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**Remember to VOTE for the
Environment on
Tuesday, November 6th**

**Your vote helps determine
your communities future!**

**Your vote can help elect
representatives that share your
values** - they will be making
decisions for your hometown, your state, and your country.



Vote for ballot measures that will make the changes you want to see
- there are 11 state ballot measures in the November 2018 election, asking
voters to consider affordable housing, California's water infrastructure, gas
taxes, and more.

Find out more about the Candidates and the Ballot Initiatives on the [California Secretary of State website](#) or the [Butte County Clerk-Recorders website](#)

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Neighborhood Tree Planting

Saturday, November 10th



PLANT A TREE

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Join us for a neighborhood tree planting event!
Check in:
Saturday November 10
9am-11am
Annie K Bidwell Parlor, 965 Salem St
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Join us **Saturday, November 10th** for our first of three neighborhood tree plantings.

This is a great opportunity for families looking for a fun activity to do together, someone who wants to give back to their community, or just for anyone who wants to get their hands dirty!

You don't have to be an expert gardener or even know the first thing about planting a tree, we are just looking for passionate volunteers who are ready and willing to learn. Help us make Chico even more beautiful!

Meet at Annie K Bidwell Parlor, 965 Salem (10th and Salem) at 9am for a short introduction and to get your trees, planting locations, and supplies!

Funding for this California Climate Investments grant project has been provided through California ReLeaf and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), Urban and Community Forestry Program.

What is the BRCP?

The Butte Regional Conservation Plan (BRCP) is both a federal Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and a state Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP).



Butte County Association of

Governments (BCAG) has been facilitating the development of the BRCP since 2007.

Development of the BRCP resumed in August 2018 after being on hold since March 2017.

It aims to provide streamlined state and federal endangered species act and wetlands permitting for transportation projects, land development and other covered activities over the 50 year term of the permits.



The BRCP will also provide comprehensive species, wetlands and ecosystem conservation and contributes to the recovery of endangered species within the Plan Area.

Butte Environmental Council has been actively participating Stakeholder Committee Meetings to help shape a plan that truly protects our most precious natural resources. Look for updates as the planning and approval process resumes over the next several months.

More information is available [on the BRCP website](#) or at becnet.org/advocacy

Get ready! The Week of Giving starts Nov. 26th and runs until Dec. 3rd



The goal of the North Valley Week of Giving is to bring all the charitable organizations in the region together and give them all the opportunity to tell their stories and fund their missions!

Donations for Week of Giving can only be accepted as online credit card transactions.

To donate to BEC during the week of giving go to:
<https://www.nweekofgiving.org/butte-environmental-council-bec/>

Mark your calendars, and support organizations making a difference in your community

Oaks Watering is BACK!

We stopped our weekly waterings at the end of September...

Right on schedule, the rains came, but then they left again.

Our Oak seedlings in Upper Bidwell Park are getting thirsty, so we are reinstating our weekly waterings until the rains return.



Sign up at becnet.org, give us a call at 530-891-6424, or just show up!

We will be meeting at the North Rim Trail parking lot every Sunday at 8am - November 11th-???



November is here! Which means the holidays are right around the corner. A time for giving, sharing and enjoying the company of special people in your life.

During this time of the year, energy and resources such as food and water tend to be used at a higher rate than usual, causing utility bills to skyrocket. While this is largely expected due to decorations, large amounts of food being prepared, and people throwing away excess food, there are a few things you can do to waste less. Here are a few tips for how to save on

energy this holiday season:

1. **Switch to LED Christmas lights** - LED lights and fiber optic decorations use about 90% less energy than traditional incandescent lights. The premium price of LED decorations at first might not seem worth it, but you must consider the amount of energy you will save from making the switch.
2. **Buy Energy Efficient Gifts** - Steering clear of gifts that require a lot of batteries or energy is a good general rule of thumb for Christmas shopping. If a product does require batteries or a charge, consider rechargeable batteries, power packs, or solar energy chargers. Look for ENERGY-STAR qualified products whenever possible.
3. **Cook Multiple Dishes at Once** - When preparing meals always try to maximize the use of oven space. It takes the same amount of energy to cook one dish as it does to cook several all at once.
4. **Don't Waste Food** - Only take how much food you know you can finish and save all the leftovers. If you have too much food left over than you know what to do with, consider donating to a soup kitchen or elsewhere.
5. **Save Water** - After a meal, scrape dirty dishes into the trash instead of the disposal and always fill the dishwasher up completely before running a load. Defrost your turkey in the fridge as opposed to running warm water over it.
6. **Lower the Thermostat** - Lower the thermostat while you are cooking and have guests over. The heat from the oven along with the additional bodies in the house will provide enough heat to keep your home comfortable.

If we all made an attempt to accomplish just a few of the suggestions on this list, we would drastically improve the amount of energy saved this holiday season!

For more information about upcoming local events please visit BEC's Environmental Events Calendar [Here](#)

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

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