in 2001

- ♦ BEC protected the flora and fauna in California's vernal pools through a legal settlement with the federal government and a successful U.S. Supreme Court decision.
- ♦ Thousands of youth and families attended the 22nd Endangered Species Faire.
- ♦ Chico's creeks are now 7 TONS Cleaner! That's right - over 14,000 pounds were removed from the creeks, thanks to BEC's community cleanup.
- ♦ Served on the California AB 982 Public Advisory Group, assisting the state in creating guidelines and policy for cleaning its creeks and rivers.
- ♦ BEC became a member of the California Urban Water Conservation

Council, a statewide group that advises water districts and the state in water conservation possibilities and implements conservation programs.

- ♦ Worked with numerous community groups to help form the Butte County Human Relations Network, a coalition that hopes to create a Human Rights Commission for Butte County.
- ♦ Succeeded in initiating testing on a former industrial site that allegedly has toxic soils from illegal dumping, a serious toxic threat to a small community.

I hope some of the accomplishments might motivate you to think about how you can help this part of California. You might consider joining BEC as a member, volunteering, or offering a skill that you have to help with the escalating workload. BEC is proud of the accomplishments from the past, but we are struggling to keep pace with the demands for services.

For example, the urgency to preserve the native landscape is clear when you consider the population increases expected for the region. The current rate for Butte, Glenn, and Tehama Counties is just under 2%, which equates to a doubling of the population in approximately 35 years. A significant portion of the State's remaining natural

valley and foothill ecosystems are in the northern Sacramento Valley. The oak woodland and vernal pool savanna landscape is under tremendous pressure from urban and agricultural expansion. The Central Valley once had 4 million acres of historic wetlands and currently has fewer than 350,000 acres remaining. An additional 2% are estimated to be lost annually. Oak woodland habitat has diminished by more than 1.2 million acres since the 1940's, with an estimated 14,000 acres lost additionally each year.

Added to the threat of unbridled urban expansion (see front page story) and the resulting toll taken on wildlife and wildlands, there are health hazards that need continuous monitoring and aggressive action to protect the air, land and water that all life depends on. Do you have time or dollars to help prevent homes from being built on toxic waste, clean polluted waterways, or educate rural families struggling to survive about the danger in eating eggs and meat from chickens that graze on dioxin tainted land? There is so much to do, and public service organizations like BEC need the support and energy of communities we care for to get the job done. I hope you will consider joining us.

~Barbara Vlamis

A Round of Applause Please!

How does BEC accomplish all it does, from the Park and Creek cleanups to the Endangered Species Faire; from winning lawsuits, to coordinating Eco-Life presentations? BEC does all that it does with the help of volunteers. Yes, those hardworking folks who share a bit of their time with us to help keep Butte County alive and thriving.

We would like to take the opportunity to give a big shout out to all of our wonderful volunteers who help make everything at BEC happen from office mailings to the cleanup. We succeed with the amazing generosity of our volunteers! The Creeks of Chico and Parks Cleanup, BEC's 26th Birthday Bash, December and October Membergrams, the winter membership drive, and countless office tasks were successful due to your efforts.

Gary Self has been an especially helpful volunteer who keeps BEC's computers smiling and trouble free. Thanks so much, Gary, for helping us out. You are definitely the **Volunteer of the Quarter!** Steve Green continually updates and maintains our website. Well done, Steve!

The following is a list of some of the people who have helped make BEC events a success as well as further our mission to educate and advocate for the land, air and water:

Office Volunteers

Lindsay Young, Shannon Lynch, Sam Ayres, William Kinnicutt, Ariann Cook, Anna Hood, Stephanie Bennett, Gwen Branin, Ciaran McCarthy, Cory Bronnenberg, Jeanne Thatcher, Senser Smith, Kelly, Naomi Davis, Hillary Barton, Catherine Riley, Jenny Styer, Brenda Sherman and her 5 year old daughter,

Katherine (Thanks for the pictures, Katherine!), and Kim Wright

Technical Volunteers

Peggy Gray, Bill Yoskowitz, Sonia Robles, Darcia Johnson

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Bill & Kylene Hees and the great, aforementioned Gary Self

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Mark Gailey, Mary Muchowski, Rob Katz, Byron Richter, Anne Stephens, Suzanne Gibbs, Tony Nicosia, Matt Woods, Paul Maslin, Bob Speer, Chris Urbach, Jim Brobeck, Michael Urbach-Teague

If you or any one you know is interested in donating time to BEC please give us a call at 891.6424.



BEC Projects

2001 was busy year for BEC. Along with our regularly scheduled events such as the Parks and Creeks of Chico Cleanup, Endangered Species Faire, Environmental Banquet, and Eco-life presentations in local schools with Professor Jon Hooper of Chico State, we also became involved with several other projects. Janie Teague-Urbach, our education and outreach coordinator/ events planner has been busy organizing the flow of information and support for our new projects. This year we will be working in partnership with other active environmental groups on the following projects: Trees for the Millennium and Butte County Tributary Monitoring Project. These projects are sometimes behind the scenes and most people don't hear about the benefits the projects create.

Trees for the Millennium

The Chico community of Butte County, California has enjoyed the legacy of exceptional trees. The Chico Parks Department is committed to the tradition of planting trees that maintain our beautiful shade canopy and our Arbor Day Tree City USA status. However the needs of a rapidly expanding population are outstripping the department's resources. In an effort to help meet those needs, Butte Environmental Council and Chico Tree Enhancement & Education Program (C-TrEE) have formed a joint project called Trees for the Millennium: Chico. The project involves the planting of 200 native trees within targeted neighborhoods in spring and fall of 2002. Community workshops on tree planting and maintenance will involve a volunteer effort representing neighborhood property owners, K-12 and college students, educators, local business, nonprofit resource conservation and outdoor education organizations and a number of other community groups, in full cooperation with the City of Chico Parks Department. This will result in a group of citizenry knowledgeable about the planting and maintenance of healthy trees and Chico will be enhanced by two hundred native trees planted and maintained by the community, bringing welcome shade and reducing energy use and stormwater runoff.

Butte County Tributary Monitoring Project

The Sacramento River is filled with pollutants, such as diazinon, malithion, mercury, copper, zinc and other toxic material. Unfortunately, the streams and creeks that feed into it have not been monitored, although pollution often starts in tributary waterways. The Watershed Education Project (WEP) has been dealing with this problem by training teachers, student and parents to monitor water quality. With a generous grant from The Sacramento River Watershed Project and in partnership with WEP, Butte Environmental Council has formed the Butte County Tributary Monitoring Project. Together, we will increase the number of trained monitors, expand the lending library of resources and information to monitor watershed quality, publicize the monitoring effort, and work with other watershed groups to sponsor water quality monitoring events.

BEC is also reaching out to our members that live by the creeks to obtain their permission for monitoring teams to have access to their creek side property. If you live beside a creek or affected waterway, please call BEC at 891-6424.

BEC's Spring Events

Environmental Banquet

March 21, 2002
Park Tower Pavilion
Don't plan anything for Thursday March 21, 2002. On that evening Butte Environmental Council will be hosting the annual Environmental Banquet to honor environmental activists in the north state. The banquet will include our famous silent auction to raise funds for the Endangered Species Faire, an amazing event that drew 6,000 people last year. This year's banquet will be especially exciting as we have Huey Johnson, winner of the prestigious United Nations Environmental Prize, as our guest speaker. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the BEC office.

Endangered Species Faire: Nature's Cycles, What Goes Around Comes Around

May 4, 2002
Cedar Grove in Bidwell Park
Once again BEC is in the process of rounding up teachers, students, kids, adults, government specialists, environmental information treasure troves, nature lovers, activists, and folks who just want to have a good time for our annual Endangered Species Faire. Each year we create this event to provide something for everyone who likes, admires and out right loves nature. Designed to inform and entertain, the Endangered Species Faire features informational booths, clowns, puppets, and the dancers. The event is free and open to the public. If you would like more information call the BEC office 891-6424 or email Janie (jturbach@shocking.com).

Tree Planting Workshops:Trees for the Millinneum

If you would like to help with planting and caring for a sapling that will grow up to provide Chico with shade, clean air and clear water, read on. This spring C-TrEE, the City of Chico and BEC will host workshops to plant trees and care for the new additions to our urban forest. For more information call the BEC office, 891-6424
Tree Inspection and Planting Workshop #1 February 9 from 8 am to noon
Tree Inspection and Planting Workshop #2 February 16 from 8 am to noon
Tree Inspection and Planting Workshop #3 February 23 from 8 am to noon
Tree Inspection and Planting Workshop #4 March 9 from 8 am to noon
Tree Maintenance Workshop #1 March 16 from 8 am to noon
Tree Maintenance Workshop #2 April 6 from 8 am to noon

Yard Sale

April, date and time to be announced
Don't miss BEC's annual yard sale! We'll have lots of recycled but perfectly usable items to sell. If you have something you'd like to donate to the yard sale please call us at the BEC office, 891-6424.
More environmental events are listed in the Environmental Calendar in this issue of *The Environmental News*.

News from the Board of Directors

There is constant flux in life and volunteer Boards are no exception. The BEC staff would like to take this time to acknowledge some of the individuals who have been and will be a significant part of BEC's leadership. Jill Lacefield has been on the Board of Directors (BOD) for over two years and steps down as Chair of the organization. Her tenacity, energy, and generosity have helped BEC in lean times...hard times. Her contributions have demonstrated her diverse talents from comedy routines at the Endangered Species Faire that lit up you faces to acting as Master of Ceremonies at BEC's banquet to fighting for reason both within and outside the organization. We will miss her on the BOD, but we are eager to continue working with her on the Fundraising Committee.

Continuing on the BOD are Nora Burnham, Tanya Henrich, and Kathryn Hood. Nora has a deep level of dedication to the environmental movement and BEC, having served on the BOD for over three years. Her loyalty and perseverance have made a tremendous difference in the work we have done in the Sacramento Valley. Tanya and Kathryn are serving their first terms and both women are staunch environmentalists. We also welcome Trudy Leap, voted onto the BOD in January this year. As a retired school teacher she brings more available time to the table and a willingness to do the chores that are so desperately need in a volunteer Board. This BOD's passion and guidance will help lead BEC into the future. Thanks to all of you!



Cherokee mining project threatens county

By Ellen Simon and Lee Edwards

Cherokee’s gold mine has been dead for over a century and is properly interred in documents and artifacts in the local museum. Advanced Mineral Technology (AMT) of Nevada wants to resurrect this aged corpse by operating a silica sand mine and processing plant at this historic site. AMT’s industrial project—if permitted—would operate 24 hours a day for at east 23 years in the heart of residential Cherokee.

AMT’s open pit mine, planned to a depth of up to 250 feet, requires complete devegetation of 125 acres in its initial stage and will use 119,800 gallons of precious water each day. AMT also wants to store 31,500 gallons of flammable fuel (propane, diesel, gasoline, and oil) on site, in an area frequently ravaged by wildfires. The mine could add continuous noise, light and air pollution in the form of diesel fumes and silica particles. It could also mobilize the dangerous toxins on the land, such as mercury, a legacy from historic mining in the area. These conditions create a recipe for devastation. It is easy to understand why local property values have declined since this mining madness was proposed.

Butte County Planning Division should be praised for insisting that AMT’s project comply with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Issues raised by citizens and some state agencies have been submitted to SHN Engineering of Redding, the consultant chosen by our supervisors to prepare the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). Contract timelines for the DEIR completion are being finalized as this is written.

When the DEIR is completed, perhaps in Spring 2002, a 45-day public comment period begins, which includes at least one hearing before the Planning Commission votes.

The losing side will surely appeal to the Board of Supervisors.

AMT’s industrial project, with its unattractive, noisy, processing plant serviced by 96 diesel spewing trucks a day (48 round trips) is located at the intersection of Cherokee Road and SR 70, a Scenic Byway. The truck’s journeys to and from Sacramento will add their pollution to the tourist corridor between the new Lime Saddle Campground and Oroville Riverfront Park, which is under construction.

This resurrection of mining proposed by AMT is just the beginning. A press release concerning AMT’s efforts to attract investors, dated February 14, 2001 states, “AMT’s detailed mining plan...is limited to the east side of the Sawmill Ravine. Acquisition of mining permits for the extensive resources west of the Sawmill Ravine will require substantially more time and as a result, a mining plan and permits for this area will not be addressed until after mining east of the Sawmill Ravine has been in operation for several years.” This indicates AMT plans to extend its operation into the 790 acres of this site—not limiting themselves to the 125 acres applied for initially.

Response to AMT’s application presents a unique opportunity to unite several groups of people: those favoring growth, those wishing to maintain rural charm and those wanting to use their land as they please. All will be served if AMT is denied. Preventing this incompatible project will maintain a rural charm that attracts clean growth, keeps the environment stable and allows residents to do what they want on their own land, which is to enjoy a serene life style.

The land use element of the Butte County General Plan notes that the vast majority of the County’s growth is due to new residents. “People are moving to escape the congestion, pollution and irritation of large urban environments and to enjoy the natural, semi-rural character of this area.” Adhering to land use policies that preserve and enhance scenic and recreational aspects while preventing degradation of our air, water and other natural features will benefit the entire county.

The Cherokee Preservation Society (CPS) needs your help in educating county residents, as well as local and state agencies. If people understand the potentially harmful effect of AMT’s proposed project, which threatens mine workers, county residents and future tourist income, then the possibility that Butte County will allow industrial mining within residential areas will be less likely.

CPS has been consulting with attorneys in order to maximize our efforts. Your financial contribution of any size (tax deductible if made out to BEC, earmarked for CPS) is not only very much appreciated but also essential for our success. Thank you for any help you can give.

Contact CPS at P.O. Box 1641, Oroville, CA 95965; phone or fax 534-0400; email: ja-key@dcsi.net; www.cherokee.f2s.com

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responsible growth and livable neighborhoods. It won a 1995 Ahwahnee Design Award from the Local Government Commission and an award of merit by the California chapter of the American Planning Association.

Then the games began. The object has been to convince subsequent City Councils to destroy the old plan and go back to the shoddy development patters that blight every two-bit suburb. The winners are one interest group, the Building Industry Association’s 75 members, who funded the campaigns of four Council members: Bertagna, Herbert, Keene, and Wahl. It is a lot easier to break the Plan if the people who are elected to defend the public good have stopped thinking or caring about how hard it was to create the Chico General Plan and

how much it matters to protect it for the benefit of not just 75 people, but the whole community and the region.

Though the BIA members and Jim Mann, who serves the dual role as BIA manager and consultant for many BIA members, have the most to gain financially from City Council decisions, a larger ethic and vision needs to guide the Council’s debate and conclusions regarding expanding Chico’s land base. It is time that this minuscule minority of men, with deep financial interests in directing community expansion, cease to direct majority action by the Council. A community is so much more than houses and streets designed one way for one class of people.

City staff reports state there is enough land available for Chico’s needs at the current rate of population

increase to last 13 years A flourishing community requires cultivation just as produce on a farm does, but it doesn’t require growth. Growth in a mature city can create in community what it creates in a mature human being: cancer. Growth is an increase in physical size while cultivation is an increase in quality and opportunity. BEC and its 800 members suggest that we need to cultivate our assets and not loosen Chico’s belt to allow for a fatter belly. There are many other groups that also hold to this philosophy. Please read some thoughts in the companion articel written by the American Farmland Trust on the need for smarter community planning. You can call City Planner Tom Hayes at 895-4853 and request to be added to the mailing list to recieve City notices. And don’t forget to attend the meetings to come in 2002!



The cleanup wrap-up

Only four days after the unthinkable had happened, on September 11, 2001, Butte Environmental Council went ahead with its Fall Bidwell Park and Creeks of Chico Cleanup 2001. All around the world, shock was beginning to wear off, giving way to grief, rage and anxiety. We must let ourselves feel these emotions, so they will not rule us. We need to help ourselves and each other get through this. One of the ways humans get through a crisis is by working on something positive. That September Saturday, almost 200 area citizens worked hard at cleaning up our beautiful Bidwell Park, as well as Little Chico Creek, Big Chico Creek, and some of Lindo Channel and Comanche Creek.

There were many of new faces at 9:00 am at Foster’s Old Fashioned Freeze parking lot and up at Horseshoe Lake. At both launch sites for the cleanup, people signed in, filled out their prize drawing tickets, ate bagels from Brooklyn Bridge Bagel Works, sipped coffee from Upper Crust and Zucchini & Vine, drank fresh-squeezed orange juice donated that morning by Jamba Juice, put on their sun screen, pulled on their gloves, grabbed ½ liter water bottles provided by Mt. Shasta Spring Water Co. and headed out to fill the bags given us by some of our sponsors, the California Coastal Commission, the City of Chico Parks Dept. and Clean Up the World. We couldn’t fly to New York City and volunteer, but we could reach out and literally clean up our own back yard. People from Chico, Berry Creek, Biggs, Oroville, Richvale and elsewhere worked side by side. People as young as two and as old as sixty-something pitched in to help. Little “Daisies”, even younger than “Brownies”, helped clean up Caper Acres. Hank Marsh Jr. High school kids and their teachers worked on Little Chico Creek, while high schoolers were helping with a large stretches of Big Chico Creek. Some boy scouts cleaned Cedar Grove and Omicron (a CSUC organization), Environmental Advocates, E-ARC, A.S. Recycling, SIFE, and other college students worked up and down Big Chico Creek on and off campus. Town and gown cooperation was alive and well that weekend.

The usual suspects were also there, of course. Various organizations, such as Big Chico Creek Watershed Alliance, Little Chico Creek Watershed Group,



Four Cleanup volunteers flex their environmental muscles at the 2001 Parks and Creeks of Chico Cleanup

Streamminders, Butte County Fish and Game Commission, and others were represented and helped get the event off the ground. Several people deserve special mention: Jim Brobeck, Roger Cole, Mark Gailey, Les Gerton, Suzanne Gibbs, Jeanette Hassur, Tanya Henrich, Rob Katz, Paul Maslin, Jeff Mott, Mary Muchowski, Byron Richter, Bob Speer, Anne Stephens, Chris Urbach and others whose faces I know, but not their names. Year in and year out, without them and their knowledge, experience, muscle, and trucks, the cleanups simply wouldn’t get done.

Creek and Park cleaners met up at 1:30 pm at Hooker Oak Park, won prizes, played ball, relaxed, ate a huge number of pizzas generously donated by Woodstock’s manager, Angel Cortez, and munched baby carrots given by the Natural Foods Co-op. We took a well-earned rest because we had filled to overflowing: three 20 yard garbage bins, 2 or 3 scrap metal bins, and about 14 mixed recycling bins full of newspaper, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, glass, etc. Microwaves, baby strollers, shopping carts and bicycles had emerged from park weeds and creek beds. The goats that used to be in the parks had uncovered long lost trash and treasure: old-fashioned glass bottles (the kind they used to re-use, not recycle), pop-top cans and one lost wedding ring. (If you can describe it, call BEC and you can have it back!)

The mainstream media did not choose to cover this outpouring of civic pride and earthy patriotism, but I suspect most people will notice that there are **7.79** fewer **Tons** of garbage and recyclables in our creeks and our precious Bidwell Park. We’ll be back for more this year. Join us!

Thanks to all our other sponsors who made this cleanup possible:

A-C Industrial Services Corporation, Basque Norte Restaurant, Butte County Fish & Game Commission, Butte County Public Works Dept., CSUC Intercollegiate Athletics/Recreational Sports, the City of Chico, Ed’s Printing, Heritage Partners, Glynda-Lee Hoffman & Ray Testman Michael & Karen Kahn, KHSL-TV, Kids.Com (Butte Co. Office of Education), KZFR, David & Kathy Linden, George Longazo, Craig Seabury & Ingrid Cordes, Sierra Nevada Brewery

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- the zoning and development permitting process.
Build efficiency into zoning and subdivision standards by permitting greater flexibility in housing configuration, set backs and street widths.
- Reinforce general plans by appropriately siting public facilities and making infrastructure investments that encourage efficient development patterns.
- Remove artificial financial obstacles to smart growth by immediately reducing development fees on compact housing and eventually adjusting entire local fee structures to reflect higher costs of sprawl.
- Study reforms of local government finance that could ameliorate the pressure on them to attract development - any development - as a “cash cow.”
- Study mechanisms for greater regional cooperation in land use policymaking to avoid competition that leads to sprawl.
- Study reforms of electricity and other utility rate structures that could take advantage of the cost savings of smart growth patterns.
- Put smart growth to a fair market test with pilot projects that guarantee developers a reasonable rate of return if they build more efficient housing and commercial projects.* <http://www.farmland.org/cfl/centvalleyexec.htm>



Continued dumping plagues rescuers

Park Problems Needs Active Community Cooperation to Solve for long-term

By Pat Wismer

After years of hard work, the Chico Cat Coalition has rescued the last of the original feral cats from Bidwell Park. However, the job of saving homeless cats is on-going. Since June, the Coalition has rescued almost 60 more recently abandoned animals which are now being fostered the Coalition at their BG Barn facility or temporarily housed in the homes of volunteers.

There is no excuse for the cruelty of animal abandonment. Programs now exist to help offset the cost of trapping and neutering feral cats, or to provide assistance to pet owners who cannot afford to neuter their pets. Those who allow their animals to reproduce and then abandon them are exhibiting very irresponsible behavior as well as sentencing their animals to a cruel fate. Still, the covert activity continues. Unwanted felines, many with litters of newborns, find themselves left to fight for survival in the confines of the park environment with all its dangers and the biting cold of winter on the way.

Members of the Coalition are anxious to see an end to this cruelty. Chico citizens can help by reporting any animal abandonment (a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment and/or a fine of \$1,000) to the Park Department at 895-4972. The Coalition also offers a substantial reward for the arrest and conviction of violators. The Cat Coalition provides the valuable service of rescuing and fostering unfortunate homeless cats until loving, permanent homes for these cats can be found. Each rescued animal is tested, given its protective shots, and neutered.

Many cats still await adoption and new animals are still being abandoned in Bidwell Park. The expense of their care and rescue falls upon the Coalition. The City has granted \$8000 this year to help offset the expenses of park rescues. Many volunteers donate their time on a weekly basis and others provide fund-raising or financial assistance. In spite of these efforts, the Coalition's treasury is almost depleted by the cost of on-going care for the fostered cats and recent medical expenses for ill or injured animals.

The Coalition hopes that the community will become more involved in a search for reasonable solutions to the problems of animal abandonment in Bidwell Park and the care of rescued animals. Everyone is encouraged offer their suggestions to park officials or Coalition members. The regular meeting of the Cat Coalition occurs the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the City Council Chambers, 4th and Main Streets. Visitors are welcome and encouraged to share ideas. The Chico Cat Coalition also needs volunteers for tasks at the Barn or other projects to raise money for care and feeding of its many charges. Those wishing to help, please call 895-8864.

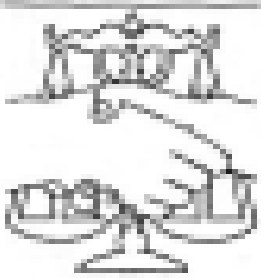
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Conservancy fairy shrimp to protective lists under the Endangered Species Act. Three of the four species are endangered and one is threatened.

The Service goes through an arduous process to list a species under the Endangered Species Act. They are required to base a listing determination on the best scientific and commercial data available. In addition, numerous opportunities for public comment are held. The Fish and Wildlife Service found that the vernal pool fairy shrimp is imperiled by habitat loss from construction activities and degradation to the extent that 28 of the 32 known populations face one or more of the following threats: urban expansion, water and flood control projects, highways, utility work, overgrazing, and off road vehicle use. The vernal pool tadpole shrimp is known to exist in 18 populations in the Central Valley with 14 of them imperiled. Only four populations of longhorn fairy shrimp have been found along the eastern margin of the central coast range and all four face threats. The Conservancy fairy shrimp is found in only six populations with four of them in peril.

Over 80% of the state's vernal pool wetlands have been destroyed from urban expansion, mining, and agriculture (Holland 1998). "What affirmation of the law, demonstrating the importance of some of the smallest parts of the web of life, the food chain, our home," Vlamis said regarding the ruling. Another reflection is found in District Judge Friedman's comments from his 1997 ruling supporting the fresh water crustaceans' listings. He quoted the 1978 U.S. Supreme Court's language that clearly articulates the importance of the Endangered Species Act, which was signed into law by President Richard M. Nixon in 1973. "The legislative proceedings in 1973 are ...replete with expressions of concern over the risk that might lie in the loss of any endangered species. Typifying these sentiments is the Report of the House Committee on Merchant Marine Fisheries [stating] '*The value of this genetic heritage is, quite literally, incalculable...From the most narrow possible point of view, it is in the best interests of mankind to minimize the losses of genetic variations.*' " [Emphasis in original opinion].




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CLEAN AND GREEN

By Anna Harris

Chemical companies spend a lot of money convincing Americans that we need a separate toxic chemical for each cleaning job around the house. The spaces under our sinks are crowded with glass cleaner, scouring powder, toilet bowl cleaner, furniture polish, oven cleaner, the list goes on and on. All this is unnecessary. By getting back to basics, we can clean our homes effectively with only a few products that are not only less expensive, but also less toxic- safer for our health, our children, our pets, and our planet.

The basic ingredients you need are: Borax, baking soda, white vinegar, a biodegradable brand of soap or detergent, and washing soda. You probably already have some of these at home. Experiment with the suggestions below to find out what works for you.

The Bathroom

All Purpose Cleaner: Mix ½ t. washing soda, 2 t. Borax, and ½ t. liquid detergent in 2 cups hot water. Pour into a spray bottle.

Disinfectant: Dissolve ½ cup Borax in ½ gallon hot water. Pour into spray bottles and use for wiping down bathroom and kitchen surfaces.

Tub & Tile Cleaner: Scour with Borax and powdered soap or baking soda and white vinegar. White vinegar will remove hard water spots and mineral buildup (saturate a clean cloth and place over affected area for 30 minutes, then scrub.)

Mildew Cleaner: Mix ½ cup vinegar, ½ cup Borax, and 2 cups water. Spray onto affected areas, let sit, then scrub if necessary.

Toilet Bowl Cleaner: Sprinkle with baking soda and scrub with toilet brush. Or, make a paste of Borax and lemon juice, let set for 2 hours, and scrub.

The Kitchen

Dishwashing Liquid: Use liquid or powdered soap. If you have very hard water, choose a biodegradable detergent.

Dishwasher Detergent: Mix equal parts Borax and washing soda.

Drain Cleaner: Prevent clogs by periodically pouring ¼ cup baking soda into drain followed by ½ white vinegar. Allow to react for a few minutes, and then follow with a kettle of boiling water. For serious clogs, use a snake.

Oven Cleaner: Mix 2T. washing soap and 2T. Borax with 1 quart water. Spray into oven, let rest 20 minutes, then scour with a non-toxic scouring powder or baking soda. Or try this: cover the bottom of your oven with ¼ inch baking soda. Using a clean spray bottle, spray until damp but not flooded. Dampen periodically during the day and leave overnight. In the morning, scoop out with a sponge, then rinse off baking soda residue.

Scouring Powder: Use baking soda or Borax and a firm brush.

The Laundry

Bleach: Use powdered non-chlorine bleach. Or, use ½ cup Borax or ½ cup washing soda to whiten whites and brighten colors.

Detergent: Use ½ cup soap flakes and ½ cup washing soda per load. For heavily soiled loads, add ½ cup Borax.

Other

Window Cleaner: Use ¼ cup to ½ cup white vinegar in one quart warm water. The first time you use this method, add ½ t. liquid soap or detergent to remove wax buildup left by commercial products. Try rubbing windows with crumpled newspaper instead of paper towels (wear gloves to avoid newsprint on hands.)

Water Stains (on wood): Apply a thin layer of mayonnaise and let set for a half-hour. Polish with a dry cloth.

Furniture Polish: Use 3 parts olive oil to 1 part vinegar (a drop of lemon oil is optional.) Or, use 1 part lemon juice to 2 parts olive oil. Use a soft cloth to polish.

Carpet Cleaner: Clean stains immediately with club soda or dab spot with vinegar and water. For grease, mix 2 parts cornmeal with 1 part Borax and work into stain. Let set 1 hour and vacuum.

In addition to using the above hints, you can also use your power as a consumer to send a message to chemical and cleaner companies that you want less toxic alternatives. Natural food stores and some grocery stores have a good selection of non-toxic and biodegradable cleaning products. If you need to buy a particular product, choose one of these. Also, look for recycled packaging, buy in bulk, or refillable containers at your local natural foods store. Companies manufacture products that sell; your dollar is more powerful than you think!



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Be the change: VOLUNTEER

Want to help make our community a better place? Teach your kids about the environment? Spend some time outdoors? Learn new skills? Meet people with similar interests? Consider volunteering for a local environmental or social-service organization.

Tips and Suggestions for Volunteering

Many volunteer opportunities don't require a major or regular time commitment. If you see an activity that appeals to you, call to get on the organization's list of potential volunteers or to get a volunteer schedule. Be persistent in contacting the organization. They're all short-staffed and just because they haven't returned your call in a few days doesn't mean that they don't want your help. Many organizations have very few regular volunteers and are delighted to have an extra one or two people donating their time. Most groups don't require or expect that their volunteers become members. Children and young people get the same enjoyment from helping that adults do, and many organizations welcome them as volunteers. Don't assume that you must have special skills or physical

9004 or write to the center at PO Box 4005, Chico, CA 95927.

Butte County Humane Society needs you to help save the lives of homeless animals. They need help with everything from dog walking to office work. Call 343-7017 or visit them at 2579 Fair St. in Chico.

Butte Environmental Council is always looking for volunteers for a variety of projects. BEC needs help with office work, tree plantings, water quality testing, the Environmental Banquet, the Endangered Species Faire and Cleanups. Call 891-6424 for more information.

The California Native Plant Society needs occasional volunteers for Scotch Broom removal (an invasive non-native brush that crowds out native plants). Call John Copeland at 343-1748. Volunteers also help maintain the Chico Creek Nature Center Garden by weeding, pruning, planting, and fixing/installing drip systems or by donating native plants or wildflower seeds. Call Sam Hillaire at 893-9697, Wes Dempsey at 342-2293, or Gen at the Nature Center, 891-4671.

seeking assistance in a variety of capacities. VC serves as a referral bureau for over 100 agencies. All community members can use Volunteer Connection to identify available volunteer opportunities. Community non-profit social service agencies are welcome to utilize the Volunteer Connection to recruit volunteers for their specific needs. Contact CAVE at 898-5817 or ntimmmons@csuchico.edu.

Habitat for Humanity builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses through volunteer labor, donations of money and materials, and with the help of the homeowner families. The Chico affiliate is repairing and landscaping houses every weekend, year-round. Building experience or repair skills are not required to participate, just a willingness to learn. They also need volunteers to work in the office and Habitat for Humanity store. Contact Pam Easterly at 895-1271.

The Nature Conservancy's Dye Creek Preserve (45 minutes north of Chico) has an occasional need for volunteers on various projects

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” — Gandhi

strength to volunteer. Most volunteer activities accommodate a variety of abilities, and most groups provide any necessary training. Dress appropriately for the activity. You can be a volunteer on your own too. Adopt a section of a street, park, or creek, and spend an occasional hour or two picking up trash and recyclables.

Our Eco-Directory lists more than 60 local organizations that could use your help. The following entries outline some specific needs:

Bidwell Park needs volunteers to help with trail maintenance, weeding in Lower Park, painting, and litter control. Businesses or organizations looking for a team project are welcome. The Parks Dept. has a long list of possible projects. People who visit Bidwell Park on a regular basis may want to consider participating in the new Citizens Trails Advisory Committee or becoming a member of Park Watch. Park Watch members are trained on providing Park visitors with information on Bidwell Park and its rules and regulations. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 895-4758 or shogue@ci.chico.ca.us.

Bidwell Wildlife Rehabilitation Center needs volunteers to care for native wildlife in their own homes until the animal is ready to be released. They also need help transporting animals, producing newsletters, organizing fundraisers, and coordinating outreach activities. Call the hotline at 343-

Chico Food Not Bombs serves vegetarian meals to the homeless and hungry every Saturday and Sunday from 12-2pm in Depot Park. They need volunteers to help cook, transport, and serve food. Anyone can help out, either every weekend or just every once in a while. Contact McKenna at 343-9504.

The Chico Peace & Justice Center is cultivating peace through community gardens, poetry workshops, "Peace of Mind" brown-bag lecture series, grassroots organizing workshops, resource library, and more! "If you want peace then work for justice." Join their team of peace activists! Contact Ama at 893-9078.

Chico Tree Enhancement and Education Program offers free workshops, training volunteers to help Chico's young street trees. Want to learn how to prune shade trees? Learn what makes trees grow best and what trees to plant in your yard? Or, learn why topping is called the most expensive pruning method? Take part of Thursday, Friday, or Saturday to learn, have fun, and help Chico's young trees! Or, participate in a major tree planting project planned for the winter. Contact Roger Cole at 895-0866 or rwcole@jps.net.

Community Action Volunteers in Education (CAVE) is an Associated Students CSU Chico organization. Its Volunteer Connection (VC) links volunteers with non-profit, social service agencies in the area who are

throughout the year. Activities include native grass seeding in the fall, tree planting in the winter and spring, serving as a hike docent, maintaining trails, and working on small carpentry projects throughout the year. Contact the Preserve at 527-0424.

Northern California Regional Land Trust is a private, nonprofit conservation organization specializing in conservation of natural resources. They assist Northern California landowners and public agencies in the voluntary protection of land and other natural resources. They need volunteers to assist with various tasks such as database entry, mailings, and related tasks. Contact Keith McKinley at 530-894-7738 or ncrft@shocking.com.

Sacramento River Preservation Trust has volunteer opportunities for special research projects. Call the Trust at 345-1865 or email johnmerz@shocking.com for details.

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Ongoing Events

Chico Farmer's Market
Chico Farmer's Market is held every Saturday rain or shine, at the Municipal parking lot on East 2nd St. and Wall St. 7:30am-1pm hours. for more information call 893-3276.

"Wild For Wetlands"
Chico Creek Nature Center
Ongoing until June 2002
Exhibit from the Yeaw Nature Center in Sacramento. This exhibit will feature the diverse wetland habitat and the variety of animal and plant life that live there. Contact the Chico Creek Nature Center for more information. For more information call, 891-4671.

Critical Mass
Last Thursday of the month
Critical mass happens the last Thursday of every month. Bicycle riders (other alternative forms of transportation are welcome!!) take to the streets to show support for people- powered transport! For more information, visit or call E-ARC (898-5676).

Bidwell Park Trail Maintenance
Sponsored by the City of Chico Parks Department
Saturday 2 from 8 am to noon help maintain trails in Upper Bidwell Park. After the winter the trails are in need of some tender loving care by all of us who use them. The maintenance day is great for people of all ages and is a great way to get to know the park and the trail system. Those who wish to volunteer should meet at 8am in the parking lot on the east side of Horseshoe Lake. The Parks Department will provide gloves, tools, training, and beverages. You'll need sturdy shoes, appropriate clothing, and a smile. Rain cancels the day. Questions? Contact Steve Hogue at the Parks Department, 895-4758; shogue@ci.chico.ca.us.

Chico Creek Nature Center Raptors
Saturday 2 explore the special adaptations & needs of these fascinating birds of prey with naturalist, Jonna Boggs. All ages



welcome. Pre-registration required. This event begins at 11:30am and lasts until 12:30pm. For more information call, 891-4671.

Mount St. Helens: The Return of the Forest
Thursday 7, presented by Dr. David Wood, Professor of Botany, CSUC. Conference Room, Butte County Library, Chico, East 1st Avenue
This meeting is free of charge and sponsored by the Sierra Club, Yahi Group. For more information contact Gerda at 343-9277

Ski Weekend
February 2 through 3 the Sierra Club Yahi Group and the Shasta Group will meet for a scenic two-day cross country ski or ski/hike weekend! The first day, will be a ski on groomed trails. The second day will include more skiing or hiking the Keswick Rail Trail along the Sacramento River in Redding or Castle Craggs. Skis, first day's lunch, and money for lodging, food, and carpooling. Call to sign up or get more information 345-2549.

Cross-Country Ski Lessons
Sierra Club, Yahi Group, Saturday 9
This trip is for beginners and intermediates who want to improve their overall ski technique as well as personal fitness. The destination depends on snow conditions. You'll need skis, boots, poles, appropriate clothing, lunch, water, and money for carpooling. Call for more information, 342-7998.

Black and White and Read All Over
Thursday 14 Chico Friends of the Library will raffle off an 88" x 114" quilt. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Chico Branch Library. The quilt to be raffled, called Black and White and Read All over, along with 18 other quilts can be viewed at the library between now and February 14. The raffle will take place at 7:30pm after a presentation on quilts. For more information call, 342 9959.

Chico Velo- Rice Valley Tandem Rally
Sunday 17 Chico Velo Cycling Club, will host the Rice Valley Tandem Rally for more detail about this ride contact the

UPCOMING BEC EVENTS

The Environmental Banquet
Thursday March 21, 2002

The Endangered Species Faire
Saturday May 4, 2001

Tree Planting Workshop
The first workshop in this series is Saturday February 9, 2002

Please call the BEC office at 891-6424 for more information.

Chico Velo, 1-800 482-2453.

California Duck Days 2002
On February 15, 16 and 17 enjoy one of California's premier wildlife viewing festivals. The event coincides with the Central Valley's peak migration period of hundreds of thousands of birds traveling down the Pacific Flyway. The weekend-long festival features field trips, workshops, demonstrations, and the large Exposition Hall full of educational displays about wetlands and other Central Valley wildlife habitats. The headquarters for all festival activities is the Veterans Memorial Center in Davis, 203 E. 14th Street. This fun, family-oriented festival includes over 40 field trips to view and learn about wildlife areas throughout the Central Valley, many on private land not normally available to the public. For more information, call 800-425-5001 or 530-758-1286, or visit www.duckdays.org.

Lassen Park Snowshoe Hike
Sierra Club, Yahi Group, Saturday 23
The hike will begin at Manzanita Lake in Lassen Park and head cross country for views of Mount Shasta and the Thousand Lakes Wilderness. The hike will be relatively flat, yet moderately strenuous and cover 5 to 6 miles. You'll need snowshoes, boots, lunch, water, appropriate clothing, and money for carpooling. Call for more information, 891-8789.

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Maidu Medicine Walk
Saturday 2, Chico Creek Nature Center
Join Professor Emeritus Wes Dempsey, for a history filled hike in upper Bidwell Park. The hike begins at 10 am and lasts until 12:30pm. Call to pre-register, 891-4671.

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Cross Country Ski Backcountry Tour
Saturday 2
This Sierra Club, Yahi Group outing is designed for people who own ski equipment. Snow conditions will dictate destination for the day. You'll need skis, boots, poles, appropriate clothing, lunch, water, and money for carpooling. Call for more information, 891-8789

Tour of the Unknown Valley
On Sunday, March 3 the Chico Velo Cycling Club, will host the Tour of the Unknown Valley for more detail about this



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ride contact the Chico Velo at
www.chicovelo.com or 1800 482-2453.

Table Mountain
Wildflower Walk and Kite Day
March 3, Sierra Club, Yahi Group
Visit the gorgeous spring wildflowers that attract thousands of visitors every spring. Walk among the fragrant blooms; lunch next to a lovely waterfall; kite fly to your heart’s content or enjoy the blooms. You’ll need sunscreen, sunhat, lunch, and water; a lawn chair is recommended. Call for more information, 345-2549.

California Arbor Day
Saturday 9

“Animal Discovery Hike”
Saturday 16, Chico Creek Nature Center
Join our staff naturlist, Elisabeth Bertrams, from 11:30 to 12:30 to discover what animals live in Bidwell Park. Please call to pre-register, 891-4671.

Vernal Equinox, First Day of Spring
Wednesday 20

BEC's Environmental Banquet
Thursday 21
Park Tower Pavilion
Don’t plan anything for Thursday March 21, 2002. On that evening Butte Environmental Council will be hosting the annual Environmental Banquet to honor environmental activists in the north state. The banquet will include our famous silent auction to raise funds for the Endangered Species Faire, an amazing event that drew 6,000 people last year. This year’s banquet will be especially exciting as we have Huey Johnson, winner of the prestigious United Nations Environmental Prize, as our guest speaker. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the BEC office.

Chico Kite Day
Sunday 24
Chico’s Annual Kite Day starting at noon! Come out and watch the sky dance with fun and imaginative kites- an afternoon of fun is in the air! This event will be held at the

Community Park on 20th Street & Whitman.
For more information call, 895-4711.

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Earth Day
Monday 22


National Arbor Day
Friday 26

Earth Speech:
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Butte County's last unprotected *Wilderness*

By Jessica Rios
Wild & Scenic Rivers Coordinator
California Wild Heritage Campaign

Feather Falls is the sixth highest free-falling waterfall in the United States and one of Butte County’s greatest treasures. The 640-foot waterfall, often pictured on county brochures, is a perfect illustration of the county’s motto “Land of Natural Wealth and Beauty.” Thousands of county residents and out-of-town visitors enjoy the scenic hike to the falls every year. Most visitors do not realize that Feather Falls is not a protected wild area.

Places like these are among the last remaining wild public places in California. Eighty percent of California’s landscape is already developed or altered with roads, buildings, farms, or logging. The United States has 380,000 miles of roads in our national forests, more roads than in our entire interstate highway system and enough pavement to circle the earth 16 times. Of California’s 172,000 miles of rivers, only 2,000 miles are protected and only one watershed remains entirely undammed—the Smith River. In the rest of the state, over 1,400 dams have blocked fish passage, drowned animal habitat, destroyed surrounding ecosystems, and ruined natural recreational opportunities.

The remaining wilderness is disappearing at an astounding rate. California has already lost more than 675,000 acres of unprotected wilderness—that’s an area almost the size of Yosemite National Park. In the last two decades alone, we’ve lost an average of 97 acres of potential wilderness a day in California; that’s 97 football fields a day. At this rate of destruction, it is surprising that any wild places are left!

Fortunately, there are still seven million acres of wild land and 4,000 miles of free-flowing wild rivers in California. The challenge facing us is to protect these places from future damaging uses such as logging, off-road vehicle use, and the construction of new dams.

With your help, Feather Falls and the rest of California’s last wild places will be protected by federal designation. The *Wilderness* designation is the strongest protection available for a piece of land; the *Wild & Scenic River* designation is the strongest protection available for a river. A *Wilderness* status prohibits logging, new mining claims, and off-road vehicles on protected land. *Wild & Scenic* status prohibits new dams and diversions and protects the river’s shoreline.

Local people play a very important role in gaining federal protection for wild lands and rivers. The California Wild Heritage Campaign, a statewide coalition with 200 member groups, is currently working to protect the state’s last wild places. Groups of citizens are meeting every month from San Diego to Yreka, to build support for nearby wild places. These citizens believe that education is the key to gaining widespread support for protection of wilderness areas and rivers. They are giving slide shows and leading hikes and float trips to these areas. First-time visitors are often convinced without a word that these places deserve permanent protection

Those who seek protection of these places are not alone—a recent statewide poll showed that 72% of Californians support protection of these wild lands and rivers. If citizens today take action to protect these places, children of tomorrow will be able to enjoy the beauty and serenity brought by a visit to the wild.

Butte County residents who love Feather Falls and would like to see the area protected can call Jessica Rios, the regional contact person for the California Wild Heritage Campaign, at 343-9541.

Visit the following websites for more information: www.californiawild.org
www.friendsoftheriver.org.



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◆ **ACCEPTS** recyclables listed

★CASH PAID for recyclables listed

***FEE CHARGED to accept recyclables listed**

1) 20/20 Recycling Centers
California Department of Conservation
 Albertson's, 1050 Oroville Dam Blvd., Oroville
 Albertson's, 146 W. East Ave., Chico
 Safeway, 1596 Hwy 99, Gridley
 Safeway, 1016 W. Sacramento Ave., Chico
 Safeway, 690 Mangrove Ave., Chico
 Safeway, 1366 East Ave., Chico
 Safeway, 6020 Clark Rd., Paradise
 T-F 11-5, Sa 8:30-5, closed 1:30-2

**2) Aldred Scrap Metals/
Steel Mill Recyclers**
786 Oroville-Chico Highway, Durham
342-4930
M-F 8-5

3) AS Chico Recycling Donation Center
Corner of W. 4th St & Cherry St., Chico
898-5033
Sa 10-2:30
Web: www.csuchico.edu/as/recycle

4) Berry Creek Rental & Recycle
10 Menzie Lane, Berry Creek
589-4828
Tu-Su 9-6

5) California Vocations (C.O.V.E.)
Curbside recycling in Magalia, Paradise,
Paradise Pines, west side of Skyway to Nimshu
877-0937
M-F 8-4

**6) Chico Scrap Metals,
Chico Scrap Metal South &
Nor-Cal Recyclers**
Auto bodies (call first)
878 E. 20th St., Chico,
343-7166
M-F 8-12, 1-4, Sa 8-12
766 Oroville-Chico Hwy., Durham,
345-6241
M-F 8-4
1855 Kusel Rd., Oroville
532-0262
M 8-4, Tu-F 9-4, Sa 8-12

7) Chico Transfer & Recycling
2569 Scott Ave., Chico
893-0333
Tu-Sa 10-4:30
Web: www.northvalleydisposal.com

8) City of Chico Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility /AC Industrial Services
1101 Marauder St. (at Chico Airport)
895-4829 or 343-5488
Fri-Sat. 9-1
Free to City of Chico residents, others should call for information about fees.

9) Country Roads Disposal
Curbside recycling in Bangor, Berry Creek,
Feather Falls & Palermo
589-3680
M-F 8-5

10) Fair St. Recycling-Work Training Center
2300 Fair Street, Chico
343-8641
M-F 9-4, Sat. 9-3:30
Web: www.wtcinc.org/fsr.htm

11) Joe Verni Recycling
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534-7402
M-F 9-3:30, Sa 9-1

12) Neal Road Landfill
345-4917
Daily 7-4
Web: www.northvalleydisposal.com

**13) NorCal Waste Systems Curbside Recycling
in Chico**
342-4444

14) NorCal Waste Systems Oroville Recycling Center & Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site
2720 S. 5th Ave., Oroville
533-5868
Recycling Center M-Sa 8:30-3:30
Hazardous Waste F 1-6
Free to City of Oroville residents

15) Ord Ranch Transfer Station & Gridley Household Hazardous Waste Recycling
Ord Ranch Road, Gridley
846-0810
Transfer Station Sa-Su 9-4
Hazardous Waste 2nd Sunday of month,
Gridley residents only 9-4

16) Paradise Elementary School
588 Pearson Rd., Paradise
Drop boxes open 24 hours/day

17) Recycle Paradise
951 American Way, Paradise
Holiday Mkt, 14001 Lakeridge Cir., Magalia
(CRV, newspapers only)
Stratton's Mkt. 5760 Sawmill Rd., Paradise
(CRV, newspapers only)
877-2777
M-Sat 10-4

18) TOMRA Pacific
Collins & Denny Mkt, 434 Plumas Ave., Oroville
Raley's Supermarket, 2325 Myers St., Oroville
(916) 381-6861
Tu-Sa 9:30-5, closed 1-1:30

19) Waste Management-North Valley Disposal
Curbside recycling in Chico (893-4777), Biggs,
Durham (by Appt),
& Gridley (846-0810)
Web: www.northvalleydisposal.com

20) Westside Recycling & Wood Products
2669 Hwy. 32, Chico
892-2262
M-Sa 10-6 , Su 10-4





Recycling Index



The following information has been gathered by the Butte Environmental Council for the Butte County Public Works Department’s Butte County Recycling & Reuse Directory. The Directory contains detailed information about recycling centers, thrift stores, and used merchandise stores, including locations, hours of operation, and items accepted. If you would like to receive a copy of the Directory, call Bonnie Low at Butte County Public Works (538-7681). This is not a complete list of businesses that accept donations and does not include thrift stores or businesses that buy and sell used merchandise. Call for more information about items these businesses will accept. Please, do not drop off items without approval.

Aerosol Cans
See Household Hazardous Waste Facilities (HHWF)

Aluminum Cans, CRV
See “Recycling in Butte County.”

Aluminum Foil & Pie Pans
See “Recycling in Butte County.”

Antifreeze
See “Recycling in Butte County.”

Appliances, Major
See “Recycling in Butte County.”
Refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners must have freon removed before disposal.
These companies will remove the freon for a fee and recycle the appliance.
A-1 Appliance 534-3436
Appliance Resale House 343-4904
Derr’s Appliance Supply 342-0654
Durham Appliance 899-1609
Ginno’s 342-2182
Halldorson Appliance 891-1814
Hudson’s Appliance Center 877-6312
Sam’s Appliance 534-3988

Appliances, Small
Most thrift stores will accept donations of small working appliances.

Asbestos
Contact your local household hazardous waste facility or the Neal Road Landfill for

more information.

Aseptic Containers
No local recycling facility.

Asphalt, Bricks, & Concrete
Baldwin Contracting Co., Inc. 891-6555
Franklin Construction Inc. 343-9600
Robinson Construction Co. 534-7616 (no bricks)

Batteries, Automotive
See Recycling Chart
Most businesses that sell auto batteries will recycle used auto batteries for free.

Batteries, Alkaline
AS Recycling Donation Center 898-5033
Energy Masters 345-4129

Batteries, NiCd (rechargeable)
See www.rbrc.com

Bicycles
Chico Bike & Board 343-5506
STARS bike donation program
Oroville 538-7820
STARS bike donation program
Chico 891-2704
Some thrift stores accept donations of bicycles in good condition.

Bi-Metal Cans
See “Recycling in Butte County.”

Books
Chico Shred (hardcover) 893-1062
North Valley Services 865-5631
The following accept donations of books in good condition:
Butte County Library Adult Reading Program 538-7198
Butte County Library-Biggs Branch 868-5724
Butte County Library-Durham Branch 879-3835
Butte County Library-Gridley Branch 846-3323
Butte County Library-Oroville Branch 538-7641
Butte County Library-Paradise Branch 872-6320
Most thrift stores also accept donations of

resalable books.

Bricks
See Asphalt, Bricks, & Concrete

Bubble Wrap & Peanuts
A & C Postal Center 343-5440
Chico Box & Postal Center 895-1477
Mail Boxes Etc. 891-1623
Mail Boxes Etc. 898-1623
Mail Boxes Etc. 893-1818
The Packaging Store 872-0991
Paradise Postal Center Plus 877-2631
Postal Plus 891-1626

Building Materials
Habitat for Humanity, Chico 895-1271

Calendars
See Educational & Craft Materials

Carpet
No local recycling facility.

Carpet Pad
Floor Layers Recycling Center 894-7890

Car & Boat Donation (running vehicles only)
ARC 232-3666
Northern Valley Catholic Social Services 345-1600
Salvation Army 342-2199
Other local charities may also have vehicle donation programs.

Cardboard
See “Recycling in Butte County.”

Clothing
Many thrift stores will accept donations of clothing in resalable condition

Computers, Monitors
City of Chico Household Hazardous Waste Facility 895-4603
AC Industrial Services 343-5488

Computers (working)
Chico Computers for Schools 895-4175
Executive Suite 342-1996
Many thrift stores will accept donations of working computers and peripherals.

Concrete
See Asphalt, Bricks, & Concrete

Drink Boxes
No local recycling facility.

Drywall (sheetrock)
No local recycling facility.

Educational & Craft Materials
ARC of Butte County 891-5865
Chico Christian Center 342-4276 (greeting cards & calendars only)
Many youth groups, preschools, and elementary schools also accept these items.

Eyeglasses
Lenscrafters 345-0225

Fire Extinguishers
To recycle, take to your local household hazardous waste facility.
To recharge, FireMaster 893-0110

Floppy Disks & CDs
1-800-305-3475
See www.greendisk.com

Fluorescent Light Bulbs & Ballasts
See “Recycling in Butte County.”

Food
There are numerous food banks, churches, and soup kitchens that accept donations of fresh, canned, and packaged food items. Home-made or home-canned items are not accepted.

Frozen Food Packaging
Tear a corner of the packaging. If there’s no plastic layer, recycle container with your paper. Otherwise put in trash.

Fuel
Take to your local household hazardous waste facility.

Furniture
Upholstered furniture is difficult to donate unless it’s in very good condition. Many thrift



stores will accept donations of wood furniture.

Glass Containers, CRV
See “Recycling in Butte County.”

Glass Containers, Non-CRV
See “Recycling in Butte County.”

Glass, Other
Light bulbs, mirrors, windows, Pyrex, ceramics, and drinking glasses in good condition should be donated. Otherwise, put in trash.

Grease & Food Service Oil
North State Rendering Co. 343-6076

Greeting Cards
See Educational & Craft Materials

Grocery Bags
See Plastic Bags
Paper bags can be recycled with newspapers.

Hangers
Many thrift stores accept hangers.

Hearing Aids
North State Audiological Services
899-3277
The Hearing Foundation 800-327-8077

Household Hazardous Waste Facilities (HHWF)
NorCal Waste Systems Oroville
Household Hazardous Waste 533-5868
City of Chico Household Hazardous Waste 343-5488
Gridley Household Hazardous Waste 846-0810

Household Items
Thrift stores accept donations of household items in good condition.

Hydraulic Fluid
Take to your local household hazardous waste facility.

Kitchen Scraps
Turn kitchen scraps into compost with a worm composter from Green Fire.
895-8301

Magazines
See “Recycling in Butte County”
Libraries, nursing homes, doctors’ and dentists’ offices, and preschools often accept magazine donations.
Mattresses and Box Springs
Twin and full-size can occasionally be donated to transitional housing programs.

Stores must sterilize used mattresses before selling them and only a few stores have the equipment to do so.

Mercury
Take to your local household hazardous waste facility.

Metal, Scrap
See “Recycling in Butte County.”

Milk Cartons, Wax-Coated
No local recycling facility.

Motor Oil Filters
Butte County Public Works 538-7681
Chico Drain Oil Service 345-9043
Also, contact your local household hazardous waste facility or
www.teamrecycle.com.

Motor Oil
See www.teamrecycle.com
Also see “Recycling in Butte County.”

Music, Records, Tapes & CDs
Thrift stores will accept these items if in salable condition. There are also some stores that specialize in buying and reselling used records, tapes, and CDs.

Newspaper
See “Recycling in Butte County.”

Paint
See “Recycling in Butte County.”

Pallets
Chico Pallet Recycling 570-3807

Paper, Office
See “Recycling in Butte County.”

Pesticides
Take to your local household hazardous waste facility.

Photo Chemicals
Take to your local household hazardous waste facility.

Plastic Bags
Most Holiday Markets, Albertson’s, Raley’s, and Safeway stores have plastic

bag recycling bins.

Plastic Film
No local recycling facility.

Plastic, 6-Pack Rings
See “Recycling in Butte County”

Plastic Containers, CRV
See “Recycling in Butte County”

Plastic Containers, non-CRV
See “Recycling in Butte County”

Propane Cylinders
For 1 lb size, take to a HHWF, for larger sizes, take to scrap metal dealers (remove valve.)

Sinks, Toilets, and Bathtubs (porcelain)
Baldwin Contracting Co., Inc. 891-6555

Solvents
Take your local household hazardous waste facility.

Sporting Goods
Play It Again Sports 345-7427
Most thrift stores accept donations of sporting goods.

Styrofoam, Formed
Can’t recycle locally.

Styrofoam Packaging (peanuts)
See Bubble Wrap & Peanuts

Tin Cans
See “Recycling in Butte County.”

Tires
See “Recycling in Butte County.”
Most tire dealers will recycle used tires for a fee. Call for sizes and fees.


Toner Cartridges
AS Computerworks 898-4447 (recycling)
Chico Laser Savers 896-1811 (remanufacturing)
Hubbs Stationery 892-4940 (recycling)
Laser “Renew” Zit 893-4253 (remanufacturing)
Office Depot 345-1623 (recycling)
OfficeMax 343-7599 (recycling)
The Copier Doc 345-6593 (remanufacturing)
The Packaging Store 872-0991 (recycling)
Ray Morgan Company 343-6065 (remanufacturing)
RC Copiers 873-5004 (remanufacturing)
Sierra Stationers 342-6406 (recycling)

Tools
Habitat for Humanity, Chico 895-1271
Gates Resale 342-2309

Transmission Fluid
Take to your local household hazardous waste facility.

Wood, Unpainted
Crowder Enterprises 345-1136
Neal Road Landfill 345-4917
North Valley Organic Recycling 521-2031
Ord Ranch Transfer Station 846-0810

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Neal Road Landfill 345-4917
NorCal Waste Systems Oroville Recycling Center 533-5868
North Valley Organic Recycling 521-2031
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If you can volunteer your time (no matter how much) and/or have a special skill to share, please fill out the coupon below. If you've volunteered in the past, but aren't sure whether we have your name and current phone on file, you can also submit an updated form. We'll keep your information on file and give you a call when our needs coincide with your offer. Thank you!

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Times that are usually most convenient for me to volunteer:

- ☐ Weekday mornings
- ☐ Weekday afternoons
- ☐ Weekday evenings
- ☐ Weekends

I am interested in helping with the following activities (please check all that apply):

- ☐ Artwork (graphic art, illustrations, etc.)
- ☐ Various Creek Cleanups
- ☐ 23rd Annual Endangered Species Fair (Spring 2002)

☐ Publicity

☐ Soliciting sponsors/donations

☐ Booth construction & set-up (the day before the Faire)

☐ Clean-Up
- ☐ *Environmental News*, BEC’s quarterly newspaper
- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Office work

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