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**CHICO HOUSING ACTION TEAM RECEIVES GENEROUS DONATION OF \$200,000  
FROM CAL WATER FOR EVERHART VILLAGE**

Chico Housing Action Team (CHAT) is pleased to announce that California Water Service (Cal Water) is making a donation of \$200,000 for the water-related components of the Everhart Village shelter project.

Everhart Village will provide individual sleeping cabins in a community setting to Butte County Behavioral Health clients as they transition from homelessness to long-term, stable housing. The contribution from Cal Water will cover the cost of water-related components of Everhart Village including creation of the storm drain system; trenching and installation of water pipes and sewer lines; installation of plumbing in the cabins; and removal of an old well.

“Having the water and sewer components taken care of at Everhart Village is invaluable to making this shelter project for unhoused people with mental illness a reality, and through this partnership with California Water Service, together we will help support

some of the most vulnerable in the communities we serve,” said Leslie Johnson, Executive Director of the Chico Housing Action Team.

“At California Water Service, we are more than just a water provider, we are part of the communities we serve,” said Martin A. Kropelnicki, President and CEO. “Part of our commitment to our communities is to improve the lives of those who need support. I am pleased we are able to provide this contribution to the Chico Housing Action Team, which shares this commitment to help those in need.”

The Everhart Village project represents a collaboration between CHAT, the Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services, and the Butte County Department of Behavioral Health. The village will be a non-congregate shelter, located near Enloe Prompt Care on Cohasset Road, and will provide residents with convenient access to many healthcare providers and other supportive services.

All charitable contributions from Cal Water are part of the company’s philanthropic giving program and do not affect customers’ water rates.

### **About CHAT**

CHAT started in 2013 with a commitment to address homelessness in Chico. We’re now renting or leasing over 60 residences in Chico and housing over 170 residents, including over 60 children. Our vision is that, with an adequate range of housing and shelter options, no one in our community should have to live in unsheltered homelessness. To learn more about CHAT, see our website at [www.chicohousingactionteam.net](http://www.chicohousingactionteam.net).

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