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CARD Board Adopts Smoke-Free Parks Policy

Chico, CA – The Chico Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors has voted to make C.A.R.D. parks smoke-free. The Board adopted updated rules and regulations Thursday night, which included a no smoking policy for all neighborhood and community parks.

“The decision by C.A.R.D. to prohibit smoking in parks will help protect families and those who visit the parks from drifting secondhand smoke,” said Shelly Brantley, Project Director with the American Lung Association in Chico. “Secondhand smoke contains hundreds of chemicals known to be toxic, including formaldehyde, cadmium, and arsenic. A smoke-free parks policy will help protect people from being exposed to such dangerous chemicals in local parks.”

“Smoke-free park policies also help reduce the amount of cigarette butts littered on park property,” Brantley added. “We applaud C.A.R.D.’s decision to enhance secondhand smoke protections for kids, families, and non-smokers at Chico parks.”

C.A.R.D. joins a growing list of cities, counties, and special districts taking action to restrict smoking in recreational areas. According to the Center for Tobacco Policy and Organizing, more than 270 municipalities in California have restricted smoking in at least some recreation areas beyond state law.

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And Smoke-Free Parks.**

