

CHICO URBAN AREA NITRATE COMPLIANCE PROGRAM



Lassen Avenue

Project area 1N, which includes the Lassen Avenue corridor, began construction in March of 2009 in order to bring sewer to the property lines of more than 1,100 homes. Construction in this area is anticipated to be completed in the summer of 2009. If you have questions about the process of connecting your home to the City of Chico's sewer collection system, please contact the City of Chico's Department of Building & Development Services at (530) 895-6950. For questions regarding the handling of septic tanks after connection, please contact Butte County Environmental Health at (530) 538-7281.

The project has broken ground!

As seen in the Project Timeline in the column to the right, the Chico Urban Area Nitrate Compliance Program (Nitrate Program) is a long term solution to address the environmental concerns of groundwater pollution in the Chico Urban Area. This newsletter is the first installment of quarterly updates which will be developed to keep citizens informed about the milestones of the Nitrate Program. As construction continues to progress in Area 1N (Lassen Avenue), we are preparing to release bid documents for Areas 1S (the Chapman-Mulberry Neighborhood Area) and 2N

(East Avenue/Cohasset Road Area). After bids are reviewed, a contractor, or multiple contractors, will be selected and construction for both project areas is expected to begin in the spring of 2010 for Area 1S and spring of 2011 for Area 2N. Construction for these project areas should be completed in the summer of 2010 for Area 1S and the summer of 2011 for Area 2N. If you have any additional questions, or if you would prefer to receive this newsletter electronically, please contact Jennifer Macarthy at JMacarthy@buttecounty.net or by phone at (530) 538-6182.

Project Timeline

Project Area	Location	Estimated Construction Start
1N	Lassen Avenue Area	Winter, 2009
1S	Chapman-Mulberry Neighborhood Area	Spring, 2010
2N	East Avenue/Cohasset Road Area	Spring, 2011
2S	East 5 th /East 8 th Avenue Area	Spring, 2013
3N	Esplanade/Nord Hwy Area	Spring, 2015
3S	Nord/West 11 th Avenue Area	Spring, 2016

About the Project

The Chico Urban Area Nitrate Compliance Program was developed in response to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's Prohibition Order No. 90-126 issued on April 27, 1990, which prohibited waste discharges from individual septic systems within the Chico Urban Area. The Order affects nearly 12,000 dwelling units, but 5,634 of these dwelling units were initially identified which could be connected to the City's existing sewer collection system within a reasonable project scope. This project is a collaborative effort between Butte

County, the City of Chico, and the Chico Redevelopment Agency (Agency). Project planning costs have been funded with County Service Area 114 revenue dedicated to this project. The costs of construction will be funded with a \$38 million loan from the State Water Resources Control Board, which will be repaid with property tax increment revenue received by the Agency. This loan has already been approved through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund which is dedicated to addressing water quality issues.

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