



# TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

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## Town Council Public Hearing Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)

November 7, 2022 | 6 p.m.





# Agenda



Introduction and Purpose



Project Overview



CEQA Compliance



**What Has Been Accomplished**



**Where We Are Now**



**What Happens Next?**



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**Project Overview**

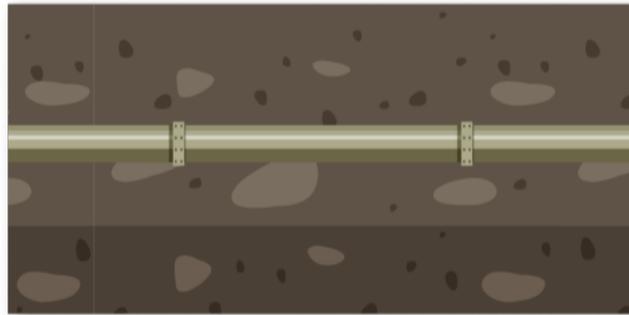


# Project Components



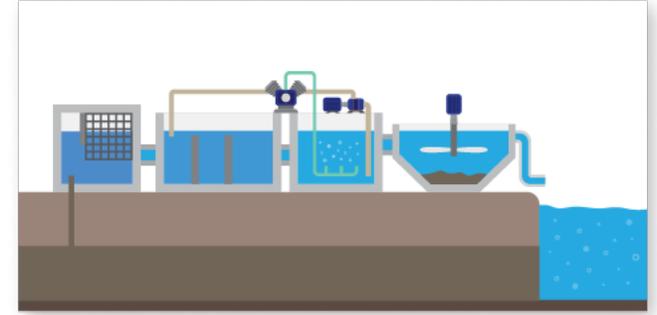
## COLLECTION

A series of gravity sewers, small pump stations, and pressure lines will collect wastewater from the Core Collection System (SSA) area and convey it to the southwest edge of Paradise. Future potential for expansion to an Extended Collection System within the Town is also assessed.



## TRANSPORT

An ~18-mile pipeline will convey Paradise wastewater down Skyway and across south Chico to the Chico Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP). All but ~1.1 miles in public right-of-way.

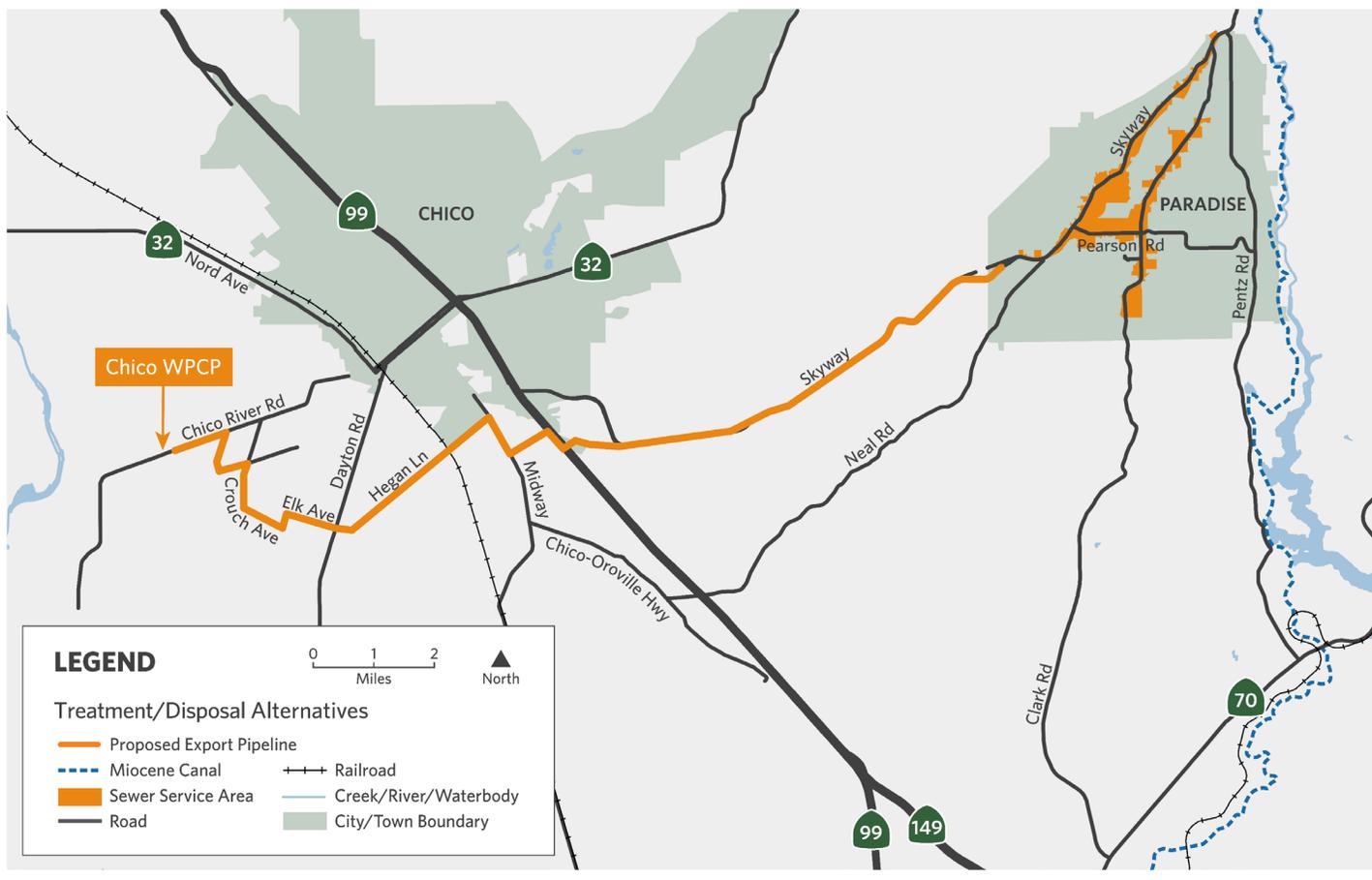


## TREATMENT

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.



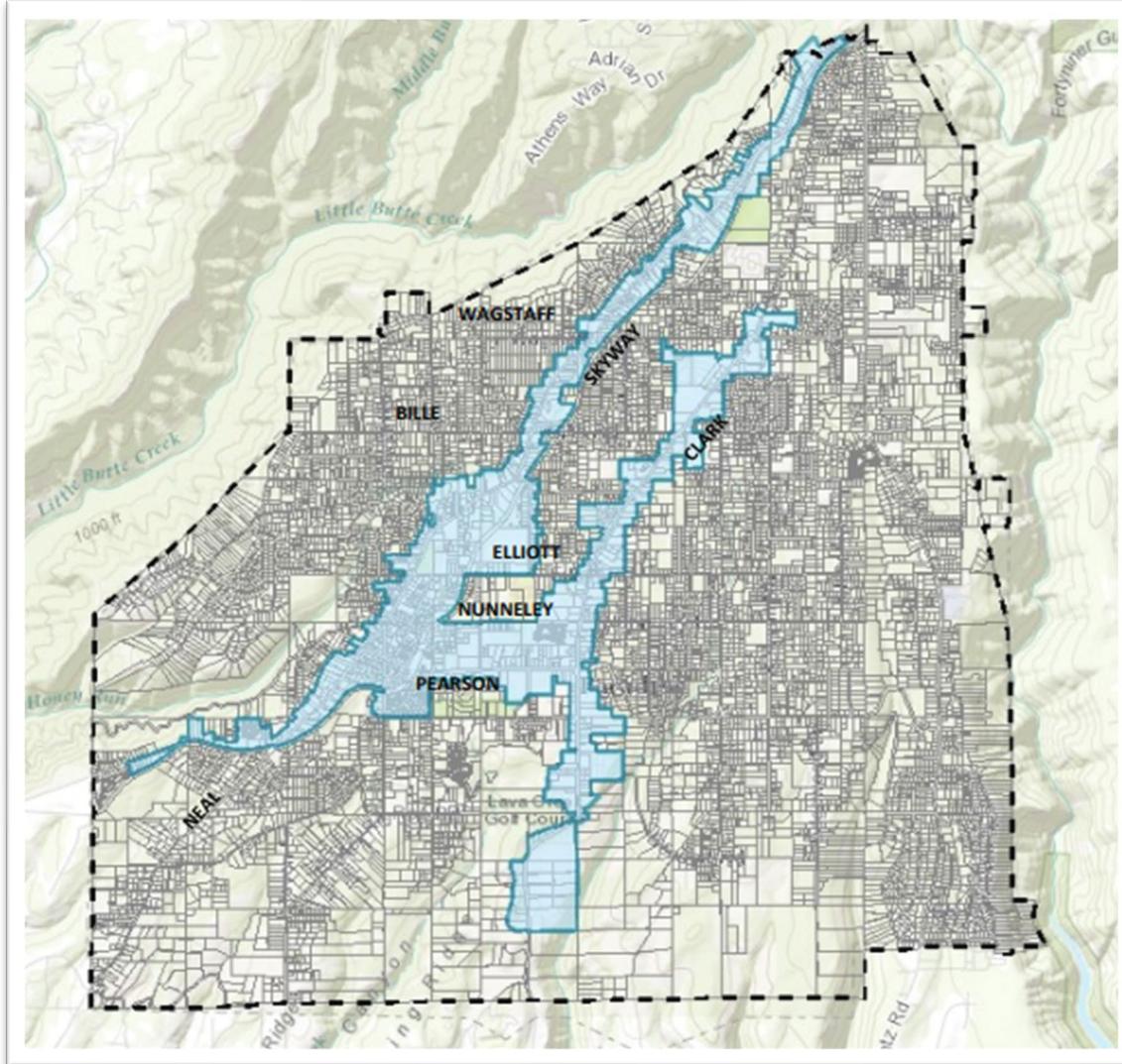
# Project Area Map



- Federal, State and local permits and approvals, including approval from Butte County LAFCo and permit from Butte County, would be in place prior to construction
- City and Town would be required to finalize an inter-municipal agreement to capture the contractual terms for the provision of wastewater treatment services
- Multiple management plans and a SWPP would be finalized and approved prior to construction for traffic management, hazards and control of hazardous materials, rapid demobilization, etc. as stated in PEIR
- If approved, Project MMRP will be used to track all requirements and restriction commitments made in PEIR



# Core Collection System Area



- CCS would support centralized businesses and housing, including ~1,500 parcels along Skyway, Clark Road, and Pearson Road
- Approximately 157,000 feet of 6- to 8-inch-diameter gravity sewers and 29,000 feet of 2- to 4-inch-diameter force mains would be constructed
- Infrastructure will include up to 28 pump stations in the Town
- Use of open-cut trenching methods to install the pipes and structures followed by surface restoration



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# Key Decision Makers

## CEQA LEAD AGENCY



## RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES





## TECHNICAL RESOURCES CONSIDERED:



Land Use



Agriculture



Recreation



Aesthetics & Visual Resources



Air Quality



Greenhouse Gas Emissions



Noise



Energy



Geology and Soils



Hydrology & Water Quality



Biological Resources



Cultural Resources



Tribal Cultural Resources



Hazards & Hazardous Materials



Public Services & Utilities



Population & Housing



Transportation



Wildfire

### Other CEQA Sections:

- Growth Inducement
- Cumulative Impacts
- Alternatives
- Summary of Impacts



## **SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

*A substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in physical conditions within the project area that could result from implementation of the Proposed Project*



# What Has Been Accomplished



## Draft PEIR Public Review

- 45-day review period was open from July 14 through August 28, 2022 at 5pm
- One day extension, as requested by public, changed closing to August 29, 2022 at 5pm
- Two letters received August 30, 2022 have been included in Comment/Response Matrix
- One letter received June 3, 2021 (before Public Scoping comment period) has also been responded to and included in FEIR Comment/Response Matrix



# Where We Are Now



**51 Agency and Stakeholder Comment Letters received and responded to**



**40 letters /  
65 comments**  
via website



**11 letters /  
69 comments**  
via mail or email

Commenting agencies included SWRCB, Butte County and City of Chico Public Works departments

## Topics most recounted in comment letters:

- Requests for bicycle lanes on Skyway
- Requests to recap technical details of proposed facilities, as well as construction and operation plans, that had been included in the Draft PEIR
- Questions on specific private properties
- Two commenters requested Town add the previously assessed local treatment plant option to the alternatives evaluated in the PEIR

## There were no comments received that:

- Challenged the use of specific resource assessment tools or thresholds of significance to evaluate potential for significant effects on physical resources
- Contended that the analysis of potential effects on environmental resources from implementation of the Proposed Project was inadequate or inaccurate
- Challenged proposed mitigation measures or their ability to reduce effects to below significance thresholds; request was made to add more detailed information on measures proposed to mitigate for potential Hazards and Hazardous Materials



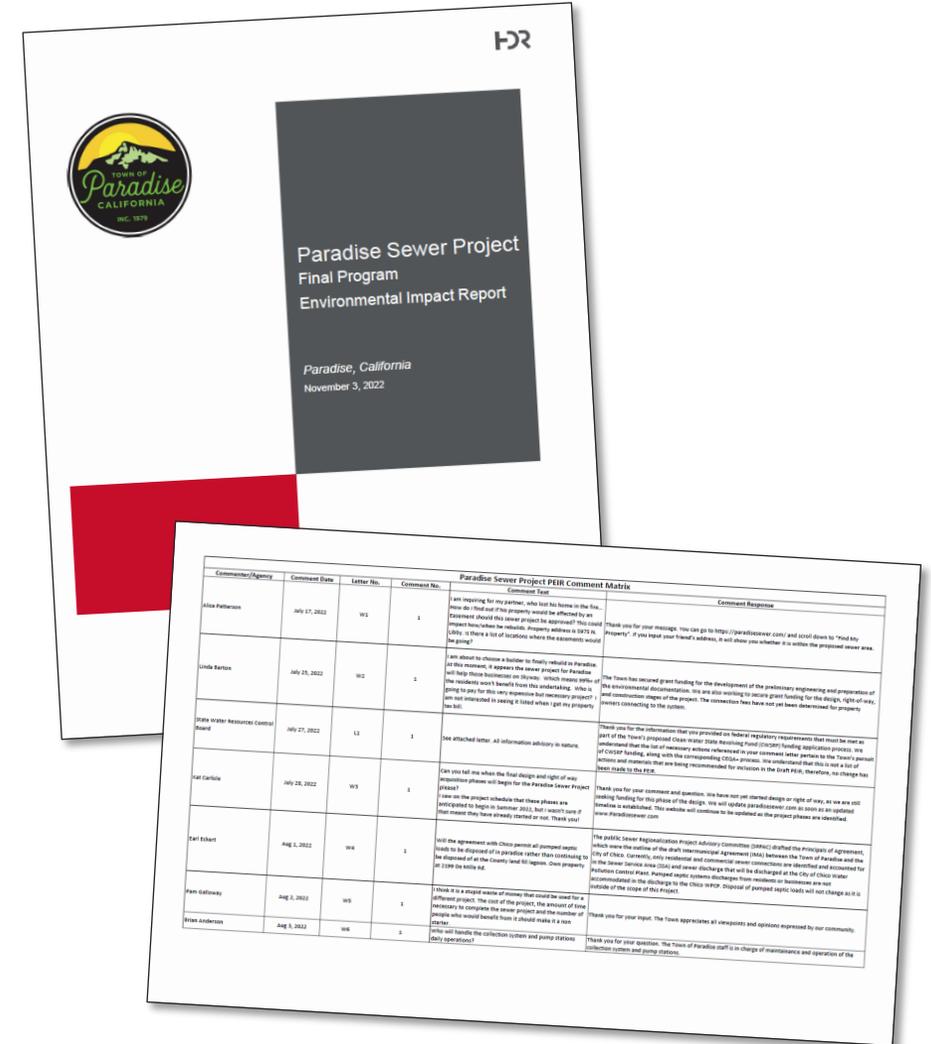
# Where We Are Now (continued)

## Final PEIR

- Comment/Response Matrix is included in Final PEIR as Appendix I, including a matrix with responses to comments and all original comment letters
- Five additions were made to Final PEIR in response to agency comments and are **bolded** in the Final PEIR and Appendix I (Butte County Public Works Dept, Comment #L7-1 and #L7-2)
- CEQA Guidelines state: “any person... may submit comments *concerning any environmental effects of a project* (15044) [with mitigation incorporated]

Analysis in PEIR determined that all potential for significant environmental effects on the physical environment from Project implementation are mitigable, as disclosed in the PEIR

No *Statement of Overriding Considerations* is required in the Project record or to be considered by the Town Council as part of the approval and certification process for the Final PEIR





# Where We Are Now (continued)



## Town Council Meeting – Public Hearing

- Public Hearing Announcement posted in Paradise Post as an insert to the Chico Enterprise Record, on [paradisesewer.com](http://paradisesewer.com) and [townofparadise.com](http://townofparadise.com) on October 26, 2022
- Supplemental notice by requested parties sent on November 1, 2022
- Website updated with Final PEIR materials and Final PEIR Virtual Room on November 3, 2022
- 11/7/2022-Town Staff received a public comment with a request to postpone “certification hearing” for six weeks



# What Happens Next?



- Council to consider approval and certification of Final PEIR
- If approved and certified, Town will file a Notice of Determination within 5 days
- NOD filing starts 30-day statutory limitation on court challenges to Council’s approval
- Further design will allow for Agency permits and approvals



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***Revisions:***

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*WHEREAS, on July 14, 2022, the Town filed the Notice of Completion ("NOC") informing OPR that the Town had completed the Draft PEIR, and recommending distribution of the Draft PEIR to certain state agencies for review.*

*WHEREAS, prior to circulating the Draft PEIR for public review, the Town distributed and published the Notice of Availability ("NOA") for the Draft PEIR to all interested groups, to organizations, and individuals; and posted on the Project website.*

*WHEREAS, the Draft PEIR was available for public review and comment for forty-five (45) days, between July 14, 2022 and August 29, 2022 **AND THEREAFTER ADDITIONAL COMMENTS WERE ACCEPTED ON AUGUST 30, 2022;***

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*Final PEIR (November 3, 2022)*



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- b) **Adoption of the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (Final PEIR) for use in conjunction with the Paradise Sewer Project, or other action; and**
- c) **Direct staff to continue the next steps in the Paradise Sewer Project implementation including Federal environmental reviews and processes, Design and Right of Way phases, including solicitation of Staff Augmentation and Design Build contract(s) in compliance with secured and potential funding sources’ policies and procedures; or**
- d) **Provide alternative action (ROLL CALL VOTE)**



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