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BUILDING OF ROCK DAMS PROHIBITED IN BIG CHICO CREEK

Every summer, people enjoy building rock dams in Big Chico Creek while visiting Bidwell Park. The rock dams pool the creek's water for swimming holes and are often found near picnic sites. The City of Chico strives to keep Big Chico Creek's eco-system healthy. The building of rock dams directly impedes the migration of the creek's fish population by altering the flow of the creek. The current of the creek can also cause the rocks to shift, which can pose a hazard to swimmers and people wading.

Section 12R.04.320 of the Chico Municipal Code prohibits the obstruction of any creek flowing through any park in the City of Chico. The City of Chico appreciates community members' efforts in removing litter from Bidwell Park and for assisting in keeping all creeks clean and clear of obstructions. For more information, contact the City of Chico Park Division at (530) 896-7831.

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