



BUTTE COUNTY and CITY OF CHICO



Butte County and the City of Chico Announce Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Installation of Sewer Lines for the Chapman-Mulberry Neighborhood

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Oroville & Chico, CA – Officials from Butte County and the City of Chico announced a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate forthcoming the installation of sewer lines in a large portion of the Chapman-Mulberry Neighborhood. The ceremony will be held on December 1, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. at the Second Baptist Church located at 1053 Ohio Street in Chico.

The construction project is a joint response by Butte County and the City of Chico to a 1990 Prohibition Order issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board). The Water Board required all existing septic systems on parcels less than one acre in the Greater Chico Urban Area must be eliminated by July 1995. At the time, the lack of sewer infrastructure made property owners' compliance with the Order infeasible. In order to provide property owners the tools necessary to comply with the Order, the County of Butte and City of Chico worked together to provide a solution. The Nitrate Compliance Program was adopted in 2000, delineating the areas throughout the Greater Chico Urban Area with the highest priority for sewer. A State Revolving Loan Fund was obtained jointly by the City of Chico, Chico Redevelopment Agency, and County of Butte in 2008 to provide the necessary funding mechanism to pay for the public sewer system improvements.

The construction project, as outlined in the Nitrate Compliance Program, involves six phases of construction. Phase I, the Lassen Avenue Area, was completed in February 2010. Phase 2 is the Chapman-Mulberry Neighborhood. The project will include construction of sewer mains, sewer laterals within the public right-of-way, and trench repair including replacement of the roadway to match pre-existing conditions. All six construction phases are anticipated to be complete by the year 2017.

“After years of hard work, I am really pleased that this project is finally coming to fruition,” said Supervisor Jane Dolan. “This project is a significant landmark for improving the health and quality of life for the residents of the Chapman-Mulberry Neighborhood. I want to thank all those who made the project possible including the City Council, Board of Supervisors, residents of the Chapman-Mulberry Neighborhood as well as County and City staff.”

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