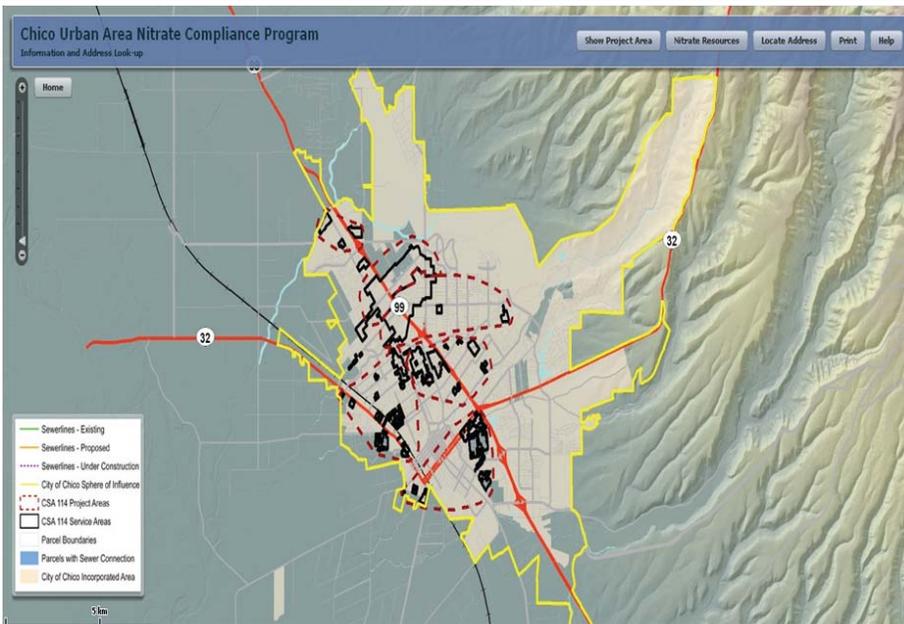


# CHICO URBAN AREA NITRATE COMPLIANCE PROGRAM



## Project Updates

The second phase of construction is soon to begin! Construction of the first phase, Project Area 1N - the Lassen Avenue Area, was completed January 2010, the City is now preparing for the second phase of construction, Project Area 1S - the Chapman-Mulberry Neighborhood. The plans and specifications have been submitted to the State for review and approval. Once these plans have been approved, the project will go out to bid, with construction likely to begin in October or November 2010. The design for Project Area 2N, the East Avenue/Cohasset Road Area, is currently underway. Construction for this area is anticipated to begin in Spring 2011.

## Website – Soon to Launch

Over the last several months, the County and the City have been working to create a website for residents and property owners affected by the Chico Urban Area Nitrate Compliance Program. The site, [www.nitratecompliance.org](http://www.nitratecompliance.org), should be ready for launch within the next month. The site will provide general information on the Nitrate Compliance Program as well as address specific information. On the home page, shown above, users can see a map encompassing the entire project area or chose "Show Project Areas" to locate a specific project area. By clicking on "Locate Address", a user can type in a specific address and find information such as what project area the property is located in, what the timeline for construction is, and have there been any public presentations specific to the property that they can access online. The goal of the site is to provide residents and property owners another opportunity to access information on this large scale project. We look forward to the launch of the site, and any feedback you may have regarding its functionality during this initial launch period.

## Project Timeline

Project Area	Location	Estimated Construction Start
1N	Lassen Avenue Area <b>Completed Jan. 2010</b>	March, 2009
1S	Chapman-Mulberry Neighborhood Area	Oct. or Nov. 2010
2N	East Avenue/ Cohasset Road Area	Spring, 2011
2S	East 5 <sup>th</sup> /East 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Area	Spring, 2013
3N	Esplanade/ Nord Hwy Area	Spring, 2015
3S	Nord/West 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Area	Spring, 2016

## About the Project

The Chico Urban Area Nitrate Compliance Program (Nitrate 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. The County of Butte, City of Chico, and Chico Redevelopment Agency (Agency) have worked together to find a means to provide public sewer facilities to which citizens could connect in order to comply with the Prohibition Order. 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 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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## ***What do you mean by sanitary sewer system?***

Sanitary sewer systems are the collection of pipes, pumps and lift stations, manholes, service lines, and other infrastructure throughout the City designed to handle and safely transport used water, body waters, and toilet paper as sewage to the Water Pollution Control Plant.

## ***What is the Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP)?***

The WPCP provides wastewater treatment and disposal for the greater Chico Urban Area. At the WPCP, municipal wastewater flows through a series of mechanical and biological treatment processes to remove the solids from the liquids. The treated wastewater meets regulatory standards for discharge into the Sacramento River. The treated biosolids are disposed at the Neal Road Landfill.

***Water Pollution Control Plant Fee = \$0 (fee waived for property within the Nitrate Compliance Program Area)***

## ***What is a sewer lateral?***

A sewer lateral is the pipe that carries the wastewater from the house to the sanitary sewer main line in the street. Every building receiving sewer service from the City of Chico has at least one sewer lateral.

***Sewer Lateral Fee = \$0 (fee waived for property within Nitrate Compliance Program Area)***

## ***What is a sewer main line?***

The sewer main line is the pipe in the street in front of a property which the lateral attaches to. The sewer main pipe transports waste water from the connected laterals to the sewer trunk lines.

***Sewer Main Fee = \$0 (fee waived for property within Nitrate Compliance Program Area)***

## ***What is the sewer trunk line?***

The sewer trunk line is the larger diameter pipe that connects to the sewer main lines and flows out to the WPCP.

***Sewer Trunk Line Capacity Fee = \$1,693 per unit***

## ***What is a lift station?***

Lift stations pump municipal wastewater from a low point to a higher elevation which enables the sewage to flow by gravity to the next low point and eventually into the WPCP.

***Lift Station Capacity Fee (west of SHR 99) = Not applicable in all areas. Contact City of Chico staff for specific information.***

## ***Why do I pay a Sewer Application Fee?***

The sewer application fee covers the cost to: calculate sewer fees, generate property owner informational letter and packet, and file and track the application.

***Sewer Application Fee = \$100***

## ***What is the cost to finance the sewer related fees?***

Property owners have the opportunity to finance the trunkline capacity fee and the lift station fee, if applicable, over a ten-year period. The fees are then collected on property tax bills. The annual interest rate is calculated on a rate of interest being received by the City on all of the city's invested funds, plus two percent (2%).

***Sewer In-Lieu Application Fee = \$388 (This fee may also be financed)***

***Annual Interest Rate on Fees Financed = Currently 6.02%***

## ***What is the monthly service rate if I do connect to sewer?***

Once connected to city sewer, the City of Chico is responsible for all operation, maintenance, and repair associated with the sanitary sewer system. The following rates apply to residential property.

***Monthly Service Rates (within city limits of Chico) = \$16.75 per month***

***Monthly Service Rates (within unincorporated area of County) = \$17.44 per month***

## ***Questions?***

For specific questions related to sewer application, sewer fees, or the sewer fee in-lieu process please contact: Rich Burgi, Associate Civil Engineer, City of Chico, (530) 879-6950, [rburgi@ci.chico.ca.us](mailto:rburgi@ci.chico.ca.us)