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## BUTTE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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### NOTIFICATION of AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND SERVICES

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| <b>Agency</b>           | City of Chico to Town of Paradise |
| <b>Service</b>          | Wastewater Treatment              |
| <b>Approval Date</b>    | June 1, 2023                      |
| <b>LAFCo Resolution</b> | 23 2022/23                        |
| <b>APN</b>              | Various                           |
| <b>Situs</b>            | Various                           |

Please be advised that at its June 1, 2023, meeting the Butte Local Agency Formation Commission authorized the City of Chico to extend wastewater treatment services to the Town of Paradise. This authorization is subject to all terms and conditions as stated in the above referenced and attached LAFCo Resolution.

Notice provided via email to:

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Approved by: Shannon Costa  
Shannon Costa  
Deputy Executive Officer

**RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
OF THE COUNTY OF BUTTE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHICO TO  
PROVIDE OUT-OF-AGENCY SANITARY SEWER SERVICES  
TO THE TOWN OF PARADISE**

**RESOLVED**, by the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of Butte, State of California, that:

**WHEREAS**, a proposal for the extension of public sanitary sewer services by the City of Chico to the Town of Paradise to parcels identified as within the Core Collection System as depicted in "Exhibit A", located outside of the Chico city limits and outside of the City of Chico's Sphere of Influence was heretofore filed by the City of Chico and accepted for filing on April 20, 2023, by the Executive Officer of this Local Agency Formation Commission pursuant to Title 5, Division 3, commencing with Section 56000 of the Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Officer, pursuant to Government Code Section 56658, set June 1, 2023, as the hearing date on this proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Officer, pursuant to Government Code Section 56665, has reviewed this proposal and prepared a report, including recommendations thereon, and has furnished a copy of this report to each person entitled to a copy; and

**WHEREAS**, this Commission called for and held a hearing on June 1, 2023, and at the hearing this Commission heard and received all oral and written protests, objections and evidence which were made, presented or filed, and all persons present were given an opportunity to hear and be heard with respect to this proposal and the report of the Executive Officer; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of Butte **DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER** as follows:

**Section 1.** Environmental Action:

- A. The Town of Paradise, as the lead agency, has prepared a Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (Final PEIR) which assessed the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Project on the physical, human, and natural environment. Measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate any potential adverse impacts were identified and evaluated in the FPEIR.
- B. Butte LAFCo is a responsible agency Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines and the Commission finds that changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which avoid or substantially lessen the significant environmental effect as identified in the FPEIR.
- C. As the Paradise Sewer Project does not involve concerns unique to LAFCo such as boundary changes, sphere expansions or substantial impacts to existing services, there is no cause for LAFCo to complete any additional environmental review or studies.
- D. The Commission finds that such changes or alterations are within the responsibility

and jurisdiction of the Town of Paradise and such changes have been adopted by the Town of Paradise in the form of a Mitigation Monitoring Program.

**Section 2. Determinations:**

- A. On November 8, 2018, the Camp Fire destroyed 90-percent of structures in the Town, including more than 11,000 homes and 1,000 businesses.
- B. The Town of Paradise relies on on-site septic systems for the treatment and disposal of wastewater. When a septic system fails, it can either contaminate the groundwater underneath it or surface water nearby creating environmental concerns for nearby streams and lakes as well as polluting the drinking water supply.
- C. The Town of Paradise experiences public health and safety risks as a result of its failed or failing sewer system and has sought a solution since before its incorporation in 1979.
- D. Through its work on the Paradise Sewer Project, the Town of Paradise identified a connection to the Chico Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) as its preferred alternative for wastewater treatment and disposal and approached the City of Chico to explore the feasibility of such a connection.
- E. Wastewater services were examined in the 2018 City of Chico Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Plan adopted by the Commission on October 10, 2018.
- F. A 2022 *Sewer Regionalization Planning Report for the Paradise Sewer Project* found the Chico Wastewater Pollution Control Plant has adequate capacity to serve the Town Sewer Service Area's projected demand at no detriment to the City's current service area, including the approximately 3,000 parcels within the City that are not currently connected to the City's sewer system.
- G. The Paradise Sewer Project consists of three components: Core Collection System, Export Pipeline, and Extended Collection System. The area identified to be served by sewer infrastructure is referred to as the Sewer Service Area (SSA).
- H. The Sewer Service Area is located outside of the City of Chico's jurisdiction and Sphere of Influence and is not within the Sphere of Influence or the district of any other sanitary sewer service provider.
- I. The Commission has considered the factors determined by the Commission to be relevant to this proposal, including, but not limited to, Sphere of Influence and City of Chico, Town of Paradise General Plan and zoning consistency, the City of Chico Municipal Service Review, the Town of Paradise Municipal Service Review, the Town of Paradise Housing Element, and other factors specified in Government Code Section 56133, and as described in the staff report dated May 24, 2023, for the meeting of June 1, 2023.

**RESOLUTION NO. 23 2022/23**

- J. The Commission authorizes the City of Chico to extend sanitary sewer service outside the City's boundary to the Town of Paradise to properties identified as within the Core Collection System.
- K. The proposal is assigned the following short form designation: 23-14 - City of Chico – Paradise Extension of Sewer.

**Section 3.** Conditions requested by LAFCo:

- A. All LAFCo fees must be paid in full prior to the extension of service authorization becoming effective.
- B. The extension of sewer service authorized by this approval is for the Core Collection System in the Town of Paradise as depicted in Exhibit A. Sewer shall not extend to parcels in the Extended Collection System area until such time that LAFCo has authorized such connections consistent with Government Code Section 56133 and CEQA guidelines. No other municipal services provided by the City of Chico are included in this approval.
- C. Under no circumstances shall sewer be made available to any parcel of land outside of the Town of Paradise nor shall any access or connection be allowed to the Export Pipeline until such time that further review by LAFCo is conducted pursuant to Government Code Section 56133 and CEQA guidelines, and authorization granted.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by this Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of Butte, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2023, by the following vote:

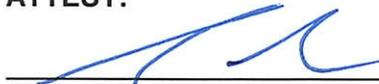
**AYES:** Commissioners Sheppard, Johnson, Kimmelshue, McGreehan, Betts and Chair Connelly

**NOES:**

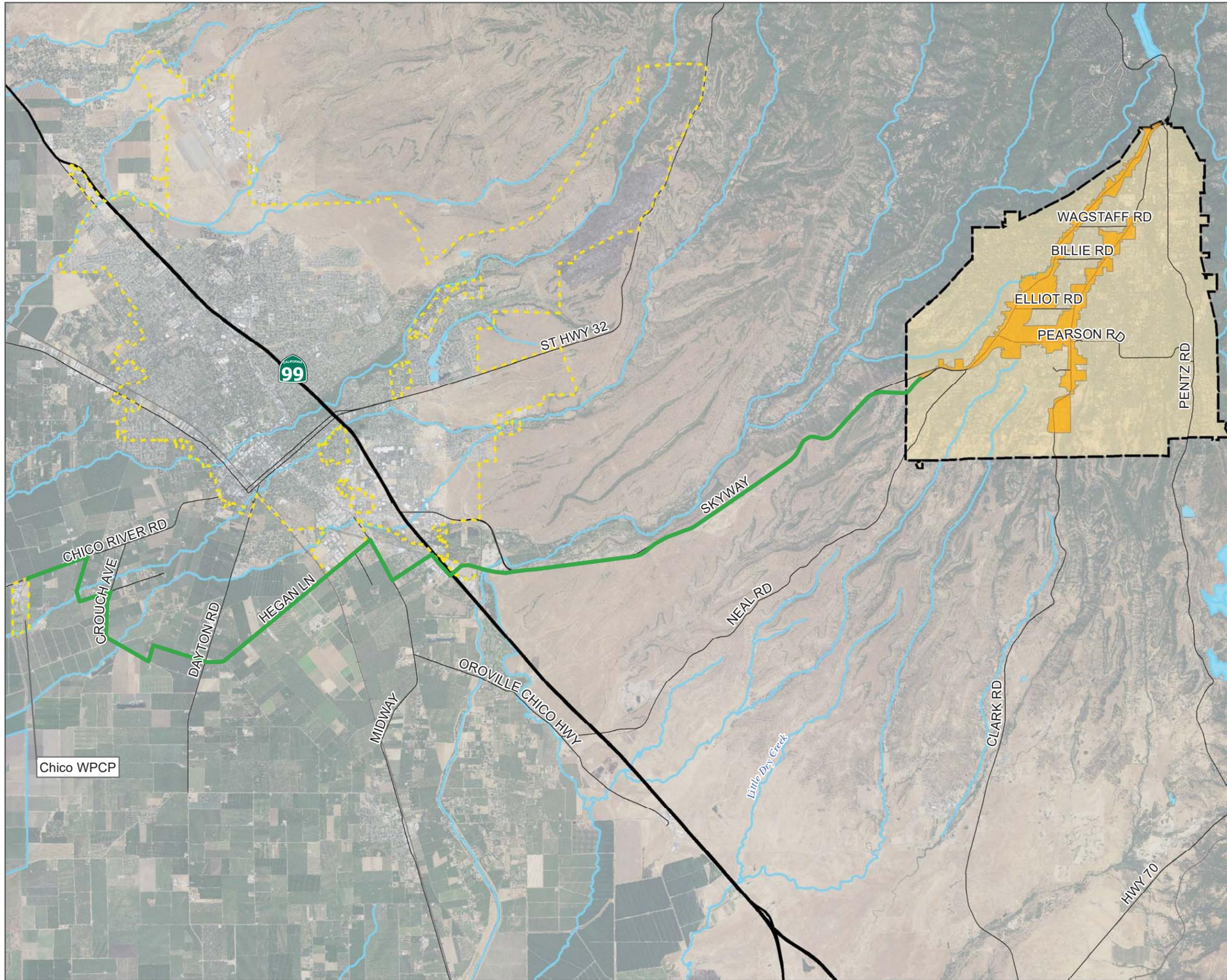
**ABSENT:** Commissioner Sharman

**ABSTAINS:**

**ATTEST:**

  
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Clerk of the Commission

  
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**BILL CONNELLY**, Chair  
Butte Local Agency Formation Commission



- Proposed Export Pipeline System Alignment
- Core Collection System
- Extended Collection System
- Town of Paradise Limits
- City of Chico Limits
- Freeway
- Arterial Road
- Railroad
- Rivers and Creeks
- Water Bodies

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**PROJECT LOCATION**  
PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

