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Dear Robyn,

You've probably noticed our increased outreach efforts through these digital newsletters. As a current member, you are receiving BEC's monthly **Membergram** (either digital or paper), available exclusively to BEC members at the beginning of the month. For many years BEC printed **The Environmental News** for distribution around the community. Today's e-newsletter, **the Environmental Sentinel** is an interim replacement for that discontinued publication and is distributed mid-month to members as well as to the broader community.

If you have indicated that you prefer print communications from BEC, you may not have received the *Environmental Sentinel* yet, as it is currently digital-only. But we want all BEC members to get everything we publish so we're working on a strategy for getting this out to all BEC members in some form. We're also still contemplating various options for replacing *The Environmental News* with some means of broad community outreach.

We hope you'll enjoy the timely content and would welcome your feedback.

## Final Phase of Butte County General Plan Amendments & Zoning Ordinance

By Nani Teves



The end is near! No, we aren't talking about the end of humanity, or the end of the earth--it's the end of the six year process of creating a vision and action plan for Butte County.

Although the Butte County General Plan and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) were adopted in 2010, the county is currently finishing up the Zoning Ordinance that will implement the plan.

The County is also in a position to approve the first round of General Plan Amendments (Amendments). And you would be surprised to see what has been included. [Read More...](#)

## **BEC's Public Forums on Zoning Ordinance**

*Let us inform and empower you to engage in the public process*

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our presenters will help bring you up to speed, show maps, highlight areas of concern, and empower you to submit your own public comments. **FREE** to the general public.

- Tuesday, June 26 at GRUB Cooperative in Chico, 5:30 pm  
(1525 Dayton Rd, Chico, 95928)
- Wednesday, June 27 at the Paradise Grange, 5:30 pm  
(5704 Chapel Dr. off Pearson Rd between Academy Dr and Recreation Dr)
- **Monday, July 16th:** Last day to submit public comments on the Zoning Ordinance, the General Plan Amendments, and the Draft Supplemental EIR
- **August:** Planning Commission Hearing to review documents and provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.
- **September/October,** Board of Supervisors Hearing to review documents, certify the EIR and adopt the General Plan Amendments and Final Zoning Ordinance.

## **Get Involved with BEC Today**

How can you get involved with BEC? Now's your chance! We're a membership-based organization and we need folks who want to get active on advocacy issues, folks who want to volunteer here and there, and folks who want to serve on the board to oversee the direction and priorities of the organization. Your involvement would be welcome at any time but there's never been a better time to step up.

**BEC Board:** BEC is holding its annual **election** of Board members between **June 25 - July 16** and we have **5 seats** to fill, either with returning or new faces. Interested candidates should submit a completed application and candidate bio not to exceed 100 words. Contact Robyn DiFalco **by June 20th** at [robbynd@becprotects.org](mailto:robbynd@becprotects.org) to apply or call 891-6424 to get more information. To serve on the Board you must be a BEC member. Not a BEC member yet? What are you waiting for? [Click here to become a BEC member](#) through our easy online membership form.



**BEC Advocacy:** Getting involved with BEC's monthly advocacy committee is a great way to turn concern into action. Whether you're personally interested in forests, food issues, alternative transportation, land use planning, climate change, social justice, toxics, or water, BEC Advocacy is a good avenue to push for real change. We're currently meeting the **first Wednesday of each month** in downtown Chico at the BEC offices at **5pm**. We'd welcome your participation and ideas.

## Winnemem Wintu Seek River Closure for Coming-of-Age Ceremony



Chief and spiritual leader Caleen Sisk of the Winnemem Wintu was taught in the traditions of Winnemem culture and healing for more than 30 years by her great-aunt Florence Jones, who was the tribe's spiritual leader for 68 years. Caleen received her B.A. from Chico State University, CA in 1975, and received her teaching credential from CSU, Chico in 1976. She is an internationally renowned speaker on traditional tribal and spiritual issues.

Caleen has been spearheading efforts to get a portion of the McCloud River closed so that young women in the tribe can have their rite of passage ceremony, the Balas Chonas, uninterrupted by boaters and jet-skiers that have been less than respectful in the past. The following information is from the Winnemem [website](#):

*"Frustrated of being ignored by the Shasta-Trinity National Forest officials for the last six years, we held a direct action event April 16 at the office of Regional Forester Randy Moore, challenging to protect our women's ceremony by implementing a mandatory river closure.*

*June 1: We are calling for **volunteers, donations and people with boats** to sign up to **help close 400 yards of river** to hold our Coming of Age ceremony in peace and dignity **June 30 - July 3**. We need as many as possible to ensure a closure.*

*Watch the call to action video and visit [saveourceremony.com](http://saveourceremony.com) for information on how to help. Keep up the pressure by telling Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell to close the river by e-mailing [ttidwell@fs.fed.us](mailto:ttidwell@fs.fed.us) or calling (202) 205-8439. Please keep your messages respectful and peaceful."*

**"You can make a difference!"**

## BEC at the KZFR Bocce Tournament



KZFR'S 7th Annual Bocce Ball Tournament will be hosted at the Chico Racquet Club on Sunday, June 24th, 10am-8pm. Tickets \$5 for an adult, \$10 per family available at KZFR. BEC will be at the event--we're proud to support and celebrate community radio. KZFR and BEC are partners in "**serving the Sacramento Valley, the foothills... and beyond!**"

Access to all activities, live music featuring John Seid, Larry Peterson, Bob Littell and Stevie Cook, plus food by David Guzzetti and the finest beverages in the land. Everything you need to know is [online here](#).

## Feather River Clean-up July 28

Come help out with the first-ever Feather River Clean-up!

Feather River Recreation & Parks District, along with Department of Water Resources, Feather River Nature Center and Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission will join BEC in cleaning this beautiful and much-used river area.



BEC volunteers will be meeting at 1931 Arlin Rhine Centennial Plaza (pictured here) at 7:30 AM on Saturday, July 28th. BEC's cleanup area will extend from the Veterans Memorial Hall to Riverbend Park. There will be breakfast nibbles and a thank-you barbecue when the Clean-up is over at 11:30. For a Google map of the location, click [here](#).

**Volunteers are needed for this addition to BEC's traditional September Cleanup.** Information for this event is available on BEC's [Events Calendar](#), or visit our [Facebook event](#). Contact the BEC office to get more info or to sign up as a volunteer. 891-6424, or [staff@becprotects.org](mailto:staff@becprotects.org)

## Share Your Enthusiasm

Do you have a Butte County environmental issue or challenge you're following?

Send us 200 words or less (longer articles may have the potential to run serially) no later than the 12th of the month. Email your article to [staff@becprotects.org](mailto:staff@becprotects.org) and we will consider it for inclusion in this monthly **Environmental Sentinel** e-newsletter that reaches hundreds of BEC supporters and friends in and around Butte County.



Priority will be given to local environmental issues; however, regional and state issues will also be considered.

We're proud of our smart, active, passionate community--we want to celebrate and support the things you're working on, and the progress you're making.

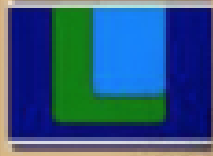
*We are all in this together!*

Please know how grateful we are for your continued support of BEC. You know how important our work is and I want you to know that we really couldn't do it without you. I will always welcome your input, involvement, or ideas. Simply hit reply on this message and your thoughts will be transmitted into my inbox.

Sincerely,

*Robyn DiFalco*

Executive Director  
Butte Environmental Council



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