



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21008 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region, Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
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Date: 5 February 2026

State Clearinghouse Number:

2025070810

Project Title:

Big Chico Creek Erosion Repair Project – Manzanita Avenue and Vallombrosa Avenue Permanent Restoration (WDID 5A04CR00381)

Project Location - Specific:

The project coordinates are as follows: Latitude: 39.75784° and Longitude: -121.79663°

Project Location - County:

Butte County

Name of Applicant:

Tracy Bettencourt
City of Chico Public Works Department
411 Main Street
Chico, CA 95928

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the project is to repair structural deficiencies and address bank erosion and scour along Big Chico Creek in the City of Chico. Without the repairs, the structural integrity of Vallombrosa Avenue and its associated pedestrian path may be threatened and lead to the closure of the road.

The City of Chico Public Works Department proposes to repair the erosion and fill in the cave on the west bank of Big Chico Creek using rock slope protection (RSP). The undercut cave will be collapsed and regraded to remove any safety risks to the public. A total of 187 linear feet of RSP will then be installed along the west bank to reinforce the reconstructed creek banks and prevent further erosion. All ground disturbing activities

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will take place within existing City right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

This is to advise that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, as a Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on 5 February 2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board considered the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration as prepared by the City of Chico.
2. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available to the general public at:

[City of Chico - Big Chico Creek Erosion Repair Project](https://chico.ca.us/Departments/Engineering/Capital-Projects/Big-Chico-Creek-Erosion-Repair-Project/)

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The record of project approval is available to the general public at: [Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's Adopted Orders Web page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/401_wq_certs/)

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