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Environmental Coalition of Butte County will Host a Community Gathering

Chico, California – Local environmental organizations will host the annual Environmental Coalition Community Gathering on Friday, March 25 at The Chico Women’s Club from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., following the last keynote presentation of the “This Way to Sustainability Conference” at Chico State. Participating organizations will share their visions, goals and recent achievements.

The Environmental Coalition was formed as an effort to unite the various local environmental groups around environmental issues taking place in Chico and Butte County, including the implementation of General Plans (city and county), the Butte Regional Conservation Plan, climate change and water concerns.

The reception will provide an opportunity for the local organizations to reaffirm the importance of working together. Attendees will gain a fulsome picture of our progress and challenges in environmental work through visiting the tables, talking with one another and from the presentations at the “This Way to Sustainability Conference.”

“This event gives environmental leaders, community members and students a venue for sharing concerns, problems and solutions about local concerns,” said Susan Tchudi, co-convenor at the Environmental Coalition of Butte County. “Everything from water to fracking, food security to preserving riparian areas, saving our trees to eliminating toxins and much more.”

Twenty-three original groups participated in the first community-gathering event in March 2013. Over the past three years, several more groups have joined including: Save Oroville Tress, Chico Tree Advocates and Cultivating Community North Valley. These groups are coming together to combine their skills and expertise by working collaboratively and strategically on solutions to the challenges facing Northern California.

The coalition began meeting regularly in November 2012 to bring together approximately 30 non-profit groups as well as representation from both Butte College and Chico State. Participating organizations include:

- AquAlliance
- Butte College Sustainability
- Butte Environmental Council
- California Streams Alliance (The Stream Team)

- Campaign Nonviolence/Chico Peace & Justice Center
- Chico 350.org
- Chico Cloth
- Chico Tree Advocates
- Chico Velo Cycling Club
- Earthshed Solutions
- Ecotopia, KZFR 90.1
- Frack-Free Butte County
- Friend of Bidwell Park
- GRUB Education Program/Cultivating Communities North Valley
- Mt. Lassen Chapter/California Native Plant Society
- Respectful Revolution
- Sacramento River Preservation Trust
- Save Oroville Trees

Anyone from the public is welcome to attend the Environmental Coalition Community Gathering. Participating organizations will provide free appetizers and adult beverages will be available for purchase.

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The Butte Environmental Council is a non-profit environmental organization based in Chico, California. BEC's mission is to protect and defend the land, air and water of Butte County and the surrounding region through action, advocacy and education. Since 1975, BEC has played a significant part in shaping the environment and policies of Butte County and surrounding areas.

For further information, visit www.becnet.org/events/environmental-community-gathering-2016 or Contact:

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