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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Camp Fire Economic Recovery - Chico Chamber Convenes Community Leaders with Governor's Office of Business & Economic Development and CalOES

August 20, 2019 CHICO, CA: Monday, August 19th, the Chico Chamber convened representatives from the Governor's Office of Business & Economic Development and Office of the Small Business Advocate and CalOES to meet with local community and business leaders along with representatives from the Camp Fire Long Term Recovery Group. The Governor's staff was briefed on the challenges facing the Chico community as it pertains to economic recovery. Some of the challenges discussed were infrastructure – sewer, roads, bridges, workforce housing, employee retention and recruitment, and public safety.

Katy Thoma, President & CEO, Chico Chamber, "The Chico Chamber appreciates the opportunity to bring together Chico community stakeholders whose businesses and operations have been deeply affected by the Camp Fire. We will meet with them again to re-visit those challenges and potential solutions with the intent to move Chico forward.."

Says Mark Orme, Chico City Manager, "The City is sincerely grateful for the Chico Chamber assembling a key group of stakeholders to have a candid discussion of the Camp Fire's subsequent impacts on Chico's business community. The Office of Small Business Assistance & Innovation's listening ear, and the personal visit by Director Guzman, lays the foundation for spurring the vital partnership necessary to help mitigate both short and potential long-term impacts to our City's business sector, and I'm looking forward to forging ahead with creative and tangible solutions with this arm of Governor Newsom's office."

Both of the Governor's offices plan to bring back all of the challenges mentioned and return to Chico to reconvene.

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