



**CITY OF CHICO**  
**BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)**  
**NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting Agenda

May 14, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Center - 421 Main Street, Conference Room 2

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. REGULAR AGENDA -**

**2.1. Overview of Bidwell Ranch Conservation and Mitigation Bank Options (Information Item)**

Staff will outline the options related to the Bidwell Ranch property. Staff will provide details regarding the protected species, proposed crediting approaches, current mitigation regulations, and next steps. The January Natural Resource Committee meeting provided an opportunity to provide commissioners and members of the public with the background information to help understand the history of the project. Staff will present a refined version of the information at a future Council meeting.

**3. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

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

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on June 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room 2, Chico Municipal Center Building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).



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## Natural Resources Committee Staff Report

Meeting Date 5/14/15

DATE: 5/1/15  
TO: Natural Resource Committee  
FROM: Dan Efseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager  
SUBJECT: Briefing on Bidwell Ranch Conservation and Mitigation Bank (Information Item)

### REPORT IN BRIEF:

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In fall 2006, the Council budgeted funds to explore the feasibility of developing Bidwell Ranch as a mitigation bank. Underlying the Council's action are the following goals:

1. Provide permanent protection for the site's highly sensitive resources
2. Open appropriate areas to public access
3. Develop a mechanism to fund site management and needed improvements
4. Off-set City of Chico mitigation costs for capital projects

The Council directed staff to consider four options for Bidwell Ranch:

- 1 Status Quo/No Action - Continue Current Management.
- 2 Finalize a Conservation and Mitigation Bank.
- 3 Investigate Use of a Third Party to Fund the Restoration Component of Mitigation Bank.
- 4 Permittee Responsible Mitigation (Use of Bidwell Ranch as Mitigation for City Projects).

The Citizen Work Group (CWG) supported the initial part of the Bidwell Ranch project. The CWG was intended to invite interested citizens to:

1. Provide input, through public noticed meetings, to staff and the consultant to create a conservation and mitigation bank at the Bidwell Ranch site.
2. Serve as an advisory role. It is not a decision-making body; but the group's input will be factored into the development of Bidwell Ranch as a conservation and mitigation bank.
3. The commitment requested from Citizen Work Group members was: 1) to participate throughout the 24 month planning process, 2) to attend approximately four Citizen Work Group Meetings, which are open to the public, 3) to work respectfully and cooperatively with other members, 4) to provide constructive input to help the Project Team on the management plan and to develop the site as a conservation and mitigation bank, and 5) to review and comment on draft documents.

Commissioners and CWG members will review the information and provide suggestions for effective means to present it to Council and to identify other questions or issues that staff should address in the Council report.

**Attachments: none**

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