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**BUTTE COUNTY**  
**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**  
**HOWELL GRADING PERMIT (CEQA23-0001)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Butte County has prepared an Initial Study in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is considering the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project described below. The Mitigated Negative Declaration establishes that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect because required mitigation measures will address potential project effects. The County has prepared this Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration to provide an opportunity for input from public agencies, organizations, and interested parties on the environmental analysis addressing the potential effects of the proposed project. The IS/MND is available for review on the County's website at <https://www.buttecounty.net/363/California-Environmental-Quality-Act-CEQ>.

**Project Information**

**Project:** Howell Grading Permit (CEQA23-0001)

**Location:** The project site is located on the east side of Hicks Lane, approximately 1 mile north of East Eaton Road, immediately north and west of the City of Chico city limits; Assessor Parcel Number: 007-010-054.

**Project Description:** Proposed grading permit for future site development to establish a towing company storage yard. Grading activities include leveling 1.66 acres and the access driveway of a vacant 10-acre property to construct a 10' x 30' modular office trailer, fenced parking and vehicle storage area, groundwater well, septic disposal area, and ancillary improvements. Grading involves the importation of 3,000 cubic yards of soil and the excavation of 20 cubic yards of onsite soils, with all excavated spoils to be retained on the property. Construction is expected to begin in late 2024.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) is on file for public review and comment starting **December 29, 2023**, to **January 27, 2024**. All comments for the IS/MND must be submitted in writing and received by **5:00 pm Saturday, January 27, 2024**. Written comments may be submitted to the project planner, Rowland Hickel, Senior Planner, Butte County Development Services Department, Planning Division, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965. Phone: (530) 552-3684 Email: [rhickel@buttecounty.net](mailto:rhickel@buttecounty.net). The Butte County Planning Commission will consider the proposed project at a public hearing on a future date to be determined.

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