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### **New Park Gate and Restroom Hour Changes Slated for September**

Chico, Ca. 08-02-10 - The City of Chico's Park Division announced new gate and restroom hours for several public and park facilities. The changes have been proposed as a result of staff reductions, and in an effort to allow for better availability of Park Rangers during peak visitor times in the park. The shift will provide clearer closing times to park users. The changes affect winter hours more than the summer hours. These changes will increase Ranger coverage during peak hours so that they may respond to enforcement issues, emergencies and hazardous situations. The changes will not affect pedestrian and bicycle access into the parks. The changes will go into effect September 7, 2010. A seasonal schedule has been established and will be as follows:

- The Upper Park gate will close at 9 pm in fall and winter (Oct-Mar) and at 11 pm in spring and summer (Apr-Sept). Gate openings remain unchanged and will occur at 5:30 am.
- The Cedar Grove gate and restroom, Five-Mile gate and restroom, One-Mile restroom, Horse Arena, and Upper Park gate at Parking lot E will open at 7:30 am and close at 7 pm (Oct-Mar) and 9 pm (Apr-Sept). Upper Park gate at Parking lot E will continue to be closed on Sundays and Mondays.
- The North One-Mile parking lot gate will shift to 7:30 am openings and will close at 9 pm (Oct-Mar) and 11 pm (Apr-Sept).
- Restrooms at Ringle Park, City Plaza, and the Transit Center will be opened at 8 am and close at 6 pm (Oct-May) and 8 pm (Apr-Sept).
- South One-Mile gates and Caper Acres will open at 9 am and close at 7 pm (Oct-Mar) and 9 pm (Apr-Sept). As is the case now, Caper Acres will remain closed on Monday.
- South Park Drive and Petersen Drive will open at 11 am and close at 7 pm (Oct-Mar) and 9 pm (Apr-Sept).

Temporary signs will be installed at all locations affected outlining the changes in hours. Citizens who have questions may contact the Parks Division at (530) 896-7800.

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The Parks, Open Spaces, Greenways, and Preserves Division is within the General Services Department, and is responsible for maintaining and operating City parks, open space, and recreation areas including Bidwell Park, Children's Playground, Depot Park, City Plaza, Lindo Channel, Little Chico Creek Greenway, Teichert Ponds, and other preserves. Park Division programs include: Maintenance, Ranger, Lifeguard, and Volunteer Programs.

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