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Chico Chamber Participates in Butte County Delegation Tour

June 10, 2019 CHICO, CA: Thursday, June 6th the Chico Chamber participated in a Butte County Delegation tour of Paradise and Magalia with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce along with a number of their national partners: Wells Fargo, Target, Drop Box, IBM, Johnson & Johnson, and JP Morgan. The purpose of their trip was to find ways in which to partner with those who have been affected by the Camp Fire. Others on the tour included the Cal OES, Board of Supervisor Doug Teeter, and the Paradise Ridge Chamber of Commerce.

After the tour participants gathered at Paradise Lutheran Church and heard from Town Manager Lauren Gil and Economic and Community Development Manager Casey Hatcher and from Bob Irvine from California Vocations, Inc. and Jennah Maxwell, Executive Director of Sunshine Assisted Living.

The day ended at Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. where the group heard from a panel that included: Chico City Manager Mark Orme, Oroville Interim City Administrator Tom Lando, Long Term Recovery Group Executive Director Matthew Plotkin and Chico Chamber of Commerce CEO Katy Thoma. Each shared the challenges of an increase in population, lack of workforce housing, public safety concerns and the deterioration of roads caused by debris removal trucks on their respective cities. The group also heard from Sierra Nevada VP & Head of Corp Responsibility Sierra Grossman, North Valley Community Foundation CEO Alexa Benson-Valavanis and Director of Response and Recovery.

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