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The Butte Environmental Council Announces New Executive Director

Chico, California – The BEC Board of Directors are pleased to announce, following an extensive search, that they have named Natalie Carter as the next executive director of the Butte Environmental Council. Carter will begin with BEC on March 1, 2016.

Carter brings a great deal of experience and expertise to the job. She comes to us from Chico Certified Farmers Market (CCFM) where she has had many different titles, from market assistant to general manager. She dedicated over four years there bringing locally grown food to the communities in our region, building community connections and partnerships for CCFM as well as improving customer service and expanding the market.

Carter earned a bachelor's in general biology from Chico State in 2009. Prior to returning to Chico she worked as a biologist and surveyor at the Great Basin Bird Observatory in Reno, NV and volunteered at the US Fish and Wildlife Service in Sacramento, CA.

An active voice in her community, Carter served as treasurer for the Honey Run Covered Bridge Association in 2013 and 2014, and is currently serving on the Chico Natural Food Cooperative Board of Directors. She is eager to take on BEC's legacy as a champion for the needs of our community, to defend its resources and to make a meaningful difference as a representative for our land, air and water.

Growing up in Chico Carter developed a deep-rooted connection for the environment and community. She believes that passing on this passion to others is the best way to ensure the future protection of our natural resources. Carter lives in Chico with her husband, Eric, and their young daughter.

Carter joins a dynamic and devoted staff at BEC, who are confident that by working together they can carry on BEC's legacy within the community. Please join us in welcoming Carter to the BEC family.

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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.

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