



CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Regular Meeting Agenda
October 28, 2013, 6:30 pm
Municipal Center - 421 Main Street, Council Chamber

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1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

- 1.1. Call to Order
- 1.2. Roll Call

2. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are to be considered routine and enacted by one motion.

- 2.1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC held on 09/30/13.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – if any

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

- 4.1. Consideration of Alcohol Sales at the Bidwell Park Municipal Golf Course.

At its 9/19/13 meeting, the Policy Advisory Committee recommended that the full Commission discuss and consider a proposal to allow alcohol sales at the Bidwell Park Municipal Golf Course. Staff requests that the BPPC 1) consider whether the Bidwell Park Municipal Golf Course should be exempted from the current ban on alcohol in Bidwell Park; and 2) review the proposal from the Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc (BPGCI) and Empire Golf to sell alcohol on the premises and consider additional lease conditions. Any changes to the current policy would require City Council review and action to change the Chico Municipal Code and an alcohol license. **Recommendation:** *The BPPC determines whether the proposal and change to the City Code is in the Public's Interest and should be recommended to Council.*

- 4.2. Review and Consideration of a Wet Weather Policy for Bidwell Park

In December 2009, the BPPC adopted an Interim (Adaptive) Wet Weather Management Plan. Staff will present the 2012-2013 annual report and unveil the revised update of the plan to the BPPC. The BPPC reviewed and provided comments on a draft plan at the 12/17/12 meeting. Finalizing the Plan satisfies BPPC workplan priority 2. **Recommendation:** *Review and comment on the annual report and adopt the "Adaptive Wet Weather Trail Management Plan (Revised 2013)".*

5. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Members of the public may address the Commission at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda; comments are limited to three minutes. The Commission cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.

6. REPORTS

Items provided for the Commission's information and discussion. No action can be taken on any of the items unless the Commission agrees to include them to a subsequent posted agenda.

- 6.1. Natural Resources Committee Report – Commissioner Brentwood
- 6.2. Park & Natural Resources Manager's Report - Dan Efseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on November 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).



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Minutes of
September 30, 2013 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

Chair Emmerich called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1.2. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Mary Brentwood
Lisa Emmerich
Mark Herrera
Richard Ober
Janine Rood
Drew Traulsen

Commissioners absent:

Staff present: Dan Efseaff (Park and Natural Resource Manager), Ruben Martinez (General Services Director), and Lise Smith-Peters (Park Services Coordinator).

2. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are to be considered routine and enacted by one motion.

2.1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC held on 08/26/13.

2.2. Permit Application for Catalyst's "Raising Voices of Hope" Public Arts Display, October 7-11, 2013

Catalyst Domestic Violence Services requested a permit to host a public arts display entitled "Raising Voices of Hope" in Children's Playground during October. The Commission considered the application because it multiple day.

2.3. Permit Application for the Jack Frost 10K Race, December 15, 2013

Fleet Feet requested a permit to host the Jack Frost annual 10K race. The Commission considered the application because the event uses trails in Middle Park that are not considered intensive use trails.

2.4. Permit the Gobble Wobble 1 Mile, 5k and 10k, November 9, 2013

CSU, Chico Department of Kinesiology requested a permit to host a run in Middle and Upper Park. The Commission considered the application because the event uses trails in Bidwell Park that are not considered intensive use areas.

2.5. Installation of the Chanukah Menorah at City Plaza with a Celebration on December 3, 2013

The Chabad Jewish Center requested to hold a Menorah lighting celebration and to have the Menorah installed on the City Plaza restroom. This is the applicant's 8th year for this celebration. Due to budget and staff reductions, the Park Division has requested that the applicant have their

own contractor install the Menorah with direction from Park staff. The BPPC considered the request because is multi-day.

2.6. Consideration of a Permit Application for the Chico Artisans Faire, May 3-4, 2013

Cyrle Productions requested a permit to host art, craft and entertainment faire in City Plaza. The Commission considered the application because the group requested the use of a park area for multiple days and for more than 10-hours.

Commissioner Emmerich requested that the year be corrected to 2013 on the 9/30/13 meeting agenda annotation.

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda as submitted. **MADE BY:** Ober. **SECOND:** Traulsen. **AYES:** 6 (Brentwood, Emmerich, Herrera, Ober, Rood and Traulsen). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 1 (Moravec).

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – None

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1. Permit Application for the Endangered Species Faire at One Mile Recreation Area on May 3, 2014

Staff gave a brief update on this annual event. The Butte Environmental Council has changed the location of the event to One Mile Recreation Area from Cedar Grove. They expect approximately 3,000 participants. The BPPC is considering the application because the event is longer than 10-hours. **Recommendation:** Approval of permit with conditions.

MOTION: Approve the permit with conditions. **MADE BY:** Rood. **SECOND:** Traulsen. **AYES:** 6 (Brentwood, Emmerich, Herrera, Ober, Rood and Traulsen). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 1 (Moravec).

4.2. Permit Application for the Orchard Church to Hold Weekly BBQ in City Plaza, Multiple Days

The applicant, Orchard Church, has held this type of event for 6 years and at the request of the Park Division submitted a permit to hold their BBQs which feeds the hungry each Sunday in City Plaza from 5:45 pm to 8:15 pm. The BPPC asked a variety of questions related to the event and impacts. Commissioner Ober stated the event was unprecedented in the weekly scheduling and asked how often evaluations would be conducted. Parks and Natural Resources Manager Efseaff described that every event held in the Park is evaluated at the time they are conducted. He further stated that based on the Chico Municipal Code the Park Division can revoke an applicant's permit if safety or health issues become a concern. The event evaluations will provide staff with information that can be reported back to the BPPC on a quarterly basis. Our staff started keeping a City Plaza log of events and issues in the Plaza.

Pastor Jim Culp of Orchard Church stated that the event has been held since 2008 and that the numbers served has almost doubled in the past 2 years. They serve between 6 to 7 pm and they have a team of volunteers who do cleanup.

FROM THE PUBLIC:

Dave Blau stated that the park and greenways are moving into a crisis and that feeding invites homeless into town. For the City to sanction this makes the situation worse and increases the problem. Should be considering what works for the other residents. Have them feed people at their Church or at a patron's house. Chico is becoming like Santa Cruz.

Pastor Culp stated that Orchard Church has moved 8 people out by helping them get back on their feet.

Commissioner Brentwood recommended that the permit be allowed on a monthly basis and not for the whole year so that evaluations can be done monthly. Commissioner Rood asked about what would happen if events at the Plaza were to overlap? Parks and Natural Resources Manager Dan Efseaff stated that the reservation is on a first come first serve basis. Public Works Director Ruben Martinez suggested that adding a 9th condition where by the applicant would work with staff to solve the scheduling conflict if another applicant needed to reserve the Plaza at the same time

Pastor Culp stated the issue of double booking events should not raise an issue that Orchard Church would just give sandwiches out of backpacks instead of a full set up. He stated concern that to have a monthly permit would double their application expenses and would not be affordable for them. Park staff responded that some events would not be suitable for dual occupancy and that staff would need to work with the applicant.

Commissioner Ober expressed concern about the duration of the Church's weekly schedule. Commissioner Rood inquired as to how a permit is rescinded and staff said that the Chico Municipal Code provides an extensive list at all levels if the event does not comply.

MOTION: Approve permit for Orchard Church to conduct public feeding of the hungry in City Plaza on Sundays following the conditions in the staff report and reducing the permit to three months with the ability to renew the application upon staff and BPPC review. Friendly amendment offered (Chair Lisa Emmerich) and accepted (Brentwood) to direct staff to develop an additional condition to allow other events in the plaza in the event that a schedule conflict arises. **MADE BY:** Brentwood. **SECOND:** Rood. **AYES:** 6 (Brentwood, Emmerich, Herrera, Ober, Rood and Traulsen). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** Moravec.

4.3. Discussion about Volunteer Partnerships with the City of Chico to Help the Park (Verbal Report)

At its 08/26/13 meeting, upon request of Commissioner Ober, moved to agendaize a public discussion of options for public and private entities to partner with the City to help the Park. With the temporary closure of Caper Acres, several groups have stepped forward with varying remedies of how to help the Park Division take care of the City's parks. Commissioner Ober gave a brief background on the subject. He stated that the public discussion has come about due to the reduction of staff and the City's budget situation affecting the City's ability to maintain the Park. The group known as Caper Acres Volunteers has had well attended meetings and have been adjusting their goals.

FROM THE PUBLIC:

Abigail Lopez of Caper Acres Volunteers stated that the group had met last Friday and discussed their overall goals of keeping Caper Acres opened, safe and maintained. She said the group's main focus would be fundraising and that e Chico Breakfast Lion's Club wanted to work with them toward this goal. They were considering doing a Fall Festival fundraiser in November.

Chair Emmerich thanked the group for their raising funds and helping. She inquired as to how they would work with the City.

Park staff explained that the Park Division would soon initiate a Master Plan for Caper Acres revitalization and that over the next several months the whole of Caper Acres would be looked at and the group's fundraising focus would be very helpful. He stated the kickoff for the Caper Acres Capital Campaign planning would be at the Natural Resources Committee meeting on October 10, 2013 at 6 pm. Staff also explained that a Park donations fund was already set up and that Caper Acres funds can be earmarked only for the playground's use.

Ms. Lopez said that she would work with Park staff and that they would like to get a list of needs for Caper Acres from staff.

Bruce Main of Breakfast Lions Club stated support for the Caper Acres process and helping out at the facility.

Chris Bolshazy, representative from SEIU, thanked Commissioner Ober and Ms. Lopez for bringing the issue of volunteer help forward. He stated that there are certain technical aspects that have to be done by the City's maintenance crew. He said that agreements or contracts that deals with trees or the staff should be brought before the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission so that they could do their duty.

Karen Laslo asked if the Caper Acres Volunteers would only be working for the playground and that there is so much to do throughout the whole Park. She recommended that the Lion's Club and CAV group work with the Bidwell Park Foundation to raise money for all of the Park.

Commissioner Ober stated that the group had been involved with Tom Barrett of the Bidwell Park Foundation about general fundraising.

5. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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Charles Withunh stated that he felt the City was going down the wrong path and that more input from local arborists was needed to care for the Urban Forest. He said the Urban Forest Management Plan is a good start but that it needs more input. Mr. Withunh proposes a new volunteer group of arborists to review tree conditions before one is removed. He would also like to see better citizen notification of when trees will be removed, enforcement of current city codes and if we cut one tree down then we need to replant another one.

Elaina McReynolds stated that due to safety issues in the Park that volunteers needed to receive more safety training.

Commissioner Herrera requested that staff provide updates on contracts that affect the Trades and Crafts staff members or trees or the privatization of services.

Public Works Director Martinez stated that the tree pruning was an annual contract and that the money was already budgeted.

6. REPORTS

6.1. Policy Advisory Committee Report – Commissioner Ober

Commissioner Ober provided a report on the Policy Advisory Committee Meeting of 09/19/13. He stated that Empire Golf, the Bidwell Golf Club's contractor, had submitted a proposal as well as Council member Randall Stone requesting the BPPC consider allowing the sale of alcohol at the Bidwell Park Municipal Golf Course. Empire Golf projects that there will be a healthy increase in revenue to the golf club, which will also mean more revenue to the City. Increased revenues would be used toward golf course and club improvements. Several citizens expressed concern that the City abide by Annie Bidwell's intent spelled out in the original deed to not allow alcohol in the Park. The PAC supported sending this to the full Commission for further discussion and consideration and have staff look into some issues regarding how the Club/Contractor would handle sales and training staff; whether the City should look into a changed formula for revenue from the Club. Commissioner Ober also asked whether gate closures and Park

hours might affect Club events. The issue will be brought back to the BPPC at the regularly scheduled October meeting.

FROM THE PUBLIC

Karen Laslo expressed concern that that other Park entities may wish to sell alcohol at their sites and that after Club events there may be drunk drivers to worry about. She hates seeing Annie Bidwell's request ignored just for money.

Commissioner Herrera asked for clarification of the process for this item. Park staff stated that the BPPC would consider the issue and could 1) recommend to Council; 2) Reject it and it would not be forwarded to Council; and 3) Make no recommendation and Council would hear the issue.

6.2. Special Report 2012 Year End Monitoring Report for the Peregrine Point Disc Golf Long Course

Park staff explained that this is the 2012 Monitoring Report and that it has been delayed due to backlog of Park issues as well as some in surveying by North State Resources. Information is gathered from the botanical surveys of Blue Oaks, Bidwell Knotweed and Butte County Checkerbloom; Ranger observations; wet weather usage; and photo points. Lot of information to compile, synthesize and then analyze. Staff will be placing a bollard at Hole 1 with a Closed Sign on it so if visitors are playing the course when it is closed; they can be cited for the violation. [FILL IN MOST SALIENT POINTS]

FROM THE PUBLIC

Karen Laslo is sad about the blue oak damage and asked how the wet weather closures are being enforced? She asked about the Peregrine falcon situation as well.

Park Staff stated that last year's strategy was to focus on education and enforce the worst offenders. Over time, the focus will shift toward enforcement.

Woody Elliott said that the Peregrine falcons have been around since 2005 but are not known to have nested there. Some have nested at the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve near 14 Mile House Road. He requested that the data from 2013 be released earlier and to put the 2013 Botanical and Blue Oak data on the Park website. He stated that the mulch issue is really important part of the adaptive management despite the transportation issue. Also requested that staff look into working with CalTrans about putting a open/closed sign for the disc golf course down on Bruce Road so that players would not make the drive up if the course is closed.

6.3. Park and Natural Resources Manager's Report - Dan Efseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager

Park staff has been working with the Butte County Sheriff's Work Alternative Program on camp assessments and monthly cleanups. Council approve the BPPC's Workplan in September and that the Wet Weather Plan would come to the BPPC next monthly meeting. ServPro extended their volunteer service through November 1st. Staff is working with the Alternative Prison Program representative on whether their crew can help fill in for basic cleaning services along the lines of ServPro's work to free up Park maintenance for other Park projects. Reviewed the park staffing memorandum to provide a full picture of where the Park Division was and is currently in its staffing levels and responsibilities.

FROM THE PUBLIC

Charles Withunh suggested we look into hiring Americorps volunteers.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:31 to the next regular meeting on October 28, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

Date Approved: / / .

Prepared By:

Lise Smith-Peters, Park Services Coordinator

Date

Distribution: BPPC



DATE: 10/23/2013
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission
FROM: Lise Smith-Peters, Park Service Analyst/Volunteer Coordinator
SUBJECT: 4.1. Consideration of Alcohol Sales at the Bidwell Park Municipal Golf Course.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff seeks that the BPPC 1) consider whether the Bidwell Park Municipal Golf Course should be exempted from the current ban on alcohol in Bidwell Park; and 2) review of the proposal from the Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc (BPGCI) and Empire Golf to sell alcohol on the premises and consider additional lease conditions. Any changes to the current policy would require City Council review and action to change the Chico Municipal Code.

BACKGROUND

In August 2013, the City Council directed the BPPC to review and make a recommendation on allowing the sale of alcohol at the Bidwell Park Municipal Golf Course. Park staff received a proposal on August 16, 2013, from Empire Golf (see Attachment, "Proposal for Alcoholic Beverage Licensing for the Bidwell Park Golf Course"). The Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) met on 9/10/13, where Rod Metzler from Empire Golf provided an overview of the Proposal and members of the public provided input (see Exhibit 1).

At the 9/26/13 BPPC meeting, Park staff and Commissioner Ober presented a report from that PAC meeting (Exhibit 2) on this subject. The report summarizes Empire Golf's proposal and comments from both proponents and opponents of the sale of alcohol at the golf course.

The City of Chico started the Bidwell Park Golf Course in 1927. A nonprofit entity, the Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc. first entered into a lease agreement with the City of Chico in 1982 and, in October 2012, a new updated lease between the two entities went into affect. Empire Golf began its partnership with the BPGCI in the Fall of 2012 with the start of the new lease. Empire Golf manages six golf course properties in northern California, all of which offer full food and beverage services, including alcohol sales.

DISCUSSION

Currently, the Chico Municipal Code (CMC) under Article II Rules for Alcoholic Beverages 12R.04.030, 12R.04.040, and 12R.04.050 prohibits manufacturing, selling, possessing, gifting or consuming alcohol in the Park. The Bidwell Park Master Management Plan does not discuss the allowance of alcohol use in the Park. Alcohol use was allowed in specific areas of the Park prior to the adoption of restrictions to sale, gifting and consumption of alcohol in the City's parks in 1995.

If recommended for Council consideration and the Council exempts the golf course (from the alcohol ban), the Chico Municipal Code will need to be changed to allow for such use (adopt revisions to CMC 12R). Any special conditions could be applied as an amendment to the lease. Once in place, then the BPGCI would need to apply for a liquor license through the CA Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. The Chico Police Department will conduct a review and the BPGCI's application would also require Council consideration. If the Commission does not move approval of alcohol sales, then the proposal will not be forwarded to the City Council.

If alcohol sales are allowed at the Bidwell Park Golf Course, then such questions listed below should be taken into account and acted upon if warranted. Empire Golf has submitted responses to some of the questions posed below and is attached as Exhibit 3.

1. Will the entire leased area be under the Alcoholic Beverage Control application or will alcohol only be allowed inside the Clubhouse?
2. Will it be a licensed premise only and will not allow for off site sales (thus, alcohol cannot be purchased to take outside the golf course grounds)?

3. Will alcohol will be sold only during the Club Food service hours? Would the Club apply for a “on-sale general eating place” license? What allowances are made for special events, such as weddings, tournaments, banquets or other events? Will the Golf Club be restricted to park gate and Ranger hours?
4. What controls will be in place? As spelled out in the Empire Golf Proposal (p. 3), the food and beverage staff will be trained using a recognized responsible alcohol service program. How will alcohol consumption be monitored, managed and controlled such that abuses are limited to the greatest extent feasible? If alcohol is allowed on the golf course, who will monitor and manage patrons?
5. Does the golf course propose to allow glass containers in outdoor areas (which would also require a code change exemption)? And, if not, how will the rule be enforced?
6. Should the percentage rent equation be changed in what the BPGC pays monthly to the City to accommodate this change in code and cost to the City?

If the BPPC moves to support the proposal and exemption, Staff recommends that some special conditions be added to the lease to make explicit any limitations. In addition, once the ABC liscence is developed, the Course will have to receive City approval on any remodeling to the facility.

Staff expects that additional conditions or questions may arise through the public discussion process. Some conditions that could be added include:

1. Hours of operation,
2. Limits on off-site sales,
3. Continued restriction on glass.
4. Training of staff.

Applicant has been responsive to staff questions on the proposal, and any conditions are likely to simply reflect the applicant’s responses to questions.

Fiscal Impact

The Course anticipates additional revenue from the sale of alcohol, but also from estimated additional rounds of golf, food sales, and facility rentals. Any revenue increases will incrementally increase revenue earned by the City of Chico. While staff did research other revenue sharing options with other municipalities, the arrangement at the Golf Course is somewhat unique. Given the nature of the non-profit entity and current agreement with the City, net proceeds after expenses go into improvements to the golf course. The applicant and not the City will be burdened with meeting ABC requirements.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1: Policy Advisory Committee Packet of 9/10/13 (Includes Staff report and Empire Golf’s “Proposal for Alcoholic Beverage Licensing for the Bidwell Park Golf Course”;

Exhibit 2: BPPC Staff Report from the PAC meeting (9/30/13); and

Exhibit 3: Empire Golf’s “Response to Additional Questions from BPPC”.

Distribution: BPPC Distribution



DATE: 09/12/13
TO: Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)
FROM: Lise Smith-Peters, Park Services Coordinator
SUBJECT: Consideration of the Sale of Alcohol at the Bidwell Golf Club

Recommendation

Staff seeks input on the sale of alcohol at the Bidwell Golf Club to forward to the full Commission for consideration, and requests that the PAC 1) review and determine findings on the potential of exempting the golf course from the current alcohol ban; and 2) develop a recommendation on the specific proposal for the sale of alcohol.

Background

The City Clerk received an email on July 19, 2013 from Council Member Randall Stone asking that the Council request the BPPC to review the potential for and determine findings on the issue of serving alcohol at the Bidwell Park Municipal Golf Course. On August 6, 2013, the Council moved to forward this request to the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC). Park staff received a proposal on August 16, 2013, from Empire Golf. The Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc (BPGCI) hired Empire to operate the course and club. The attached "Proposal for Alcoholic Beverage Licensing for the Bidwell Park Golf Course" outlines the benefits of increased revenue to the golf club, which will enable the BPGCI to raise needed funds for implementing the Club's 5 year improvement plan, included in their current lease with the City. Empire Golf has liquor licenses at five other golf courses in Northern California (four serve beer, wine, and liquor, and one serves only beer and wine; two properties are on municipally owned land).

At the 8/26/13 BPPC meeting, Parks and Natural Resources Director introduced the issue and the BPPC referred the item to the PAC September meeting.

Staff requests that the Policy Advisory Committee 1) recommend whether the City Municipal Code should be changed to allow alcohol at the Bidwell Park Municipal Golf Course (BPMGC) and for the BPGCI to pursue an ABC license; and 2) identify any conditions that should be applied to the lessee. The PAC will review and identify issues related to this request, and produce a recommendation on the proposal to the BPPC. If the BPPC recommends support, the recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration. Depending on the findings, the follow-up action may require a CMC change and possibly changes to the City-Golf Club lease conditions.

a. History

The City of Chico started the Bidwell Park Golf Course in 1927. A nonprofit entity, the Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc. first entered into a lease agreement with the City of Chico in 1982 and, in October 2012, a new updated lease between the two entities went into affect. Empire Golf began its partnership with the BPGCI in the Fall of 2012 with the start of the new lease.

Annie Bidwell made a series of land donations to the City to be used for the benefit of the people of Chico, much of which formed present day Bidwell Park. The deeds contained various restrictions, including prohibiting the making or selling of alcohol, and a reversion clause that would force the reversion of the lands to Annie's heirs upon a violation of the conditions.

What is not well known, however, is that through the probate of Annie's estate in the 1930's, the reversionary interests of the Bidwell heirs was sold and purchased by a title company. Later, in or around 1948, the title company conveyed the reversionary interest to the City. The effect is that the City now owns the donated lands of the Park in fee title, free of the original conditions including the prohibitions regarding alcohol. Up until 1993, alcohol consumption was allowed in various areas of the park and City Plaza.

The Chico Municipal Code under Article II Rules for Alcoholic Beverages 12R.04.030, 12R.04.040, and 12R.04.050 currently prohibits manufacturing, selling, possessing, gifting or consuming alcohol in the Park.

b. Chico Municipal Code Information

Table 1. Chico Municipal Code (CMC) and Resolution Changes Regarding Alcohol use in the Park

<i>In 1993, City Council passed Resolution No. 19 93-94 amending CMC Article II Alcoholic Beverages (Title 12Rs)</i>	
12R.04.030 Alcoholic Beverages – Manufacture and Sale – Prohibited – Exception.	Making or selling alcohol was prohibited in all parks and playgrounds except public events in Plaza Park (City Plaza) with conditions.
12R.04.040 Alcoholic beverages – Gift – Prohibited – exception in Cedar Grove.	Alcohol could be given away at Cedar Grove.
12R.04.050 Alcoholic beverages – Consumption and possession within designated areas – Prohibited	No person shall possess an open container of alcohol or consume alcohol within park streets and roadways in all city parks/playgrounds nor within the boundaries of Five Mile Recreation Area; One Mile Dam Recreation area; Caper Acres Playground; City Plaza (between the hours of 10 pm to sunrise); Children’s Playground; Junction Park, Ringel Park, or within Upper Park Road or within parking lot areas F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T and U.
<i>In 1995, the City Council passed Resolution No. 9 95-96 amending the 12Rs, which simplified the wording of the CMC Title 12Rs Article II and made the use of alcohol more restrictive.</i>	
12R.04.030 Alcoholic beverages – Manufactured and sale – Prohibited	Total ban on making and selling alcohol in any park or playground in the city.
12R.04.040 Alcoholic beverages – Gift - Prohibited	No exceptions, no one can give away alcohol in any park or playground.
12R.04.050 Alcoholic beverages – Consumption – Prohibited	Prohibited – simplifies the wording to “no person shall consume an alcoholic beverage of any kind or variety in any park or playground in the city.”
<i>In 2001, City Council passed Resolution No. 20 01-02 amended the CMC Title 12R.04.050 to prohibit the “possession of an open container” of an alcoholic beverage in any City park or playground.</i>	

c. Lease Information

The City of Chico and BPGCI signed the most recent lease in the Fall of 2009, and it went into affect in October 2012. There is nothing in the lease that discusses the issue of alcohol sale or use. According to the lease:

Under Section 2. Use of Leased Premises, The BPGCI “agrees it will use the Leased Premises solely for the operation of a public golf course facility. This use shall include the operation and maintenance of the 18-hole golf course, driving range, pro shop, food and beverage facilities, parking facilities, golf cart storage, and Club's office. Services shall include those customarily associated with the operation of Bidwell, including the rental of golf-related equipment, the providing of golf instruction and lessons, and the sale of food, beverages, magazines and newspapers, and such other items as have customarily been served or sold at Bidwell in the past.”

Under Section 2.3 Municipal Park: City reserves the right during the tenure of this Lease to establish reasonable rules and regulations concerning operation of Bidwell Park that are not otherwise inconsistent with tile language and intent of this Lease. Club will comply with such rules and regulations and will, when practical, cooperate with City in the enforcement of such rules and regulations. City may modify, amend or revoke such rules and regulations at any time during the terms of this Lease and agrees to make good faith efforts to advise Club prior to any such modification, amendment or revocation. However, City's good faith failure to advise Club of any such modification, amendment or revocation in advance of such change will not otherwise invalidate City's action.

Currently, the Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc. pays an annual rent of \$30,000 to the City of Chico for the lease of City property and the Club pays an additional amount equal to eight-tenths (0.8%) percentage of Gross Revenues (Percentage Rent) made annually by the Club, concessionaires of the Club and tenants up to \$1,300,000 (one million three hundred thousand dollars) and this graduates to one percent (1%) of Gross Revenues in excess of \$1,300,000 (one million three hundred dollars). From October 2012 through July 2013, this re-numeration amounted to \$1,052,739 (this is under the new lease agreement).

Staff could find no objectives or implementation strategies in the Bidwell Park Master Management Plan (BPMMP) that pertain to this issue.

Discussion

Staff suggests that the PAC consider the following main issues:

1. Whether exempting the Bidwell Park Municipal Golf Course from the current alcohol ban should be considered.
2. The merit of the proposal from BPGCI/Empire Golf
3. Should any special conditions be applied or developed.

Staff suggested the PAC as a venue in order to provide an opportunity for public input, allow the proponent to address any issues or concerns, and identify the information that will help decision-makers. We anticipate that other questions may arise during the discussion, but here are a few initial ones:

1. How does the existing ban on glass impact the Course proposal?
2. Are there any reasonable conditions that should be applied?
3. Does the change warrant a separate look at the compensation related to alcohol sales? Do other entities charge additional fees related to alcohol sales?

Potential Next Steps

When the PAC has made a determination, the full BPPC will consider the matter. If recommended for Council consideration and the Council exempts the golf course (from the alcohol ban), the Chico Municipal Code will need to be updated to allow for such a use (adopts revisions to CMC 12R). Any special conditions could be applied as an amendment to the lease. Once in place, then the BPGCI will need to apply for a liquor license through the CA Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Once the application is in process, the Chico Police Department will conduct a review and the BPGCI's application would also require Council consideration.

If rejected, the proposal will not be forwarded to the City Council.

Fiscal Impact

The Course anticipates additional revenue from the sale of alcohol, but also from potentially additional rounds of golf, food sales, and facility rentals (wedding receptions for example). Any revenue increases will incrementally increase revenue earned by the City of Chico. The applicant and not the City, will be burdened with meeting ABC requirements.

Attachment:

- 1) Council Member Stone's email of 07/19/13;
- 2) Proposed Alcoholic Beverage Licensing for the Bidwell Park Golf Course, by Empire Golf, Inc. - Facility Manager For the Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc.

Distribution: BPPC; Rod Metzler, Empire Golf; Roger Clark, General Manager, Bidwell Golf Club, Inc.; Council Member Randall Stone.

Proposed Alcoholic Beverage Licensing for the



**Proposed Alcoholic Beverage Licensing for the Bidwell Park Golf Course
Presented by Empire Golf, Inc. - Facility Manager
For the Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc.**

Introduction

The Bidwell Park Golf Course is an 18-hole public access golf course located within the boundaries of Bidwell Park in the City of Chico. The Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc operates Bidwell Park Golf Course under a lease agreement with the City. The Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc has contracted with Empire Golf Inc. for the fee management of the facilities. The Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc is a non-profit mutual benefit corporation. As such, all profits from the operation are then reinvested in the facilities, of which the real property is owned by the City of Chico.

Empire Golf Inc. is an established golf course management company based in Northern California, currently operating six golf course properties for municipalities and private ownership. Each of its facilities, with the exception of Bidwell Park offers full food and beverage services, including the sale of alcoholic beverages.

The golf course, with its location within the boundaries of Bidwell Park, is currently prohibited from the selling of alcoholic beverages on the premises, and all users of the golf course and park are prohibited by law to consume or possess alcoholic beverages.

Bidwell Park Golf Course at a Competitive Disadvantage

The Bidwell Park golf course is at a competitive disadvantage with the other golf facilities in the area, all of which offer alcoholic beverages at their locations. The major competitors to Bidwell Park Golf Course are:

- Canyon Oaks Golf Club, Chico – an 18 hole private club - located 4.7 miles from downtown Chico
- Butte Creek Country Club, Chico - an 18 hole private club – located 6.7 miles from downtown Chico
- Tuscan Ridge Golf Course – an 18 hole daily fee golf course - located 9.6 miles from downtown Chico
- Table Mountain Golf Course, Oroville – an 18 hole daily fee golf course - located 24.8 miles from downtown Chico
- Sevillano Links Golf Course – an 18 hole daily fee golf course - located 30 miles from downtown Chico

All of these facilities offer full food and beverage services, including alcoholic beverages, to their customers. The service is offered to both the daily fee player, as well as to groups and special events in the form of banquets for tournaments, corporate outings, and weddings.

Enjoying an alcoholic beverage during or after a round of golf has been a tradition in the game of golf since its inception in Scotland in the 1400's. This tradition is carried on today at golf facilities throughout the world, both publicly and privately owned. It is part of the social and recreational aspect of the "experience" at a golf course - enjoying food and an alcoholic beverage with friends during or after a round of golf.

Precedents for Licensing

Empire Golf, as previously stated, operates six golf course properties in Northern California. Of those six properties all have "On-Sale General Eating Place" alcoholic beverage licenses issued by the State of California, except Bidwell Park Golf Course. These include four that serve beer, wine, and liquor, and one that serves beer and wine only. Three of the properties are located in residential subdivisions; the other two on municipally owned land within the boundaries of a County owned park.

The two properties located inside a municipal park are part of the County of Sacramento, Department of Regional Parks and Recreation park system. One at Ancil Hoffman Golf Course on the American River Parkway, the other at Cherry Island Golf Course which is part of the Dry Creek Parkway. The golf courses' alcoholic beverage sales with the food service at these facilities have co-existed favorably and offer an additional amenity for golfers, bikers, joggers, fisherman, swimmers, soccer complex visitors, and local residents to the parks for over 50 years at Ancil Hoffman, and 23 years at Cherry Island. The typical operating hours of each facility are dawn to an hour after sunset, with the exception of special events such as golf tournaments and/or banquets.

The alcoholic beverage sales are operated in conjunction with the golf course food service and not intended nor operated as an after-hours hangout. In fact the licenses at the two municipal courses are an "On-Sale General Eating Place" with special conditions. It is a type 47 license and under regulation 23824 of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act is available only to applicants that lease municipally owned property; it cannot be sold or transferred to any other location, and the cost for this license is \$6,000. There is no lottery, free market pricing, or other such issues that are typically a part of the purchase of a license. It is also conditioned that the consumption of the alcohol purchased is for the licensed premise only, which would be the golf course property, and cannot be removed from the premises.

The chart (Exhibit 1) depicts golf courses located in municipal parks within California that have separate controls for the consumption or sale of alcoholic beverages or regulations for the park and the golf course.

Advantages of Licensing Controlling Use of Alcoholic Beverages

- There is currently little or no control of alcoholic beverages in the park or at the golf course other than signs, and the occasional ranger patrol. This has created a situation where alcoholic beverages are unlawful but with no licensing in place, also uncontrolled. With the golf course premises area licensed, the Club and management could then control the sale of alcoholic beverages, as well as use of such on the premises. It is currently very common at Bidwell to see empty beer cans and containers in the parking lots and on the golf course which are brought by patrons to the facility.
- All of Empire Golf's food and beverage staff at its managed properties that offer alcoholic beverages are trained in The **ServSafe** Alcohol™ Program which provides the fundamentals of responsible alcohol service.

Community Support

- The Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc, the El Rancho Chico Golf Club, and the Bidwell Park Ladies Club are all in support of the serving of alcoholic beverages at the course. The contacts for each group are as follows:
 - The Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc.
Mr. Roger Clark, President
email rogerclark141@comcast.net
Phone 530.514.9240
 - The Bidwell Park Ladies Golf Club
Ms. Kathleen Seppanen, Treasurer
email kksq@sbcglobal.net
Phone 530.895.0777

- The El Rancho Chico Golf Club
Mr. Craig Fellner, President
email cfellner@sbcglobal.net
Phone 530.894.3298

Economic Impact for the City of Chico and the Bidwell Park Golf Club Inc.

➤ Additional Revenue to the Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc.

- Based on an average dollar per round of golf revenue at other Empire Golf managed, but municipally owned properties, it is estimated total revenue at Bidwell Park Golf Course could be increased by \$300,000-400,000 annually in a three year period. This would be from a number of different revenue centers including:
 - Additional green fee and cart revenue due to increased rounds of golf played
 - Increased tournament and banquet business at the facility
 - Increased daily food and beverage sales
 - Increased golf shop merchandise sales due to the additional rounds of golf played
- The spreadsheet (Exhibit 2) details the projections of additional revenue to Bidwell Park Golf Course; based on a comparison to other Empire Golf managed municipal courses in Northern California.

➤ Additional Commerce to the City of Chico

- The improvement of the facilities and the addition of alcoholic beverage services Bidwell Park will attract business from outside of the area for both daily fee play and tournament groups. These customers are now taking their business to courses out of the City of Chico that offer these services.

➤ Employment

- Increased revenue would translate into the need for additional staff at the facility in all departments at the facility. Empire Golf currently employs 12-15 full time equivalents and this number would increase with these additional services.

➤ **Additional Revenue for the City of Chico**

- The Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc. pays an annual base minimum rent to the City of Chico for the lease of the facility. They also pay rent based on a percentage of the gross sales on a graduating scale; thus as the gross sales from the golf course increase, the rent to the City increases as well.
- The current rent structure paid to the City of Chico is as follows:
 - Base annual rent \$30,000
 - Percentage annual rent of .08% of gross sales up to \$1,300,000.
 - Percentage annual rent of 1% of gross sales exceeding \$1,300,000.
 - **In 2013 the estimated gross sales of the golf course will be \$1,350,000. This will generate \$40,900 in rent to the City of Chico.**
 - **With the additional gross sales projected of \$377,000 from increases in all revenue centers from the sale of alcoholic beverages, the annual rent to the City of Chico would increase to \$44,670 annually.**

➤ **A Chico Community Asset**

- As previously stated the Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc is a non-profit mutual benefit corporation. The Mission Statement of the Golf Club follows:

The Bidwell Park Golf Course Mission Statement

October 6, 2012 began a new era for the Bidwell Park Golf Course. On this date the Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc. (BPGCI) entered into a long-term lease agreement with the City of Chico for the operation of the golf course. The BPGCI is a mutual benefit non-profit corporation. Its sole mission is to provide and promote broad-based opportunities for people of all ages and abilities, to increase and enhance equal access of recreational benefits, to heighten public awareness regarding the healthful rewards of participation in the game of golf, and to continue to serve as a valuable community asset for the residents of Chico.

Founded in 1920, the Bidwell Park Golf Course is rich in history and tradition. In 1982 the BPGCI initially leased the golf course from the City of Chico in an effort to sustain the golf course for future generations. The Club is governed by a Board of Directors elected annually by the members of the BPGCI and who serve without remuneration. The BPGCI has hired Empire Golf Inc. to provide professional management for the day-to-day operation of the facility. Empire Golf is compensated on a fee basis, with all of the revenues from operations of the golf course going directly back to the BPGCI. In turn the proceeds are reinvested toward the ongoing maintenance and improvement of the course and its accompanying amenities.

The facility is blessed with the natural beauty and setting of the park which surrounds it, and provides a respite and relaxing destination. The BPGCI and Empire Golf are committed to providing an exceptional golf experience. Whether on the golf course, in the golf shop, or in the Bidwell Grill, it is our goal to provide personalized service in a tranquil, comfortable setting.

➤ **Capital Improvement Plans and Upgrades**

- An aggressive capital improvement plan has been formulated by the Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc. and Empire Golf. Funding of that plan is dependent on the profitability of the golf course. Increased revenues from the course will allow this plan to be implemented, as well as upgrades to the products and services offered to the public at the facility.
- Some of the projects that have been funded and implemented since the new lease in October 2012 include:
 - #10 fairway - Irrigation renovation and improvement, and tree planting.
 - Cart Storage Facility - Additional storage for 30 golf cars to accommodate the new fleet of electric golf cars.
 - Purchase of 60 new electric golf cars.
 - Clubhouse Landscaping – Complete renovation and new plantings, new signage.
 - Bidwell Grill – Painting of the building interior and installation of (4) 60” flat screen TV’s.
 - Privet Removal – Extensive removal of the privets along Bidwell Creek as well as other parts of the golf course done in conjunction with the City of Chico in their plan to eradicate privets from the Park.
- Future Capital Projects and Plans include:
 - Upgrading of the irrigation system and pump station.
 - Installation of contiguous all weather cart paths throughout the entire course.
 - Course renovation including tee and green surround improvements.
 - Development of a practice facility.

➤ **Summary**

The future is bright for the continued development and improvement of the Bidwell Park Golf Course as a prominent recreational and community asset for the City of Chico. The addition of the ability to serve alcoholic beverages in a controlled environment will have a significant positive economic impact in this development, and offer yet another reason for the Chico community to enjoy this fine public-access recreational amenity.

➤ **Project Contact Information**

For more information or questions on this proposal please contact:

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Empire Golf Inc. - Municipal Courses Under Management - 2012 Revenue Analysis

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Golf Revenue</u>				<u>Food & Beverage Revenue</u>			
	<u>Rounds Played</u>	<u>Golf/Cart Fees</u>	<u>Tournament Groups</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Food/Non-Alcoholic Beverage</u>	<u>Beer/Wine</u>	<u>Liquor</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ancil Hoffman <i>Avg. per round</i>	63,077	\$1,777,584 \$28.18	\$149,518	\$1,927,102	\$251,890 \$3.99	\$162,093 \$2.57	\$46,476 \$0.74	\$460,459 \$7.30
Cherry Island <i>Avg. per round</i>	45,101	\$1,188,979 \$26.36	\$54,747	\$1,243,726	\$131,045 \$2.91	\$97,490 \$2.16	\$24,330 \$0.54	\$252,865 \$5.61
Company Average <i>Avg. per round</i>	54,089	\$1,483,282 \$27.42	\$102,133	\$1,585,414	\$191,468 \$3.54	\$129,792 \$2.40	\$35,403 \$0.65	\$356,662 \$6.59
Bidwell Park * <i>Avg. per round</i>	47,000	\$1,020,600 \$21.71	\$20,000	\$1,040,600	\$105,000 \$2.23	n/a n/a	n/a n/a	\$105,000 \$2.23
* 2013 projected								
Variance to Empire Golf Municipal Course Average <i>Avg. per round</i>	(7,089)	(\$462,682)	(\$82,133)	(\$544,814)	(\$86,468) (\$1.31)	(\$129,792) (\$2.40)	(\$35,403) (\$0.65)	(\$251,662) (\$4.36)

Projected Increase in Rounds/Revenue at Bidwell Park with Alcoholic Beverage Service

Increases from 2013 Projected Revenue	<u>Rounds*</u> <u>Played</u>	<u>Golf/Cart Fees</u>	<u>Tournament**</u> <u>Groups</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>GOLF</u>	<u>Food/Non-Alcoholic Beverage</u>	<u>Beer/Wine</u>	<u>Liquor</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>F&B</u>
	7,050	\$153,090	\$50,000	\$203,090	\$9,206	\$129,698	\$35,377	\$174,281
TOTAL PROJECTED INCREASED ANNUAL REVENUE				\$377,371				

* With a projected annual increase of 15% in overall rounds played due to the availability of alcoholic beverages

** With a projected annual increase of 250% in Tournament Group revenue due to the availability of alcoholic beverages

Golf Courses Licensed to Serve Alcoholic Beverages within California Municipal Parks

City/State Parks	Alcohol Permitted in Park	Golf Course	Alcohol Permitted at Golf Course
Ancil Hoffman Park	No glass/ No Holidays	Ancil Hoffman Golf Course	Beer, Wine & Liquor All Year
Anthony Chabot Park	Limited	Willow Park Golf Course	Beer, Wine & Liquor All Year
Blue Rock Springs Park	Reservation & Permit Only	Blue Rock Spring Park GC	Beer & Wine All Year
Cherry Island Complex (Soccer)	No	Cherry Island Golf Course	Beer, Wine & Liquor All Year
El Chorro Regional Park	Yes	Dairy Creek Golf Course	Beer, Wine & Liquor All Year
Heilmann Regional Park	Yes	Chalk Mountain Golf Course	Beer, Wine & Liquor All Year
Mather Regional Park	Limited	Mather Golf Course	Beer, Wine & Liquor All Year
Micke Grove Park	No	Micke Grove Golf Links	Beer, Wine & Liquor All Year
Morro Bay State Park	Limited	Morro Bay Golf Course	Beer, Wine & Liquor All Year
Tilden Regional Park	No Hard Alcohol & Limited Areas	Tilden Park Golf Course	Beer, Wine & Liquor All Year
William Land Park	Special Permit Only	William Land Golf Course	Beer & Wine All Year

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September 12, 2013

To: Chico City Council
Bidwell Park and Playground Commission Members

Empire Golf has been a contractor for the County of Sacramento since 1991, and as such has provided fee management operations for two (2) of the County owned golf courses - Cherry Island and Ancil Hoffman.

Both golf facilities are located within County Parkways, one in the Dry Creek Parkway and the other in the American River Parkway. Both parkways have restrictions on the use of alcoholic beverages within the parkways, but the golf courses are exempt from those restrictions.

Empire Golf operates full food and beverage services at both locations, along with alcoholic beverage sales. At each location the licensee with the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control is Empire Golf Inc., and as such is responsible for the sale and consumption of alcohol on the golf course property, which is the licensed premise.

In the 20 plus years, the County of Sacramento has had this arrangement with Empire Golf there has never been an alcohol related incident in the parkway areas that stemmed from the sale of alcoholic beverages at the golf courses. Empire Golf has done an exemplary job of enforcing and controlling the use of alcohol on their licensed premises. The golf course alcoholic beverage sales are an amenity for the golf course, as well as a source of revenue for the County.

Should you have any questions regarding the contractual arrangement with Empire Golf, and the sale of alcoholic beverages at the golf courses, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jimmie R. Yee".

JIMMIE R. YEE
Board of Supervisor, District 2



DATE: 9/23/2013
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission
FROM: Policy Advisory Committee/Park Division Staff
SUBJECT: Staff Report from PAC 09/19/13 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Rich Ober called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Attendees: Commissioners present: Rich Ober, Drew Traulsen; Mark Herrera (Absent) and Park Staff present: Dan Efeaff, Parks and Natural Resources Manager, and Lise Smith-Peters, Park Services Coordinator. Public: Courtney Foster (BPGC staff), Barry Woolf, Phil Jones (BPGC), Roger Clark (BPGCI President), Mike Vadney, Spencer Riemer (BPGC), Jane Turney, Ken Petrucelli (BPGC), Craig Ploesch (BPGC), Maury Ledoyen (El Rancho Golf Club), Glen Bleske (El Rancho Golf Club), Elta Parsons (BPGC), Gary Pederson (BPGC), Barbara Lutz (BPGC); Jack L. Lutz (BPGC), Richard Gitelson, Roger Steel (BPGC), Dustin Freitas, Craig Fuller (BPGC), John C. Anderson (BPGC), Pat Goodwin (BPGC), Victorio Birdsey, Darrell Hands (BPGC), Geoffrey , Meagan Webb, Katie Jorgensen, Ashley Powell, Nicholas Hernandez, Mary Ssafraley, Meagan Dallas, Nicole Lee, James Aguirre, Bee Thao, Patricia DeSantia, Phil and Regina Hoff.

2. REGULAR AGENDA

2.1. Consideration and Input on the Sale of Alcohol at the Bidwell Golf Club.

Park staff provided a brief background on the request for the sale of alcohol at the Bidwell Park Municipal Golf Course. At their 08/06/13 meeting, the City Council moved to forward a request from Council Member Randall Stone requesting the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC) "review the potential and determine findings for the Council" on the issue of serving alcohol at the Bidwell Park Municipal Golf Course. Park staff received a proposal, from Empire Golf on August 16 on the issue. The BPPC referred it to the Policy Advisory Committee at its regular meeting on August 26, 2013.

Staff reported some of the history behind the Bidwell deed that now no longer applies to the sale or making of alcohol in the Park. The City in the 1990s did revise the Chico Municipal Code (CMC) several times with the result being the current CMC, Article II Rules for Alcoholic Beverages 12R.04.030, 12R.04.040, and 12R.04.050 prohibits manufacturing, selling, possessing, gifting or consuming alcohol in the Park.

Staff reiterated that the Policy Advisory Committee has been asked to *1) review and determine findings on the potential of exempting the golf course from the current alcohol ban; and 2) develop a recommendation on the specific proposal for the sale of alcohol.*

Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc. (BPGCI), the non-profit, that leases the golf course and facility from the City has contracted out to Empire Golf, a golf course management company, to run the day to day operations of the Club and course. Empire Golf manages six golf course properties in northern California, all of which offer full food and beverage services, including alcohol sales. Empire Golf CEO Rod Metzler presented information on his company's experience with operating 5 additional golf courses (two are owned by municipalities) and their experience with clubs that sell alcohol. He explained the expected increase in revenues based on the history of their other facilities, and the ability to provide control of alcohol consumption on the Bidwell Park premises. Mr. Metzler stated that the BPGCI is at a disadvantage when compared with the other golf courses within Chico city limits as well as those in Butte County that are able to sell alcohol. Empire Golf will provide BPGCI and Empire staff with the "Safe Serve" curriculum used by entities that serve alcohol.

Some of the ideas expressed through comments from public attendees:

- The sale of alcohol would increase the social gatherings at the Bidwell Park Municipal Golf Course and groups may choose to stay around longer if they are able to purchase alcohol. It will add to a better quality of life for retirees.
- Concerned that if the BPGCI is allowed to serve alcohol that other Park leasees may follow suit in requesting to serve alcohol and that the staff and BPPC should be prepared for this discussion to come forward if this is allowed to proceed. Also believes that the increased revenue paid out by the BPGCI should go directly to the Park Division and not to the City's general fund.
- Alcohol is already at the golf course it is just not controlled. There are no other commercial entities like the BPGCI in the Park and the increased revenue will be used to help the golf course.
- Training of golf course staff and course volunteer ambassadors will be increased, which will help in the control of alcohol use on the course. There have been few incidents involving alcohol at the golf course and it should help bring business to the City as golfers attend tournaments and banquets.
- Important business model that will help increase revenue for the City property.
- Safer if it is regulated.
- We should follow the Bidwell's original deed, which stated that alcohol could not be made or sold in the Park – this was an original restriction that should still be respected.
- The Master Management Plan did not discuss the issue of alcohol because it was banned by CMC at the time the plan was produced.
- The BPGC is trying to stay afloat during tough economic times for all (golf courses included) and the choice may be further Club debt and have the property revert back to the City if the BPGCI does not have a way of increasing revenue and user-ship of the course.
- Consider the spirit in which the land was given, respect the Bidwell's wishes.
- This is the one leasee relationship in which the entity pays the City, and additional revenue is used for the upkeep and improvement of the City's property/asset.
- Encourage the revenues made from the sale of alcohol go to the Park Division and not to the general fund.

The PAC supported sending this to the full Commission for further discussion and consideration. Some ideas that they would like staff to look into prior to bringing the issue to the BPPC are:

- 1) Specifics on where alcohol would be allowed, ie. just in the Clubhouse, on the golf course, etc.
- 2) What controls would be in place?
- 3) What training would take place for controlling how alcohol consumption is monitored, managed and controlled such that abuses are limited to the greatest extent feasible?
- 4) Should the percentage rent equation be changed in what the BPGC pays monthly to the City to accommodate this change in code and cost to the City?

Staff explained that if the BPPC decides to support the BPGCI's request then it will go to Council for consideration. If the Council exempts the golf course from the Park's alcohol ban, the Chico Municipal Code will have to be changed to allow for such a use (adopt revisions to CMC 12R). Special conditions could be applied as an amendment to the lease. The BPGCI will need to apply for a liquor license through the CA Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. The Chico Police Department will conduct a review of the BPGCI's application for a liquor license, which would also require Council consideration.

In the event the BPPC were to reject the exemption of the BPGCI, the proposal will not be forwarded to the City Council.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR -- NONE

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Attachments:

Distribution: BPPC

**Response to Additional Questions from BPPC
For the Meeting of October 28, 2013
Empire Golf, Inc – Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc**

ABC Application (areas of coverage)

Under the ABC application “licensed premises” would include the entire property leased from the City of Chico by the Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc. Property to include clubhouse area and all 18 holes of the golf course. An area that did not include all of the golf course would partially negate the ability to control the use of alcoholic beverages on the course, as it currently exists, which is a significant part of the proposal.

Glass enforcement at the golf course

We will not be proposing the allowance of glass in outdoor areas. In an effort to control glass at the golf course we would not be selling or allowing glass bottles anywhere on the facility, interior or exterior.

Training

All of Empire Golf facilities utilize the ServSafe Alcoholic Beverage training program. This program requires all of our staff members who serve alcoholic beverages to be certified. Ongoing training also includes the review of these policies and training at staff safety meetings on a regular basis. The ServSafe Alcohol program prepares managers, bartenders, cooks, servers, hosts, bussers, valets, bouncers and all front-of-house staff to effectively and safely handle difficult situations in your operation. We prepare our staffs with responsible alcohol training from a trusted and experienced source, the National Restaurant Association.

Off Site Sales

The sale of alcoholic beverages at Bidwell Park Golf Course will be limited to use on Bidwell Park Golf Course premises only. The Golf Course and Grill are public entities and people are allowed and encouraged to stop in for lunch and/or drinks while visiting the park. It is also a condition of licensing that the consumption of the alcohol purchased is for the “licensed premise only”, which would be the golf course property, and cannot be removed from the premises.

Hours of Operation

At Bidwell Park Golf Course, as with other Empire Golf managed facilities, the typical operating hours are dawn to an hour after sunset daily, with the exception of special events such as golf tournaments and / or banquets. The alcoholic beverage sales are operated in conjunction with the golf course food service and are not operated as an after-hours hangout. The current park closing time is 10 p.m., any functions or special events at the golf course would be required to adhere to this time limitation.

Allowance for Wedding / Events

We would like allowance for weddings and other events as these are large revenue centers. The park setting warrants phone calls for weddings on a monthly basis. However, the prohibition of alcohol stops all conversations. As per our hours of operation most of these events would fall within our already stated time frames. Location of such wedding events would be held within the stipulated boundaries of the golf course.

Necessary Remodeling

We would definitely need to do some minor renovations to the inside of the clubhouse building. Renovations to include the addition of a bar counter, cooler box, keg taps and a walk in refrigerator at a minimum. Any improvements that would require approvals from the City would of course be done prior to implementation. As all improvements to the golf course become an asset of the City of Chico, this would only increase the value of the facilities.

Empire Golf Inc



DATE: 10/17/13
 TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)
 FROM: Dan Efseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager
 SUBJECT: Review of Interim Wet Weather Use Policy

Recommendation

Staff recommends BPPC review of the 2012-2013 data and review and comment on the draft “Adaptive Wet Weather Trail Management Plan”. The revised plan will be considered for adoption.

Background

For many years, an informal method was used to determine whether trails in Middle and Upper Park were open to equestrians and mountain bicycles. No restrictions are currently placed on pedestrians. At its 9/28/09 meeting, the Commission reviewed and discussed a new procedure, developed with the help of Chico Environmental, to determine whether trails for equestrian and bicycle use, more recently Hwy 32 disc golf course play, should be curtailed during wet weather in Middle and Upper Bidwell Park. The methodology uses a quantitative approach using information on the amount of rain fall, soil moisture, and on-site analysis for a site in the Horseshoe Lake area for Middle and Upper Bidwell Park and the Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course Area/Trailhead on Highway 32.

In December 2012, the BPPC examined the year end report and authorized changes to the plan. Attached to this report, is a revised “Wet Weather Trails Management Plan” that represents the latest evolution of the protocol.

The revised plan relies on weather data from the US Forest Service Chico weather Station (CHI). The protocol uses a trigger of 0.25” to close trails and the Peregrine Point Course. A trail assessment is used to open the trails and course.

Adoption of the plan will satisfy the BPPC workplan priority 2 -Finalize Wet Weather Plan.

The adaptive nature of the plan called for the review of the data and a report back to the BPPC summarizing the data collection, and providing recommendations. This report provides a summary of the year.

Data Collection

During the 2012-2013 season, park rangers conducted an assessment of the Upper/Middle Park trails and the Peregrine Point Disc Golf course to determine trail openings and closings. Data collected included: observer id; time; Chico weather station precipitation (available at the California Data Exchange, <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/>); rain forecast exceeding 70%; footstep imprints (Horseshoe Lake and Hwy 32/Disc Golf); comments, and trail/disc golf status (open or closed). At the end of the year, additional information was downloaded (daily average temperature, daily rainfall amount, and cooling degree day).

Results

We provide a monthly summary of trail closure dates and weather conditions (Table 1) and trail closures versus daily precipitation (PPT) and average temperature for both sites (Figures 3 and 4) from October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013. The last monitoring report recommended this monitoring period (10/1 to the following 9/30).

A summary of the closings and days of precipitation are presented in Table 1 and is compared to past reports

Table 1. Summary of Closures Between Years.

Measure	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Days in Monitoring Period	242	396	433	365
Days Upper and Middle	139 (57%)	148 (37%)	69 (16%)	72 (20%)

Measure	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Park trails closed to bikes and equestrians				
Days Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course closed	131 (54%)	157 (40%)	67 (16%)	67 (18%)
Days with PPT	83 (34%)	97 (24%)	60 (14%)	55 (15%)
Days with PPT >0.25"	37 (10%)	43 (11%)	32 (7%)	28 (8%)
Average Daily Rainfall (inch/day)	0.12	0.09	0.05	0.07

Like 2011-2012, 2012-2013 was dry year with far fewer closures than in past years. Some observations are noted below (where noted the data were analyzed using Minitab statistical software:

1. Only 3 trail closures occurred during the dry season (May-September).
2. November (12), December (30) and January (12) contained the highest number of closure days.
3. The Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course was open 6 more days (5 in January and 1 in November) and closed 1 day more (in early March following a 0.2 of precipitation) than the Trails. The data was suggestive (not significant) of a difference ($p = 0.059$). Last year, we observed no statistical difference between the closures of trails and the disc golf course.
4. This amounted to a total of 17 closures that averaged 4.24 days with the longest at 27 days (December), there were 6 one day closures.
5. The public appears to have better compliance with wet weather policies. For example, based on the 2012 monitoring report (Chico 2013), staff observed that the the ratio between average number of vehicles between open (5.9) and closed (2.6) observations were 2.3 at the Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course. In 2012, that ratio increased to 6.5 (the open day average increased while the closed day average decreased). Staff observations suggest that unauthorized use still occurs in the Park; however, overall compliance during wet weather appears to be improving and they expect it to continue over time as we ramp up education and enforcement and improve signage and education.
6. There was no statistical difference ($p = 0.94$) between the daily precipitation (starting at midnight) and the 24 hour precipitation (counted from the time of the assessment) from the Chico weather station (CHI). In other words, it is unlikely that use of the 24 hour data would have resulted in any difference in the number of days trails were closed.
7. Developing a predictive model from the 2012-2013 data remained elusive with the footprint assessment showing highly correlated with trail closures. The best regression equation ($p < 0.001$) using stepwise techniques was $I_Tri_Status = 0.00687 + 0.951 HL_I_footsteps$ and can explain 91.6% of the data (R-Sq). Interestingly, average temperature and precipitation did not add much explanatory value to the data

2012-2013 Accomplishments

In addition, some recommendations from last years report were implemented, these include:

1. Staff adopted proposed protocol changes related to data use and downloading weather information from (available through <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/> using the query tool and station CHI).
2. Completion of revisions to the City Municipal Code that included clarifying language on trail and area closures.
3. Staff contacted CALTRANS regarding a trail and disc golf course status sign at Highway 32 and Bruce Road, but did were not able to receive permission to erect a sign there (we received conflicting information on what was possible in the right of way).
4. Trail status notification continues on the webpage (http://www.chico.ca.us/General_Services_Department/Park_Division/Bidwell_Park.asp), trail hotline ((530) 896-7899), park signs, the Park Division Facebook Page (<http://www.facebook.com/CityofChicoParks>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/ChicoParks>).
5. We continued education efforts to help the public comply with the wet weather closures. Focal points include Monkey Face and additional signage and attention to the Disc Golf Course.
6. Report to the public and BPPC on an annual basis (this report). This annual report is based on "water year" (October to September).
7. Completed the Adaptive Wet Weather Trail Management Plan (Revised 2013), (attached). The revised plan is based on the "Interim (Adaptive) Wet Weather Management Plan" (CESP [Chico Environmental Science and Planning] 2009) and recommendations from past reviews. Although the document should be reviewed in its entirety, some notable changes include:

- Addition of the Upper Park Road closure protocol to the plan. A key change is that the road closure is tied in with the closure of trails providing an opportunity for trail users to use the road without car traffic when the trails are closed.
- Defined a new trail assessment route for the Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course to better capture disc golf fairway conditions on the long course.

Upcoming Actions

1. Continue education efforts (awareness of wet weather damage, wet weather options) and also increase enforcement (cite violators) of closures.
2. Explore compiled data from all years to:
 - a. Compare trail and disc golf closures since the closure policy went into affect. The simplification of the closure (trails closed to bikes and equestrians, and the disc golf course closed at the same time) holds some appeal for consistency and communication to the public. We did not observe a statistical difference between the trails and disc golf closure in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 (both dry years).
 - b. Explore the use of a model that might provide an estimated opening date. Variables for the model may include: evapotranspiration, temperature, and days to last rainfall, Butte Creek flow, and precipitation. The information could be listed on the web page (i.e. "Estimated number of days for trail opening: 3."). A preliminary evaluation of the 2012-2013 data revealed no predictive model of value.
3. Tied in with the item above: the data for closing the trails is simple, objective and easy to apply (rainfall exceeds 0.25") ; however the criteria for opening is subject to additional variables (weather conditions (temperature, wind, cloud cover, humidity, etc) soil conditions, recent events, day length, water demand of plants, etc) and is not clear cut. Staff have used the concept of a thick bath towel, left out in the rain, and hung outside in the shade--when it dries the trails are likely to be open. We would like to explore some rules of thumb that can be applied that can help plan when the trails might open.
4. Revisit current closure areas (all trails in Middle and Upper Park) with the completion of the Trails Plan and further trails work (i.e. look at trails that may be permissible to allow access during wet conditions).
8. Follow-up with CALTRANS regarding sign on Highway 32.

Table 1. 2012-2013 Monthly Summary of Chico Weather Data and Trail Closures.

Month		Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Summary	Total
		10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
Days	In Month	31	30	31	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30		365
	with PPT	3	9	16	7	2	6	4	2	3	0	0	2		54
	Rainfall > 0.25 in	3	6	10	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	2		27
	Road Closed*	12	17	30	31	28	31	23	2	1	13	14	13		215
	Trails Closed	4	12	30	12	3	5	3	0	1	0	0	2		72
	PP Disc Golf Closed	4	11	30	7	3	6	3	0	1	0	0	2		67
Ave. Daily Temp. (oF)		64	54	46	43	49	57	63	69	76	81	77	71		62.58
Average CDD (50F)		15	6	1	1	3	8	14	20	28	33	28	22		14.98
Ave. Daily Rainfall (in.)		0.07	0.18	0.32	0.03	0.01	0.06	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.04		0.07

* Note: closed Sunday and Monday. Road closed due to storm damage in November to April (past Diversion Dam is still closed).

Ave. = Average. CDD = Cooling Degree Day for 50 °F (average temp – 50). PPT = precipitation. Temp. = Temperature. UP = Upper and Middle Park Trails. PP= Peregrine Point/ Highway 32 trailhead and disc golf course area.

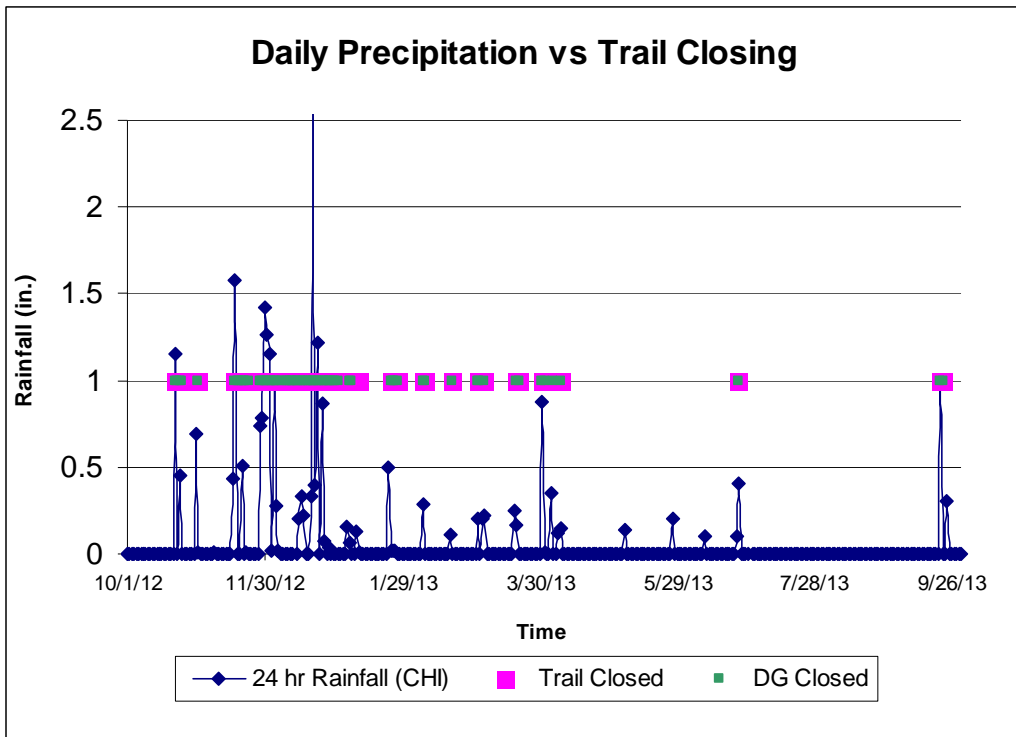


Figure 1. Graph of Trail Closures Versus Daily Rainfall Amounts.

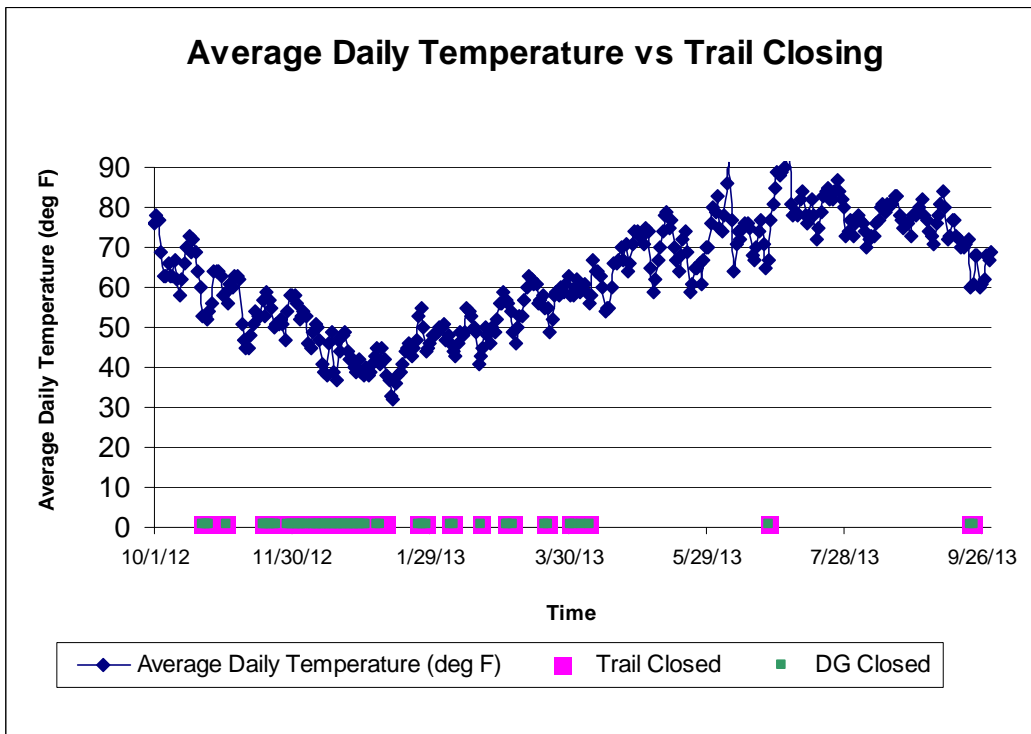


Figure 2. Graph of Trail Closure versus Average Daily Temperature.

Recommendations

Staff recommends the following (some recommendations are modified from last year):

5. Review the Draft Adaptive Wet Weather Trail Management Plan (attached). The revised plan is based on the "Interim (Adaptive) Wet Weather Management Plan" (CESP [Chico Environmental Science and Planning] 2009) and recommendations from last year's review. Although the document should be reviewed in its entirety, some notable changes include:
 - a. Removal of "Interim" and addition of Trail to the title "Adaptive Wet Weather Trail Management Plan".
 - b. Addition of the Upper Park Road to the policy. Current practice is for a separate assessment to be completed to protect the road; staff recommends that the road protocol be added to the plan.
 - c. The plan notes that assessments will be conducted 1 time per day, but that the trails will be closed if precipitation goes past 0.25" in the previous 24 hours.
 - d. We modified the text to reflect both Upper and Middle Park for trail closures.
 - e. We define wet weather trail closure as prohibiting horses and bicycles on any trail, and encourage pedestrians to use only designated trails. Similarly, we define the disc golf closure as closing the Peregrine Point disc golf course and restricting pedestrians to designated trails.
 - f. Develop new trail assessment routes for Horseshoe Lake and the Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course.
6. Continue to disperse trail information through multiple media. Improve current methods to notify the public of trail openings including more noticeable signs. Use email and social media notification for trail status changes.
7. Continue education efforts (awareness of wet weather damage, wet weather options) and enforcement of closures.
8. Refine the "footsteps" step of the protocol into a Trails field assessment that can use other tools (such as permanent probes that can be calibrated over time with trail closures). Develop a percentage of the trail walk area to match with field conditions. For example, the assessment could suggest closure when 25% of the trail has puddles, muddy, or leaves imprints.
9. Include a new assessment route to capture disc golf fairway conditions, rather than the current trail based route.
10. Continue to explore the use of a model that might provide an estimated opening date, but utilize all data to date. Variables for the model may include: evapotranspiration, temperature, and days to last rainfall, Butte Creek flow, and precipitation. The information could be listed on the web page (i.e. "Estimated number of days for trail opening: 3").
11. Next season evaluate the difference between the trail and disc golf closures with the new disc golf route. Even though we did not observe a statistical difference between the trails and disc golf closure in 2011-2012, we recommend looking at the past few years to determine any significant patterns. The simplification of the closure (trails closed to bikes and equestrians, and the disc golf course closed at the same time) holds some appeal.
12. Revisit current closure areas (all trails in Middle and Upper Park) with the completion of the Trails Plan and further trails work (i.e. look at trails that may be permissible to allow access during wet conditions).

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Attachments: 1) Adaptive Wet Weather Trail Management Plan (Revised 2013)

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I. INTRODUCTION

In December 2009, the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC) adopted the revised “Interim (Adaptive) Wet Weather Management Plan” (CESP 2009). The Parks Division applied the protocol from 2009 to 2011. In October 2011 and also in December 2012, as part annual report reviews, the BPPC adopted several recommendations including revisions to the protocol and development of a protocol to supersede original original Interim plan (CESP 2009). This revision reflects those recommendations.

Bidwell Park contains over 50 miles of trails for recreation including hiking, running, horse back riding, and mountain biking (CESP 2009). A sustainable trail system provides quality recreational opportunities and access to Bidwell Park’s points of interest without diminishing the natural resources. Due to the nature of the soils in the park, and year-round heavy traffic from multiple uses, a plan is needed to mitigate and minimize damage to trails and natural resources.

CESP (2009) noted that when wet, trails with natural tread surfaces are “often subject to severe damage from trail users such as equestrians and mountain bikers. Horses and mountain bikes leave depressions and ruts in and around the trails, and compact soils leading to pools or channelization of runoff. Many trails in the park have been widened beyond what is necessary, and eroded down to bedrock, which has reduced vegetation coverage. “

The primary purpose of this plan is to outline a clear protocol to open and close Middle and Upper Park Trails and the Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course, in order to protect against resource degradation. This plan also outlines the procedures for public communication, monitoring, and developing recommendations.

We define wet weather trail closure as the prohibition of horses and bicycles on any trail due to wet soil conditions. During conditions that cause closures, we encourage pedestrians to use only designated trails (no off-trail use when wet). Similarly, we define the disc golf closure as prohibiting play on the Peregrine Point disc golf course and restricting pedestrians to designated trails.

The Plan is meant to complement the Bidwell Park Master Management Plan (EDAW 2008), Bidwell Park Trails Manual (Chico 2006), and the forthcoming Trails Plan (in progress) as an adaptive tool to manage wet weather use of Bidwell Park. As part of the adaptive management approach, we anticipate annual reports to the BPPC.

II. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

Bidwell Park and Chico experience a Mediterranean climate, characterized by hot, dry summers, and wet rainy winters. Approximately, 27 inches of rain falls annually with nearly all of it falling between December and April.

Steep slopes and thin soils characterize most of Upper and part of Middle Bidwell Park. Slopes on the ridges vary between 3-15%, with steeper slopes in the canyon between 30-50% (CESP 2009). While the soil depth and type varies greatly in Upper and Middle

Park, many areas have a shallow depth to bedrock of only 2-20 inches (CESP 2009). In contrast, Lower Park is relatively level with deep, loamy, alluvial soils that are much more resistant to erosion (and somewhat compaction). Elevations in the Park Range from 200 – 1600 feet above mean sea level (CESP 2009). Trails within the park meander through sensitive areas of annual grassland, oak woodland, and riparian vegetation with few of these trails designed for sustainable use. Bidwell Park is home to several endangered species and their critical habitat.

III. TRAIL CONDITIONS ASSESSMENT

Several revisions simplify the protocol outlined in CESP (2009); making it easier for the public to understand and for staff to apply. Assessments are conducted to close and to open the trails. To make the closure policy objective and transparent to the public, the closures will be based on publicly available data.

A. Protocol to Close Middle and Upper Park Trails and the Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course

Trail closures will follow the protocol depicted in Figure 1. When precipitation reaches 0.25 inch in any 24 hour period (from the CHI gauge, below), Middle and Upper Park trails and the Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course will be closed.

Wet weather trail closure prohibits horses and bicycles on any trail. During trail closures, we will encourage pedestrians to use only designated trails and promote the ethic to stay off muddy trails. Similarly, the closure at the Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course prohibits any bicycle, horse, or foot traffic on the course. Pedestrians will be restricted to designated trails that may be able to better accommodate wet condition use.

CESP (2009) acknowledges that emergency or special circumstances/events may warrant closure at the discretion of the parks' staff. Note that Figure 1 also provides for a field assessment (explained further below) to determine the closure. The field assessment provides discretion for situations where weather conditions (cool temperatures, persistent light precipitation, high humidity, etc) may create wet trail conditions, but precipitation does not exceed the threshold.

Precipitation data available on the California Data Exchange Center web site (<http://cdec.water.ca.gov>) will be used (note: daily precipitation will differ than the total from any 24 hour period). The Chico (CHI) gauge placed at the USDA Experimental Forest is approximately 4.1 miles due south of Horseshoe Lake. This gauge will be used as a surrogate for the park even though elevation or field conditions on individual trails or parts of the course may be very different. Table 2 lays out the procedure noted in CESP (2009) for accessing the data.

Generally, the closure policy will be applied once a day before 11 am. However, Staff is provided discretion to close trails when the 24-hour precipitation total crosses the 0.25" threshold value and/or rain is forecasted.

Table 1. Standard Operating Procedure for Estimating Precipitation in Middle Park/ Horseshoe Lake Trailhead Area (CESP 2009).

<p>1. Navigate to http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/staMeta?station_id=CHI (or go to http://cdec.water.ca.gov/, select data plotter, and search for station “CHI”)</p>	
<p>2. The 9th sensor from the top of the page is described as “PRECIPITATION, ACCUMULATED, inches (hourly)(RAIN)SATELLITE”- click on the (hourly) icon.</p>	
<p>3. Record the latest value (in inches) in the first column “Rain- inches” and note the time of that reading.</p>	
<p>4. Click on the “earlier” icon and locate the entry 24- hours prior to the value from Step 3.</p>	
<p>5. Subtract the earlier value from the later value to obtain the depth of precipitation (in inches) for the previous 24-hour period. This value will serve as a best estimate for the amount of precipitation in the Middle Park/ Horseshoe Lake Trailhead area.</p>	
<p>Note: The CHI (Chico) station is located approximately 4.1 miles due south of Horseshoe Lake. This station represents the closest publicly accessible precipitation gauge to Middle Park/ Horseshoe Lake Trailhead.</p>	
<p>Chico- http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/staMeta?station_id=CHI</p>	
Station ID CHI	Elevation 230' ft
River Basin BUTTE CR	County BUTTE
Hydrologic Area SACRAMENTO RIVER	Nearby City DURHAM
Latitude 39.7120°N	Longitude 121.7830°W
Operator CA Dept of Forestry	Data Collection SATELLITE

Following any rain event, trails should remain closed for at least one day after the event and if there is a high (70% or higher) possibility of precipitation on that day (and thus no reason to field check the sites). If no foot steps within the trail tread are visible, the trails may be opened. Guidance for the plan notes that while staff will continue to evaluate and monitor site conditions, there will still be times when a judgment call has to be made based on both observations and data.

B. Protocol to Open Middle and Upper Park Trails and the Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course

While wet weather and a clear threshold (0.25” of precipitation) initiate the closure of trails and disc golf course, we should note that the trail opening is governed by the soil conditions.

Temperatures, relative humidity, saturated soils, plant water demand, day length, wind speed, and many other factors can influence the opening of the trails. For example, it may take several days and even weeks for the soil to dry sufficiently in January as opposed to less than a day for a mid-summer rainfall event, even though the precipitation amount may be the same.

The protocol may be summarized as follows:

1. If trails are closed and the rainfall event continued after the initial closure, the trails remain closed.
2. If the rain stopped in the previous 24 hours, but the forecast calls for a 70% or greater chance of precipitation, the trails remain closed.

3. If the forecast does not call for additional rainfall than a field assessment is conducted.

Once the trails are open, trail assessments (walk) will not be conducted until additional precipitation falls.

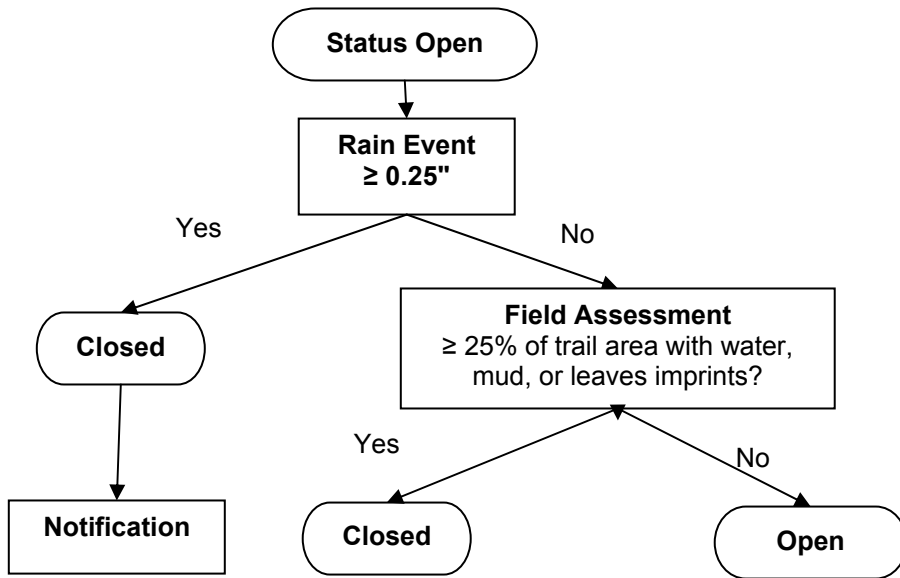


Figure 1. Revised Trail/Disc Golf Closing Procedures.

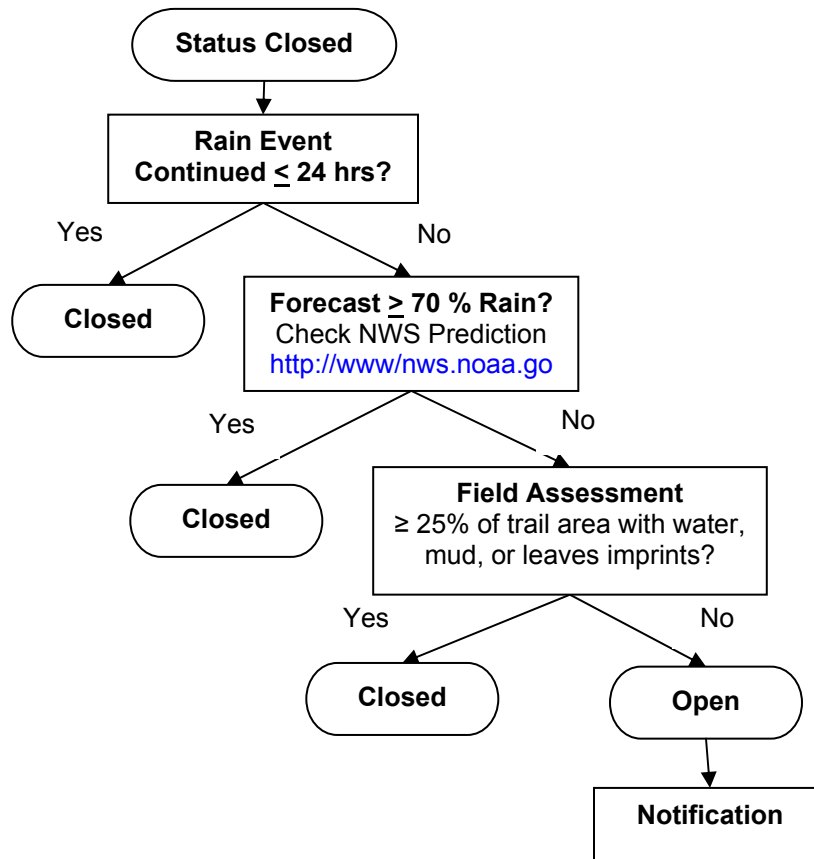


Figure 2. Revised Trail/Disc Golf Opening Procedure.

C. Middle and Upper Park Trail Assessment Route

From the Horseshoe Lake Trailhead, a park employee should walk along the Middle Trail and observe the impact of their footprints, then cross (down a connector trail) to Lower Trail and return to the parking lot (CESP 2009) (Appendix A).

If the assessment reveals more than 25% of the trail has puddles, mud, or the observer leaves imprints of more than 0.5 inches, then the trails remain closed. If less than 25 % of the trail matches these conditions, then the trails are likely suitable for non-pedestrian use.

As soon as one of the threshold values is reached or exceeded, the observer may terminate the observation and make a determination without completing the route.

In the short-term, Staff will retain the current assessment route, but would like to explore a new route and report back to the BPPC on any suggested route changes. The new route may be recalibrated (the 25% rule modified). For example parts of the existing trail are damp during most of the wet season, while other areas are on rock that does not make an imprint even if completely saturated.

Time to complete Task: 5- 30 minutes (600 meter walk)

D. Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course Assessment Route

Because the short course has been closed, a new assessment route to capture conditions on the long course area (Appendix A) seems appropriate. The previous assessment route focused on the short course and trails. The new route is focused on the course fairway paths and trails and can be described as follows:

From the Disc Golf kiosk, a park employee should walk toward the Tee area for Hole 1, proceed west down Hole 1 past the pin to Hole 2 and continue north on the fairway path to the pin and observe the impact of their footprints. The employee should then cut over to Hole 14 and follow the path to 15, 16, 17, and 18 returning to the kiosk area.

Like the Middle and Upper Park trail assessment, if the assessment reveals more than 25% of the area walked has puddles, mud, or the observer leaves imprints of more than 0.5 inches, then the Course remains closed. If less than 25 % of the trail matches these conditions and no imprints are greater than 0.5 inches, then the Course is opened.

Time to complete Task: 10 - 25 minutes (800 meter walk)

E. Wet Weather Policy for Upper Park Road

Historically, the unpaved portion of Upper Park Road (past Parking Lot E/Horseshoe Lake) is closed during and following inclement weather. Upper Park Road is closed on Sundays and Mondays to vehicles.

Upper Park Road is a thinly graveled surface with poor drainage in places. During and

after rain events, vehicles on the road cause considerable damage (rutting) and can slide off the road. To ensure safety, protect against road degradation and reduce costs associated with maintenance Upper Park Road is closed when wet.

When trails are closed, park users are allowed on Upper Park Road for recreational activities. For purposes of the code, Upper Park Road is considered a trail when the road is closed to vehicles; however, horses and bikes are permitted to use Upper Park Road.

The current policy may be articulated as follows:

1. The gate at the Diversion Dam will be seasonally closed from November 1st to April 30th annually.
2. An assessment of road conditions should occur daily during wet conditions, before 7:30 am.
3. When more than 0.25 inches of precipitation falls within a 24-hour period or if tire impressions are evident while driving on the road, the road shall be closed to vehicles.
4. If the National Weather Service indicates a 70% chance or greater of precipitation that day, the road will be closed to vehicles.
5. The Road will remain closed to vehicles (open to pedestrians, bikers, and equestrians) when Upper Park trails are closed.
6. To open, the surface should be firm with few puddles present.
7. In addition, emergency, weather damage, or special circumstances or events may warrant closures at the discretion of Parks Staff.

The policy tracks fairly closely with the current trail closure, except that conditions typically dry more rapidly than the trails and the road opens earlier. Item number 5 is new and based on BPPC direction following the 2011-2012 review.

We recommended modification of the protocol so that the opening of Upper Park Road is tied into the trails assessment. In other words, when Middle and Upper Park Trails are closed to bikes and equestrians, the Upper Park Road is closed to vehicles.

Reasons for this change include:

1. Consistency and easier communication to the public.
2. When the trails are closed, more bikes and equestrians use Upper Park Road; removing cars may improve safety and trail closure compliance (some offenders say that they did not feel safe on the road and use the trails).
3. Allows for more centralized access points: Minimizes use of parking areas deeper in the Park (i.e. Bear Hole), when trails are wet, and removes the temptation to bring in a bike in a vehicle to access closed trails in Upper Park.

Note that in the past year, damage to the road closed it for a significant part of the year, and we could not do a meaningful comparison. However, for the previous 433 day monitoring period (2011-12), we experienced only 2 days (3/23-3/24/12) in which the trails were closed and the road was opened. We began collecting data during the 2011-2012 monitoring period, and cannot compare the road and trail closures during past years. We anticipate that the discrepancy between the trails and road closures would have been greater in wetter years such as 2010-2011, although the gate closure on

Sundays and Mondays would minimize the effect.

F. Notification

Once the trail status changes, staff will update:

1. Trail status signs throughout the park (Appendix A).
2. GSD administrative staff who often get calls from the public on trail status.
3. The trails hotline (530) 896-7899
4. The Bidwell Park webpage –
http://www.chico.ca.us/General_Services_Department/Park_Division/Bidwell_Park.asp
5. The Park Division Facebook Page (<http://www.facebook.com/CityofChicoParks>) and Twitter Account (<https://twitter.com/ChicoParks>).

G. Monitoring, Data Collection, and Reporting

Park rangers conduct regular assessments of Upper/Middle Park trails and the Peregrine Point disc golf course to determine trail openings and closings. Data collected included: observer id; time; Chico weather station precipitation (available at the California Data Exchange, <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/>); rain forecast exceeding 70%; footstep imprints; comments, and trail status (open or closed). The data from the US Forest Service Station (using the query tool and station CHI) is downloaded as a CSV (Comma Separated Values) text file and open file in Excel, following prompts to place values in columns.

The Rangers and Natural Resource Manager enters a number of factors for the analysis and to develop the summary tables (an Excel Spreadsheet). The data collected include:

- Date, Month, Day of week
- Employee number (Emp_No),
- Time assessment recorded (Start_Time),
- Average Temperature (Ave_Temp),
- Cooling degree Day (cdd_50),
- Precipitation Daily (PPT_CHI_daily) and in the last 24 hours (PPT_CHI_24),
- Forecasts that indicate a better than 70% of precipitation (chi_forecast),
- Imprints from Horseshoe Lake and Peregrine Point assessment (HL_footsteps, and PP_footsteps),
- Open or closing of Trail (Trail_status), road (Road_Status), and disc golf (PP_status).
- Date of last precipitation and number of days that trails are closed,
- Comments,
- Indicator variables for temperature, precipitation that day, precipitation that exceeds 0.25", wet_season, month number.

Many of the items above are calculated values from the downloaded or collected data. Analysis (ANOVA, paired t-test, regression as appropriate) will be completed using MINITAB statistical software importing the Excel spreadsheet.

Since the original protocol, staff evaluated several questions related to the protocol (for example, whether there was a statistical difference between field collected data and the weather station data at the Chico airport). Over time, we anticipate the analysis to become more routine (for example, just a simple reporting of the number of days that trails were closed each month). While we suspect that other statistical questions may arise (such as whether a predictive equation may be developed as years of information accumulate), the annual summary should contain the following:

1. A summary of weather data and number of days closed each month,
2. A graphical display of rainfall events and trail closings, and
3. A graphical display of average daily temperature and trail closings.

Other information, especially related to compliance issues such as enforcement or educational efforts, may also be summarized in the report. Each annual report should also provide recommendations to the protocol and to improve compliance.

IV. CONCLUSION

This plan is an evolution of the Interim Plan developed in 2009 (CESP 2009). The plan has provided the closure rationale to the public and we have experienced increased wet-weather compliance. This plan has been developed with considerable public input and is intended to be modified as information is developed and will be assessed and updated as needed. The annual reports will provide an opportunity to check on the protocol and revised as necessary.

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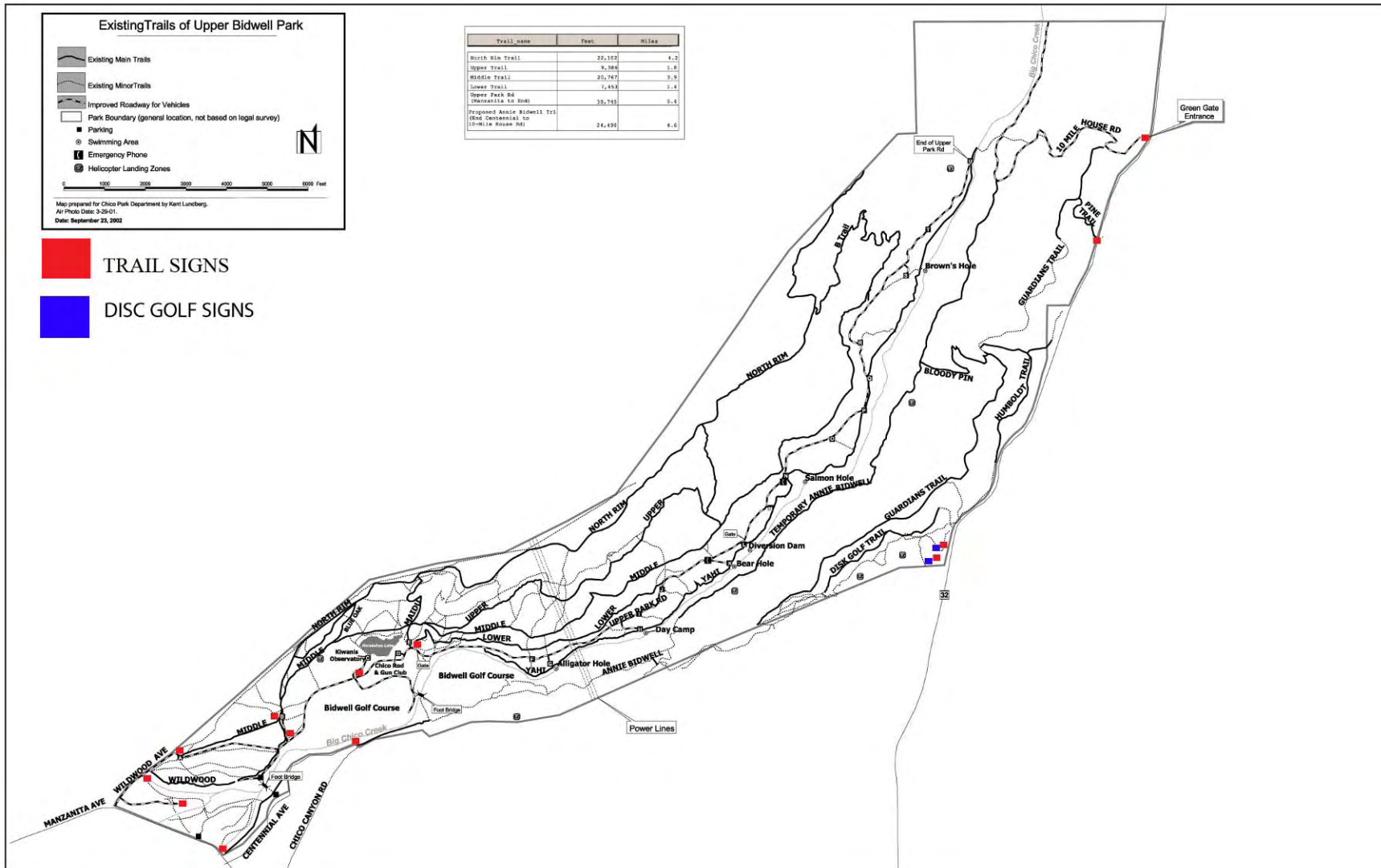
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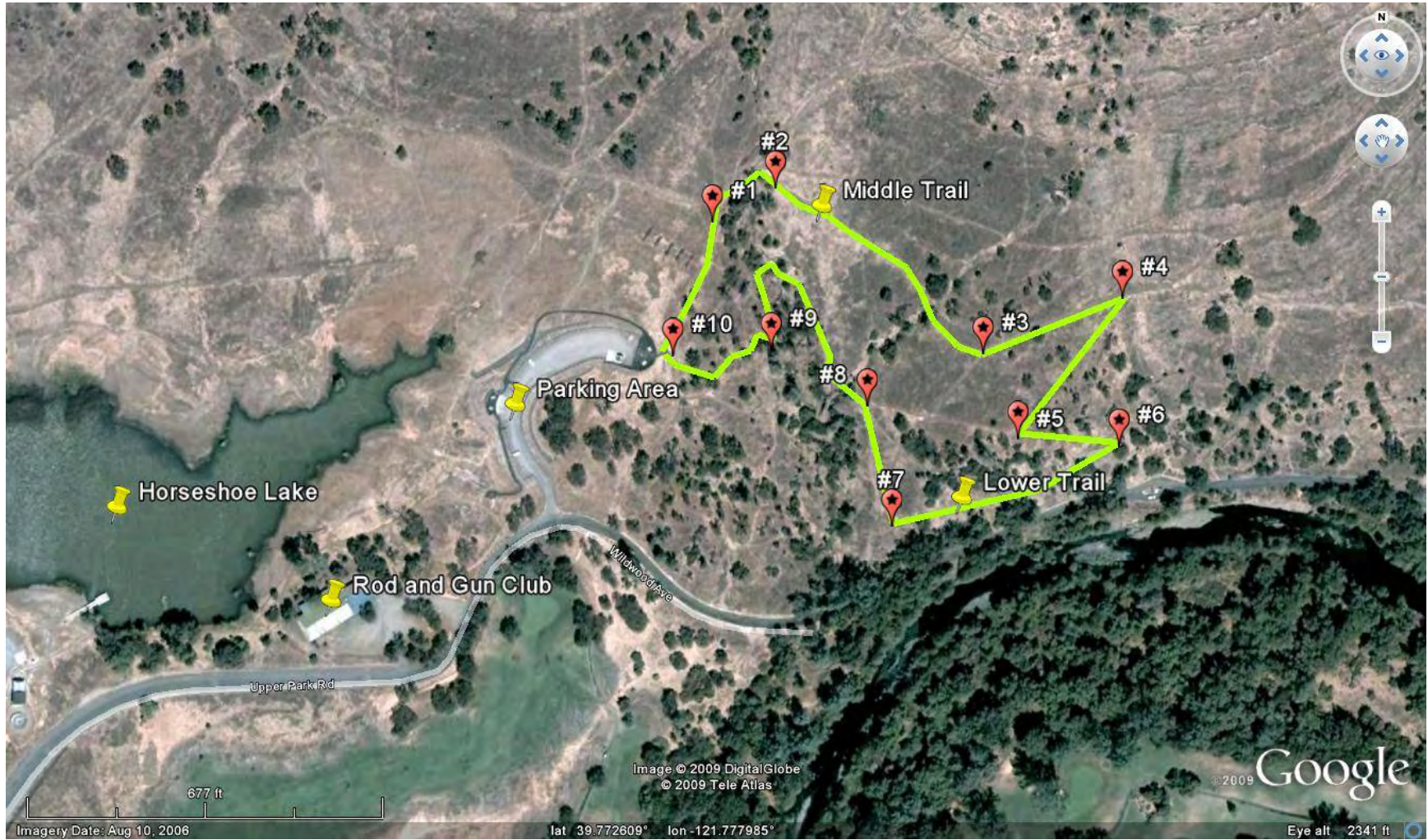
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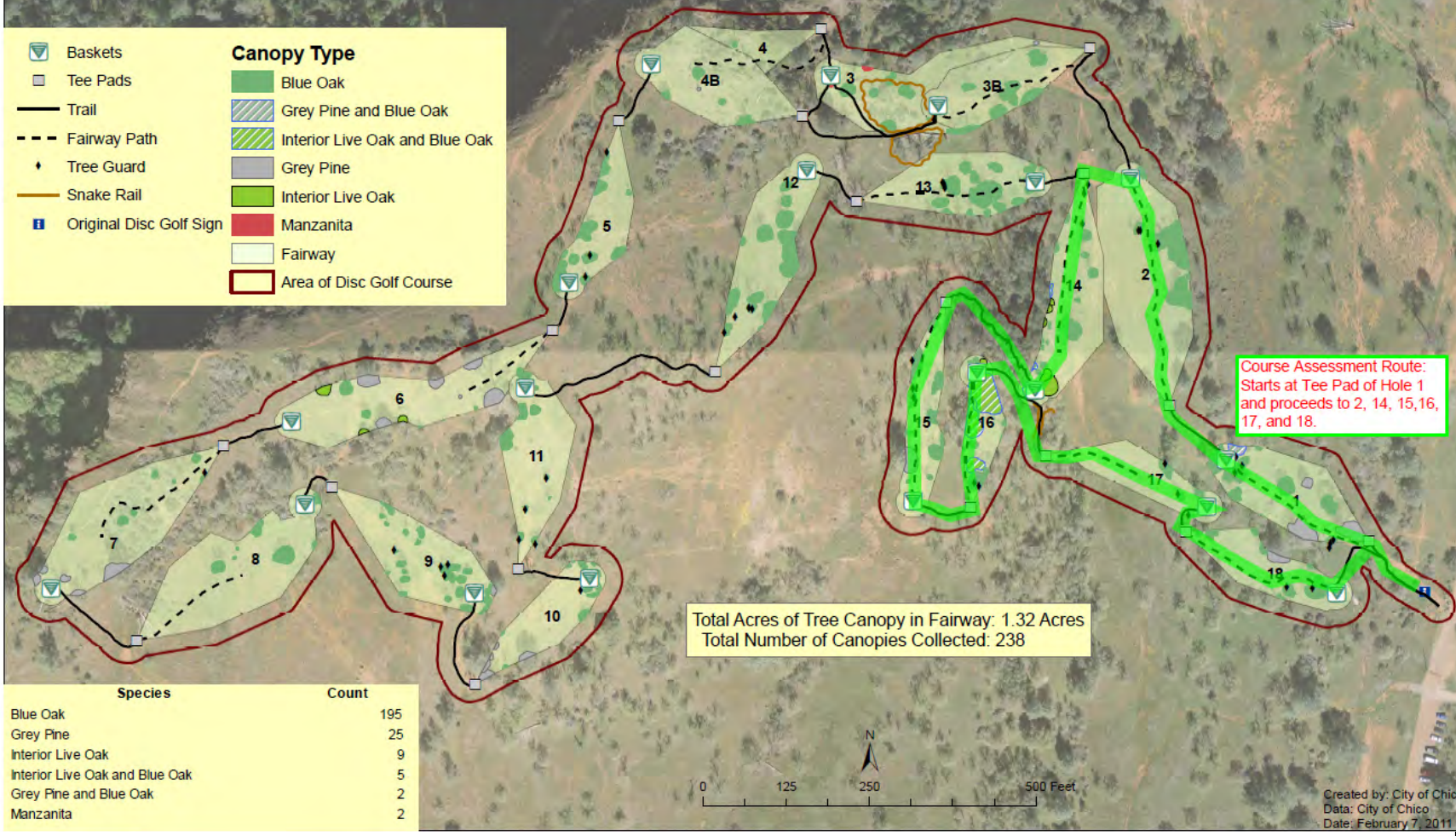
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Appendix A. Maps. 1) Trail Signs and Assessment Routes for 2) Trails and 3) Peregrine Point.





Course Assessment Route, Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course





DATE: 10/22/2013
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission
FROM: Natural Resources Committee/Park Division Staff
SUBJECT: Staff Report from Natural Resources 10/10/13 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brentwood called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Attendees: Commissioners present: Mary Brentwood, Jim Moravec and Janine Rood. Commissioners absent: None. Staff present: Dan Euseff and Lise Smith-Peters. Design Team: Melton Design Group. Public: Bob Jones, Pam Figge, Glenn Dunning, Curt Bailey, Bruce Main, Andy and Andrea Duch, Chad Layland, Susan Mason, Emily McLoughlin, Mary Pickering, Kacy Stadtmiller, Veronica Redmond, Erica Dorado, Bill Galbraith, Abigail Lopez, and Tom Barrett.

2. REGULAR AGENDA

2.1. INTRODUCTION TO THE CAPER ACRES RENOVATION AND MASTER PLAN

Parks and Natural Resources Manager Dan Euseff gave a brief background as to the current conditions of the infrastructure of the Caper Acres playground and some of the issues that take up a lot of staff maintenance time. Several structures have been identified as having major issues, such as the tunnels, which fill up with water, have limited visibility for safety and are difficult to clean out. The Crooked House also has limited visibility and cleaning it is very time consuming. The BPPC has included the renovation of Caper Acres in its 2013-2014 Work Plan.

Greg Melton of Melton Design Group presented a powerpoint on the various of the aspects of designing new equipment for an established playground of the magnitude of Caper Acres. He had been involved in the rebuild of the playground after a storm destroyed several structures in 1995. Mr. Melton has been involved in several playground projects and offered some of the thought process in regard to Caper Acres. The presentation showed the current conditions of the structures and introduced new elements that are up to code and popular in the playground arena.

Public attendees were invited to discuss their favorite elements of Caper Acres and themes that they would like to see continued or changed for the area. Mr. Melton stated that the design would incorporate the parking area and surrounding landscape as well as the interior of the playground.

The group then broke out into 3 discussion groups to share ideas, review and draw out some new elements or features that they would like to see incorporated into a new design with existing features renovated or removed. Each group spokesperson then shared their group's ideas with the larger group.

This is the first in a series of public meetings that will allow opportunities for public input and provides an overview of the facility and layout the planning process. The next public meeting will take place at Caper Acres on November 14, 2013.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Attachments: None

Distribution: BPPC

10/23/2013



DATE: 10/18/13
TO: BPPC
FROM: Dan Efseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager
SUBJECT: Park and Natural Resource Manager's Report

NARRATIVE

1. Updates

- a. Homeless Encampment Impacts to City – Decrease in Parks staffing and recent increases in issues to Parks and greenways have impacted operations. The Rangers report a sharp increase in the amount of staff time devoted to transient issues, as high as 40-50%. Maintenance crew report between 30-40% of two days a week is spent on cleaning up after transients. The Park Division estimates that the amount of time has doubled since last year. In addition to Parks, other City Departments are affected too. City Engineers notified the Park Division and Police Department that their survey crew was unable to conduct a topography survey of the Lindo Channel at West Lindo Avenue and Iroquois due to a large occupied encampment and perceived safety issues.
- i. Encampments Surveys and Clean-up – Despite reduced resources, staff has addressed numerous homeless encampments in greenways and in Lower Bidwell Park. In recent months, we have utilized State Parks Rangers, California Department of Fish and Wildlife Wardens, and Butte County Sheriff deputies to assist Parks Rangers with surveys and checking camps on clean-up days; and volunteers and the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) participants to supplement City crews on clean-ups.
- ii. Volunteer Large Work Days - The Park Division is focusing staff surveys and staff cleanups in conjunction with large public volunteer workdays, such as Make a Difference Day in October. The Butte Environmental Council organized a City-wide Bidwell Park and Chico Creeks clean-up on September 21, 2013 where City staff noticed area encampments the week prior to the event and then volunteers cleaned the following areas: Big Chico Creek (west of campus to Rose Ave); Little Chico Creek (Pomona to Park Ave and farther east); Little Chico Creek (Humboldt Ave near Park); Dead Horse Slough (Hwy 32 to El Monte); Sycamore Creek (end of Floral Ave -east & west); and parts of Comanche Creek (See attachment BEC Report). While this has frustrated some groups who in the past may have been able to schedule workdays and then seek City support; we have directed these groups to work with our scheduled days. This reflects our current staffing realities.
 - 1) On 10/1/13, Cynthia Gailey coordinated a cleanup of Lindo Channel just east of Hwy 99 to the 5th Avenue bridge with the help of CA Conservation Corps volunteers and 6 neighbors. They cleaned out 3 encampments using 26.5 volunteer hours, and filled 2/3 of a 20 yard dumpster. The Gaileys disposed of recycling, batteries, electronics and broken glass/sharps appropriately.
 - 2) Susan Mason helped clean up Little Chico Creek, Comanche Creek, Lost Park and 9th and Hazel and volunteers Liz Stewart and Janet Ellner have logged trash removal hours at Comanche Creek throughout the late summer and fall. Even still, the numbers of camps and the extent of them continue to grow.
 - 3) Citizens who live in proximity to greenways and who volunteer in greenway and park areas have expressed desire to help with this monumental task. The Park Division is looking at ways in which such community-based efforts can be supported with safety in mind as well.
- iii. Service Requests -- As of October 17, 2013, the Park Division has 67 active service requests in connection with homeless camps and trash.

Table 1. Service Requests - Illegal Encampments Number of Calls by Area (July 1, 2013 - October 16, 2013)

Location	Number
Little Chico Creek	22
Comanche Creek	4
Lindo Channel	25
Bidwell Park	10
Other	6
Total	67

- b. Bidwell Park Municipal Golf Course – The golf course has installed a temporary sign at the entrance to the course. In early October, Staff notified the course that they had received a couple of complaints about the new temporary sign blocking the view of westbound traffic on Upper Park Road and also about the size of the sign. Empire Golf has since moved the sign.
- c. Appeal of the Orchard Church Permit – On 10/9/13, the City Clerk received an appeal of the Orchard Church’s permit to feed the hungry on Sundays at City Plaza. The appeal will be heard during a City Council Meeting on November 19, 2013 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chamber, Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street, Chico. According to Chico Municipal Code 2.80.200, the Church’s permit has been suspended until the City Council takes action. Orchard Church received a “Temporary Food Facility” Permit from the Butte County Public Health Department (expires 12/31/13), which is a condition of the Park permit. Councilman Morgan also requested consideration of a request to review the BPPC approval of the Orchard Church permit at the 10/15/13 Council meeting.

2. Planning/Monitoring

- a. Caper Acres Master Plan –The first public input meeting was held as part of the Natural Resources Committee Meeting on 10/10/13. See the NRC report for more information. The Master Plan will provide details for the revitalization of the Caper Acres and will be based on input from the Chico community. The next public meeting will be on November 14, 2013 at Caper Acres; call the Park Division for more information at 896-7800 and meeting will be announced.

3. Maintenance Program

Staff continues daily cleaning and safety inspections of all recreation areas including: grounds, playgrounds, picnic sites, roads and paths, coupled with daily cleaning and re-supplying of all park restrooms. Maintenance and repair of park fixtures, daily opening of gates, posting reservations, unauthorized camp clean up and the constant removal of graffiti from all park infrastructure.

- a. **Lower Park:** The reduced Park staff has kept busy with all the tree failure clean ups in Lower Bidwell Park this month, crews worked at Caper Acres, One Mile, Cedar grove and Peterson drive cleaning up and making safe damaged areas where either whole trees or large spars fell.
- b. **Middle Park:** Herbicide application program is in the startup phase to get invasive sprouts early in newly worked areas after the first rains.
- c. **Upper Park:** Staff completed the second Lot E drinking fountain freeze protection installation using the donated funds from Chico running Club. There will be a plaque stating such mounted to the top of the fountain.
- d. **Upcoming Projects:** Grading of all parking lots, ADA section of Trail grant, Preparation for trail season.



Park maintenance crew removes homeless encampments and trash daily. Some require additional handling. Since the camper was diagnosed with a MRSA infection, this material must be taken to a hazardous material facility



A silver maple street tree broke a large limb (20 inches in diameter and 60 feet long) that likely failed due to decay and 35 mph winds. We have experienced a high number of tree related calls this summer and early fall.



Parks and Chico Fire oversee a 10 acre burn in Middle Park (Wildwood Unit). 10/14/13. More pictures available on the City's Facebook Page.

e. Project Updates

- i. Horseshoe Lake Trail – Park maintenance staff with the help of CA Conservation Corps members began work on an established trail to the south of Horseshoe Lake. The trail will be made accessible under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and link both Parking Lots C and E that already have accessible parking spaces, porta potties and the accessible fishing pier. The project is part of a \$175,802 California Department of Parks and Recreation grant that the Division received in 2010.

f. Upcoming Project Updates

- i. Staff will be working on several projects including Monkey Face, plantings, and vegetation work.

4. Ranger and Lifeguard Programs

a. Monthly Highlights

- iv. 12 R Updates – Due to staffing shortages, the City Clerk's office has not updated the 12Rs of the Chico Municipal Code (CMC). They are seeking assistance to help get the CMC updated. The City Council adopted Resolution is on the CMC webpage of the City website.

- b. There has been a dramatic increase in violent behavior at the City Plaza. Over the course of the last month there have been 2 stabbings, shots fired into a vehicle and multiple assaults.

5. Natural Resource Management

- a. Middle Park Burn – Chico Parks, Chico Fire, and other agencies completed a prescribed burn to remove fuels and prep for a native grass planting.
- b. Cell Phone Tower Plants – A Park user called to complain about Virginia creeper, Chinese tallowtree, hackberry, and pokeweed in the area of the cell tower enclosure. CARD will contact the Cell Tower Management Group and keep Park staff posted. The Cell Company is required to do all maintenance at that site. Staff has placed a call into the company regarding the landscaping around the tower complex. Two service tickets have been created. A general clean up, some plant replacement and a few irrigation repairs have been requested.

6. Outreach and Education

- a. September News Releases – Caper Acres Open 6 Days a Week Through November; Caper Acres Tree Trimming; Seasonal Hour Changes for the Park
- b. Bidwell Bark Booth -- Park Rangers and Park Watch Volunteers had an information booth set –up at the Bidwell Bark event on 9/28. Although the goal was to provide dog owners with information about good reasons to leash your dog and responsible pet ownership, the dog owners had other topics on their minds. 9 out of 10 booth visitors wanted to talk about the dramatic increase in transient activity and camps in the parks. Additionally many spoke about feeling unsafe and insolated in the park since the gate closures.
- c. Annie B's Community Fundraising Event– On September 19, the Park Division had a booth at the City Plaza to provide information about fundraising efforts and projects to help Bidwell Park. The event was hosted by the North Valley Community Foundation.
- d. CSUC Classes – Park Services Coordinator and Park Intern spoke to several CSUC classes about volunteering in Bidwell Park and the opportunity to earn credit through the CAVE program (see below).
- e. Butte College – Park Ranger and Intern spoke with Rick Wittsell's Natural Resources Management Class at the Sycamore Restoration Site.

7. Street Trees and Landscapes

- a. Monthly Highlights
On September 9th a large 18 inch diameter valley oak branch failed and fell into the Caper Acres play area. The playground was closed for several days in September so that contractors could do some routine pruning of the large oak and sycamores.
- b. Projects Completed:
 - 1. 45-Service Request- a detailed list is attached.
 - 2. Down Limbs and Hangers- 37 hours at numerous locations.
 - 3. Safety Meetings- 1 hour.
 - 4. Prep Time and DOT Inspections 17 hours.
 - 5. Irrigation- 100 hours.
 - 6. Brush Chipping & Clean Up- 9 hours.
 - 7. Traffic Safety Pruning- 7 hours.
 - 8. Emergency Contract Work- Petersen Tree Care 96.5 hours.
 - 9. Removal Contract Work - George Salinas started in August with a removal list of 26 trees. They completed the list by the second week of September.
 - 10. There were 6 call outs for the month of September that required follow up clean up and pruning.
- c. Removal List – Please see the attached 1) Priority 1 Tree Removal List (10/13) and 2) Priority 1 Black Walnut Removal List (10/13).
- d. Summary of Recent Tree work – The following summarizes tree removal and emergency tree work performed by our staff and contractors so far this fiscal year. This information represents the time period from August 12th - September 27th (the period from this end date to the start of the fiscal year is 12 weeks). The last 7 weeks is when the contractors started.

Entity	Task	Hours	Description	Rate	Total cost
Petersen Tree Care	Brush piles clean up	23	60 locations	\$225.00 per hour	\$5,175.00
	Caper Acers Safety pruning	24.25	10-trees trimmed 1-tree removed	\$225.00 per hour	\$5,456.25
	South 1-Mile	5	4-trees safety pruned	\$225.00 per hour	\$1,125.00
	Emergency Safety Pruning	27	13-street trees pruned	\$225.00 per hour	\$6,075.00
	Emergency hangers and broken limbs	36.5	Mostly sycamore trees with in the City ROW	\$225.00 per hour	\$8,212.50
		115.75	Total	\$225.00 per hour	\$26,043.75
Field Supervisor Street Trees	Down limbs and hangers, generally 2-3 calls a day.	62	Removing hangers and clearing limbs for public safety.		Staffed Employee
George Salinas Tree Preservation	Scheduled tree removals	26-Aug-Sept 1-July	3-Park trees 24-Street trees	\$500.00 per tree	\$13,500.00

8. Volunteer and Donor Program

a. Monthly Highlights

- i. Community Action Volunteers In Education – This is the Park Division's 8th year to work with Associated Students' CAVE program to offer the Adopt-A-Park Program. The Park Services Coordinator conducted two orientations in September for the program.
- ii. Wildcat Welcome – Forty-three new students from CSUC helped clean up Annie's Glen, Camelia Way and Lost Park the first weekend after classes started. This is their 2nd annual kickoff event with the Park Division.

b. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- i. Make a Difference Day in Bidwell Park– Annual large public workday will be held at Comanche Creek and at One Mile Recreation Area. Focus projects are weeding, trash removal and general sprucing up of the Park and Greenways and City's bikepaths.
- ii. Adopted Sites – Both Blue Oak Elementary and Sierra View Elementary School are scheduled to work at their sites.

10. Upcoming Issues/Miscellaneous

- a. Chico Velo Art Proposal - The Chico Velo Cycling Club will submit a proposal to the Park Division, requesting permission to place a new art piece to be inspired by the memory of the club's founder, Ed McLaughlin. The piece will be completely funded by Chico Velo. The One Mile Recreation Area is a common gathering place for what local cyclists call "decide and ride". They wish to meet with City staff to discussion the potential art piece One Mile. Staff will present the proposal to the BPPC when received.

MONTHLY SUMMARY TABLES

Table 1. Monthly Public and Private Permits

Date	Location	Organization	Event	Participant #
09/07/2013	Cedar Grove Meadow	Society for Creative Anachronism	Tournament/Picnic	25
09/07/2013	5 Mile	Under The Sun Events	Love on the Rocks	200
09/07/2013	1 Mile	Chico Palio	Friends of the Arts	2500
09/13/2013	1 Mile	BC Behavioral Health	5K Walk/Run	150
09/14/2013	City Plaza	American Foundation for Suicice Prevention	Out of the Darkness Walk	350
09/15/2013	City Plaza	Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Mexican Independence Celebration	500
09/21/2013	City Plaza	CARD	Pastels on the Plaza	200
09/21/2013	1 Mile	NV Catholic Social Service	Family fun run/walk	200
09/28/2013	1 Mile	Butte Humane Society	Bidwell Bark Fun Run	2000
Totals			9	6125

Table 2. Monthly Private Permits

September Monthly Private Events		
Type	# Permits	# Participants
Private	24	1,229
Caper Acres	51	1115
Totals	75	2,344

Table 3. Monthly Maintenance Hours.

Category	Staff Hours	% of Total	% Change from Last Month	2013 Trend
1. Safety	340	32.2%	174.8%	
2. Infrastructure Maintenance	178	16.8%	92.7%	
3. Vegetation Maintenance	200	18.9%	154.4%	
4. Admin Time/Other	338	32.0%	325.0%	
Monthly Totals	1056	100%	170.4%	

Table 4. Monthly Incidents

*The CAD log report from P.D. has been intermittent because of various computer issues over there. The table is not a complete description of all significant incidents in September. Note that the log does not start until the 21st.

9/21/2013	Annie's Glenn	Vandalism	Report Filed
9/22/2013	City Plaza / Broadway	Shots into vehicle	UTL 2 bullet holes in vehicle
9/22/2013	City Plaza	Possible Gun in Public	UTL
9/22/2013	Lower Park	Drunk in Public	
9/23/2013	City Plaza	Warrant	Arrest
9/24/2013	City Plaza	Warrant	Arrest
9/25/2013	Ringle Park	Warrant	Arrest
9/27/2013	Caper Acres	Warrant	Arrest
9/27/2013	Humboldt Park	Assault	Report Filed
9/28/2013	City Plaza	Warrant	Arrest
9/29/2013	City Plaza	Assault	UTL
9/30/2013	City Plaza	Stabbing	Report Filed
9/30/2013	City Plaza	Possession of Drugs	Arrest

**Table 5. Monthly Citations and Warnings
Ranger Report - Warnings 2013**

Violation	Monthly			Annual			2013 Trend
	Total Warnings	%	Rank	Total Warnings	%	Rank	
Alcohol	38	11%	4	240	9%	4	
Animal Control Violations	67	20%	2	452	18%	3	
Bicycle Violation	66	20%	3	771	30%	1	
Glass	36	11%	5	133	5%	6	
Illegal Camping	12	4%	7	98	4%	8	
Injury/Destruction City Property	6	2%	9	15	1%	11	
Littering	16	5%	6	40	2%	9	
Other Violations	3	1%	10	155	6%	5	
Parking Violations	8	2%	8	128	5%	7	
Resist/Delay Park Ranger	80	24%	1	17	1%	10	
Smoking	0	0%	11	531	21%	2	
Totals	337	100%		2580	100%		

Ranger Report - Citations 2013

Violation	Monthly			Annual			2013 Trend
	Total Citations	%	Rank	Total Citations	%	Rank	
Alcohol	16	16%	3	162	22%	2	
Animal Control Violations	7	7%	5	54	7%	5	
Bicycle Violation	0	0%	10	4	1%	9	
Glass	6	6%	6	61	8%	4	
Illegal Camping	13	13%	4	54	7%	5	
Injury/Destruction City Property	0	0%	10	4	1%	9	
Littering	2	2%	8	4	1%	9	
Other Violations	4	4%	7	22	3%	7	
Parking Violations	25	25%	1	233	32%	1	
Resist/Delay Park Ranger	1	1%	9	7	1%	8	
Smoking	25	25%	1	123	17%	3	
Totals	99	100%		728	100%		

Table 6. Summary of Monthly Volunteer Activity Park and Greenway Volunteer Hours July-September

Location	Organization	Sessions	Volunteers	Hours	Tasks
Bidwell Park	PD: Park Watch			2,952	
Cedar Grove	PD: Upward Bound	2	23	46	Hackberry removal
Sycamore Restoration	PD: Upward Bound,	6	44	108	Weed, mulch, litter and water natives
Lower park	Upward Bound	1	11	33	Picnic site assessments
Lower and Middle Park	FOBP	46	55	137.75	Yellow starthistle, poke weed, weed survey
Site 8	PD & Upward Bound	3	22	66	Litter, mulch, water, weed
Site 11	McCabe Family			5.5	Watering, litter and starthistle removal
Site 31	Rangel Family			41	Weeding and watering native plants
Site 40	Sigma Chi			12	Watering native plants
Annies Glen	Crew Leader Elaine	1	3	9	Litter, elevate grape
Annie's Glen/Camellia Way	PD: CSUC Wildcat Welcome	1	28	84	Litter
One Mile Recreation Area	PD: College Plus	1	16	16	Litter
	FOBP	5	16	51.5	Weeding
	Upward Bound	2	21	42	Litter, weed water
Five Mile	Crew Leader Elaine	8	10	25	Litter, weed, elevate grape, remove black berry
Lost Park	CSUC Wildcat Welcome	1	15	45	Litter
	FOBP	4	11	26.5	Weed survey, litter
	PD: Upward Bound	2	20	60	Litter, weed, water
Chico High School Greenhouse	CHS Horticulture	3	5	15	Native plant propagation
Birthday Bash	Park Division	1	32	96	Special Event Fundraiser
Dash					
Bidwell Park	Wes D.	7	1	14.4	Seed collection /prep
Total BP Hours				3,886	
Greenways					
Verbena fields	Crew Leader Steve	1	2	6	Weed
	Crew Leader Susan	3	3	7	Weeding & survey
Comache Creek	Crew Leader Janet & Liz	7	22	67.5	Litter, blackberry
	FOBP	5	7	16	Litter, camp survey/clean up
Lindo Channel	Wes D.	10	1	58.5	Spanish Broom
Teichert Pond	CNPS	3	3	6.5	Litter, weeding & survey

Location	Organization	Sessions	Volunteers	Hours	Tasks
Little Chico Creek	Liz Stewart	4	6	19	Litter, pokeweed
Various City properties	FOBP	11	11	20.5	Puncturevine
CSU riparian area	Susan Mason	4	4	8.25	Weeding & survey
Total Greenway Hours				209.25	

Legend: PD=Park Division; FOBP=Friends of Bidwell Park; CNPS=CA Native Plant Society

Attachments:

1. BEC Bidwell Park and Creek Cleanup Report for 2013
2. Priority 1 Tree Removal List (10/13)
3. Priority 1 Black Walnut Removal List (10/13)
4. Chico Velo Proposal

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CITY OF CHICO
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

Dear Lise Smith-Peters,

The Butte Environmental Council has completed another successful Bidwell Park & Chico Creeks Cleanup. This amazing, worthwhile community event removed approximately **16,911 pounds** of garbage and recyclables from the creeks of Chico and beautiful Bidwell Park.

I've enclosed the report for the 2013 cleanup effort.

We really appreciate that the City of Chico deemed this project worthy of funding. We believe that it is beneficial to all humans, wildlife and the environment to get the garbage, recyclables, and hazardous waste out of the creeks before the rains come.

Thank you for your support of this great community event.

Sincerely,

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Butte Environmental Council's 2013 Chico Creeks & Bidwell Park Cleanup

Cleanup Report

Every year the Butte Environmental Council organizes hundreds of volunteers to participate in our annual Bidwell Park and Chico Creeks Cleanups. The staff at Butte Environmental Council solicits sponsors and volunteers through the mail and by phone, publicizes the events with posters and through the media, obtains necessary approval from the Chico Area Recreation District, Butte County Public Works, the City of Chico, and the Neal Road Landfill, and coordinates the volunteers the day of the event. The results of the Cleanup are detailed below.

2013 Chico Creeks & Bidwell Park Cleanup
September 21, 2013
9:00am to 12:30pm
Primary Coordinator: Maggi Barry

This year approximately 270 volunteers showed up to help clean Upper and Lower Bidwell Park, Big Chico Creek, Little Chico Creek, Dead Horse Slough, Sycamore Creek, Comanche Creek, and Lindo Channel! The volunteer count was down from the prior year but considering it rained part of the day, it was a great turn-out.

The volunteers included many teams formed by local organizations including, Friends of Bidwell Park, Torres Shelter, Friends of Comanche Creek, Vecino Lindo Neighborhood Watch, members of Sigma Pi and Gamma Zeta Alpha fraternities, Butte College, Pleasant Valley H.S. Key Club, and Chico State's A.S. Sustainability group as well as Community Action Volunteers in Education (CAVE). Other businesses and agencies helped by sending personnel with trucks and trailers, such as the California Conservation Corps, Butte County Sheriff's SWAP program, Klean Kanteen, Fishbio, and the City of Chico.

BEC interns James Stonich and Bret Jensen, Shane Romain (City of Chico Senior Park Ranger), Susan Mason, Liz Stewart and Janet Ellner conducted pre-event reconnaissance on Lindo Channel, Big Chico Creek, Little Chico Creek, and Comanche Creek. Knowing where the trash is before the cleanup helped us send the appropriate number of volunteers directly to some of the worst trash sites.

The volunteers showed up to help clean the Creeks of Chico and Bidwell Park before the *really* big rains come. This year's volunteers allowed us to clean approximately 8 miles of Big Chico Creek, 4 miles of Lindo Channel, portions of Dead Horse Slough &



Sycamore Creek, 2 miles of Little Chico Creek and 1 mile of Comanche Creek, along with most areas of Lower and Upper Bidwell Park.

The volunteers pulled enough garbage out of our parks and creeks to fill one 40-yard dumpster and two 20-yard dumpsters with trash, and most of a 15-yard dumpster with scrap metal. Volunteers also sorted through all garbage brought back to the sites and separated out aluminum cans, glass, plastic, cardboard and paper, and tin & miscellaneous small metal. Approximately 6 tires were removed, a push scooter, as well as a quite a few shopping carts.

Some of the items recovered included mattresses, old coolers, a push scooter, several bike frames, shopping carts, appliances, a few pieces of furniture, and a mini refrigerator.

This event would not be possible without the hundreds of people who were willing to spend their time on a Saturday morning picking up trash from our beautiful park and creeks!

Total Materials collected:

Trash: 13,475 lbs.	Scrap Metal: 1,480 lbs.	Recyclables: 1,956 pounds	TOTAL 16,911 pounds
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~8.46 TONS of Garbage and Recyclables!!

Collection Sites:

This year we had two different collection sites: Hooker Oak Recreation Area and Park Ave (at E. 11th Street). See map at the end of this report to see the approximate creek locations cleaned. At each site, staff and volunteers sift through almost all bags of garbage and sort the recyclables including glass, tin, plastic, cardboard, newspaper, scrap metal, and aluminum. The bags are also checked for hazardous waste (batteries, paint, solvents, mercury-containing thermostats, needles, etc). Sorting is not the favored activity of the cleanup, but it helps keep recyclables and hazardous waste out of the landfill.



Hooker Oak Site:

Site Leaders Mark Gailey and Steve Miller sent volunteers to clean Lower & Upper Bidwell Park, Big Chico Creek from Hwy 99 east to the end of the road in Upper Park. They also had people work in Lindo Channel from Five Mile to Cohasset Ave. Families with small children are encouraged to meet at this site to help clean the park where walking is safer and less treacherous than along creek banks. They filled a 20-yard dumpster with garbage, 2 bins of plastic, 2 1/2 bins of cardboard & paper, 3 bins of scrap metal, 1/2 bin of aluminum cans and 2 bins of glass. Despite the reasonable volunteer turnout, there were a few places along Lindo Channel that were not covered due to the amount of area needing to be covered and the fact that the homeless population has increased significantly in the past year.

Park Ave Site (at E. 11th Street):

Site Leaders Robyn DiFalco and Julia Murphy sent volunteers to clean Little Chico Creek, Big Chico



Creek from Hwy 32 to Rose Ave, Dead Horse Slough, Sycamore Creek at the end of Floral, and Comanche Creek area. The volunteers completely filled a 40-yard dumpster, as well as a 20-yard dumpster, mostly from the garbage out of the creeks (see photo to right). They filled 3 bins of glass, 31/2 bins of cardboard, 1 bin of aluminum and 2 bins plastic. The 15-yard scrap metal bin was nearly full. If shopping carts were found, they had the ones that were in good shape delivered to their owners (FoodMax, Rite Aid, Safeway, Michael's). If they were rusted or had parts missing, they were placed in the scrap metal bin.

We missed a couple of stretches in Little Chico Creek from Pine Street through Chapman town to Humboldt Park because of reduced volunteer turnout. Volunteers were advised to exercise caution due to the increase of homeless encampments. Safety was emphasized at both check-in sites to ensure a safe experience for volunteers.

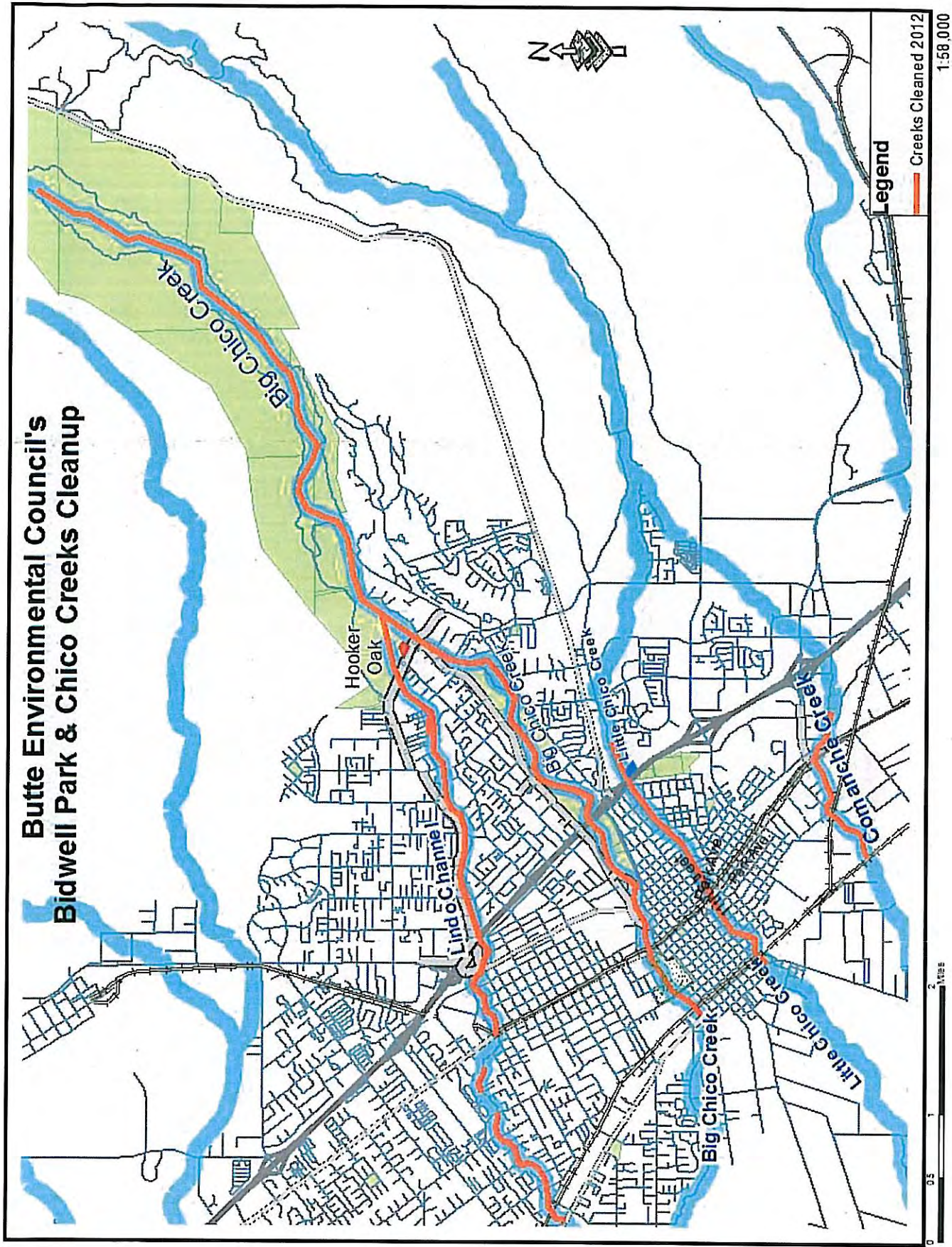
Summary

For approximately the past decade, Butte Environmental Council has aimed to hold our cleanup to coincide with California Coastal Cleanup Day on the third Saturday of September. This year California Coastal Cleanup Day was held the same day. As of September 21st, they had over 51,000 volunteers who collected more than 251 tons of debris! We turn in our volunteer and garbage collected numbers to California Coastal Cleanup Day leaders to be compiled with theirs.

After the Clean-up, BEC was lucky to have the Madison Bear Garden provide volunteers with a BBQ (beef, vegetarian burgers, vegan hotdogs, apples, rice chips, and all the fixings) held at Hooker Oak Park! Volunteers were entered into a drawing, and had the chance to win some great prizes, including BEC Chico Bags, t-shirts, two \$25 gift certificates to Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, and other great prizes donated by local businesses.

Once again, we were extremely pleased with the turnout of volunteers. The beginning of the day, it wasn't raining but at around 10:30am, we had a torrential downpour! Very few volunteers showed up during this time. Overall this cleanup was a great success, and despite the weather, we still removed *more* garbage and recyclables from our creeks and parks than in years past.





City of Chico 2013 Tree Removal List

0 Extreme
1 High
2 Moderate

Address	Location:	zone	Species:	Height	DBH	Notice	Marked	Notes:	Priority Rating	Cost
Priority 1 Trees-October 2013										
446 W 10th St	F:1	1	Pistache	30	19	yes	yes	Extensive root decay, leaning	1	500
1844 Locust St	F:1	1	Pistache	40	27	yes	yes	Damaged trunk from split limbs	1	500
1419 Ridgebrook Way	F:1	1	Sycamore	45	16	yes	yes	Uprooting, leaning on street light	1	500
26 Christopher Alan Ln	S:1Springfield	1	Pin Oak	45	16	yes	yes	Dead, decay at base	1	500
2053 Marilyn Dr	F:1	1	Hackberry	20	8	yes	yes	Dead	1	100
Bid Park Cedar Grove	picnic site	2	Austrian Pine	90	24	yes	yes	1/2 dead, on S Park Dr, east of BBQ pit	1	500
960 Lupin Ave	F:1	4	Silver Maple	50	51	yes	yes	Dying, extensive decay in main trunk	1	500
1013 Arbutus Ave	F:2	5	Silver Maple	55	27	yes	yes	Dying,extensive root decay	1	500
1240 W 11th Ave	S:1 Fern St	5	English Walnut	30	24	yes	yes	Decay, hollow main trunk, half dead,leaning	1	500
1240 W 11th Ave	S:4 Fern St	5	English Walnut	40	31	yes	yes	Dead	1	500
1245 Arcadian Ave	S:1 W 3rd	5	Pistache	40	15	yes	yes	Damaged trunk from split limb	1	500
1421 Magnolia Ave	F:1	5	English Walnut	50	30	yes	yes	Dying, extensive decay in main trunk	1	500
354 E 1st Ave	F:2	5	Camphor	50	25	yes	yes	Dead	1	500
1574 Hobart St	F:2	5	Silver Maple	50	47	yes	yes	Decay in main trunk and at old heading cuts	1	500
493 E 5th St	F:2	6	English Walnut	25	18	yes	yes	Declining	1	500
700 Normal Ave	F:1	6	Silver Maple	45	31	yes	yes	Decline, extensive root decay	1	500
1400 W 3rd St	F:4	6	English Walnut	45	41	yes	yes	Extensive decay and decline.	1	500
728 Orient St	F:1	6	English Walnut	40	27	yes	yes	Dying	1	500
836 W 1st St	F:1	6	Silver Maple	65	45	yes	yes	Dying, extensive decay in main trunk	1	500
917 Ivy St	F:1	6	Mulberry	40	25	yes	yes	Dead	1	500
1165 E 10th St	F:1	6	English Walnut	30	16	yes	yes	Dead	1	500
1165 E 10th St	F:2	6	English Walnut	30	16	yes	yes	Dead	1	500
295 E 8th St	S:2 Flume St	6	Cedar	35	22	yes	yes	on Flume St, weak attachments, leaning	1	500
509 W 2nd St	S:2 Hazel	6	Pistache	30	13	yes	yes	Damaged trunk from split limb	1	500
403 W 6th St	F:1	6	Golden Rain	30	18	yes	yes	Dead, decay at base	1	500
510 Alder St	F:1	6	English Walnut	35	21	yes	yes	Dead	1	500
236 Windrose	F:1	7	Raywood Ash	35	17	yes	yes	Lifting sidewalk and underground utilities	1	500
236 Windrose	F:2	7	Raywood Ash	35	13	yes	yes	Lifting sidewalk and water main	1	500
CMD										
18 Walnut Park Dr	back up	2	Valley Oak	40	18			Damaging sound wall fence on Centennial ave	1	500
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along Egret Ln	outflow	5	Willow	30	multi			Roots plugging drain outlet	1	500
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Priority 2 Trees - Removal Time to be determined

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0 Extreme
1 High
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Address	Location:	zone	Species:	Height	DBH	Notice	Marked	Notes:	Priority Rating	Cost
1702 Spruce St		5	English Walnut	60	28			Dying	2	500
1321 Oleander St			Norway Maple	25	12			Dying	2	500
1718 Laurel St	F:1	1	Hackberry	40	12	yes	yes	sidewalk issues from roots	2	500
1718 Laurel St	F:2	1	Hackberry	40	12	yes	yes	sidewalk issues from roots	2	500
43 SkyMountain Cir	Rear-path	1	Ailanthus	35	16	yes	yes	Lifting fence. Poison stump.	2	500
51 SkyMountain Cir	Rear-path	1	Ailanthus	35	12	yes	yes	Lifting fence. Poison stump.	2	500
51 SkyMountain Cir	Rear-path	1	Ailanthus	35	10	yes	yes	Lifting fence. Poison stump.	2	500
51 SkyMountain Cir	Rear-path	1	Ailanthus	20	6	yes	yes	Lifting fence. Poison stump.	2	500
398 E 2nd Ave	F:1	5	Camphor	40	26	yes	yes	Dying	2	500
988 Filbert	S:3	5	Sycamore	60	36	yes	yes	Decay in main trunk, decline in upper limbs	2	500
1061 Warner St	F:1	5	Silver Maple	60	51	yes	yes	Declining, decay in main trunk	2	500
885 Lorinda Ln	F:1	7	Modesto Ash	50	30				2	500
885 Lorinda Ln	F:2	7	Modesto Ash	50	30				2	500
725 E. Eaton Rd	F:1	7	Chinese pistache	40	22	yes	yes	Split out limbs, casuing decay in main trunk	2	500
Priority 3 Trees - Removal Time to be determined										
1805 Hemlock	S:4	1	Pecan	18	40	yes	no	Getting too large for site	3	500
1263 Magnolia	F:1	5	English Walnut	40	22	yes	yes	Dying	3	500
Memorial Way	Back up	5	Hackberry	40	15	yes	yes	Crowding more desirable trees	3	500
223 W Lincoln	F:1	5	Chinese Pistache	35	18	yes	yes	Dying, decay	3	500
615 Henshaw	F:8	7	English walnut	30	32	no	yes	Extensive dieback,decay	3	500
254 E 15th St	S:3	1	black walnut	20	30	yes	yes	Cut to house drop - PG&E Request 10597870€	2	500
1072 Chestnut St	F:1	1	Privet	40	24			chain saw cut around trunk of tree	2	500



CITY OF CHICO MEMORANDUM

TO: BPPC DATE: 10-23-13

FROM: DAVID BETTENCOURT FILE: REPORTS
FIELD SUPERVISOR

SUBJECT: STREET TREES
PRIORITY 1 BLACK WALNUT REMOVALS

Under City of Chico Municipal Code (Section 14.40.270), if staff finds a City Street tree is dangerous to public health and safety and is not on our removal list, then the director and the city manager have the authority to remove a tree or shrub, without the authorization or direction of either the BPPC or the Council, if they determine that the immediate removal is necessary for the maintenance of public safety. The tree removal process is outlined in the 7/29/13 BPPC Manager's Report.

Our CMC requires that the director shall report to the Commission from time to time regarding City street tree work. At least annually, the Urban Forest Manager or director communicates to the BPPC the tree removal list. Staff will also provide additional information on trees that may be of interest to the BPPC and the public.

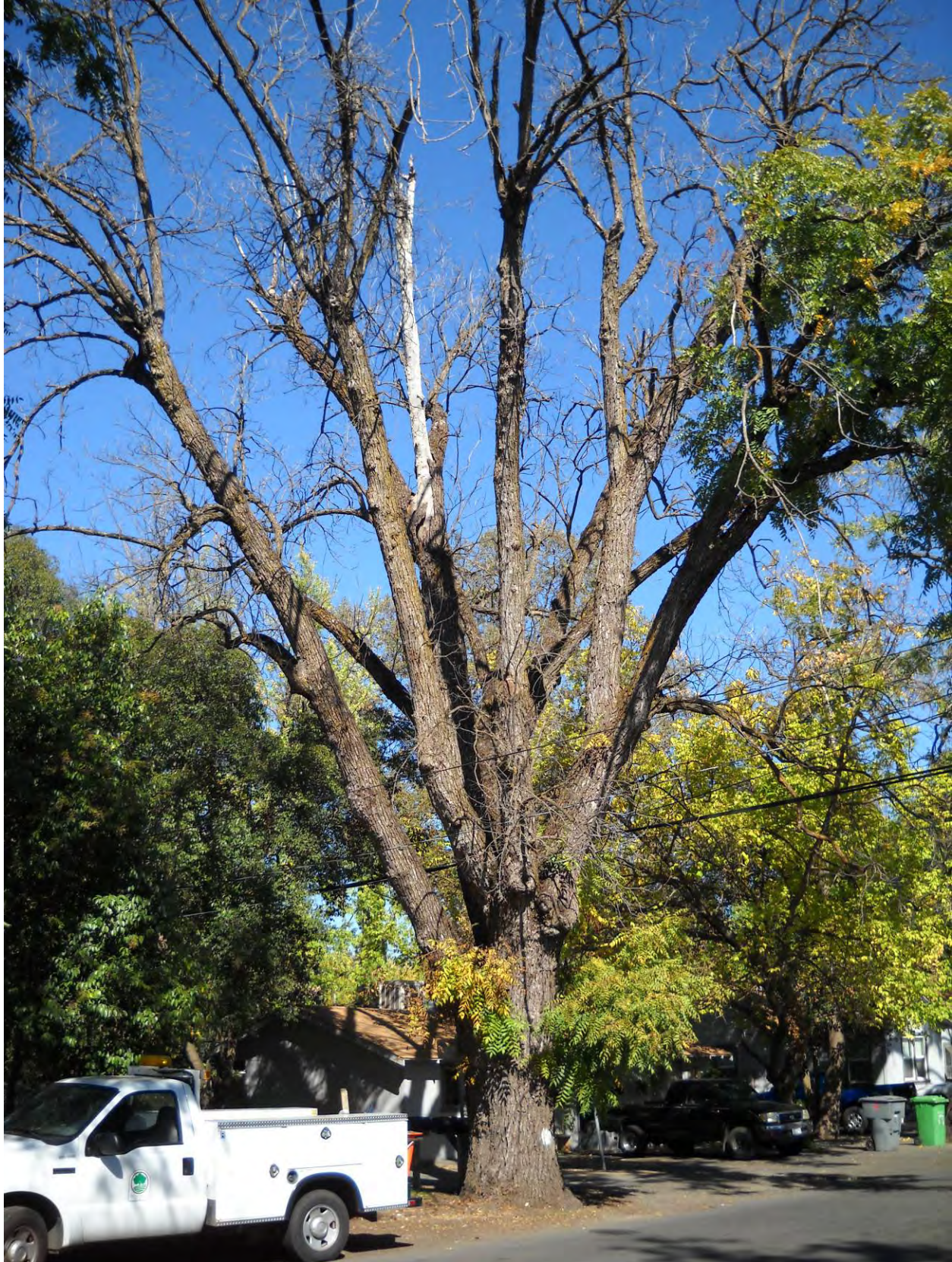
Priority 1 Walnut Removals

Staff has determined that 7 walnut trees will need to be removed for public safety.

There are 4 trees located in the Avenues, 2 trees are located near a school, and 1 tree in a Maintenance District over hanging a bike path.

ADDRESS	POSITION	NOTES
618 W 2nd Ave	F:1	Extensive die back
618 W 2nd Ave	F:3	Extensive die back
47 River Wood Loop	CMD	Extensive die back
128 W 1st Ave	R:1	Declining, decay at base
482 E 5th Ave	F:1	Extensive die back
1515 Boucher St	F:3	Decay at base, leaning, die back
1906 C St	F:1	Extensive die back

The following photos help to describe the health and condition of the 7 trees.



Walnut at 618 W 2nd Ave in the F:1 position. The tree is mostly dead and hangs over the street and bike path.



Walnut at 618 W 2nd Ave in the F:3 position. Tree is mostly dead and hangs over the house.



Next to 47 River Wood Loop in maintenance district lawn area. Tree had all dead tops removed 2 years ago and continues to show signs of decline over the bike path.

Walnut located at 128 W 1st Ave in the alley behind the property. This tree has large dead tops and extensive decay at the base. It also leans over a paved area that is used by the kids for church activities.





Walnut located at 482 E 5th Ave next to an alley. Tree displays extensive die back most likely from construction work that impacted the root system 2 years ago.



This walnut at 1515 Boucher St has decay at the base of the roots and leans out over the sidewalk. This tree would not pass an ADA inspection.



This walnut at 1906 C St in the F:1 position has extensive die back and is a main route to Chapman School.

These trees are dangerous and a risk to public health and safety. They need to be removed ASAP. In order to perform the work at a minimal costs to the City and to also recycle the wood, these trees will be put out to bid as a value for the wood. The City expects savings and perhaps some revenue based on this value that will go directly back into the general fund.

If there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact::

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September 6, 2013

Daniel Efseaff
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Mr. Efseaff

The purpose of this correspondence is to inform you that the Chico Velo Cycling Club (Chico Velo) would like to request a "functional art piece" at the One-Mile recreation area. Chico Velo is committed to completely fund this new art piece to be inspired by the memory of the club's founder, Ed McLaughlin. The One-Mile recreation area is a common gathering place for what local cyclists call "decide and ride".

We welcome the opportunity to meet with City staff to further discuss the potential art piece One-Mile. While we prefer the One-Mile recreation area, we are willing to work with the City to identify other locations as well.

Please advise as to the process involved in moving forward with this request. We look forward to working with the City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ivan Garcia". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "I" and "G".

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