



# TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

## EIR PUBLIC SCOPING SUMMARY REPORT

*Public Comment Period: May 3 - June 3, 2021*



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## Introduction

The Town of Paradise, California, (Town) is proposing a new wastewater management system for the residents of Paradise. Currently, all wastewater within the Town is treated by individual, on-site septic systems. The Paradise Sewer Project would bring long-term and reliable wastewater management to Paradise that would be both economically and socially beneficial. Specifically, local businesses would have better opportunities to expand and thrive, which would provide more economic stability for Paradise as well as more job opportunities for residents. Residents and visitors would also have the potential for an overall better quality of life because there would be fewer potential health risks from the existing septic systems. With the new wastewater system, residential parcels could be developed more densely, including multi-family housing, which would allow for more low-income housing opportunities.

## Overview

### Project Purpose

The proposed project involves two major components: a wastewater collection system that would provide service connections to individual parcels within the designated sewer service area, and an 18-mile-long export pipeline to carry wastewater to the Chico Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP), as shown in Figure 1. The project would provide long-term wastewater management to the residents of Paradise.

Figure 1. Study Area Map





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## Project Benefits

The Paradise Sewer Project would bring many benefits to Paradise and the region, including:

- providing wastewater disposal surety to help businesses and jobs return to Paradise and spur economic recovery;
- improving Paradise groundwater quality by decreasing septic tank discharges;
- allowing for more densely populated residential development in Paradise to increase affordable/multi-family housing;
- creating a wastewater solution supported by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board and partner agencies to help create opportunities for additional funding.

## Notice of Preparation

On May 3, 2021, the Town, acting as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency, launched the environmental process for the proposed Paradise Sewer Project with a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and virtual public scoping meetings. The first step in the EIR process was to solicit public input regarding the scope and content of environmental information to be included in the EIR. The NOP was posted at the State Clearinghouse (SCH# 2021050008) and circulated to public agencies and other interested parties in compliance with CEQA Guidelines, Section 15082(a). The NOP notified the public that the EIR is being prepared and provided information on how the public could provide comments on the scope of the EIR. Issuance of the NOP started the 30-day public comment period, which was open from May 3 to June 3, 2021.

The NOP provided information about the public comment period, project location, project background, project description, and the probable environmental effects of the proposed project. The NOP was posted on the project website at [www.paradisesewer.com](http://www.paradisesewer.com). The NOP package can be found in **Attachment A** of this document and includes the NOP, the distribution list, and the Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal.

## Public Notification and Outreach

Several methods were used to build awareness about the Paradise Sewer Project, the NOP, and the subsequent public comment period and scoping meetings. Using the established project website ([www.paradisesewer.com](http://www.paradisesewer.com)) and the Town's social media accounts (Facebook and YouTube), the project team posted key information online to direct viewers to the project website and to promote the initial project activities and environmental milestones. Additionally, the project team submitted notices in local Paradise and Chico media publications, and conducted public and Town Council engagement meetings.

## Public Notice Advertisements

Public notices for the public comment period were published in the *Paradise Post* on May 1, 2021, and in the *Enterprise-Record* on May 3, 2021. Copies of the public notice advertisements are included in **Attachment B**.

## Media Relations

One press release was sent on May 3, 2021, to the surrounding project area. A copy of the media release is included in **Attachment C**.



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## Website

The project website ([www.paradisesewer.com](http://www.paradisesewer.com)), which was revamped on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 continued to act as the main information hub for the public to learn about the project and get updated information at milestones throughout the environmental phase. The website includes the following pages and sections:

Page	Sections
Project Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Project Components</li><li>- Project Area Map (static map)</li><li>- Project Costs</li><li>- Find My Property (interactive map)</li><li>- Project Benefits</li><li>- Project Schedule</li></ul>
Public Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- News</li><li>- Events</li><li>- Key Activities</li></ul>
Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Environmental Review</li><li>- CEQA Process</li><li>- Environmental Key Activities</li></ul>
Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Overview</li><li>- Advisory Committee Members</li><li>- Advisory Committee Meetings</li></ul>
Project Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Frequently Asked Questions</li><li>- Project Documents</li><li>- Technical Documents</li><li>- Related Links</li></ul>
Contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mailing information and Phone Number</li><li>- Comment Submittal Form</li></ul>

The website is updated regularly to provide timely information on outreach and engagement activities. All comments received via the website were documented and recorded for the scoping process. Screenshots of the project website can be found in **Attachment D**.

## E-Blasts

Four e-blasts were distributed during the 30-day public comment period. The e-blasts provided reminders of the virtual public meetings and public comment period and included the project website address. Copies of the e-blasts are included in **Attachment E**.

## Social Media

Throughout the public comment period, social media was used to educate and inform the public about the Paradise Sewer Project. The project team used both the Town's Facebook and YouTube pages. The Town's Facebook page provided the public with information about community meetings, reminders of the virtual public scoping meetings, and directions on how to submit comments. The YouTube page provided the public with council meeting recordings. Copies of social media posts are provided in **Attachment F**.



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## Public and Stakeholder Engagement

### Virtual Public Meetings

For public convenience and to allow participation in a safe environment, two virtual public meetings were held via Webex during the public comment period. The meetings provided a brief overview of the proposed project and the EIR process and encouraged the public to provide comments about the scope of the EIR effort. The first virtual public meeting took place on May 13, 2021, and had 40 attendees—11 project team members and 29 public attendees. The second virtual public meeting took place on May 25, 2021, and had 26 attendees—12 project team members and 14 public attendees. Those who needed additional accessibility preferences were directed to post a message on the project website ([www.paradiseseWER.com/contact](http://www.paradiseseWER.com/contact)). Any persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired (TDD) were also encouraged to contact the California Relay Service TTY and/or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2929, or 711. The PowerPoint presentations from the virtual public meetings are provided in

**Attachment G.**

### Sewer Regionalization Project Advisory Committee

In addition to the virtual public meetings, the project team participated in monthly Sewer Regionalization Project Advisory Committee meetings starting in April 2021. The purpose of the committee meetings is to develop an agreement between the Town of Paradise and the City of Chico regarding potential future discharge of the Town's wastewater to the Chico WPCP, and to monitor the progress of the Paradise Sewer Project EIR. Information about the committee, including meeting minutes, can be found on the project website ([www.paradiseseWER.com/advisory-committee](http://www.paradiseseWER.com/advisory-committee)).

### Comment Submittal

To encourage public comments, a number of submittal methods were provided. Comments could be submitted by direct mail, email, on the project website ([www.paradiseseWER.com/contact](http://www.paradiseseWER.com/contact)), during the two virtual public meetings, and by phone. Overall, 60 comments were submitted by 25 individual commenters during the project scoping period. A few commenters made multiple comment submittals during the public comment period. A comment matrix including all comments received during the public comment period can be found in **Attachment H.**

The following summarizes the number of comments received by each submittal method:

- 4 letters (from the Native American Heritage Commission, Butte Local Agency Formation Commission, Paradise Irrigation District, and Central Valley Flood Protection Board)
- 1 email
- 9 virtual public meeting comment submittals
- 14 website comment submittals

### Virtual Public Meeting Comments

As mentioned previously, two virtual public meetings were held via Webex during the public comment period. Attendees of the public meetings were encouraged to ask questions and provide input on the project and process. Nine comments were provided during the public meetings. Commonly asked questions were about any potential project costs to property owners and if the project would be able to handle future growth in Paradise. Additionally, several commenters requested more project information about current funding sources for the project, the export



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pipeline route, and recommendations for property owners considering constructing septic tank systems before construction of the new sewer system.

## Comment Documentation and Review

The final step during the public comment period is the collection, categorization, and review of all comments received. Comments submitted during the 30-day public comment period were documented and organized by category to allow for easy review by the project team and the respective technical disciplines. Afterwards, the process will be to consider the comments as the project team continues its environmental analysis.

## Comment Themes

There were 25 individual commenters who submitted a total of 60 comments. Of the 60 comments submitted during the public comment period, the following themes were identified (some of the comments were outside the scope of the Paradise Sewer Project). The sub-bullets below each theme were specific items addressed by the public:

- Administrative (jurisdiction, rights, and oversight)
  - Provide post-construction recommendations to property owners after project completion
  - Consider addition of properties to the proposed sewer service area
  - Provide a subcontractor bidding schedule
- Aesthetics
  - Coordinate project construction with road rebuilding efforts
  - Provide a physical description of the export pipeline
- Agency Coordination
  - Coordinate efforts with the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC)
  - Coordinate efforts with the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) if Title 23 standards are not followed
  - Coordinate efforts with Paradise Irrigation District (PID)
- Concepts/Alternatives
  - Consider smaller and de-centralized alternatives
  - Consider a separate Town of Paradise wastewater system
  - Confirm the export pipeline route
  - Confirm the project boundary
  - Provide better plans/designs/maps depicting the project
- Funding/Costs
  - Inform project funding sources
  - Inform potential costs to residents and rate payers in the City of Chico
  - Inform potential costs to Paradise residents and property owners not within the sewer service area
- Health/Safety
  - Consider risks to public safety when developing the project



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- Outreach/Communications
  - Consult with respective stakeholders
- Tribal/Cultural Resources
  - Consult with Native American tribes
  - Assess cultural resources
- Urban Growth
  - Address the increase of population in the Town of Paradise, City of Chico, and surrounding region
- Wildfire
  - Consider the potential fire hazard associated with pipe materials
  - Consider the potential for increased exposure to fire risks

## Next Steps

The Town will review and, as appropriate, incorporate input received during the public comment period into the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR will contain the results of the alternatives analysis, an assessment of environmental impacts, and identification of mitigation measures. The next key project milestone will be the release of the Draft EIR for public review in early 2022.

**Attachment A**  
**Notice of Preparation**



April 30, 2021

# Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report and Public Scoping Meeting Notice

## RE: Paradise Sewer Project

To Interested Agencies and Persons:

The Town of Paradise (Town) as the Lead Agency for the Paradise Sewer Project (Proposed Project) has issued this Notice of Preparation (NOP) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to notify responsible and trustee agencies and other interested parties that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared to evaluate potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Project. The Town is soliciting public input regarding the scope and content of environmental information to be included in the EIR.

The NOP provides information about the public review and comment period, project location, project description, and the probable environmental effects of the Proposed Project, and is posted on the Town's website at [www.paradisesewer.com](http://www.paradisesewer.com).

### Agency and Public Review and Comment

The Town is interested in receiving input from agencies, stakeholders, and the public regarding the Proposed Project. Your agency may need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the Proposed Project, if any is required. Please respond with written comments regarding the proposed scope and the intended content of the EIR as it relates to your agency's area of statutory responsibility or your areas of concern or expertise. We are requesting that all comments be provided in writing to enable us to address the comments as intended in the EIR. Written comments are also requested from organizations and other interested parties regarding the scope and evaluation of potential environmental issues associated with the Proposed Project.

Written responses are due within 30 days of the receipt of this NOP, as provided by state law. As such, a 30-day public review and scoping period is established from May 3 to June 3, 2021. Comments may be submitted by mail or email, or by attending the public scoping meeting (see details below) and submitting a written comment. All comments should indicate a contact person for the agency or organization.

Two virtual public scoping meetings regarding the Proposed Project and EIR will be held. You, members of your agency or organization, and the public are invited to attend to provide written comments on the scope and content of environmental information to be included in the EIR. These meetings will include a brief overview of the Proposed Project and EIR process, and will allow time for questions about the project and process.



The Town will hold these public scoping meetings on May 13 with an approximately 30-minute presentation starting at 6:00 p.m. and on May 25 with an approximately 30-minute presentation starting at 12:00 p.m. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the meetings will be held virtually for remote public participation. The meeting links and call-in number for the presentation are provided below.

Thursday, May 13, at 6:00 p.m.	Tuesday, May 25, at 12:00 p.m.
<b>WebEx Link:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/Paradise_Sewer_Mtg1">bit.ly/Paradise_Sewer_Mtg1</a> <b>WebEx Password:</b> Paradise <b>Dial In #:</b> 408-418-9388 <b>Code:</b> 123 202 6837	<b>WebEx Link:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/Paradise_Sewer_Mtg2">bit.ly/Paradise_Sewer_Mtg2</a> <b>WebEx Password:</b> Paradise <b>Dial In #:</b> 408-418-9388 <b>Code:</b> 123 877 2748

For additional accessibility preferences, please post a message on the project website at [paradisewer.com/contact](https://paradisewer.com/contact) (from subject dropdown menu, select “Submit a comment on Environmental Impact Report”). Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired (TDD) may contact the California Relay Service TTY and/or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2929, or 711.

We value your input and look forward to hearing from you. For your convenience, we have a number of ways for you to provide comments at any time during the 30-day comment period ending at 5:00 p.m. on June 3, 2021. Comments can be submitted the following ways:

- Direct Mail:  
Colette Curtis, Public Information Officer  
Town of Paradise  
5555 Skyway  
Paradise, CA 95969
- Website and Virtual Meeting comment submittal: [paradisewer.com/contact](https://paradisewer.com/contact) (from subject dropdown menu, select “Submit a comment on Environmental Impact Report”).
- Telephone: 530-872-6291, ext. 112

If you are an authorized representative of a Responsible Agency or a Trustee Agency, the Town needs to know the views of your agency regarding the scope and content of the environmental information that is relevant to your agency’s statutory responsibilities in connection with the Proposed Project. Your agency will need to use the EIR when considering whether to permit or otherwise approve the Proposed Project. Comments received from State of California agencies should address (1) whether the agency will be a Responsible Agency or a Trustee Agency for the Proposed Project, and (2) if the agency is a Responsible Agency, the significant environmental issues and reasonable alternatives and mitigation measures that the Responsible Agency will need to have explored in the analysis. We will also need the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the contact person for your agency.



## Project Location

Paradise is in eastern Butte County, in the western foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The topography of Paradise is characterized by intervening ridges and valleys sloping to the southwest, with elevations ranging from 1,080 to 2,320 feet. Paradise is bordered on the east by the west branch of the Feather River and on the west by Little Butte Creek. Paradise is approximately 12 miles east of the City of Chico, California; 20 miles northwest of the City of Oroville, California; and 90 miles north of the City of Sacramento California. The primary entrances to Paradise are Skyway and Highway 191 (Clark Road). Paradise is connected to Chico via Skyway and to Oroville via Highway 191, which is known as Clark Road upon entering Paradise.

Chico, also in Butte County, sits on the Sacramento Valley floor close to the foothills of the Sierra Nevada range to the east. Chico's terrain is generally flat, with increasingly hilly terrain beginning at the eastern city limits. The city is traversed by two creeks, Big Chico Creek and Little Chico Creek, and the Lindo channel, all of which feed into the Sacramento River. Highways 32 and 99 comprise Chico's regional transportation network. Highway 32 connects Chico residents to Glenn and Plumas Counties to the west and east, respectively. Highway 99 connects residents to Tehama and Sutter Counties to the north and south, respectively (see Figure 1, map inset).

## Project Background

Since its incorporation in 1979, the Town has sought a formal wastewater treatment solution for the community, with service for commercial and densely populated residential areas being a priority. Failed and failing septic systems create the potential for public health and environmental concerns and have limited economic growth. Prior to the Camp Fire, which almost completely destroyed the town in 2018, Paradise was the largest unsewered community in California.

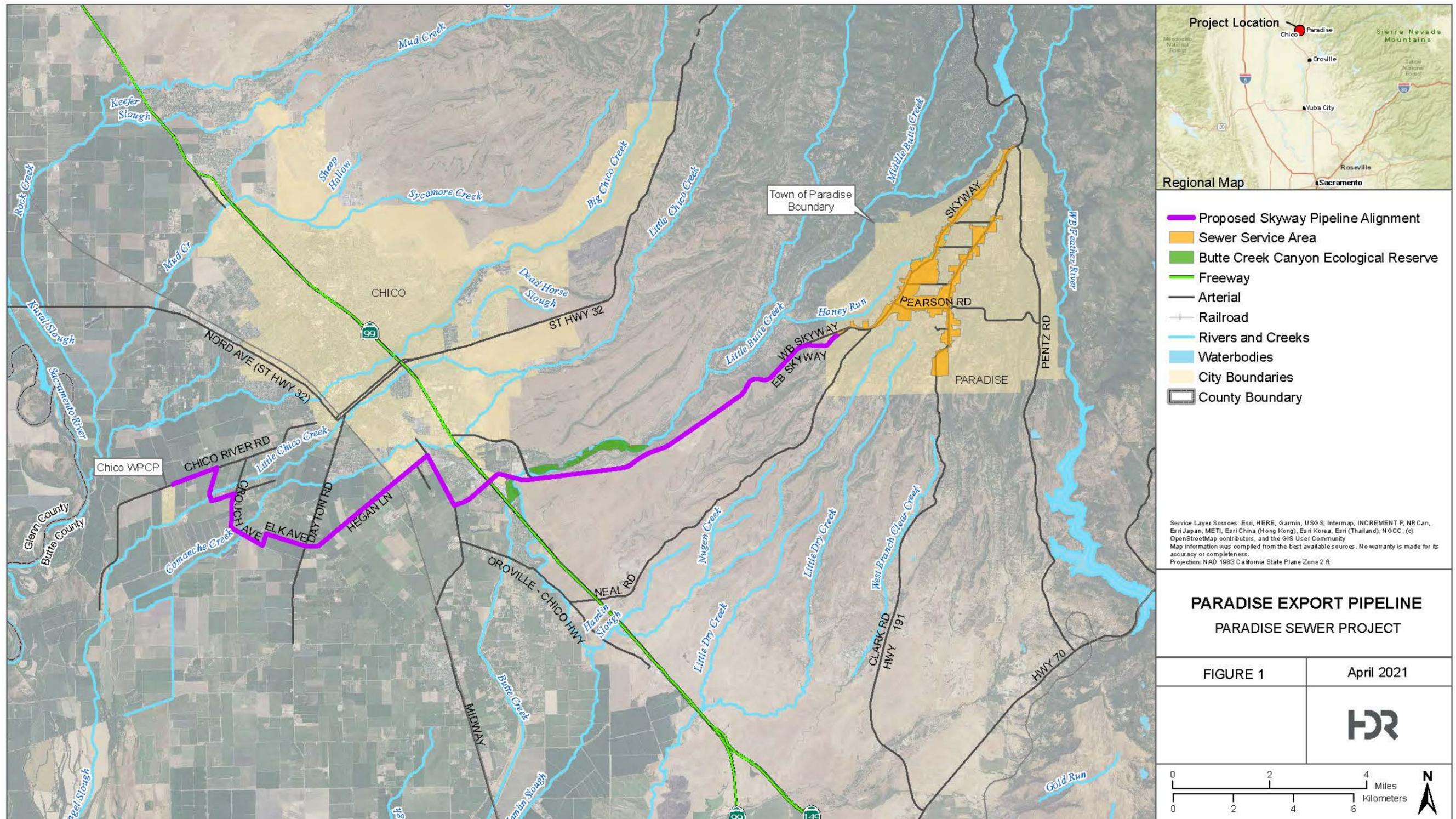
The Town has supported numerous studies to address its need for a centralized wastewater treatment solution, and in its most recent study,<sup>1</sup> the Town identified a proposed sewer service area. The proposed sewer service area includes the Town's commercial corridors, and as described in the 2017 study, it represented the area that had the most septic systems that had failed or were projected to fail by 2022.

## Existing Facilities

Wastewater treatment facilities in Paradise consist of individual, privately owned septic tanks and soil absorption disposal systems known as leach fields, together with several engineered subsurface disposal systems serving commercial and institutional facilities. Businesses and residences near the future sewer system continue to rely on septic tanks and leach field systems for wastewater treatment and disposal.

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<sup>1</sup> Bennett Engineering, 2017, Town of Paradise Sewer Project Alternatives Analysis and Feasibility Report: Determining a Preferred Option for Implementation, June 21.



**Project Location**

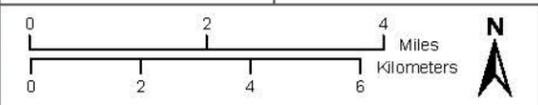
**Regional Map**

- Proposed Skyway Pipeline Alignment
- Sewer Service Area
- Butte Creek Canyon Ecological Reserve
- Freeway
- Arterial
- + Railroad
- Rivers and Creeks
- Waterbodies
- City Boundaries
- County Boundary

Service Layer Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, USGS, Intermap, INCREMENT P, NRCan, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Esri Korea, Esri (Thailand), NGCC, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community  
 Map information was compiled from the best available sources. No warranty is made for its accuracy or completeness.  
 Projection: NAD 1983 California State Plane Zone 2 ft

**PARADISE EXPORT PIPELINE**  
**PARADISE SEWER PROJECT**

FIGURE 1      April 2021





The Chico Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) is approximately 5 miles southwest of Chico on 120 acres of land owned by the City of Chico. The City of Chico owns and operates the Chico WPCP, which provides wastewater treatment and disposal for the greater Chico area. The Chico WPCP service area comprises the incorporated area of Chico and small parcels of unincorporated Butte County.

The Chico WPCP treatment system consists of screening for removal of large solids, grit removal, primary clarification, activated sludge treatment with secondary clarification, and chlorination/dechlorination. Sludge is treated by anaerobic digestion followed by mechanical dewatering. Biosolids are hauled directly from the centrifuge building for land application in unincorporated Sacramento County, California. The treated wastewater from the Chico WPCP is discharged to the Sacramento River through a submerged outfall diffuser and is regulated in accordance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0079081 (Order No. R5-2016-0023). This order permits an average dry weather flow effluent flow of 12 million gallons per day (gpd).

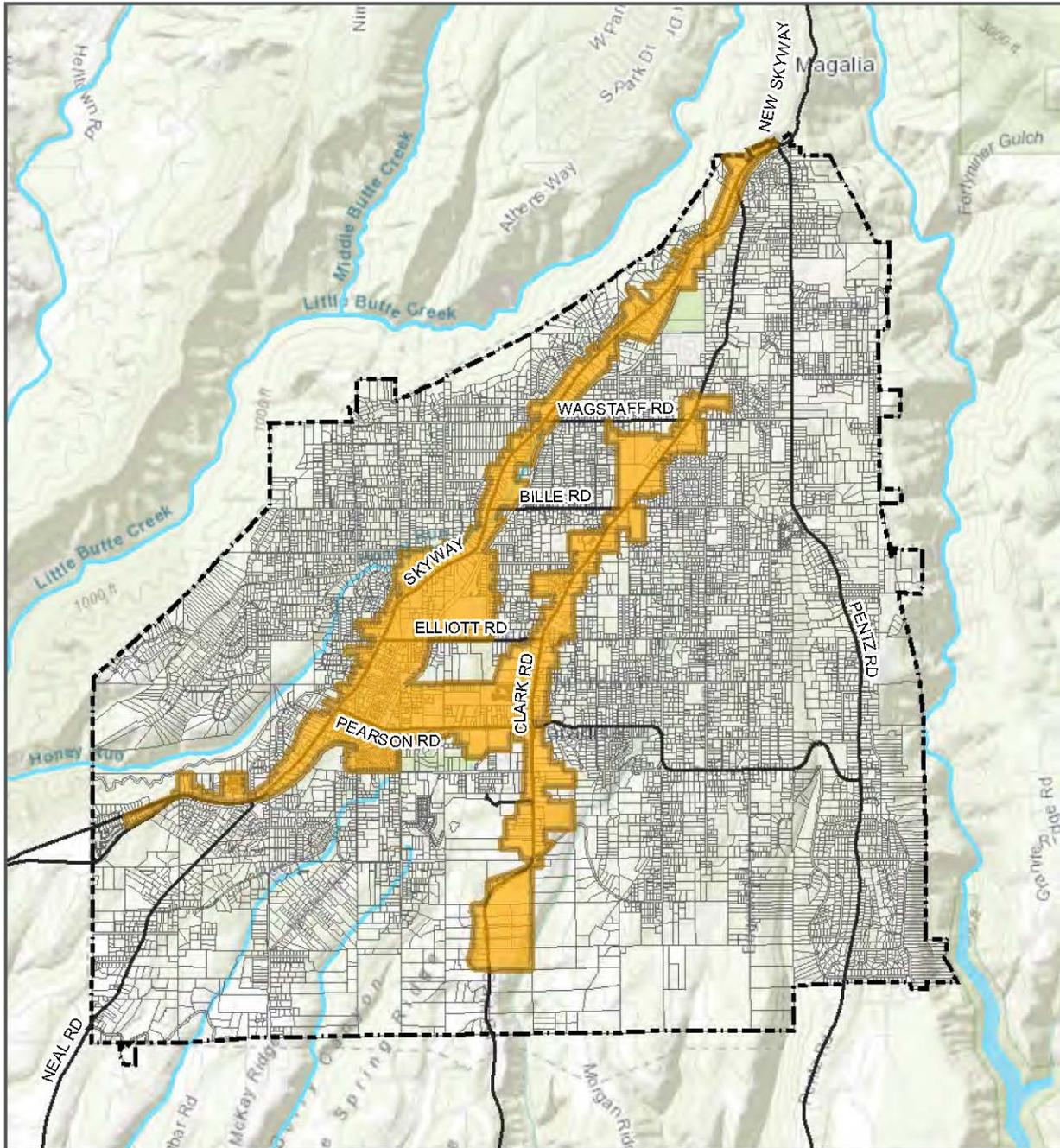
### **Project Description**

The Proposed Project consists of three constructed components—a wastewater collection system in Paradise, an 18-mile export pipeline to convey wastewater to the Chico WPCP, and connection to the WPCP—and operation of the new sewer system. The export pipeline would begin at the southwest edge of Paradise and run for approximately 8 miles along Skyway until reaching south Chico, at which point the pipeline would leave Skyway and continue west, crossing Butte Creek, Highway 99, and the Union Pacific Railroad, and terminating at the Chico WPCP in Chico. The Proposed Project would not change the service area of the Chico WPCP other than the addition of the Paradise connection and treatment. Moreover, there would be no additional fees for Chico residents and rate payers as a result of the Proposed Project.

### **Sewer Service Area**

The sewer service area (SSA) would serve approximately 1,500 parcels (out of the 11,000 total parcels in Paradise) along the Skyway, Clark Road, and Pearson Road corridors (see Figure 2). The SSA also would serve most businesses in Paradise and would enable future construction of affordable multi-family housing, which is limited because of multiple septic system constraints such as high groundwater, poor soils, and limited parcel sizes.

At the time of initial operation, an estimated 360 occupied parcels within the SSA would be generating an average wastewater flow of 109,000 gpd. It is estimated that it could take 30 years for the entire SSA to be occupied, at which time the average wastewater flow would be 448,000 gpd. The Town is considering this level of development and wastewater flow in planning its wastewater treatment solutions.



	Sewer Service Area	Freeway
	Paradise_Parcels	Arterial
	City Boundaries	Railroad
	Rivers and Creeks	Waterbodies

**TOWN OF PARADISE  
PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE AREA**

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FIGURE 2      APRIL 2021



## Collection System

The collection system would serve all parcels within the SSA, and would consist of a system of gravity sewers, small pump stations  and force mains. This collection system would enable properties within the SSA to have existing septic tanks and leach line systems abandoned altogether and would remove future onsite wastewater treatment and dispersal requirements. Because of the varied topography within the SSA, a number of pump stations and pressurized force mains would be required to pump flows out of valleys and swales, and back up to an adjacent gravity sewer. The collection system would consist of approximately 157,000 feet of 2- to 4-inch-diameter force mains, 29,000 feet of 8-inch-diameter gravity trunk lines, and 28 pump stations, all within public right-of-way. The gravity sewers would come together at the southwest edge of town, on Skyway, where they would transition to the export pipeline to the Chico WPCP.

## Export Pipeline

The proposed export pipeline would start along Skyway at the south end of the Paradise collection system and would continue southwest along Skyway. Near Chico, at the bend where Skyway turns north, the pipeline would continue west, heading cross-country with crossings of Butte Creek and Highway 99 until reaching Midway, and would proceed into Chico and end at the Chico WPCP. The connection to the Chico WPCP is not associated with other ongoing facility upgrades. Figure 1 shows the proposed export pipeline route and connection to the Chico WPCP.

## Operation and Maintenance

Operation and maintenance activities would occur with the facilities that comprise the Proposed Project. This would include various inspections, servicing, and replacement of pertinent Proposed Project facility elements at designated intervals.

## Probable Environmental Effects of the Proposed Project

After completing a preliminary review of the Proposed Project, as described in Section 15060(d) of the CEQA Guidelines, the Town has determined that an EIR should be prepared to assess the potentially significant environmental impacts of the Proposed Project.

The EIR will address environmental impacts of the Proposed Project's construction and operation activities and will propose mitigation measures to address significant impacts that are identified. The following describes the anticipated environmental issues that may be addressed in the EIR:

- **Aesthetics.** Potential impacts on aesthetics during construction and operation of the Proposed Project will be considered. Although temporary impacts may occur during construction, no permanent change in the visual landscape or viewshed is expected.
- **Agriculture and Forestry Resources.** Given the rural conditions, impacts on agriculture and forestry resources will be considered. However, it is anticipated that the Proposed Project would not result in impacts on prime agriculture and forestry resources that cannot be avoided.



- **Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions.** Criteria air pollutants generated during construction and operation of the Proposed Project would be estimated using the California Emissions Estimator Model (CalEEMod). Potential impacts on air quality will be assessed by comparing the Proposed Project's criteria air pollutant emissions with the thresholds of significance for criteria air pollutants in the Butte County Air Quality Management District's (BCAQMD) *CEQA Air Quality Handbook*.

Construction would be the main source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. GHG emissions during construction of the Proposed Project would be estimated using CalEEMod. Impacts associated with GHG emissions would be determined by comparing project GHG emissions during construction to BCAQMD's recommended thresholds for GHG emissions contained in the *CEQA Air Quality Handbook*.

- **Biological Resources.** The Town is completing field surveys to catalogue protected species and habitat conditions including wetlands and vernal pools. The EIR will consider impacts of proposed trenching and trenchless construction methods on biological resources.
- **Cultural Resources.** Potential impacts on cultural resources that could occur during ground-disturbing construction activities will be evaluated. An initial historic records search was completed, and intensive pedestrian surveys are being completed as part of this planning process. The findings from these studies will be used to analyze the potential physical impacts on historic, pre-historic, archaeological, and cultural resources that could result from proposed construction activities.
- **Energy.** A temporary increase in the consumption of energy would be required during construction, and a long-term increase in the use of energy would be required for operation of the Proposed Project. The impact analysis will assess if the Proposed Project would result in potentially significant environmental impacts due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources during construction or operation, or would conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency.
- **Geology and Soils.** Construction of the Proposed Project could result in site-specific impacts on or from local geology and soils conditions. Potential impacts related to geologic, seismic, and soils constraints will be assessed. Potential impacts on paleontological resources and mineral resources will also be considered.
- **Hazards and Hazardous Materials.** Potential impacts related to hazards and hazardous materials will be evaluated, including the potential hazardous materials associated with transport, use, and disposal of hazardous materials during construction and potential hazardous emissions or hazardous materials used during construction and operation of the Proposed Project.
- **Hydrology and Water Quality.** Potential impacts on hydrology and water quality will be described based on qualitative assessment of Project construction activities. No permanent changes to hydrology are expected to result from the Proposed Project.



- **Land Use and Planning.** Although the Proposed Project is not expected to change existing land use, the EIR will evaluate zoning within the sewer service area in relation to current and future development.
- **Noise.** Potential construction-period noise and vibration impacts on sensitive receptors (residences) near the Proposed Project will be assessed. Operational noise will also be analyzed in the EIR.
- **Population and Housing.** While the Proposed Project is not a response to the recovery effort from population and housing loss associated with the 2018 Camp Fire, the Proposed Project could lead to new opportunities for population and housing in the sewer service area. It is not anticipated that siting of the Proposed Project would lead to housing displacement. The balance of current and planned housing in the sewer service area would be considered against the Chico WPCP capacity.
- **Public Services.** Impacts on fire protection services, law enforcement services, schools, and other public services will be evaluated based on available information.
- **Recreation.** Potential impacts on existing recreational resources will be evaluated. It is not anticipated that the Proposed Project would affect existing recreational facilities or activities.
- **Transportation.** Because much of the proposed collection and export pipeline would be constructed in or adjacent to existing roadways, impacts on transportation are expected. Construction-related vehicle trips will be estimated, and temporary construction-related traffic will be evaluated to identify any hazardous conditions on roadways or inadequacies in emergency access that may result during construction of the Proposed Project.
- **Tribal Cultural Resources.** The Town is coordinating with interested tribes in accordance with Assembly Bill 52. Impacts on tribal cultural resources will be evaluated based on discussions with tribes regarding the relationship of the Proposed Project to the ongoing practice of traditional life ways.
- **Utilities and Service Systems.** The Proposed Project would introduce a new utility and service system, which will be analyzed. Construction and operation of the Proposed Project would raise demands on water supply and power utilities.
- **Wildfire.** The Proposed Project is in a state responsibility area, traversing moderate and high fire hazard severity zones. Therefore, this evaluation will focus on the potential for construction activities to impair an emergency response or evacuation plan, exacerbate wildfire risks, and expose people to risks due to post-fire effects, consistent with standards in the CEQA Guidelines Appendix G. The focus will be on elements of construction that could exacerbate fire hazard risks; however, once construction is completed, the underground pipeline would not create conditions that would affect wildland fire risks.
- **Other Sections.** The EIR will include additional topics as required by the CEQA Guidelines, including significant irreversible environmental changes, growth inducement, cumulative



impacts, and alternatives. The EIR will describe and evaluate a reasonable range of alternatives to the Proposed Project that would feasibly attain most or all of the Proposed Project's basic objectives while avoiding or substantially lessening any significant effects of the Proposed Project. These alternatives may include alternative pipeline routes. For each alternative, the EIR will assess the degree to which it might reduce one or more identified significant project impacts, whether it could result in other new or increased impacts, its feasibility, and the degree to which it is consistent with the Proposed Project objectives. The "No Project" alternative will also be evaluated as required by CEQA.

### Further Information

For environmental review information or questions about the Proposed Project, please contact us at through our project website at [paradisewer.com/contact](http://paradisewer.com/contact) (from subject dropdown menu, select "Submit a comment on Environmental Impact Report") or by calling us at 530-872-6291, ext. 112

Sincerely,

 4/23/2021

Marc Mattox

Town of Paradise Director of Public Works

**Attachment B**  
**Public Notice Advertisement**

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING NOTICE

The Town of Paradise (Town) as the Lead Agency for the Paradise Sewer Project (Proposed Project) has issued this Notice of Preparation (NOP) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to notify responsible and trustee agencies and other interested parties that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared to evaluate potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Project. The Town is soliciting public input regarding the scope and content of environmental information to be included in the EIR. The NOP provides information about the public review and comment period, project location, project description, and the probable environmental effects of the Proposed Project, and is posted on the Town's website at [paradisewer.com](http://paradisewer.com).

**PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT PERIOD:** May 3 to June 3, 2021

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

Since its incorporation in 1979, the Town has sought a formal wastewater treatment solution for the community, with service for commercial and densely populated residential areas being a priority. Failed and failing septic systems create the potential for public health and environmental concerns and have limited economic growth. Prior to the Camp Fire, which almost completely destroyed the town in 2018, Paradise was the largest unsewered community in California. The Town has supported numerous studies to address its need for a centralized wastewater treatment solution, and in its most recent study, the Town identified a proposed sewer service area. The proposed sewer service area includes the Town's commercial corridors, and as described in the 2017 study, it represented the area that had the most septic systems that had failed or were projected to fail by 2022.

The Proposed Project consists of three constructed components—a wastewater collection system in Paradise, an 18-mile export pipeline to convey wastewater to the Chico WPCP, and connection to the WPCP—and operation of the new sewer system. The export pipeline would begin at the southwest edge of Paradise and run for approximately 8 miles along Skyway until reaching south Chico, at which point the pipeline would leave Skyway and continue west, crossing Butte Creek, Highway 99, and the Union Pacific Railroad, and terminating at the Chico WPCP in Chico. The Proposed Project would not change the service area of the Chico WPCP other than the addition of the Paradise connection and treatment. Moreover, there would be no additional fees for Chico residents and rate payers as a result of the Proposed Project.

### POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The EIR process will assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Project on the physical, human, and natural environment. A wide variety of resource areas will be studied during the environmental review to identify potential impacts, including aesthetics, agriculture and forestry resources, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, wildfire, and additional topics as required by the CEQA Guidelines including significant irreversible environmental changes, growth inducement, cumulative impacts, and alternatives. Measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate any potential adverse impacts will be identified and evaluated in the EIR.

### VIRTUAL PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

A 30-day public scoping process is being initiated with this notice. Responsible and Trustee Agencies, involved federal agencies, interest groups, and members of the public are invited to participate and provide valuable input into the scope of the EIR. For your convenience, and to allow participation in a safe environment while social distancing, two virtual public scoping meetings will be held during the project's 30-day scoping period. Please join us at one of the following meetings to learn about the project, interact with project team members, ask questions, and submit formal comments.

**THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021 | 6 P.M.**

**Webex:** [bit.ly/Paradise\\_Sewer\\_Mtg1](https://bit.ly/Paradise_Sewer_Mtg1)

**Webex Password:** Paradise

**Dial-in #:** 408-418-9388 | **Code:** 123 202 6837

**TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021 | 12 P.M.**

**Webex:** [bit.ly/Paradise\\_Sewer\\_Mtg2](https://bit.ly/Paradise_Sewer_Mtg2)

**Webex Password:** Paradise

**Dial-in #:** 408-418-9388 | **Code:** 123 877 2748

### SUBMITTING COMMENTS

Submission of comments on the environmental scope of the Project are invited from all interested parties from May 3, 2021 until **5 p.m. PST on June 3, 2021**. Comments can be submitted via the website at [paradisewer.com/contact](http://paradisewer.com/contact) (from subject dropdown menu, select "Submit a comment on Environmental Impact Report") or via the following options:

**Telephone:** 530-872-6291, ext. 112

**Mail:** Colette Curtis, Public Information Officer  
Town of Paradise  
5555 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95969

### SPECIAL MEETING ACCOMMODATIONS

For additional accessibility preferences, please submit a message on the project website at [paradisewer.com/contact](http://paradisewer.com/contact) (from subject dropdown menu, select "Submit a comment on Environmental Impact Report"). Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired (TDD) may contact the California Relay Service TTY and/or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2929, or 711.

**Attachment C**  
**Press Release**



## TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

May 3, 2021  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Media Contact:** Colette Curtis  
Public Information Officer  
Town of Paradise  
[ccurtis@townofparadise.com](mailto:ccurtis@townofparadise.com)  
530-872-6291 ext. 112

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## Town of Paradise Launches Environmental Review for Paradise Sewer Project

### *Public input solicited on environmental scope and content of EIR*

**Paradise, CA** – On Monday, May 3, the [Town of Paradise](#) (Town), and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency, officially launched the environmental review process for the Paradise Sewer Project with a **Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Virtual Public Scoping Meetings**. The Town is soliciting public input regarding the scope and content of environmental information to be included in the EIR.

### **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

Since its incorporation in 1979, the Town has sought a formal wastewater treatment solution for the community, with service for commercial and densely populated residential areas being a priority. Failed and failing septic systems create the potential for public health and environmental concerns and have limited economic growth. Prior to the Camp Fire, which almost completely destroyed the town in 2018, Paradise was the largest unsewered community in California. Numerous studies have supported the need for a centralized wastewater treatment solution, and in its most recent study, the Town identified a proposed sewer service area. The proposed sewer service area includes the Town's commercial corridors, and as described in the 2017 study, it represented the area that had the most septic systems that had failed or were projected to fail by 2022. A map of the proposed sewer service area can be found on the project website [here](#).

The Proposed Project consists of three constructed components—a wastewater collection system in Paradise, an 18-mile export pipeline to convey wastewater to the Chico Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP), and connection to the WPCP — and operation of the new sewer system. The export pipeline would begin at the southwest edge of Paradise and run for approximately 8 miles along Skyway until reaching south Chico, at which point the pipeline would leave Skyway and continue west, crossing Butte Creek, Highway 99, and the Union Pacific Railroad, and terminating at the Chico WPCP in Chico. The Proposed Project would not change the service area of the Chico WPCP other than the addition of the Paradise connection and treatment. Moreover, there would be no additional fees for Chico residents and existing Chico WPCP rate payers as a result of the Proposed Project. This long-term wastewater solution will allow for sustainable housing and business activity in Town, supporting the community's economic recovery and vitality.

## LEARN MORE AT UPCOMING VIRTUAL PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

As an initial step within the CEQA process, project scoping allows the Town to seek public and stakeholder input on the environmental scope of the project. To provide convenient participation in a safe environment while social distancing, the Town is hosting two virtual public scoping meetings during the project's 30-day public comment period to allow attendees to learn about the project, interact with project team members, ask questions and submit formal comments.

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021   6 P.M.	TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021   12 P.M.
ONLINE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Webex:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/Paradise_Sewer_Mtg1">bit.ly/Paradise_Sewer_Mtg1</a></li><li>• <b>Webex Password:</b> Paradise</li></ul> BY PHONE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dial-in #:</b> 408-418-9388</li><li>• <b>Code:</b> 123 202 6837</li></ul>	ONLINE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Webex:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/Paradise_Sewer_Mtg2">bit.ly/Paradise_Sewer_Mtg2</a></li><li>• <b>Webex Password:</b> Paradise</li></ul> BY PHONE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dial-in #:</b> 408-418-9388</li><li>• <b>Code:</b> 123 877 2748</li></ul>

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## SUBMITTING COMMENTS

Suggestions and comments on the scope and content of the EIR are invited from all interested parties for a period of 30 days (May 3 through June 3, 2021 by 5 p.m. PDT). Written or verbal comments concerning the Proposed Project's environmental scope should be submitted via the following options.

**Website:** [paradisesewer.com/contact](https://paradisesewer.com/contact)  
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**Telephone:** 530-872-6291, ext. 112

**Mail:** Colette Curtis  
Public Information Officer  
Town of Paradise  
5555 Skyway  
Paradise, CA 95969

## LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PARADISE SEWER PROJECT:

To learn more about the proposed project or to stay updated, visit [paradisesewer.com](https://paradisesewer.com).

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**Attachment D**  
**Project Website**



# TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

<b>PROJECT OVERVIEW</b>	PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT	ENVIRONMENTAL	ADVISORY COMMITTEE	PROJECT MATERIALS	CONTACT
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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

Welcome to the Paradise Sewer Project! This vital proposed project will provide a long-term solution for wastewater **collection, transport** and **treatment** from properties identified in the proposed sewer service area, which is encompassed by Clark Road, Skyway and Pearson Road.

**QUICK LINKS**

-  [Upcoming & Previous Meetings](#)
-  [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
-  [Submit a Comment](#)

### PROJECT COMPONENTS



# TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

PROJECT OVERVIEW	<b>PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT</b>	ENVIRONMENTAL	ADVISORY COMMITTEE	PROJECT MATERIALS	CONTACT
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## WE VALUE YOUR INPUT

The Town of Paradise and its project partners are committed to meaningful public engagement throughout the implementation of the Paradise Sewer Project. Community participation is vital to aid in minimizing impacts while meeting Paradise's wastewater needs.

**QUICK LINKS**

-  [Upcoming & Previous Meetings](#)
-  [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
-  [Submit a Comment](#)

Over the last seven years, the public has had the opportunity to learn about and engage in the Paradise Sewer Project in numerous ways.

 **50**  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

 **45+**  
PARADISE POST ARTICLES/  
NOTICES

 **36**  
CHICO ENTERPRISE-RECORD  
ARTICLES

 **8**  
PUBLIC MEETINGS

 **45+**  
WEBSITE UPDATES

For more information on the Town Council and Public Meetings, [click here](#).



# TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

PROJECT OVERVIEW	PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL</b>	ADVISORY COMMITTEE	PROJECT MATERIALS	CONTACT
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## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Paradise Sewer Project is currently in the environmental review phase, wherein the Town of Paradise is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to analyze the potential environmental impacts of constructing and operating a sewer connection from the Town to the City of Chico Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP). The EIR will include an evaluation of resource topics as prescribed by CEQA Guidelines.

The Town welcomes public input throughout the environmental process in addition to formal public comment periods. Make sure to visit the [Public Engagement](#) page to stay updated and the [Contact](#) page to submit a comment or ask a question.



## NOTICE OF PREPARATION - LAUNCHED MAY 3, 2021

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) launched in early May 2021. Promotion of the NOP included advertisements in local papers (Enterprise Record and Paradise Post), e-blast, press release and social media posts. Suggestions and [comments](#) on the scope and content of the EIR were invited from all interested parties for a period of 30 days from May 3 to June 3, 2021. Feedback received during the project's public comment period are currently being reviewed by the project team as a feasible concept is identified.

## CEQA PROCESS



# TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

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## OVERVIEW

The Councils of the Town of Paradise and City of Chico have formed a Sewer Regionalization Project Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) for the Paradise Sewer Project. The role of the Advisory Committee is to develop principles of agreement for the City to provide the Town with wastewater treatment services. The Advisory Committee will also monitor overall progress of the project including the EIR process and associated public comment periods as well as provide updates and recommendations back to the two Councils.



Activities and meetings for the Advisory Committee are being facilitated by the [Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board](#).

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Advisory Committee meetings are typically held the second Monday of every other month at 1 p.m. Meetings will be held in-person either in Chico or Paradise. All meetings are open to the public to attend and comment.

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Advisory Committee consists of the Mayors and Vice Mayors from Chico and Paradise.

### Town Of Paradise Representatives



Mayor  
Steve Crowder

[LEARN MORE](#)



Vice Mayor  
Jody Jones

[LEARN MORE](#)



# TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

PROJECT OVERVIEW	PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT	ENVIRONMENTAL	ADVISORY COMMITTEE	PROJECT MATERIALS	CONTACT
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## PROJECT MATERIALS

Please help spread the word about the Paradise Sewer Project by sharing any of the below informational materials on your website, social media platforms or newsletters.

### QUICK LINKS

-  [Upcoming & Previous Meetings](#)
-  [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
-  [Submit a Comment](#)

### Frequently Asked Questions

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- How will construction of the proposed sewer system be coordinated with road rebuilding efforts to minimize impacts to the Town? +
- Why doesn't the Town of Paradise build its own wastewater treatment plant? +
- How will the Paradise Sewer Project benefit the City of Chico? +
- Is the Paradise Sewer Project tied to a Paradise/Chico groundwater recharge effort? +



# TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

PROJECT OVERVIEW	PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT	ENVIRONMENTAL	ADVISORY COMMITTEE	PROJECT MATERIALS	CONTACT
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## CONTACT US

We welcome and encourage your engagement. Please complete the "Submit a Comment" form to provide comments or ask questions.

To submit a letter of comment or support, please mail to:

 **Colette Curtis**  
Public Information Officer  
Town of Paradise  
5555 Skyway  
Paradise, CA 95969

 (530) 872-6291, ext 112

### Submit a Comment

<input type="text" value="First Name"/>	<input type="text" value="Last Name"/>
<input type="text" value="Email"/>	
<input type="text" value="Street Address 1"/>	
<input type="text" value="Street Address 2"/>	
<input type="text" value="City"/>	<input type="text" value="State"/>
<input type="text" value="Zip Code"/>	
<input type="text" value="Subject *"/>	
<input type="text" value="Comment *"/>	

**Attachment E**  
**E-Blasts**

**Send on Monday, May 3, 2021**

**Subject: Paradise Sewer Project Environmental Scoping & Virtual Public Meetings**



## TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

### ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING INFORMATION & VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Town of Paradise (Town), the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency, officially launched the environmental review process for the Paradise Sewer Project with this Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Virtual Public Scoping Meetings. The Town is soliciting public input regarding the scope and content of environmental information to be included in the EIR.

#### LEARN MORE AT UPCOMING VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS

For your convenience, and to allow participation in a safe environment while social distancing, two virtual public meetings will be held during the project's 30-day scoping period to allow attendees to learn about the project, interact with project team members, ask questions and submit formal comments.

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021   6 P.M.	TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021   12 P.M.
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#### SUBMITTING COMMENTS

Suggestions and comments on the scope and content of the EIR are invited from all interested parties for a period of 30 days (May 3 through June 3, 2021 by 5 p.m. PDT). Written or verbal comments concerning the proposed project's environmental scope should be submitted via the following options.

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Public Information Officer  
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5555 Skyway  
Paradise, CA 95969

#### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

To learn more about the proposed project or to stay updated, visit [paradisesewer.com](https://paradisesewer.com).

**Send on Tuesday, May 11, 2021**

**Subject: Paradise Sewer Project – First Virtual Public Meeting This Week**



## TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

### REMINDER: FIRST VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Don't forget, our first virtual public meeting for the Paradise Sewer Project is this Thursday. Join us to learn more about the project, interact with team members, ask questions and submit formal comments.

#### JOIN ONLINE OR BY PHONE

You can participate in the meetings online or by phone to remain safe while social distancing. **Your participation matters!**

**THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021 | 6 P.M.**

ONLINE:

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- **Webex Password:** Paradise

BY PHONE:

- **Dial-in #:** 408-418-9388
- **Code:** 123 202 6837

**TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021 | 12 P.M.**

ONLINE:

- **Webex:** [bit.ly/Paradise Sewer Mtg2](https://bit.ly/Paradise_Sewer_Mtg2)
- **Webex Password:** Paradise

BY PHONE:

- **Dial-in #:** 408-418-9388
- **Code:** 123 877 2748

#### SUBMITTING COMMENTS

Even if you can't make the meetings, suggestions/comments on the scope and content of the EIR are invited from all interested parties anytime until 5 p.m. on June 3, 2021. Written or verbal comments concerning the proposed project's environmental scope can be submitted via the following options.

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#### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

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**Send week of May 17, 2021**

**Subject: Paradise Sewer Project – Second Virtual Public Meeting Next Week**



## TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

### DID YOU MISS LAST WEEK'S VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING?

In case you missed our first virtual public meeting last week for the Paradise Sewer Project, we're hosting a second meeting next Tuesday, May 25 at Noon. Your participation and input matters so don't miss the discussion on this important proposed project.

#### JOIN ONLINE OR BY PHONE

You can participate in the meeting online **or** by phone. Join us to learn more about the project, interact with team members, ask questions and submit formal comments. **We look forward to connecting with you!**

**TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021 | 12 P.M.**

ONLINE:

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- **Webex Password:** Paradise

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#### SUBMIT COMMENTS ANYTIME UNTIL JUNE 3

Suggestions and comments on the scope and content of the EIR are invited from all interested parties anytime until 5 p.m. on June 3, 2021. Written or verbal comments concerning the proposed project's environmental scope can be submitted via the following options.

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#### STAY INVOLVED

To learn more about the proposed project or to stay updated, visit [paradisesewer.com](https://paradisesewer.com).

**Send on Thursday, May 27, 2021**

**Subject: Thank You for Attending our Paradise Sewer Project Virtual Public Meetings**



## TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

### THANK YOU FOR ENGAGING WITH US!

Thank you for joining us this month for our two virtual public scoping meetings for the Paradise Sewer Project. The Town of Paradise appreciates your input during the meetings and ongoing participation in this project.

### THERE'S STILL TIME TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

If you didn't get a chance to attend our meetings, please visit our [Public Engagement](#) page to view the meeting recordings and PowerPoint. We still welcome your input regarding the scope and content of environmental information to be included in the Environmental Impact Report. You can submit a comment or letter of support through a number of ways during our public comment period that ends at **5 p.m. PDT on June 3, 2021**.

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### STAY UPDATED

We thank you for your continued interest in the vital proposed project and encourage you to stay updated throughout the various project milestones by visiting [paradisesewer.com](https://paradisesewer.com)!

**Attachment F**  
**Social Media**



Town of Paradise

May 3 · 🌐



### Paradise Sewer Project - Environmental Review Update

We have kicked off the environmental review of the Paradise Sewer Project and want your input. This vital proposed Project will provide a long-term solution for wastewater collection, transport and treatment from properties identified in the proposed sewer service area, which is encompassed mostly by Clark Road, Skyway and Pearson Road. This long-term wastewater solution will allow for sustainable housing and business activity in Town, supporting the community's economic recovery and vitality.

Visit [paradisesewer.com](http://paradisesewer.com) to learn more about the environmental review process and this initial public comment period that will end at 5 p.m. PDT on June 3.



## TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

### Virtual Public Scoping Meetings

Thursday, May 13, 2021 | 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 | Noon

*Visit website for link & details*

Public Review & Comment Period:

May 3 - June 3, 2021

#### STAY INVOLVED!



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Town of Paradise

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### Paradise Sewer Project Public Scoping Meetings

Don't forget, we're hosting our first of two virtual public meetings this Thursday for the Paradise Sewer Project. Your participation and input matters so join us online or by phone to learn more about this vital proposed project and talk directly with the project team.

Visit [www.paradisesewer.com](http://www.paradisesewer.com) for meeting details or to submit comments during the project's 30-day scoping period, which will end at 5 p.m. PDT on June 3.



# TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

## Virtual Public Scoping Meetings

Thursday, May 13, 2021 | 6 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 25, 2021 | Noon

*Visit website for link & details*

Public Review & Comment Period:  
May 3 - June 3, 2021

### STAY INVOLVED!



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EXT. 112



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2 Comments 10 Shares



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If you missed our first virtual public meeting last week for the Paradise Sewer Project, don't worry, we're hosting a second meeting next Tuesday, May 25 at Noon. Don't miss the discussion on this important proposed project. We look forward to connecting with you!

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# TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

Did you miss our first  
virtual meeting?

Join us online OR by phone!

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Town of Paradise

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You can submit a comment or a letter of support through a number of ways during our public comment period that ends at 5 p.m. PDT on June 3, 2021. Send us an email, leave a voicemail, write a letter, or connect with the project team via our website contact page.

We appreciate your ongoing interest in this vital proposed project and encourage you to stay updated throughout the various project milestones by visiting [www.paradisesewer.com](http://www.paradisesewer.com).



# TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT



# THANK YOU!

For attending our Virtual Public Meetings



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**Attachment G**  
**Virtual Public Meeting Presentation**



# TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

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## Public Scoping Meeting for the Environmental Impact Report

Thursday, May 13, 2021 | 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 | Noon





# Agenda



Purpose & Introductions



CEQA Overview



Meeting Logistics



Public Comment



Project Overview



# Meeting Logistics

- Meeting is being recorded for documentation
- Until the Q&A session begins, attendees will be muted for best audio quality
- Opportunity to comment/ask questions during facilitated Q&A session.
  - ***Instructions will be displayed onscreen:***
    - Type questions/comments into Q&A box (chat box will be disabled)
    - Raise hand then wait to be called upon and unmuted 🙋
- Time Limit: **2 minutes per person**
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# TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

# Project Overview



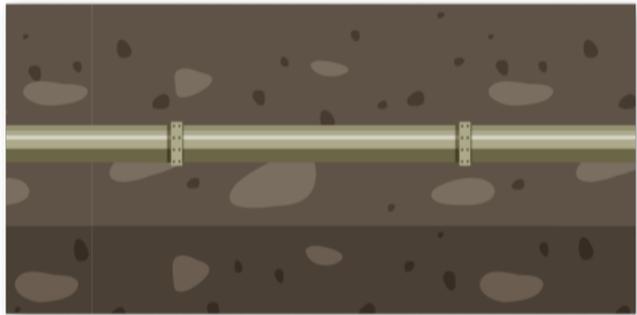


# Project Components



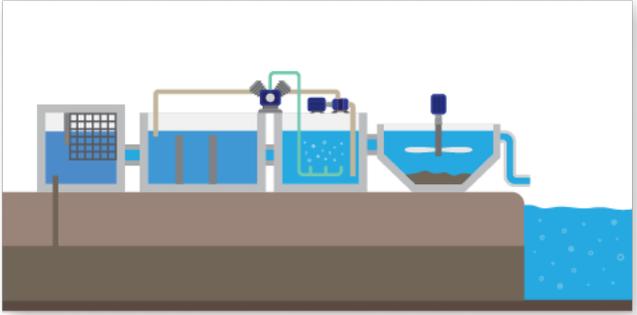
## COLLECTION

A series of gravity sewers, small pump stations, and pressure lines will collect wastewater from the Sewer Service Area and convey it to the southwest edge of Paradise.



## TRANSPORT

A single pipeline will convey Paradise wastewater down Skyway and across south Chico to the Chico Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP).



## TREATMENT

At the Chico WPCP, Paradise wastewater will blend with Chico wastewater. The combined flow will receive high-level treatment before discharging to the Sacramento River.



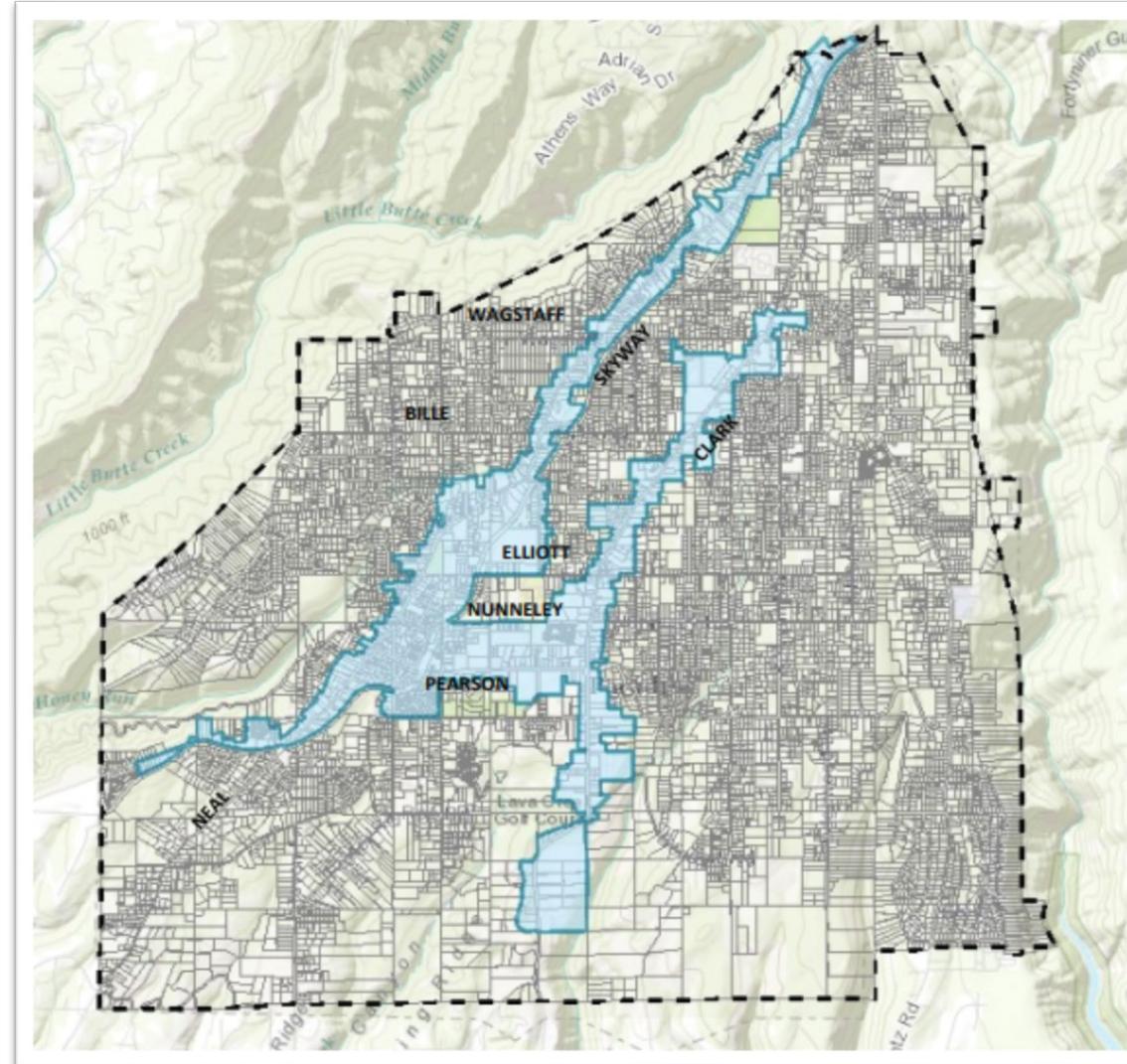
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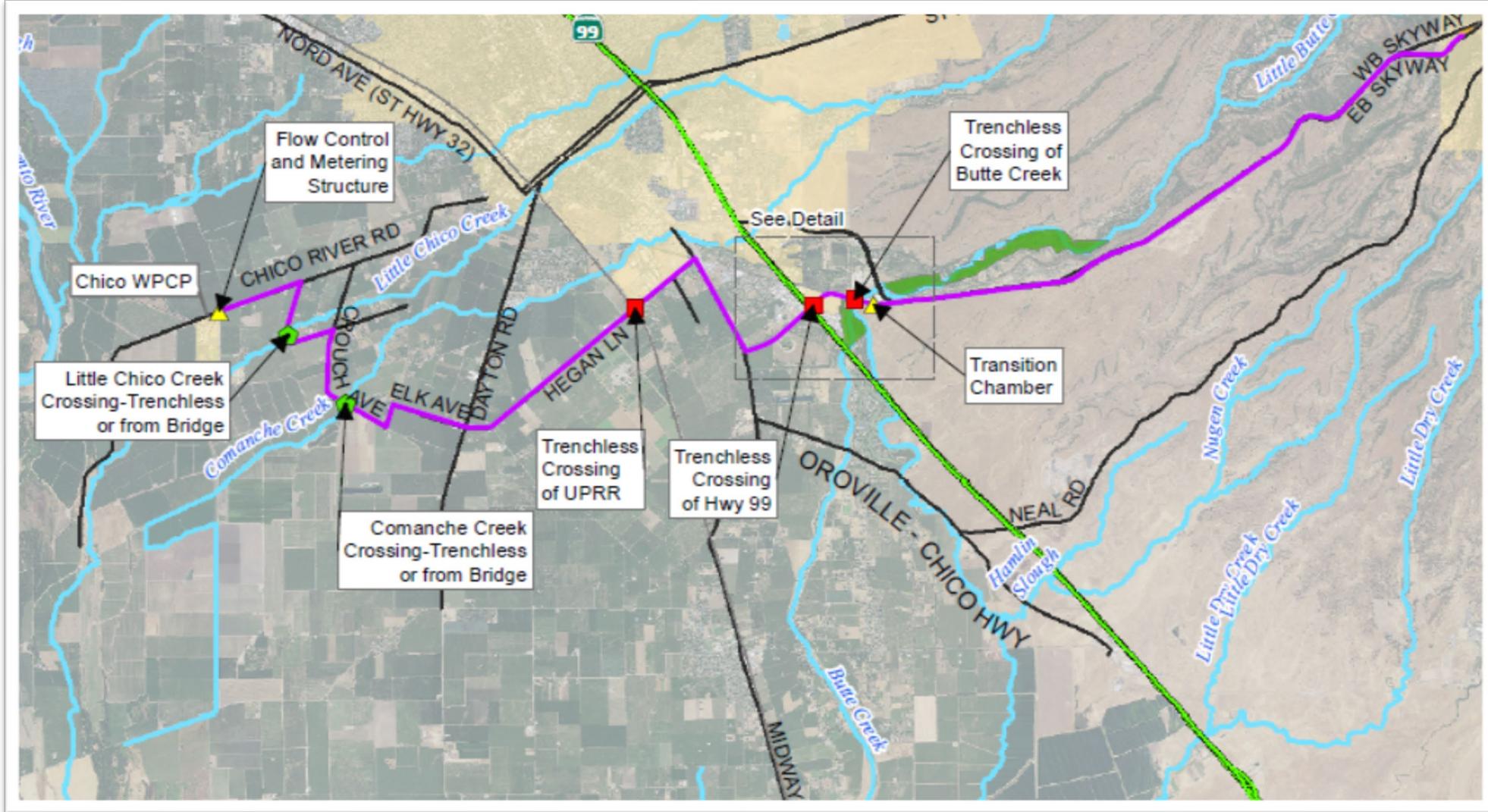
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# Sewer Service Area





# Export Pipeline – South Chico Area





# Project Costs

Proposed project currently  
estimated to cost approximately  
**\$184 million**



**\$2M**

EIR  
*(fully funded)*



**\$30M**

Design and  
Right-of-way



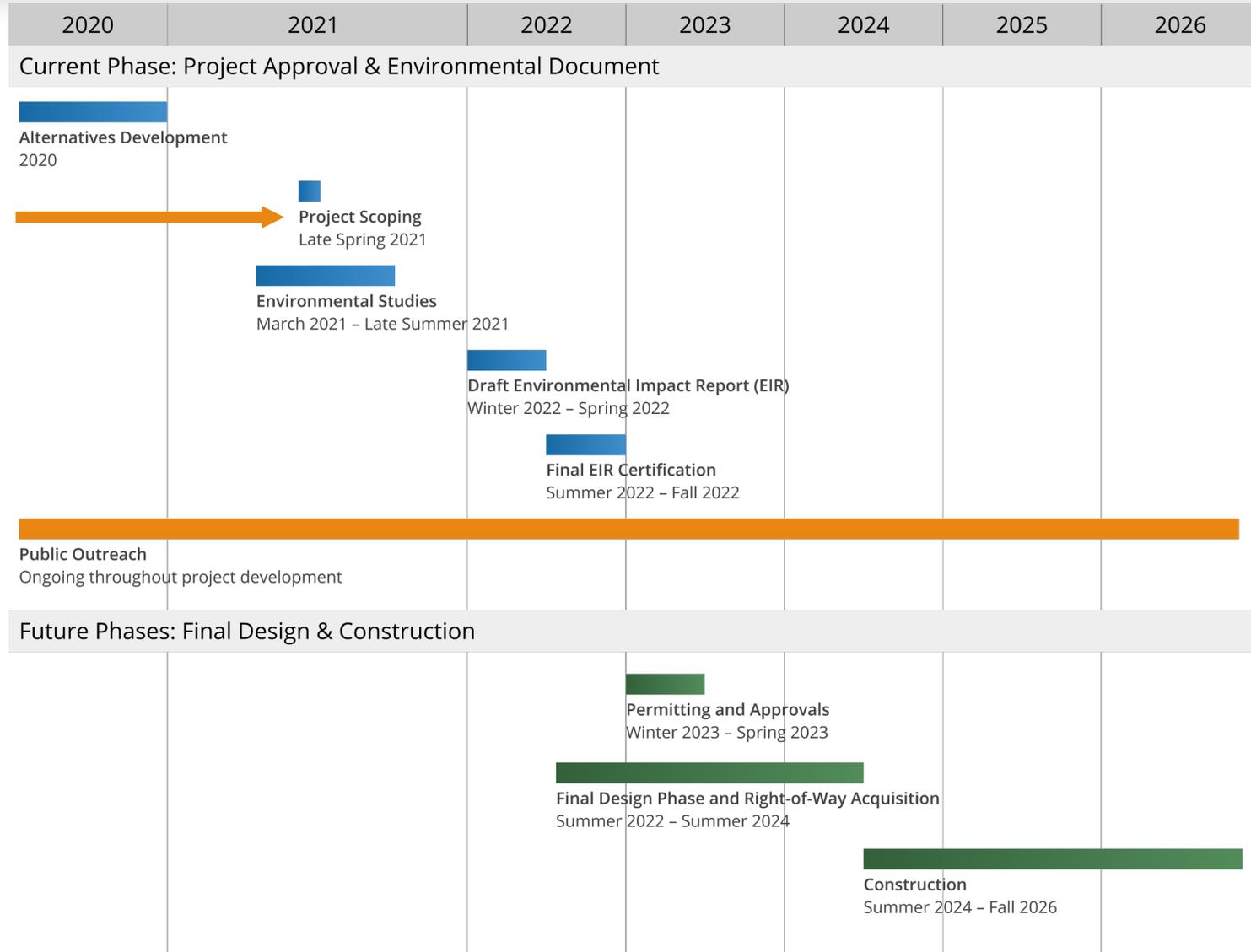
**\$152M**

Construction



# Project Schedule

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# Project Benefits

Paradise Sewer Project will bring many benefits to the region:



Provide wastewater disposal surety to help businesses and jobs return to Paradise and spur economic recovery



Improve Paradise groundwater quality by decreasing septic tank discharges



Allow for more densely-populated residential development in the Town to increase affordable/multi-family housing



Create a wastewater solution supported by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board and partner agencies to help create opportunities for additional funding



# TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

# CEQA Overview





# California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)



## PROJECT

A discretionary action by a public agency that has the potential to result in a physical change in the environment, either directly or indirectly



## Purpose of CEQA



Inform agency decision-makers and the public of significant project environmental effects



Identify feasible ways to avoid or reduce significant impacts, including mitigation measures and alternatives



Provide an opportunity for the public and agencies to comment on the environmental analyses



## **SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

A substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in physical conditions within the project area



## TECHNICAL RESOURCES BEING CONSIDERED:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
|  Land Use                      |  Hydrology & Water Quality     |
|  Agriculture                   |  Biological Resources          |
|  Recreation                    |  Cultural Resources            |
|  Aesthetics & Visual Resources |  Tribal Cultural Resources     |
|  Air Quality                   |  Hazards & Hazardous Materials |
|  Greenhouse Gas Emissions      |  Public Services & Utilities   |
|  Noise                        |  Population & Housing         |
|  Energy                      |  Transportation              |
|  Geology and Soils           |  Wildfire                    |

### Other CEQA Topics:

- Growth Inducement
- Cumulative Impacts
- Alternatives
- Impacts Not Significant
- Summary of Impacts



# Key Decision Makers

## CEQA LEAD AGENCY



## RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES



***Other Responsible or Trustee Agencies may be identified through planning process.  
The Town has initiated tribal notifications in accordance with Assembly Bill 52.***



**1** Notice of Preparation (NOP) of EIR  
LAUNCHED | MAY 3, 2021

**2** Scoping & Minimum 30-Day Public Comment Period — Public Scoping Meeting  
PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT PERIOD | MAY 3 – JUNE 3, 2021

**3** Draft EIR Development  
MAY / JUNE 2021

**4** Draft EIR Minimum 45-Day Circulation for Public/Agency Review & Comment — Public Meeting  
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY | WINTER 2022

**5** Final EIR, Mitigation Monitoring & Reporting Program  
SUMMER 2022

**6** Decision/Notice of Determination — Public Hearing  
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY | SUMMER 2022



# Proactive Public Engagement

## Public engagement program designed to:

- Provide convenient and timely information
- Educate and inform about the project
- Seek public participation throughout environmental planning process



**Provide Presentations to Local Groups**



**Distribute Educational Materials**



**Facilitate Public Input on EIR**



**Host Public Meetings**



**Form Sewer Regionalization Project Advisory Committee**

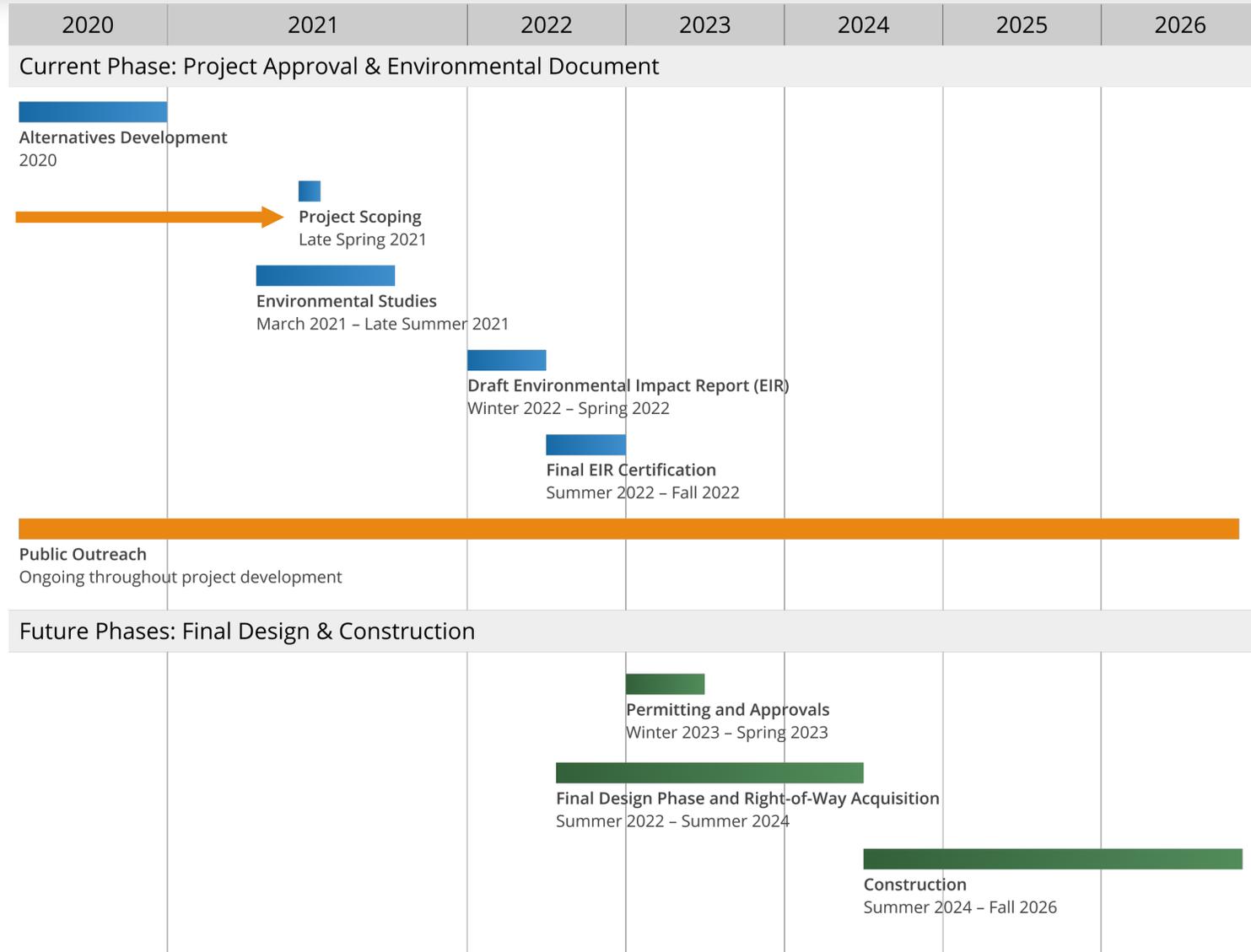


**Coordinate with Media**



# Project Schedule

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# How to Provide Comments



Provide comments during today's meeting



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*(from subject dropdown menu, select  
"Submit a comment on Environmental  
Impact Report")*



(530) 872-6291, ext. 112



Colette Curtis  
Public Information Officer  
Town of Paradise  
5555 Skyway  
Paradise, CA 95969

## We invite your comments on:

- Environmental issues that should be studied
- Nature and extent of potential environmental impacts
- Methods of analysis
- Measures that could reduce environmental impacts
- Alternatives that could avoid or reduce impacts

**Suggestions & comments accepted  
until 5 p.m. PDT on June 3, 2021**



# Q&A Session: How to Participate

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**TIME LIMIT:** 2 minutes per person

## SUBMIT QUESTIONS

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*If unable to answer questions or run out of time, we’ll follow-up with all Q&A in writing*



# Stay Informed



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**Attachment H**  
**Comment Matrix**

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4/8/21 11:06 a.m.	Myron Coleman Coleman Pipelines 6300 Stiffer Rd Magalia, CA 95954 530-413-3490 <a href="mailto:excavatorhand@gmail.com">excavatorhand@gmail.com</a>	Website	Good morning my name is Myron Coleman owner of Coleman Pipelines. I was wondering when will the bids be coming for subcontractors. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.	
4/20/21 8:26 a.m.	Matt Rogers 1115 E Ewald Ct, Suite A Paradise, CA 95969 <a href="mailto:matt@rfrcustomfab.com">matt@rfrcustomfab.com</a>	Website	Good morning.  Are there any estimates of how much it will cost individual properties to hook up to the proposed sewer line?	
4/28/21 10:21 a.m.	Jacquelyn 6777 Moore Rd Paradise, CA 95969 <a href="mailto:jackiemw1224@yahoo.com">jackiemw1224@yahoo.com</a>	Website	My home is being rebuilt at 6777 Moore rd. It looks like I am aligned to get the sewer but have concerns. I am downslope from skyway and worry about hydrologic pressure and needing it to flow uphill. My homes septic is downslope from my house too I worry about what the monthly charge as I am a senior on a fixed income	
5/3/21 12:02 p.m.	Sasha Poe 1043 Central park Dr Paradise, CA 95969 <a href="mailto:sasha@kmsggrinding.com">sasha@kmsggrinding.com</a>	Website	I have asked numerous times for our Community Commercial to be included in Sewer Plans. No one has responded. My lot 1043 Central Park should be included in sewer district addresses as it is community commercial!! Please call me 530-327-4949	
5/3/21	Nancy Gonzalez-Lopez Cultural Resources Analyst Native American Heritage Commission 1550 Harbor Boulevard, Suite 100 West Sacramento, CA 95691 (916) 373-3710 <a href="mailto:Nancy.Gonzalez-Lopez@nahc.ca.gov">Nancy.Gonzalez-Lopez@nahc.ca.gov</a>	Letter	<p>May 3, 2021</p> <p>Colette Curtis Town of Paradise 5555 Skyway Paradise, CA 95969</p> <p><b>Re: 2021050008, Paradise Sewer Project, Butte County</b></p> <p>Dear Ms. Curtis:</p> <p>The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) has received the Notice of Preparation (NOP), Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) or Early Consultation for the project referenced above. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code §21000 et seq.), specifically Public Resources Code §21084.1, states that a project that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. (Pub. Resources Code § 21084.1; Cal. Code Regs., tit.14, §15064.5 (b) (CEQA Guidelines §15064.5 (b)). If there is substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before a lead agency, that a project may have a significant effect on the environment, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) shall be prepared. (Pub. Resources Code §21080 (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 5064 subd.(a)(1) (CEQA Guidelines §15064 (a)(1)). In order to determine whether a project will cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, a lead agency will</p>	

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			<p>need to determine whether there are historical resources within the area of potential effect (APE).</p> <p>CEQA was amended significantly in 2014. Assembly Bill 52 (Gatto, Chapter 532, Statutes of 2014) (AB 52) amended CEQA to create a separate category of cultural resources, “tribal cultural resources” (Pub. Resources Code §21074) and provides that a project with an effect that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. (Pub. Resources Code §21084.2). Public agencies shall, when feasible, avoid damaging effects to any tribal cultural resource. (Pub. Resources Code §21084.3 (a)). <b>AB 52 applies to any project for which a notice of preparation, a notice of negative declaration, or a mitigated negative declaration is filed on or after July 1, 2015.</b> If your project involves the adoption of or amendment to a general plan or a specific plan, or the designation or proposed designation of open space, on or after March 1, 2005, it may also be subject to Senate Bill 18 (Burton, Chapter 905, Statutes of 2004) (SB 18). <b>Both SB 18 and AB 52 have tribal consultation requirements.</b> If your project is also subject to the federal National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.) (NEPA), the tribal consultation requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (154 U.S.C. 300101, 36 C.F.R. §800 et seq.) may also apply.</p> <p>The NAHC recommends consultation with California Native American tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of your proposed project as early as possible in order to avoid inadvertent discoveries of Native American human remains and best protect tribal cultural resources. Below is a brief summary of portions of AB 52 and SB 18 as well as the NAHC’s recommendations for conducting cultural resources assessments.</p> <p><b>Consult your legal counsel about compliance with AB 52 and SB 18 as well as compliance with any other applicable laws.</b></p> <p><u>AB 52</u> AB 52 has added to CEQA the additional requirements listed below, along with many other requirements:</p> <p><b>1. <u>Fourteen Day Period to Provide Notice of Completion of an Application/Decision to Undertake a Project:</u></b> Within fourteen (14) days of determining that an application for a project is complete or of a decision by a public agency to undertake a project, a lead agency shall provide formal notification to a designated contact of, or tribal representative of, traditionally and culturally affiliated California Native American tribes that have requested notice, to be accomplished by at least one written notice that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a.</b> A brief description of the project.</li> <li><b>b.</b> The lead agency contact information.</li> </ul>	

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			<p>c. Notification that the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request consultation. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1 (d)).</p> <p>d. A “California Native American tribe” is defined as a Native American tribe located in California that is on the contact list maintained by the NAHC for the purposes of Chapter 905 of Statutes of 2004 (SB 18). (Pub. Resources Code §21073).</p> <p><b>2. <u>Begin Consultation Within 30 Days of Receiving a Tribe’s Request for Consultation and Before Releasing a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or Environmental Impact Report:</u></b> A lead agency shall begin the consultation process within 30 days of receiving a request for consultation from a California Native American tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1, subds. (d) and (e)) and prior to the release of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration or Environmental Impact Report. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1(b)).</p> <p>a. For purposes of AB 52, “consultation shall have the same meaning as provided in Gov. Code §65352.4 (SB 18). (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1 (b)).</p> <p><b>3. <u>Mandatory Topics of Consultation If Requested by a Tribe:</u></b> The following topics of consultation, if a tribe requests to discuss them, are mandatory topics of consultation:</p> <p>a. Alternatives to the project.</p> <p>b. Recommended mitigation measures.</p> <p>c. Significant effects. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (a)).</p> <p><b>4. <u>Discretionary Topics of Consultation:</u></b> The following topics are discretionary topics of consultation:</p> <p>a. Type of environmental review necessary.</p> <p>b. Significance of the tribal cultural resources.</p> <p>c. Significance of the project’s impacts on tribal cultural resources.</p> <p>d. If necessary, project alternatives or appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation that the tribe may recommend to the lead agency. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (a)).</p> <p><b>5. <u>Confidentiality of Information Submitted by a Tribe During the Environmental Review Process:</u></b> With some exceptions, any information, including but not limited to, the location, description, and use of tribal cultural resources submitted by a California Native American tribe during the environmental review process shall not be included in the environmental document or otherwise disclosed by the lead agency or any other public agency to the public, consistent with Government Code §6254 (r) and §6254.10. Any information submitted by a California Native American tribe during the consultation or environmental review process shall be published in a confidential appendix to the environmental document unless the tribe that provided the information consents, in writing, to the disclosure of some or all of the information to the public. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (c)(1)).</p>	

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			<p><b>6. <u>Discussion of Impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources in the Environmental Document:</u></b> If a project may have a significant impact on a tribal cultural resource, the lead agency’s environmental document shall discuss both of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a.</b> Whether the proposed project has a significant impact on an identified tribal cultural resource.</li> <li><b>b.</b> Whether feasible alternatives or mitigation measures, including those measures that may be agreed to pursuant to Public Resources Code §21082.3, subdivision (a), avoid or substantially lessen the impact on the identified tribal cultural resource. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (b)).</li> </ul> <p><b>7. <u>Conclusion of Consultation:</u></b> Consultation with a tribe shall be considered concluded when either of the following occurs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a.</b> The parties agree to measures to mitigate or avoid a significant effect, if a significant effect exists, on a tribal cultural resource; or</li> <li><b>b.</b> A party, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (b)).</li> </ul> <p><b>8. <u>Recommending Mitigation Measures Agreed Upon in Consultation in the Environmental Document:</u></b> Any mitigation measures agreed upon in the consultation conducted pursuant to Public Resources Code §21080.3.2 shall be recommended for inclusion in the environmental document and in an adopted mitigation monitoring and reporting program, if determined to avoid or lessen the impact pursuant to Public Resources Code §21082.3, subdivision (b), paragraph 2, and shall be fully enforceable. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (a)).</p> <p><b>9. <u>Required Consideration of Feasible Mitigation:</u></b> If mitigation measures recommended by the staff of the lead agency as a result of the consultation process are not included in the environmental document or if there are no agreed upon mitigation measures at the conclusion of consultation, or if consultation does not occur, and if substantial evidence demonstrates that a project will cause a significant effect to a tribal cultural resource, the lead agency shall consider feasible mitigation pursuant to Public Resources Code §21084.3 (b). (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (e)).</p> <p><b>10. <u>Examples of Mitigation Measures That, If Feasible, May Be Considered to Avoid or Minimize Significant Adverse Impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a.</b> Avoidance and preservation of the resources in place, including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i.</b> Planning and construction to avoid the resources and protect the cultural and natural context.</li> <li><b>ii.</b> Planning greenspace, parks, or other open space, to incorporate the resources with culturally appropriate protection and management criteria.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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			<p> <b>b.</b> Treating the resource with culturally appropriate dignity, taking into account the tribal cultural values and meaning of the resource, including, but not limited to, the following:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i.</b> Protecting the cultural character and integrity of the resource.</li> <li><b>ii.</b> Protecting the traditional use of the resource.</li> <li><b>iii.</b> Protecting the confidentiality of the resource.</li> </ul> </p> <p> <b>c.</b> Permanent conservation easements or other interests in real property, with culturally appropriate management criteria for the purposes of preserving or utilizing the resources or places.         </p> <p> <b>d.</b> Protecting the resource. (Pub. Resource Code §21084.3 (b)).         </p> <p> <b>e.</b> Please note that a federally recognized California Native American tribe or a non-federally recognized California Native American tribe that is on the contact list maintained by the NAHC to protect a California prehistoric, archaeological, cultural, spiritual, or ceremonial place may acquire and hold conservation easements if the conservation easement is voluntarily conveyed. (Civ. Code §815.3 (c)).         </p> <p> <b>f.</b> Please note that it is the policy of the state that Native American remains and associated grave artifacts shall be repatriated. (Pub. Resources Code §5097.991).         </p> <p> <b>11. Prerequisites for Certifying an Environmental Impact Report or Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration or Negative Declaration with a Significant Impact on an Identified Tribal Cultural Resource:</b> An Environmental Impact Report may not be certified, nor may a mitigated negative declaration or a negative declaration be adopted unless one of the following occurs:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a.</b> The consultation process between the tribes and the lead agency has occurred as provided in Public Resources Code §21080.3.1 and §21080.3.2 and concluded pursuant to Public Resources Code §21080.3.2.</li> <li><b>b.</b> The tribe that requested consultation failed to provide comments to the lead agency or otherwise failed to engage in the consultation process.</li> <li><b>c.</b> The lead agency provided notice of the project to the tribe in compliance with Public Resources Code §21080.3.1 (d) and the tribe failed to request consultation within 30 days. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (d)).</li> </ul> </p> <p>           The NAHC’s PowerPoint presentation titled, “Tribal Consultation Under AB 52: Requirements and Best Practices” may be found online at: <a href="http://nahc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/AB52TribalConsultation_CalEPAPDF.pdf">http://nahc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/AB52TribalConsultation_CalEPAPDF.pdf</a> </p> <p> <b>SB 18</b>            SB 18 applies to local governments and requires local governments to contact, provide notice to, refer plans to, and consult with tribes prior to the adoption or amendment of a general plan or a specific plan, or the designation of open space. (Gov. Code §65352.3). Local governments should consult the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research’s “Tribal         </p>	

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			<p>Consultation Guidelines,” which can be found online at:  <a href="https://www.opr.ca.gov/docs/09_14_05_Updated_Guidelines_922.pdf">https://www.opr.ca.gov/docs/09_14_05_Updated_Guidelines_922.pdf</a>.</p> <p>Some of SB 18’s provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Tribal Consultation:</b> If a local government considers a proposal to adopt or amend a general plan or a specific plan, or to designate open space it is required to contact the appropriate tribes identified by the NAHC by requesting a “Tribal Consultation List.” If a tribe, once contacted, requests consultation the local government must consult with the tribe on the plan proposal. <b>A tribe has 90 days from the date of receipt of notification to request consultation unless a shorter timeframe has been agreed to by the tribe.</b> (Gov. Code §65352.3 (a)(2)).</li> <li><b>2. No Statutory Time Limit on SB 18 Tribal Consultation.</b> There is no statutory time limit on SB 18 tribal consultation.</li> <li><b>3. Confidentiality:</b> Consistent with the guidelines developed and adopted by the Office of Planning and Research pursuant to Gov. Code §65040.2, the city or county shall protect the confidentiality of the information concerning the specific identity, location, character, and use of places, features and objects described in Public Resources Code §5097.9 and §5097.993 that are within the city’s or county’s jurisdiction. (Gov. Code §65352.3 (b)).</li> <li><b>4. Conclusion of SB 18 Tribal Consultation:</b> Consultation should be concluded at the point in which: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a.</b> The parties to the consultation come to a mutual agreement concerning the appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation; or</li> <li><b>b.</b> Either the local government or the tribe, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached concerning the appropriate measures of preservation or mitigation. (Tribal Consultation Guidelines, Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (2005) at p. 18).</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Agencies should be aware that neither AB 52 nor SB 18 precludes agencies from initiating tribal consultation with tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with their jurisdictions before the timeframes provided in AB 52 and SB 18. For that reason, we urge you to continue to request Native American Tribal Contact Lists and “Sacred Lands File” searches from the NAHC. The request forms can be found online at:  <a href="http://nahc.ca.gov/resources/forms/">http://nahc.ca.gov/resources/forms/</a>.</p> <p><u>NAHC Recommendations for Cultural Resources Assessments</u></p> <p>To adequately assess the existence and significance of tribal cultural resources and plan for avoidance, preservation in place, or barring both, mitigation of project-related impacts to tribal cultural resources, the NAHC recommends the following actions:</p>	

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			<p><b>1.</b> Contact the appropriate regional California Historical Research Information System (CHRIS) Center (<a href="http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1068">http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1068</a>) for an archaeological records search. The records search will determine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a.</b> If part or all of the APE has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.</li> <li><b>b.</b> If any known cultural resources have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE.</li> <li><b>c.</b> If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.</li> <li><b>d.</b> If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.</li> </ul> <p><b>2.</b> If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a.</b> The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum and not be made available for public disclosure.</li> <li><b>b.</b> The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional CHRIS center.</li> </ul> <p><b>3.</b> Contact the NAHC for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a.</b> A Sacred Lands File search. Remember that tribes do not always record their sacred sites in the Sacred Lands File, nor are they required to do so. A Sacred Lands File search is not a substitute for consultation with tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the project's APE.</li> <li><b>b.</b> A Native American Tribal Consultation List of appropriate tribes for consultation concerning the project site and to assist in planning for avoidance, preservation in place, or, failing both, mitigation measures.</li> </ul> <p><b>4.</b> Remember that the lack of surface evidence of archaeological resources (including tribal cultural resources) does not preclude their subsurface existence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a.</b> Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of inadvertently discovered archaeological resources per Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15064.5(f) (CEQA Guidelines §15064.5(f)). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American with knowledge of cultural resources should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.</li> <li><b>b.</b> Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plans provisions for the disposition of recovered cultural items that are not burial associated in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.</li> </ul>	

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			<p>c. Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plans provisions for the treatment and disposition of inadvertently discovered Native American human remains. Health and Safety Code §7050.5, Public Resources Code §5097.98, and Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15064.5, subdivisions (d) and (e) (CEQA Guidelines §15064.5, subds. (d) and (e)) address the processes to be followed in the event of an inadvertent discovery of any Native American human remains and associated grave goods in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.</p> <p>If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at my email address: <a href="mailto:Nancy.Gonzalez-Lopez@nahc.ca.gov">Nancy.Gonzalez-Lopez@nahc.ca.gov</a>.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Nancy Gonzalez-Lopez Cultural Resources Analyst cc: State Clearinghouse</p>  <p>2021050008_NAHC Comment.pdf</p>	
5/11/21	Sandra Peltola Box 501 Fort Bragg, CA 95437 <a href="mailto:Roof1@aol.com">Roof1@aol.com</a>	Website	What will be the cost be to each property owner? How will it be charged to the property owners? A tax bond? Do Owners get to vote on whether they want sewers in Paradise? What if they want to opt out, if it goes through? After all the community has been through, I think it should be shelved until at least 10 years has passed since the horrific and life changing fire. Bring it up after people have either been paid by PGE lawsuit, rebuilt, or sold their properties. It would be heartless to expect owners to pay for this measure, and possibly never see the project finished, or be able to use it as they have not re-built. I vote NO on Paradise Sewer Project!	
5/11/21			Re: Sewer Project Correspondence received from the Native American Heritage Commission  	
5/13/21 4:04 p.m.	Richard Harriman General Counsel Northern California Environmental Defense Center 1078 Via Verona Drive Chico, CA 95973-1031 <a href="mailto:richardharrimanattorney@gmail.com">richardharrimanattorney@gmail.com</a>	Website	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The most important issues regarding this proposed project are the Project Description and the Alternatives Analysis.</li> <li>The stated purpose of the project is to redevelop the Town of Paradise and restore housing opportunities for the TOP, which will also cause accelerated growth and potentially significant indirect and secondary unplanned adverse environmental effects in the unincorporated areas of the County. However, project consultants have stated in open public meetings that this project will not be completed for between 5-10 years.</li> </ol>	

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			<p>3. This fact raises significant questions regarding the true purpose and intent of the proposed project, which are to accelerate and increase urban growth and development in the City of Chico. This will require a comprehensive update of the City of Chico's General Plan and the certification of a new EIR for the General Plan update. This will require substantially more time to complete the proposed project and will significantly increase the cost of the project, which is currently estimated at approximately \$180 million dollars.</p> <p>4. The project, as proposed, cannot, and will not, achieve the purpose of expediting the redevelopment of the TOP, and will greatly increase unplanned growth in the City of Chico and in the County's jurisdiction surrounding the City of Chico. The project as described is inconsistent with the purpose, goal, and objective of the project.</p> <p>5. Therefore, the Project Description needs to be re-defined and re-stated to be stable, finite, and ACCURATE.</p> <p>6. Further, other alternatives for smaller de-centralized specially designed and engineered treatment facilities must be re-analyzed and re-considered and included in the Project Alternatives analysis.</p> <p>7. Finally, given the fact that the City of Chico's Capital Improvement Program has not publicly disclosed what the cost of the project will be to the residents and rate payers of the City of Chico and how the new infrastructure necessary to provide an increased supply of potable and re-cycled water and transportation infrastructure and Operation &amp; Maintenance expenses will be paid by the residents and rate payers of the City of Chico.</p> <p>Please include these comments in the record of proceedings for the Scoping Meeting for the proposed project.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment.</p> <p>Very truly yours.</p>	
5/13/21 6:59 p.m.	Darrell Hilton 117 Summerbreeze Ln Grangeville, Idaho 83530 <a href="mailto:1biglazyd@gmail.com">1biglazyd@gmail.com</a>	Website	My property is on Oak Way off of Billie. According to the service map the service area runs along Skyway and along Clark. But nothing in between skyway & Clark. It would be very helpful to property owners, like myself to be able to see how far off of skyway & off of Clark the service area runs. Listing street names in the general service area between Clark and skyway would be helpful	5/14/21 (3:39 p.m.): M. Norris responded via email:  Good morning Darrell,

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				<p>Thank you for your message. If you follow the link to <a href="http://paradisesewer.com/">http://paradisesewer.com/</a>, you can scroll down to our interactive map under "Find My Property". This interactive map will allow you to enter your street address or the Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) to determine if your property is located within the proposed service area. The map allows you to zoom in and explore the limits of the current, proposed boundary area.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any other questions.</p>
5/13/21 11:26 a.m.	Marion Weer 2277 Crest Drive Fortuna, CA 95540 <a href="mailto:marion2215@att.net">marion2215@att.net</a>	Website	Can you provide a physical description of the sewer transmission pipeline. What will it look like. What will be its size? Will it be above or below ground. How will it blend with the environment?	
5/13/21	Chris Rehmann <a href="mailto:carehmann@gmail.com">carehmann@gmail.com</a>	Virtual Public Meeting #1	Will there be any cost to property owners who are NOT in the sewage collection area?	
5/13/21	Eric Salerno <a href="mailto:eric.salerno@caloes.ca.gov">eric.salerno@caloes.ca.gov</a>	Virtual Public Meeting #1	What is your current project funding priority and how can Cal OES be supportive?	
5/13/21	John Stonebraker <a href="mailto:john@upperridge.info">john@upperridge.info</a>	Virtual Public Meeting #1	Ok, if there's time: the slide showed the Skyway route. is that confirmed? or is the Neal Road route still being considered?	
5/13/21	Karen Heckman <a href="mailto:sscsheckman@gmail.com">sscsheckman@gmail.com</a>	Virtual Public Meeting #1	<p>What is the cost to the property owners?</p> <p>What other future costs to property owners for things like maintenance?</p> <p>How will those properties not in the initial inclusive to public sewer connections be added? And when?</p> <p>Am I understanding correctly, those town of Paradise properties not in the blue area will not ever be included?</p> <p>The town consider the cost of building our own system instead of sending the sewer all the way to Chico?</p> <p>Thank you for holding these meetings.</p>	
5/13/21	Kathy Roessler <a href="mailto:kkroessler@gmail.com">kkroessler@gmail.com</a>	Virtual Public Meeting #1	<p>Will the line installed be big enough to handle future growth?</p> <p>We think it's short sighted to not anticipate future growth.What if the hospital come back?</p>	
5/13/21	Mevanisko <a href="mailto:mevanisko@yahoo.com">mevanisko@yahoo.com</a>	Virtual Public Meeting #1	Will parcels within the proposed service area be required to connect to the proposed sewer system?	

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5/14/21 3:11 p.m.	Kathy Roessler 5802 Acorn Ridge Dr Paradise, CA 95969 <a href="mailto:kkroessler@gmail.com">kkroessler@gmail.com</a>	Website	<p>How will the construction of the proposed sewer system be coordinated with the road rebuilding efforts to minimize impact to the Town?</p> <p>We think that the sewer project should consider future growth and put in a bigger pipe line going down to Chico than what the current needs call for.</p>	
5/20/21 1:52 p.m.	Stephen Lucas Executive Officer Butte Local Agency Formation Commission 1453 Downer Street, Suite C Oroville, CA 95965 530-53806819 <a href="mailto:slucas@buttecounty.net">slucas@buttecounty.net</a>	Email	<p>Hello Ms. Curtis,</p> <p>Please find attached comments from the Butte LAFCo concerning the Town of Paradise Sewer Service Project EIR Notice of Preparation.</p> <p>Cheers, Steve</p> <hr/> <p>Submitted Via Website: <a href="mailto:ccurtis@townofparadise.org">ccurtis@townofparadise.org</a></p> <p>Collette Curtis, Public Information Officer Town of Paradise 5555 Skyway Paradise, CA 95969 Re: Town of Paradise Sewer Project – Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report</p> <p>Dear Ms. Curtis:</p> <p>The Butte Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) appreciates the opportunity to provide input for the Town of Paradise Sewer Project – Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report that will support the proposed sewer line extension from the City of Chico Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) to the Town of Paradise. This will also require the approval of an extension of services application by LAFCo as the service extension is proposed to be outside of the City’s jurisdictional and Sphere of Influence boundaries.</p> <p>The primary concern of LAFCo as a responsible agency with permitting authority is to ensure that the Commission is regularly consulted by affected agencies to avoid the matter <i>being presented to the Commission for action after important decisions and milestones have been locked in</i>. It is our understanding that coordination with LAFCo is identified as a Phase 2 implementation issue under the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) covering the selected alternative.</p> <p><b>LAFCO’s Role</b> Government Code Section 56133(a)(b)(c) mandates that A city or district may provide new or extended services by contract or agreement outside its jurisdictional boundary <b>only if it</b></p>	

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			<p><b>first requests and receives written approval from the commission.</b> The commission may authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional boundary outside its jurisdictional boundary and outside its sphere of influence to respond to an existing or impending threat to the health or safety of the public or the residents of the affected territory, if the entity applying for approval has provided the commission with documentation of a threat to the health and safety of the public or the affected residents.</p> <p>The proposal for the City to extend its sewage collection and/or wastewater treatment facilities to the Town falls under the purview of Section 56133 and therefore, LAFCo. Should the sewer service extension be approved by LAFCo for the proposed sewer service area boundary identified by the Town, any future adjustments to that boundary or additional sewer connections will require the consent the City as the contracted provider and LAFCo as the approving authority for the service extension request.</p> <p>Provisions for extension of service requests are found in Government Code §56133 and in Section 4.5 of the Commission Policies and Procedures. Service extensions outside of an agency's Sphere of Influence may only be approved by LAFCo if there is "an existing or impending threat to the health or safety of the public or the residents of the affected territory. (§56133(c))</p> <p><i>Support Documents</i> The City/Town will need to provide documentation/justification of the existing or impending public health and safety threat the extension of services would address. This is a critical prerequisite to the project as it is the only legally permissible justification available to the LAFCo to approve a service extension request outside of an agency's (Chico) Sphere of Influence.</p> <p>Additionally, the City will have to demonstrate how such an arrangement will not impact its current residents or its responsibility to serve the existing parcels within its jurisdictional boundaries/service area who are not currently sewered and utilize on-site septic systems. This would include the remaining approximately 3,000 parcels that are not currently connected to the City's sewer infrastructure but fall under are under the Chico Urban Area Nitrate Compliance Plan which calls for the termination of on-site septic systems as a contributor to ground water nitrate contamination. It is fundamentally critical that the City ensure that it retains adequate WCPP capacity for future service demands from it residents.</p> <p>Along with a determination of capacity, LAFCo will also have to review the fiscal viability of the proposed extension, particularly the projected cost to Paradise residents of such service and the assurances that City residents do not in any way subsidize the proposed service.</p> <p><b><u>EIR-NOP Observations/Comments:</u></b></p>	

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Project Description</b> - The proposed project for the purposes of the EIR, should be adequately described to include not only the sewer infrastructure analysis, but the necessary Extension of Services Application that is expected to be initiated by the City of Chico and considered for approval by LAFCo. It is vitally important to recognize that limiting the “project description” to only the sewer infrastructure project will make associated regulatory agency approvals such as LAFCo’s more complicated. This raises the important question of just what type of governance is anticipated now by the Town and what type of governance oversight may be useful in the future such a special district or subsidiary district? For the EIR to be of the greatest value, it should consider all alternatives that may be desired now or in the future.</li> <li>2. <b>Proposed Sewer Service Area</b> – The proposal describes the intended Sewer Service Area, which is limited primarily to the commercial and industrial land uses along Skyway, Pearson and Clark Roads. How would future sewer connection requests within the Town Sewer Service Area (not along the pipe to Chico) be addressed?  There are small lot residential neighborhoods immediately adjacent to the proposed Town Sewer Service area, It seems reasonable based on early public comments to anticipate that landowners contiguous to the Town's Sewer Service Area/collection system with a developed use and failing septic system would desire to connect rather than repair an existing system. This is a different scenario from new development. Butte County Environmental Health Division regulations require a landowner with a failed septic system to connect to a public sewer if the access is within 250 feet of the affected parcel. How will additional requests for access to sewer services be addressed?</li> <li>3. <b>Post Treatment (Recycled) Water</b> – The Town will be sending significant quantities of effluent to the City’s WPCP, which will be treated, and under current conditions, discharged to the Sacramento River. Given the extreme focus on drought planning, the reuse of treated effluent is an ever more important source of scarce water supplies. At some point, the City of Chico may determine that moving to tertiary treatment and reusing this valuable resource is a priority. The question is: Who will retain the rights to treated water discharged from the ChicoWPCP? Will the Town receive credit/compensation for its share of the treated effluent?</li> <li>4. <b>WPCP Concerns</b> – How will the City and Town address future WPCP issues such as plant expansions, conversion to tertiary treatment and violations at the WPCP be addressed.</li> <li>5. <b>Administration</b> - Who will provide overall administration of the proposed sewer extension to the Town? How will customer relations such as billing, maintenance, and new connections be accomplished?</li> <li>6. <b>Governance Alternatives</b> – Should the sewer service extension be found unworkable, or if LAFCo cannot determine a legally supportable exemption from the requirements found in GC56133, what other alternatives would be considered (such as the creation of a separate subsidiary district to provide sewer service to</li> </ol>	

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			<p>both cities)? Such a reorganization would make 56133 no longer applicable, as the new district will have its own sphere.</p> <p>7. <b>Growth Inducement</b> - Depending on the design capacity of the pipeline, its location, and its potential users, it is likely that additional development within the Town could become possible. Current on-site wastewater treatment systems greatly limit development potential. Once sewer becomes available, those growth limitations no longer apply. This analysis may be difficult to accurately assess given the age of the Town General Plan adopted in 1994. Ideally, the 1994 General Plan would be updated based on current conditions prior to estimating future sewerage flows. Additionally, other landowners outside the City boundaries in proximity to such a sewer line may request or expect that the development of those lands be permitted to utilize the new sewer line. The potential environmental impacts of such development needs to be analyzed in the EIR unless a firm prohibition on such connections is included in the project, if not, LAFCo may consider conditions of approval that would restrict access to the sewer line to parcels only within the Town's defined sewer service area.</p> <p>8. <b>Chico Urban Area Nitrate Compliance Plan</b> – The Nitrate Compliance Plan was adopted in 2000 as a result of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Prohibition Orders No. 90-126 and 905-024 which addressed the nitrate contamination in the groundwater linked to on-site septic systems in the Chico Urban Area. The orders called for existing septic systems be discontinued and connections to the City sewer system be required. Much effort and resources were spent on this program and the City has installed significant new sewage collection infrastructure over the past decade to allow all affected parcels to connect. How will the City ensure that the WPCP maintains/reserves the capacity to accommodate these remaining approximately 3,000 uses on septic systems?</p> <p>9. <b>Increased Exposure to Severe Fire Hazard.</b> Development of the project is intended to encourage the growth and redevelopment of the Town of Paradise. While this has many desirable benefits, the EIR cannot ignore the serious adverse fire risk impact of the project. As the fire demonstrated, Paradise is clearly located in a severe fire zone with limited access for evacuation. Encouraging redevelopment and growth in that area will inevitably result in increased exposure of the new structures and residents to the severe fire risk. This impact is likely to be significant over the long run. It must be analyzed and mitigation measures explored to mitigate the risk. For example, is an additional evacuation route feasible?</p> <p>LAFCo is eager to be cooperative partner in the effort to bring sewer service to the Town as the project is likely to greatly assist the Town to address a serious long-term problem and augment the Town's ability to rebuild a sustainable and viable commercial district. However, we are all bound to comply with the law, even where it may hinder achievement of a desirable objective. We look forward to working with the City and Town and its partners in development of this proposal in order to determine if a legally permissible</p>	

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			<p>path forward can be found for LAFCo to approve the extension of services. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions</p> <p>Sincerely, Steve Lucas Executive Officer</p> <p>cc: LAFCO</p>  <p>Paradise Sewer NOP Comments 5-20</p>	
5/21/21 5:30 p.m.	Pam Galloway 6083 Maxwood Dr Paradise, CA 95969 <a href="mailto:jpgalloway3@att.net">jpgalloway3@att.net</a>	Website	This project is a waste of time, effort and money for the town and citizens of Paradise. I think the project should be put to stopped as there are better uses of the towns money. Just a concerned citizens comment.	
5/24/21 4 p.m.	Janet Peterson 1080 Buschman Rd Paradise, CA 95969 <a href="mailto:janetkpeterson@aol.com">janetkpeterson@aol.com</a>	Website	I own the property at 1080 Buschman Rd adjacent to the proposed boundary at Clark Rd. I had twenty-four 1 bedroom units which were destroyed in 2018. I tried to rebuild but the costs, slope, ADA requirements made it impossible. The flat land on my parcel is where the septic field is. Being able to have sewer would allow me to build affordable. Can I request to be considered for hookup? Much thanks, Janet Peterson	
5/25/21	Anonymous (Caller)	Virtual Public Meeting #2	Hi, thank you for taking my call and I apologize if this was covered. I missed a portion of your presentation. If the location that we currently have is within the proposed service area, but it's currently under septic, what advice are you providing to the property owners or what websites or information areas do you recommend in order to understand what would be the proper steps in evaluating whether or not we are required to connect with the sewer system versus having the existing septic system function? That's the biggest question I guess for a lot of people that I know is what are our requirements versus what what's nice to have versus what's required to do.	
5/25/21	Anonymous (Caller)	Virtual Public Meeting #2	I'm actually calling from Lane County, emergency management over here in Oregon and so if it's a better conversation to have offline, I'm happy to do that, but really you guys are so much farther ahead than we are with fire recovery. I was just looking to get a better understanding of pitfalls and hurdles that we might be looking out for in the future as we move towards getting a little bit closer to where you guys are, because you guys have been inspirational in your recovery process.	
5/25/21	Mike Garcia-Forterra Pipe & Precast	Virtual Public Meeting #2	Have the pipe material options been listed, and if so, are you eliminating thermoplastic pipes due to issues of flammable concerns.	
5/25/21 12:10 p.m.	Dennis Ivey <a href="mailto:creare@comcast.net">creare@comcast.net</a>  cc: Gwen Nordgren <a href="mailto:gwenord8@gmail.com">gwenord8@gmail.com</a>	Email	<p>Mark - Sorry that I couldn't join you today. I wan unable to load your meeting software on my Mac - probably a Boomer thing!</p> <p>I submitted a question to the consultants regarding connection fees and payment. To date, I've not heard back. I'm asking on behalf of Paradise Lutheran Church on Luther</p>	<p>5/25/21 (1:33 p.m.): M. Mattox responded via email:</p> <p>Good afternoon Dennis!</p>

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			<p>Drive, next to Terry Ashe Park. I assume it is still too early to know the dollar amount of the connection fee, but can you tell me how they will be determined and the anticipated payment policy for the connection fees. Your answer will be helpful to the church as they move forward in their recovery process.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and assistance.</p>	<p>Great question – we actually received one just like it during the webinar... In short, we do not have the answer...yet. What I mean is that as we are in the EIR phase, we do not have certainty the project will indeed move forward. However, if it does, administration of items like this are key in project success. Our goal would be to provide a heavily incentivized opportunity to connect at the initial startup construction. Absent of that, we would be tough to find another approach other than requiring connections at a time when the system fails... Meaning if you install a system in 2021 and it doesn't fail until 2041, a connection may not be required until 2041. From the lens of recovery and planning today, it may be most prudent to assume no project and move forward – although, I have heard of property owners installing a stubbed lateral which could be intertied in the future, this may be attractive for the church.</p> <p>Hope this helps! Best of luck!</p>
<p>5/27/21 5:33 p.m.</p>	<p>Sasha Poe 1043 Central Park Dr Paradise, CA 95969 530-326-4949 <a href="mailto:ssaasshhaa@hotmail.com">ssaasshhaa@hotmail.com</a></p>	<p>Website</p>	<p>I have emailed 5 times asking for my commercial property to be added to the sewer plan.</p>	<p>6/2/21 (1:15 p.m.): M. Mattox responded via email:</p> <p>Hi Sasha:</p> <p>I apologize for the delayed response. We have received your request for the project to include your property. At this moment, we are unable to administratively add this to the area – however, we will keep your request in the public comment file and be sure to explore it further.</p> <p>Thanks for reaching out!</p>
<p>5/28/21</p>	<p>Andrea Buckley Environmental Services and Land Management Branch Chief Central Valley Flood Protection Board 3310 El Camino Ave., Ste. 170 Sacramento, CA 95821 916-574-0609</p> <p>James Herota 916-574-0651 <a href="mailto:James.Herota@cvflood.ca.gov">James.Herota@cvflood.ca.gov</a></p>	<p>Letter</p>	<p>May 28, 2021</p> <p>Mr. Marc Mattox Town of Paradise 5555 Skyway Paradise, CA 95969</p> <p><b>Subject: Comments on the Paradise Sewer Project, Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2021050008)</b></p> <p>Dear Mr. Mattox,</p>	

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			<p>The Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Paradise Sewer Project. The EIR will be prepared to disclose and address potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project. The proposed project is located in Butte County and involves construction of a sewer pipeline crossing the Butte Creek and Little Chico Creek.</p> <p><b>Responsibility of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board</b>  The Board is the State’s regulatory agency responsible for ensuring appropriate standards are met for the construction, maintenance, and operation of the flood control system that protects life, property, and habitat in California’s Central Valley. The Board serves as the State coordinator between local flood management agencies and the federal government, with the goal of providing the highest level of flood protection possible to California’s Central Valley. The Board operates under authorities as described in California Water Code (Water Code), which requires the Board to oversee future modifications or additions to facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control (SPFC). In addition, pursuant to assurances provided to the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) by the Board on behalf of the State, the USACE Operation and Maintenance Manuals, Code of Federal Regulations, Title 33, § 208.10, and United States Code, Title 33, § 408, the Board is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the SPFC facilities. The USACE requires the Board to serve as the lead non-Federal sponsor for projects to improve or alter facilities of the SPFC pursuant to Code of Federal Regulations, Title 33, § 408. The State's objectives include fulfilling the USACE's expectations pursuant to the assurances provided to the USACE.</p> <p><b>Encroachment Permit</b>  Per California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Waters, Division 1 (Title 23), Section 6, approval by the Board is required for all proposed work or uses, including the alteration of levees within any area for which there is an Adopted Plan of Flood Control within the Board’s jurisdiction. In addition, Board approval is required for all proposed encroachments within a floodway, on adjacent levees, and within any Regulated Stream identified in Title 23, Table 8.1. Specifically, Board jurisdiction includes the levee section, the waterward area between project levees, a minimum 10-foot-wide strip adjacent to the landward levee toe, the area within 30 feet from the top of bank(s) of Regulated Streams, and inside Board’s Designated Floodways. Activities outside of these limits which could adversely affect Federal-State flood control facilities, as determined by Board staff, are also under the Board’s jurisdiction. Permits may also be required for existing unpermitted encroachments or where it is necessary to establish the conditions normally imposed by permitting, including where responsibility for the encroachment has not been clearly established or ownership or uses have been changed. This proposed project is located within the Board’s permitting authority, thereby requiring an encroachment permit.</p>	

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			<p>Federal permits, including USACE Section 404 and Section 10 regulatory permits and Section 408 Permission, in conjunction with a Board permit, may be required for the proposed project. In addition to federal permits, state and local agency permits, certification, or approvals may also be required. State approvals may include, but are not limited to, California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Lake and Streamed Alteration Agreement and Regional Water Quality Control Board's Section 401 Water Quality Certification. The Applicant must obtain all authorizations that the proposed project may require.</p> <p><b>Flood Impacts Analysis</b> Pursuant to Section 15 of Title 23, the Board may deny an encroachment permit if the proposed project could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeopardize directly or indirectly the physical integrity of levees or other works;</li> <li>• Obstruct, divert, redirect, or raise the surface level of design floods or flows, or the lesser flows for which protection is provided;</li> <li>• Cause significant adverse changes in water velocity or flow regimen;</li> <li>• Impair the inspection of floodways or project works;</li> <li>• Interfere with the maintenance of floodways or project works;</li> <li>• Interfere with the ability to engage in flood fighting, patrolling, or other flood emergency activities;</li> <li>• Increase the damaging effects of flood flows;</li> <li>• Be injurious to, or interfere with, the successful execution, functioning, or operation of any adopted plan of flood control; or</li> <li>• Adversely affect the State Plan of Flood Control, as defined in the California Water Code.</li> </ul> <p>As a responsible agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Board will need to have adequate information in order to evaluate whether to issue a permit at a future date. Accordingly, please be prepared to provide specific analyses to determine if the proposed project could result in any potential impacts listed above. This includes direct impacts to facilities under construction, as well as indirect impacts from the project to surrounding facilities. This encompasses any proposed work that contemplates modifications to a SPFC Facility, Lower San Joaquin Levee District Facility, or operation of any adopted plan of flood control or the hydrology of the water ways including increases or decreases in water surface elevation due to construction activities and encroachments; any work including dewatering and vibrations from both pile driving and heavy machinery that may destabilize the SPFC levees; and potential levee damage resulting from heavy machinery construction activities and associated haul routes. It is therefore recommended that the environmental document include a specific flood facility impacts analysis section.</p> <p><b>Document Specific Comments</b></p>	

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			<p>According to page 4, Figure 1 Paradise Export Pipeline, shows that the proposed pipeline is within Butte Creek and Little Chico Creek.</p> <p>Title 23 provides standards that govern the design and construction of projects that affect the flood control works and floodways. Board staff recommends that you review Title 23 Standards, including but not limited to Sections 115 (Dredged, Spoil, and Waste Material), 120 (Levees), and 130 (Patrol Roads and Access Ramps), 123 (Pipelines, Conduits, and Utility Lines). Any deviation (or variation) from these standards will require approval from the Board.</p> <p><b>Closing</b> The potential risks to public safety, including increased flood risks, need to be considered when developing proposed projects that seek to modify flood control works or the hydrology of the water ways. Board staff is available to discuss any questions you have regarding the above comments. Please contact James Herota at (916) 574-0651, or via email at James.Herota@CVFlood.ca.gov if you have any questions.</p> <p>Sincerely, Andrea Buckley Environmental Services and Land Management Branch Chief</p> <p>cc: Office of Planning and Research   <a href="mailto:State.Clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov">State.Clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov</a></p>	
6/3/21 2:59 p.m.	Nick Avdis 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 801 Sacramento, CA 95814 <a href="mailto:navdis@thomaslaw.com">navdis@thomaslaw.com</a>	Website	This firm represents Tuscan Ridge Associates LLC and their interests in the development projects known as "Tuscan Ridge" located at 3100 Skyway in unincorporated Butte County. The Tuscan Ridge project to has submitted an initial planning application with Butte County. The EIR for the Town of Paradise to City of Chico sewer project should include analysis of providing sewer service to the Tuscan Ridge project. Please put me on the notification list for any upcoming meetings or otherwise. Thank you.	
6/4/21	Tom Lando District Manager, Paradise Irrigation District Paradise Irrigation District 6332 Clark Rd Paradise, CA 95969 530-877-4971	Letter	June 4, 2021  Colette Curtis, Public Information Officer Town of Paradise 5555 Skyway Paradise, CA 95969  RE: Request for comments regarding the scope of the EIR for a proposed sewer system  Paradise Irrigation District ("PID") is informed that the Town of Paradise is seeking a formal wastewater treatment solution and has identified a proposed sewer service area. The proposed sewer service area includes geographic areas within PID's current water distribution service area. As an irrigation district, PID has latent authority to own, operate and maintain a sewer system. Additionally, PID has the equipment and infrastructure to manage the proposed project as well as the personnel, expertise and administrative	

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			<p>framework to manage billing and customer service. PID respectfully asks that its participation in the Project be considered as part of the scope of EIR and that any environmental effects of potentially having PID operate and maintain the Project be assessed.</p> <p>Sincerely, Tom Lando District Manager, Paradise Irrigation District</p>  <p>sewerCommentsPID.pdf</p>	
6/24/21 5:31 p.m.	APN is 053-101-001-000	Phone Call	C. Curtis spoke with a resident today who is interested in adding her property to the Sewer Service Area. Her APN is 053-101-001-000 – it is located off Clark Rd and is adjacent to properties that are part of the SSA. Additionally her property is zoned for multi-family and if it is in the SSA she plans to develop multi-family housing there in the future. Please let me know if you need any additional information.	
6/25/21 8:58 a.m.	Rhonda Berndt 6221 Clark Road Paradise, CA 95969 <a href="mailto:RLBDEP@Gmail.com">RLBDEP@Gmail.com</a>	Website	Why does the sewer plan avoid access to sewer for the Multifamily parcels on James Drive and Camino? It seems like that would benefit the community in the long run and is located inside the sewer area already.	<p>6/28/21 (9:37 a.m.): M. Mattox responded via email:</p> <p>Good morning Rhonda:</p> <p>Thank you for your inquiry relating to the SSA excluding James Drive and Camino Lane. We will consider the impacts of this request along with others to increase the size of the sewer service area within the Town of Paradise.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>

DATE	OUTREACH TYPE	# OF CONTACTS	MEETING INFO	NOTES
2/8/21	Media Article			 <p><b>CHICO, PARADISE SEWER PROJECT UNANIMOUSLY REACHES SECOND PHASE</b>  Paradise Sewer Project moves on to an 18-month Environmental Impact Review and will be grant-funded.  Posted: Feb 8, 2021 7:43 PM   Brandon Downs</p> <p><b>PARADISE, Calif.</b> - Chico City Council unanimously voted to analyze and study the current and future needs for the Chico Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) to develop a regional sewer connection to Paradise, according to the Town of Paradise.</p> <p>The connection will be from a specified area in Paradise, called the Sewer Service Area, and will include many parcels along Skyway, Pearson, and Clark Road.</p> <p>Chico City Council appointed their Mayor and Vice Mayor to a Sewer Regionalization Project Advisory Committee. This includes the Mayor and Vice Mayor of Paradise and will be facilitated by the Regional Water Quality Control board over the course of the planned 18-month Environmental Impact Review (EIR).</p> <p>“We look forward to seeing what develops during this 18-month EIR process and certainly support efforts to improve our regional economy and the wastewater infrastructure in Chico,” said Chico Mayor Andrew Coolidge.</p> <p>The Town of Paradise said the Paradise Sewer Project has been studied for over 50 years and is a Tier 1 Town-Led Priority Project in the Long-Term Community Recovery Plan.</p> <p>The EIR will be phase II of the project and is fully funded by a grant. This will not cost the City of Chico or Town of Paradise. A copy of the Phase I report can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>“Now, with the Phase II Environmental Impact Review process of a regional sewer connection between Paradise and Chico, we are just beginning the true vetting process with a Cooperative Work Agreement with the Town and a grant-funded opportunity to study the impacts and opportunities for Chico’s Water Pollution Control Plant,” said Mayor Coolidge.</p> <p>Paradise has been in need of wastewater solutions for years due to high groundwater, limited land available and poor soils. This restricts multi-family housing and commercial operations that rely on water usage, like restaurants.</p>

				<p>“The Paradise Sewer Project is vitally important for the recovery of Paradise after the Camp Fire,” said Paradise Mayor Steve Crowder. “There are also substantial benefits for the City of Chico to regionalize their Water Pollution Control Plant.”</p> <p>The Paradise Sewer Project is one of the largest infrastructure projects in California. It is the largest in the Central Valley Region and the largest, by far, in the North State.</p> <p>For more information and regular updates on the Paradise Sewer Project, including committee meeting dates and times, visit <a href="http://www.paradisewer.com">www.paradisewer.com</a>.</p> <p><a href="https://www.actionnewsnow.com/content/news/Chico-Paradise-sewer-project-unanimously-reaches-second-phase-573755081.html">https://www.actionnewsnow.com/content/news/Chico-Paradise-sewer-project-unanimously-reaches-second-phase-573755081.html</a></p>
3/7/21	Media Article			<p style="text-align: center;"><small>Serving Chico and the north state since 1853</small></p> <h1 style="text-align: center;">ENTERPRISE-RECORD</h1> <p><b>Study the sewer, PID pipes then decide what’s next</b>          By <a href="#">EDITORIAL BOARD</a>   March 7, 2021 at 3:16 a.m.</p> <p>When the Camp Fire roared through Butte County in 2018, destroying 90 percent of the structures within its path and burning more than 153,000 acres, the Paradise Irrigation District lost all of its customer base.</p> <p>The Town of Paradise and Paradise Unified School District each got backfill funding from the state for three years to stay afloat.</p> <p>Additionally, the town got \$250 million in damages from PG&amp;E.</p> <p>The PID, which has yet to receive any settlement funding from PG&amp;E, received its backfill funding contingent upon a plan to create new revenue to make up for the lost customer base.</p> <p>At a minimum, the PID needed to show the state it was working towards a solution to the problem. One solution that was proposed was an intertie from Paradise to Chico.</p> <p>It is an idea that the PID wanted to study, along with Butte County. In 2019, in order to get the study started, the county needed a 4/5ths vote from the Butte County Board of Supervisors because it was a budget adjustment. It was an adjustment that at first supervisor Debra Lucero supported, but changed her mind after saying the Board of Supervisors was not given vital documents prior to the initial vote. That vote, along with Tami Ritter’s “no” vote, sank the study.</p>

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				<p>Since then a Sacramento State University study has begun on the issue and is a mandated requirement to ensure that PID can obtain funding for its drinking water system improvements from the California State Legislature.</p> <p>It's important to note that nothing is going to be built, whether it be a sewer or a PID pipe, unless the studies prove that they can work.</p> <p>From there the local entities, the town of Paradise, PID, City of Chico and LAFCO have to agree — and much of that depends on public support.</p> <p>Not only has PID been working towards a pipe to Chico but so has the town of Paradise. The Paradise sewer pipe would be connected to Chico's wastewater plant west of Chico. The other option that was in front of the town council was building a wastewater plant within the town limits. But the Chico option has always been favored by town and city staff because it is a cheaper option.</p> <p>The sewer pipe has the support of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, which is in fact leading a board made up of councilors from both cities — and that meets for the first time this coming week.</p> <p>Studying the pipes to Chico is worth doing and in fact, Chico appears to agree. The town of Paradise has been struggling to develop a viable business community, particularly those surrounding restaurants, for decades — long before the Camp Fire. Its rebuild might well rest on both a sewer and PID pipe.</p> <p>But it's only by studying both options that can we learn if they are beneficial financially or environmentally for the county as a whole. And in the end it is the science that comes out of the environmental impact reports and Sacramento State University study that should guide our next moves.</p> <p><a href="https://www.chicoer.com/2021/03/07/study-the-sewer-pid-pipes-then-decide-whats-next/">https://www.chicoer.com/2021/03/07/study-the-sewer-pid-pipes-then-decide-whats-next/</a></p>
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING NOTICE

The Town of Paradise (Town) as the Lead Agency for the Paradise Sewer Project (Proposed Project) has issued this Notice of Preparation (NOP) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to notify responsible and trustee agencies and other interested parties that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared to evaluate potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Project. The Town is soliciting public input regarding the scope and content of environmental information to be included in the EIR. The NOP provides information about the public review and comment period, project location, project description, and the probable environmental effects of the Proposed Project, and is posted on the Town's website at [paradisesewer.com](http://paradisesewer.com).

**PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT PERIOD:** May 3 to June 3, 2021

#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

Since its incorporation in 1979, the Town has sought a formal wastewater treatment solution for the community, with service for commercial and densely populated residential areas being a priority. Failed and failing septic systems create the potential for public health and environmental concerns and have limited economic growth. Prior to the Camp Fire, which almost completely destroyed the town in 2018, Paradise was the largest unsewered community in California. The Town has supported numerous studies to address its need for a centralized wastewater treatment solution, and in its most recent study, the Town identified a proposed sewer service area. The proposed sewer service area includes the Town's commercial corridors, and as described in the 2017 study, it represented the area that had the most septic systems that had failed or were projected to fail by 2022.

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#### POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The EIR process will assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Project on the physical, human, and natural environment. A wide variety of resource areas will be studied during the environmental review to identify potential impacts, including aesthetics, agriculture and forestry resources, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, wildfire, and additional topics as required by the CEQA Guidelines including significant irreversible environmental changes, growth inducement, cumulative impacts, and alternatives. Measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate any potential adverse impacts will be identified and evaluated in the EIR.

#### VIRTUAL PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

A 30-day public scoping process is being initiated with this notice. Responsible and Trustee Agencies, involved federal agencies, interest groups, and members of the public are invited to participate and provide valuable input into the scope of the EIR. For your convenience, and to allow participation in a safe environment while social distancing, two virtual public scoping meetings will be held during the project's 30-day scoping period. Please join us at one of the following meetings to learn about the project, interact with project team members, ask questions, and submit formal comments.

**THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021 | 6 P.M.**

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**TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021 | 12 P.M.**

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#### SUBMITTING COMMENTS

Submission of comments on the environmental scope of the Project are invited from all interested parties from May 3, 2021 until **5 p.m. PST on June 3, 2021**. Comments can be submitted via the website at [paradisesewer.com/contact](http://paradisesewer.com/contact) (from subject dropdown menu, select "Submit a comment on Environmental Impact Report") or via the following options:

**Telephone:** 530-872-6291, ext. 112

**Mail:** Colette Curtis, Public Information Officer  
 Town of Paradise  
 5555 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95969

#### SPECIAL MEETING ACCOMMODATIONS

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5/3/21	State Clearinghouse 2021050008			<p><b>SCH Number:</b> 2021050008 <b>Lead Agency:</b> Town of Paradise <b>Document Title:</b> Paradise Sewer Project <b>Document Type:</b> NOP - Notice of Preparation <b>Received:</b> 5/3/2021 <b>Present Land Use:</b> Agricultural, Industrial, Public, Residential, Conservation Area</p> <p><b>Document Description:</b> The Proposed Project consists of three constructed components—a wastewater collection system in Paradise, an 18-mile export pipeline to convey wastewater to the Chico WPCP, and connection to the WPCP—and operation of the new sewer system. The export pipeline would begin at the southwest edge of Paradise and run for approximately 8 miles along Skyway until reaching south Chico, at which point the pipeline would leave Skyway and continue west, crossing Butte Creek, Highway 99, and the Union Pacific Railroad, and terminating at the Chico WPCP in Chico. The Proposed Project would not change the service area of the Chico WPCP other than the addition of the Paradise connection and treatment. Moreover, there would be no additional fees for Chico residents and rate payers as a result of the Proposed Project.</p> <p><b>Contact Information</b> Marc Mattox Town of Paradise Lead/Public Agency <u>5555 Skyway</u> <u>Paradise, CA 95969</u> <u>Phone : (530) 872-6291 ext. 125</u> <u>mmattox@townofparadise.com</u></p> <p><b>Cities:</b> Chico, Paradise <b>Counties:</b> Butte <b>Regions:</b> Citywide Countywide <b>Cross Streets:</b> Highway 99, Midway, Dayton Road, Pearson Road <b>State Highways:</b> Highways 32 and 99 <b>Railways:</b> Union Pacific Railroad <b>Airports:</b> Ranchoero Airport <b>Schools:</b> Chapman Elementary School, Little Chico Creek Elementary School <b>Waterways:</b> Feather River, Little Butte Creek, Big Chico Creek, Little Chico Creek, Sacramento River</p>
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5/3/21	Press Release			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Town of Paradise Launches Environmental Review for Paradise Sewer Project</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Public input solicited on environmental scope and content of EIR</i></p> <p><b>Paradise, CA</b> – On Monday, May 3, the <a href="#">Town of Paradise</a> (Town), and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency, officially launched the environmental review process for the Paradise Sewer Project with a <b>Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Virtual Public Scoping Meetings</b>. The Town is soliciting public input regarding the scope and content of environmental information to be included in the EIR.</p> <p><b>PROJECT OVERVIEW</b></p> <p>Since its incorporation in 1979, the Town has sought a formal wastewater treatment solution for the community, with service for commercial and densely populated residential areas being a priority. Failed and failing septic systems create the potential for public health and environmental concerns and have limited economic growth. Prior to the Camp Fire, which almost completely destroyed the town in 2018, Paradise was the largest unsewered community in California. Numerous studies have supported the need for a centralized wastewater treatment solution, and in its most recent study, the Town identified a proposed sewer service area. The proposed sewer service area includes the Town’s commercial corridors, and as described in the 2017 study, it represented the area that had the most septic systems that had failed or were projected to fail by 2022. A map of the proposed sewer service area can be found on the project website <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>The Proposed Project consists of three constructed components—a wastewater collection system in Paradise, an 18-mile export pipeline to convey wastewater to the Chico Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP), and connection to the WPCP — and operation of the new sewer system. The export pipeline would begin at the southwest edge of Paradise and run for approximately 8 miles along Skyway until reaching south Chico, at which point the pipeline would leave Skyway and continue west, crossing Butte Creek, Highway 99, and the Union Pacific Railroad, and terminating at the Chico WPCP in Chico. The Proposed Project would not change the service area of the Chico WPCP other than the addition of the Paradise connection and treatment. Moreover, there would be no additional fees for Chico residents and existing Chico WPCP rate payers as a result of the Proposed Project. This long-term wastewater solution will allow for sustainable</p>

				<p>housing and business activity in Town, supporting the community’s economic recovery and vitality.</p> <p><b>LEARN MORE AT UPCOMING VIRTUAL PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS</b>  As an initial step within the CEQA process, project scoping allows the Town to seek public and stakeholder input on the environmental scope of the project. To provide convenient participation in a safe environment while social distancing, the Town is hosting two virtual public scoping meetings during the project’s 30-day public comment period to allow attendees to learn about the project, interact with project team members, ask questions and submit formal comments.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1734 620 2818 887"> <tr> <th data-bbox="1734 620 2278 651">THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021   6 P.M.</th> <th data-bbox="2278 620 2818 651">TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021   12 P.M.</th> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1734 651 2278 782"> <b>ONLINE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Webex:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/Paradise_Sewer_Mtg1">bit.ly/Paradise_Sewer_Mtg1</a></li> <li>• <b>Webex Password:</b> Paradise</li> </ul> </td> <td data-bbox="2278 651 2818 782"> <b>ONLINE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Webex:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/Paradise_Sewer_Mtg2">bit.ly/Paradise_Sewer_Mtg2</a></li> <li>• <b>Webex Password:</b> Paradise</li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1734 782 2278 887"> <b>BY PHONE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dial-in #:</b> 408-418-9388</li> <li>• <b>Code:</b> 123 202 6837</li> </ul> </td> <td data-bbox="2278 782 2818 887"> <b>BY PHONE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dial-in #:</b> 408-418-9388</li> <li>• <b>Code:</b> 123 877 2748</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table> <p><i>For additional accessibility preferences, please submit a message on the project website at <a href="https://paradisesewer.com/contact">paradisesewer.com/contact</a> (from subject dropdown menu, select “Submit a comment on Environmental Impact Report”). Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired (TDD) may contact the California Relay Service TTY and/or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2929, or 711.</i></p> <p><b>SUBMITTING COMMENTS</b>  Suggestions and comments on the scope and content of the EIR are invited from all interested parties for a period of 30 days (May 3 through June 3, 2021 by 5 p.m. PDT). Written or verbal comments concerning the Proposed Project’s environmental scope should be submitted via the following options.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="1734 1370 2818 1622"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1734 1370 2331 1532"> <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://paradisesewer.com/contact">paradisesewer.com/contact</a>  <i>(from subject dropdown menu, select “Submit a comment on Environmental Impact Report”)</i> </td> <td data-bbox="2331 1370 2818 1622" style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px;"> <b>Mail:</b> Colette Curtis  Public Information Officer  Town of Paradise  5555 Skyway  Paradise, CA 95969 </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="1734 1572 2331 1622"> <b>Telephone:</b> 530-872-6291, ext. 112 </td> </tr> </table> <p><b>LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PARADISE SEWER PROJECT:</b>  To learn more about the proposed project or to stay updated, visit <a href="https://paradisesewer.com">paradisesewer.com</a>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">###</p>	THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021   6 P.M.	TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021   12 P.M.	<b>ONLINE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Webex:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/Paradise_Sewer_Mtg1">bit.ly/Paradise_Sewer_Mtg1</a></li> <li>• <b>Webex Password:</b> Paradise</li> </ul>	<b>ONLINE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Webex:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/Paradise_Sewer_Mtg2">bit.ly/Paradise_Sewer_Mtg2</a></li> <li>• <b>Webex Password:</b> Paradise</li> </ul>	<b>BY PHONE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dial-in #:</b> 408-418-9388</li> <li>• <b>Code:</b> 123 202 6837</li> </ul>	<b>BY PHONE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dial-in #:</b> 408-418-9388</li> <li>• <b>Code:</b> 123 877 2748</li> </ul>	<b>Website:</b> <a href="https://paradisesewer.com/contact">paradisesewer.com/contact</a> <i>(from subject dropdown menu, select “Submit a comment on Environmental Impact Report”)</i>	<b>Mail:</b> Colette Curtis Public Information Officer Town of Paradise 5555 Skyway Paradise, CA 95969	<b>Telephone:</b> 530-872-6291, ext. 112	
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#### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING NOTICE

The Town of Paradise (Town) as the Lead Agency for the Paradise Sewer Project (Proposed Project) has issued this Notice of Preparation (NOP) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to notify responsible and trustee agencies and other interested parties that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared to evaluate potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Project. The Town is soliciting public input regarding the scope and content of environmental information to be included in the EIR. The NOP provides information about the public review and comment period, project location, project description, and the probable environmental effects of the Proposed Project, and is posted on the Town's website at [paradisesewer.com](http://paradisesewer.com).

**PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT PERIOD:** May 3 to June 3, 2021

#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

Since its incorporation in 1979, the Town has sought a formal wastewater treatment solution for the community, with service for commercial and densely populated residential areas being a priority. Failed and failing septic systems create the potential for public health and environmental concerns and have limited economic growth. Prior to the Camp Fire, which almost completely destroyed the town in 2018, Paradise was the largest unsewered community in California. The Town has supported numerous studies to address its need for a centralized wastewater treatment solution, and in its most recent study, the Town identified a proposed sewer service area. The proposed sewer service area includes the Town's commercial corridors, and as described in the 2017 study, it represented the area that had the most septic systems that had failed or were projected to fail by 2022.

The Proposed Project consists of three constructed components—a wastewater collection system in Paradise, an 18-mile export pipeline to convey wastewater to the Chico WPCP, and connection to the WPCP—and operation of the new sewer system. The export pipeline would begin at the southwest edge of Paradise and run for approximately 8 miles along Skyway until reaching south Chico, at which point the pipeline would leave Skyway and continue west, crossing Butte Creek, Highway 99, and the Union Pacific Railroad, and terminating at the Chico WPCP in Chico. The Proposed Project would not change the service area of the Chico WPCP other than the addition of the Paradise connection and treatment. Moreover, there would be no additional fees for Chico residents and rate payers as a result of the Proposed Project.

#### POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The EIR process will assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Project on the physical, human, and natural environment. A wide variety of resource areas will be studied during the environmental review to identify potential impacts, including aesthetics, agriculture and forestry resources, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, wildfire, and additional topics as required by the CEQA Guidelines including significant irreversible environmental changes, growth inducement, cumulative impacts, and alternatives. Measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate any potential adverse impacts will be identified and evaluated in the EIR.

#### VIRTUAL PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

A 30-day public scoping process is being initiated with this notice. Responsible and Trustee Agencies, involved federal agencies, interest groups, and members of the public are invited to participate and provide valuable input into the scope of the EIR. For your convenience, and to allow participation in a safe environment while social distancing, two virtual public scoping meetings will be held during the project's 30-day scoping period. Please join us at one of the following meetings to learn about the project, interact with project team members, ask questions, and submit formal comments.

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#### SUBMITTING COMMENTS

Submission of comments on the environmental scope of the Project are invited from all interested parties from May 3, 2021 until **5 p.m. PST on June 3, 2021**. Comments can be submitted via the website at [paradisesewer.com/contact](http://paradisesewer.com/contact) (from subject dropdown menu, select "Submit a comment on Environmental Impact Report") or via the following options:

<b>Telephone:</b> 530-872-6291, ext. 112	<b>Mail:</b> Colette Curtis, Public Information Officer Town of Paradise 5555 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95969
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#### SPECIAL MEETING ACCOMMODATIONS

For additional accessibility preferences, please submit a message on the project website at [paradisesewer.com/contact](http://paradisesewer.com/contact) (from subject dropdown menu, select "Submit a comment on Environmental Impact Report"). Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired (TDD) may contact the California Relay Service TTY and/or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2929, or 711.

5/3/21	Social Media Post			<p>We have kicked off the environmental review of the Paradise Sewer Project and want your input. This vital proposed Project will provide a long-term solution for wastewater collection, transport and treatment from properties identified in the proposed sewer service area, which is encompassed mostly by Clark Road, Skyway and Pearson Road. This long-term wastewater solution will allow for sustainable housing and business activity in Town, supporting the community’s economic recovery and vitality.</p> <p>Visit <a href="http://paradisesewer.com">paradisesewer.com</a> to learn more about the environmental review process and this initial public comment period that will end at 5 p.m. PDT on June 3.</p>  <p>The flyer features the Town of Paradise California logo (a circular seal with a tree and the text 'TOWN OF PARADISE CALIFORNIA' and 'Incorporated November 27, 1979'). To the right, the text reads 'TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT' in green and orange. Below this, a green banner contains the text 'Virtual Public Scoping Meetings' in white. Underneath, it lists the meeting dates: 'Thursday, May 13, 2021   6 p.m.' and 'Tuesday, May 25, 2021   Noon', followed by 'Visit website for link &amp; details'. A white box contains 'Public Review &amp; Comment Period: May 3 - June 3, 2021'. At the bottom, an orange bar says 'STAY INVOLVED!' and provides contact information: 'PARADISESEWER.COM', 'INFO@PARADISESEWER.COM', and '530-872-6291 EXT. 112'. The background of the flyer is a scenic view of a lake and forest.</p>
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