

CSU, Chico Research Foundation

CITY OF CHICO

Big Chico Creek Watershed Alliance

April 18, 2006

RE: Noxious weed eradication project in Lindo Channel (Sandy Gulch)

Dear Lindo Channel Property Owners and Residents,

The CSU, Chico Research Foundation, in cooperation with the City of Chico and the Big Chico Creek Watershed Alliance, has received a grant to eradicate the noxious weed *Arundo donax* (also known as Giant Reed) from the entire length of Lindo Channel. This grant was made through the CALFED/California Bay-Delta Authority Ecosystem Restoration Program and a partnership with the Sonoma Ecology Center. Enclosed is a brochure that describes this plant and the reasons that it is being targeted for removal.

Most of the *Arundo* in Lindo Channel is on city or county-owned land. Private landowners with *Arundo* on their property may also have this invasive plant removed at no cost. This is a voluntary program, but we hope that all of the affected landowners will decide to participate. Later this spring, we'll be identifying those properties that have *Arundo* on them and contacting the property owners. Whether or not you have *Arundo* on your property, we want everyone who lives along Lindo Channel to have the opportunity to learn more about this project. We invite you to attend one of the community meetings on the following dates:

Monday, May 1st, 2006 at 6:30 pm
Emma Wilson Elementary School (1530 W. 8th Ave.)
Multipurpose Room

Tuesday, May 9th, 2006 at 6:30 pm
Sierra View Elementary School (1598 Hooker Oak Ave. at Madrone Ave.)
Multipurpose Room

For additional information regarding this project, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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