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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

### California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21008 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**From:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region, Redding Office  
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205  
Redding, CA 96002

**Date:** 3 June 2022

**State Clearinghouse Number:**  
2021100028

**Project Title:**  
Upper Bidwell Park Road Sediment Reduction Project (Project) (5A04CR00340)

**Project Location - Specific:**  
The Project area is located within Section 25, Township 22 North, Range 2 East, MDB&M and Section 34 of Township 23 North, Range 2 East, MDB&M. The nearest city is Chico, CA. The Project coordinates are as follows: Latitude: 39.7716° and Longitude: -121.7770°

**Project Location - County:**  
Butte County

**Name of Applicant:**  
Linda Herman  
City of Chico  
965 Fir Street  
Chico, CA 95928

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**  
The purpose of this project is to reduce road erosion and sediment delivery from 43 potential erosion sites on Upper Park Road in Upper Bidwell Park, located within the Big Chico Creek (BCC) Watershed. To reduce salmonid habitat degradation and sediment delivery to BCC and ultimately the Sacramento River basin, this project will upgrade and stormproof portions of Upper Park Road within the BCC sub-basin. The Project will

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implement treatments designated as high or moderate immediacy on this largely unpaved forest road and as identified in the sediment source assessment conducted in 2017 by the City's geologic consultant, Pacific Watershed Associates.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:**

This is to advise that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, as Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on 2 June 2022 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board considered the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration as prepared by the City of Chico.
2. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available to the general public at: [Upper Bidwell Park Road Sediment Reduction Project CEQA Documents](https://chico.ca.us/post/upper-bidwell-park-road-sediment-reduction-project) (<https://chico.ca.us/post/upper-bidwell-park-road-sediment-reduction-project>).

The record of project approval is available to the general public at: [Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's Adopted Orders Web page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/401_wq_certs/) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/401\\_wq\\_certs/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/401_wq_certs/)).

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