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## **Bidwell Ranch Mitigation Bank Workshop Announced**

### *Introductory Meeting set for March 29<sup>th</sup>*

CHICO, CA – February 27, 2007 – Chico-based River Partners will host an introductory meeting on the development of the Bidwell Ranch Mitigation and Conservation Bank. The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2007 at 5:35 pm at the Chico Municipal Center on Main Street between East 4th and 5th Streets.

The meeting will provide an overview of the process and describe opportunities for citizen input. A Citizen Work Group will be developed for the project and will provide input throughout the project.

The project is in the early stages and much of the available information will be refined over a two-year process. Working closely with City of Chico staff, agency partners, and the community, River Partners will compile the technical information and produce the necessary documents to submit to federal and state agencies for the bank's approval.

Additional information is available by contacting River Partners at (530) 894-5401 or visiting [www.RiverPartners.org](http://www.RiverPartners.org).

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