



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

June 15, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Anita D. Scott, City Manager

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SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION RECEIVING A GRANT AWARD OF \$500,000 FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT AND AMENDING THE FY 2025-26 OPERATING BUDGET BY INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 51 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE FY 2025-26 OPERATING BUDGET BY ACCEPTING AND INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES BY \$500,000 OF MEASURE A GRANT FUNDING FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY’S REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT AND AMENDING THE FY 2026-27 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BY CHANGING THE TITLE OF THE “PALM LAKE GOLF COURSE MASTER PLAN” WORKTAG: PRJ-00013 FD428-CC2590- -GR-000016, A NEW CIP PROJECT CREATED WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY 2026-27 CIP BUDGET TO “PALM LAKE GOLF COURSE REVITALIZATION,” WORKTAG: PRJ-00013- FD428-CC2590- -GR-000016; and

2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents or future amendments related to this action, with approval of the City Attorney as to form.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Palm Lake Golf Course, a public recreational space, has been non-operational since 2017. After several unsuccessful attempts to revitalize the site through leases with private entities, the property was abandoned and has since experienced significant deterioration. It presents ongoing public safety, blight, and fire risks due to unauthorized use, vandalism, and lack of maintenance. The site's current condition highlights an urgent need for strategic planning and reinvestment to transform it into a safe, accessible, and vibrant recreational space for the community. To support

this vision, City staff submitted a Planning and Design grant through the Los Angeles County’s Regional Park and Open Space District and was awarded \$500,000 to lay the groundwork for a larger, shovel-ready capital project that aligns with the community's needs and funding priorities. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-51 will authorize an increase in revenue estimates (amendment of the FY 2025-26 Operating Budget) for the \$500,000 of Measure A grant funds.

A “Palm Lake Golf Course Master Plan,” Project No. FD428-CC2590-PRJ-00013-GR000016, was created with the FY 2026-27 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget Adoption on May 26, 2026, and \$500,000 of Measure A Funding was appropriated to the project. With this current action, Measure A grant funding is accepted and revenues increased by \$500,000 (FD215-CC4190-RC188 Measure A Revenue-GR-000016) for FY 2025-26 and the newly created project title is hereby changed to “Palm Lake Golf Course Revitalization,” Project No. FD428-CC2590-PRJ-00013-GR000016.

SB1439/GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLICABILITY:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Adoption of Resolution 2026-51 (Attachment 1) will amend the FY 2025-26 Operating Budget by increasing revenue estimates by \$500,000 in grant funds (FD215-CC4190-RC188 Measure A Revenue-GR-000016) from Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to administer the Palm Lake Revitalization Project. No grant match is required.

Upon adoption of the FY 2026-27 CIP Budget, \$500,000 of Measure A grant funding was appropriated to “Palm Lake Golf Course Master Plan” now changing title to “Palm Lake Golf Course Revitalization,” FD428-CC2590-PRJ-00013-GR000016 effective with FY 2026-27 starting on July 1, 2026.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

On September 8, 2025, City Council authorized City staff to actively pursue grant opportunities that support early-stage planning and design efforts, including maintenance and operation for the Palm Lake Golf Course with the support of Trust for Public Land (TPL), a nationally recognized nonprofit organization with extensive experience in park development, land conservation, and public funding strategies.

On May 26, 2026, City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-60, approving the FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program and adopting a Capital Improvements Program Budget for FY 2026-27, which created “Palm Lake Golf Course Master Plan,” PRJ-00013 and appropriated \$500,000 of Measure A Grant funding to the project.

DISCUSSION

In November 2016, 74.9% of Los Angeles County voters approved the Los Angeles County Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches Measure (Measure A), authorizing dedicated local funding for new park, recreation, and open space projects and their maintenance through an annual special tax of 1.5 cents per square foot of building floor area on all taxable real property in the County. Measure A funds are distributed into funding categories, and each category supports specific funding programs, including Annual Allocation Programs, Competitive Grant Programs, Technical Assistance, and the Maintenance and Servicing Program.

On June 12, 2025, staff from Public Works and Community Services met with a representative from Trust for Public Land (TPL) to conduct a site tour of the Palm Lake Golf Course to provide TPL with an in-depth understanding of the site’s physical condition, historical context, and potential for revitalization. During the tour, staff shared unique challenges of the site, such as infrastructure limitations, maintenance and operational concerns, fiscal constraints, and barriers to equitable community access. In addition, the group discussed the community’s demographics, priorities, and the critical need for inclusive public spaces and recreational opportunities. Following the tour, TPL expressed a strong interest in the Palm Lake Golf Course site, noting its potential for future development.

On October 30, 2025, the City submitted an application for the Palm Lake Revitalization Project through Measure A’s Planning and Design Grant Program. On March 5, 2026, the City received notification that it was awarded the Planning and Design grant in the amount of \$500,000. The grant funds will help pay for concept/schematic designs, site feasibility/technical assessments, and community engagement related to design, thus assisting to lay the groundwork for a larger, shovel-ready capital project that aligns with the community's needs and funding priorities. The grant period is July 31, 2026 through June 30, 2028.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES & GOALS:

This item supports the 2021-2022 City Council Priority 1: Fiscal and Operational Responsibility – Goal C: Obtain additional grant funding and other revenues to help achieve City goals.

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Attachments:

Attachment No. 1 – Resolution No. 2026-51

Attachment No. 2 – Draft Agreement with Los Angeles County’s Regional Park and Open Space District