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**The City of Chico, Chamber of Commerce, and Valley Contractors Exchange host
Community Development Update on August 17th**

August 16, 2017 CHICO, CA: Tomorrow, Thursday, August 17th, the City of Chico, Chico Chamber of Commerce and Valley Contractors Exchange will host a Community Development Update from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in the Old Municipal Building Conference Room, 441 Main Street Chico. This free event occurs quarterly and is open to the public. With limited seating, RSVPs are requested. To reserve your seat please call 530.891.5556 or email info@chicochamber.com or register online at chicochamber.com.

Presenters from the City of Chico:

- Leo DePaola, Community Development Director
- Brendan Vieg, Deputy Director of Community Development
- Brendan Ottoboni, Director of Public Works – Engineering

Updates will be provided on permitting timelines & staffing, overview of permit activity, online inspection scheduling / permitting, projects & development update, and new regulatory standards. Q&A with City Officials to follow presentation.

Leo DePaola, Community Development Director for the City of Chico, says “I want to express my gratitude and thanks. I am looking forward to attending my first Community Development Update as a director. I hope I can continue to bring the same type of useful and pertinent information and commentary to the group that Mark Wolfe has in the past. To this end, I will continue the practice of having additional staff join me as specific topics dictate. I look forward to this and future meetings with the Chamber.”

Katie Simmons, President & CEO of the Chico Chamber says, “We host these discussions quarterly and it’s exciting to welcome Leo DePaola to the helm of the Community Development Department. Leo is aware of the challenges within the department and will address these along with questions from the audience. We encourage business owners and developers who interact with the Community

Development Department to attend with input that will help Leo build efficient, predictable, and affordable processes and systems.”

“Leo has been great to work with as the Building Official,” says Kate Leyden, Executive Director of Valley Contractors Exchange. “With construction costs rising - for lumber, permits and labor - we look forward to working with him as Director to reduce time and cost to permit. He has always been forward-thinking and supportive of technology, which is a time and cost solution being used in other jurisdictions. Can’t wait to hear his ideas on the 17th!”

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