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California Water Service Begins Water Infrastructure Upgrade to Improve Water Supply Reliability and Fire Protection in Chico

CHICO, Calif.—California Water Service (Cal Water) is scheduled to begin work on a water infrastructure upgrade next week that will improve water supply reliability and fire protection in central Chico. The project will include installation of 3,300 feet of new 6- and 8-inch water main.

"Infrastructure improvements like this help Cal Water maintain a reliable water supply for both everyday and emergency needs, while also preventing water loss from aging pipes," said Evan Markey, Chico District Manager.

Installation will take place, weather permitting, over the next 10 to 12 weeks on the following streets:

- Bryant Avenue, between E. 1st Avenue and Hill View Way
- Downing Avenue between E. 1st Avenue and Palmetto Avenue
- Downing Avenue and Terrace Lane
- Palmetto Avenue, southwest of Downing Avenue to northeast of Karen Drive
- Karen Drive, southeast of Palmetto Avenue

The majority of the work will be performed between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; however, some work may be performed after regular business hours or during the weekends to help alleviate traffic issues. Temporary asphalt will be applied until permanent paving is completed, which can be up to 30 days after project completion.

"We will work hard to minimize any temporary inconvenience to residents in this neighborhood as we make water system improvements that will benefit our community for years to come," Markey said.

About California Water Service

California Water Service provides high-quality, reliable water utility services to about 109,700 people through 30,800 service connections in Chico and Hamilton City, and more than 2 million people statewide through 497,700 service connections. Cal Water's purpose is to enhance the quality of life for customers and communities. To do so, it invests responsibly in water and wastewater infrastructure, sustainability initiatives, and community well-being. The company's 1,100+ employees live by a set of strong core values and share a commitment to protecting the planet, caring for people, and operating with the utmost integrity. The utility has been named one of "America's Most Responsible Companies" and the "World's Most Trustworthy Companies" by *Newsweek*, a Top Workplace, and a Great Place to Work®. More information is available at www.calwater.com.