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City of Chico Press Release

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 18, 2020 – HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Out of concern for the health and safety of the City of Chico community members, Mayor Schwab has canceled tonight's regularly scheduled Council meeting and asked the City Clerk to continue the meeting to Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Three factors led to this decision: excessive heat warning, air quality that is moderate/unhealthy for sensitive groups, and potential for power outages. While each one of these items may not warrant postponing the meeting, taken together, these conditions do not promote active participation by the City's residents in tonight's Council Meeting.

The National Weather Service has issued an Excessive Heat Warning in North Central California. Dangerously hot conditions with afternoon highs on Tuesday of 102 to 112 for the Valley. Extreme and prolonged heat will significantly increase the potential for heat related illnesses, particularly for those working or participating in outdoor activities.

Air quality in the Chico area is forecasted to be "Moderate" as a 24-hour average, however real-time conditions are currently showing conditions that are borderline Moderate /Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups. Smoke is in the area. The heating of the day generally leads to improved conditions on the valley floor towards the late afternoon as there's more mixing. However, conditions could worsen if fire activity picks up this afternoon.

Based on current energy supply forecasts, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has announced rotating power outages are likely to occur Tuesday. If the City experiences a power outage, we will lose our ability to transmit and record the meeting.

Mayor Ann Schwab stated, ***"City Council deliberations and decisions are best informed with community involvement. The excessive heat, diminished air quality, and the potential for power outages decrease the ability for Chico residents to contribute to our decision-making process. Adjourning to Tuesday, August 25, 2020 will provide a better opportunity for engagement."***

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