



## **CHICO, PARADISE SEWER PROJECT UNANIMOUSLY REACHES SECOND PHASE** 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

**PARADISE, Calif.** - 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.

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.

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).

“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.

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.

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 [here](#).

“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.

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.

“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.”

<https://www.actionnewsnow.com/content/news/Chico-Paradise-sewer-project-unanimously-reaches-second-phase-573755081.html>

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.

For more information and regular updates on the Paradise Sewer Project, including committee meeting dates and times, visit [www.paradiseseWER.com](http://www.paradiseseWER.com).