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Notice of Availability
Draft Program Environmental Impact Report
Paradise Sewer Project
(SCH# 2021050008)

Date: July 14, 2022

To: Residents, Agencies, and Interested Persons

Subject: The Town of Paradise (Town), which is the lead agency for the Paradise Sewer Project (Proposed Project) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft PEIR) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Project.

Project Location: The Proposed Project is located within the Town, unincorporated Butte County, and the City of Chico (City).

Project Description: The Town is proposing to construct, operate, and maintain a new sewer collection system within the Town limits, with an export pipeline from the Town to the Chico Wastewater Pollution Control Plant (WPCP). The Proposed Project would allow for the replacement of individual septic systems within the Town's sewer service area that are managed, owned, and maintained by individual property owners. This Proposed Project further includes the provision of wastewater treatment services from the City to the Town, to be approved by Butte Local Agency Formation Commission. Specifically, the Proposed Project would consist of three primary components:

- **Core Collection System:** The Core Collection System would consist of gravity sewers, force (pressurized) mains, pump stations that would collect wastewater from the Town's sewer service area and convey it to the Export Pipeline System at the southwestern edge of the Town on Skyway.
- **Export Pipeline System:** The 18-mile Export Pipeline System would convey wastewater from the Core Collection System to the Chico WPCP.
- **Extended Collection System:** The Extended Collection System would be an extension of the Core Collection System that would allow parcels outside the Core Collection System but within the Town limits to connect to the sewer system up to the capacity of the system infrastructure and the Town's allocation within the Chico WPCP capacity.

Project Objectives: The three primary objectives of the Proposed Project are:

- Provide long-term, efficient, reliable treatment of wastewater in a cost-effective, environmentally beneficial manner to current and returning Town residents, in a manner acceptable to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board and other permitting agencies.

- Generate economic recovery by eliminating septic-related capacity limitations, as well as the general burden of on-site wastewater management for businesses.
- Provide for the ability to construct and maintain affordable housing, specifically multi-family housing

Public Review Period and Document Availability: The Town of Paradise has established a 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR beginning on **July 14, 2022** and ending on **August 29, 2022**. Copies of the Draft PEIR and all appendices are available for review at the following locations:

- Butte County Clerk (155 Nelson Ave, Oroville, CA 95965)
- Town Clerk at Paradise Town Hall (5555 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95969)
- City Clerk at Chico City Hall (411 Main Street, Chico, CA 95928)
- Butte County Library, Chico Branch (1108 Sherman Ave, Chico, CA 95926)
- Butte County Library, Paradise Branch (5922 Clark Rd, Paradise, CA 95969)
- Terry Ashe Recreation Center (6626 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95969)
- CARD Community Center (545 Vallombrosa Ave, Chico, CA 95926)

The Draft PEIR is also available at the following websites: [Town of Paradise](#) or [Town of Paradise Sewer Project](#).

The Town will accept comments regarding the Draft PEIR until 5 p.m. on August 29, 2022. Comments on the Draft PEIR can be submitted via mail or email. Please send your comments to the following address:

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Public Meetings: Public meetings will be held as detailed below to solicit input from any interested parties on the Draft PEIR. The public meetings are intended to receive input from interested parties on the content of the Draft PEIR and no decisions about the Proposed Project or the Draft PEIR will be made at the public meetings. Members of the public are encouraged to submit formal comments in writing or via email. The Town will consider all comments and address them in the Final PEIR.

Monday, August 8, 2022, 6 p.m.
Chico Old Municipal Building
441 Main St
Chico, CA 95928

Wednesday, August 10, 2022, 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Paradise Alliance Church
6491 Clark Road
Paradise, CA 95969