



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

March 2, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Anita D. Scott, City Manager

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SUBJECT: AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO SUPERB ENGINEERING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$249,109 FOR “WASHINGTON PARK SOCCER FIELD REHABILITATION,” FD428, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) | CC2590 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) | PROJECT NO. 71122 AND “PALOMARES PARK SOCCER FIELD REHABILITATION,” FD428, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) | CC2590 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) | PROJECT NO. 71129

RECOMMENDATION:

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

- 1) Award a construction contract to the lowest responsive bid from Superb Engineering, Inc. for “Washington Park Soccer Field Rehabilitation,” FD428, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | CC2590 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | Project No. 71122 and “Palomares Park Soccer Field Rehabilitation,” FD428, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | CC2590 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | Project No. 71129 in the total amount of \$249,109, subject to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) environmental clearance and notice to proceed; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the construction contract and any subsequent change orders on behalf of the City of Pomona (City) within project budget.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Approval of the recommended actions will result in awarding a Public Works Construction Contract (Attachment No. 1) to Superb Engineering, Inc. in the total amount of \$249,109 for “Washington Park Soccer Field Rehabilitation,” FD428, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | CC2590 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | Project No. 71122 and “Palomares Park Soccer

Field Rehabilitation,” FD428, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | CC2590 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | Project No. 71129.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Projects were adopted with the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget. Approval of this action will award a construction contract in a total amount of \$249,109. Two projects will fund improvements. Washington Park Soccer Field Rehabilitation,” FD428, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | CC2590 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | Project No. 71122 will fund \$181,175, and “Palomares Park Soccer Field Rehabilitation,” FD428, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | CC2590 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | Project No.71129 will fund \$67,934. The following table details the fiscal impacts associated with the recommended actions:

Category	“Washington Park Soccer Field Rehabilitation,” FD428, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) CC2590 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project No. 71122
Beginning Project Budget	\$200,000
Expenditures/Encumbrances (as of February 11, 2026)	(\$0)
Construction Contract Award	(\$181,175)
Budget Remaining	\$18,825

Category	“Palomares Park Soccer Field Rehabilitation,” FD428, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) CC2590 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project No. 71129
Beginning Project Budget	\$130,558
Expenditures/Encumbrances (as February 11, 2026)	(\$0)
Construction Contract Award	(\$67,934)
Budget Remaining	\$62,624

PUBLIC NOTICING REQUIREMENTS:

In accordance with Section 2-1003 - Formal Procedure of the City of Pomona's (City) Purchasing Ordinance, a Notice Inviting Bids for construction for both Projects (Project No. 71122 and Project No. 71129) was posted on the City's electronic bidding platform, Planet Bids, on December 4, 2025.

DISCUSSION:

This project will provide for renovations of the soccer fields at Washington and Palomares Parks.

On December 4, 2025, the City issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. 2025-40 via the City's electronic bidding platform, Planet Bids. The solicitation was disseminated to 191 potential bidders, with thirty-four (34) of them downloading the IFB, resulting in the City receiving seven (7) proposals. Bids were due on January 5, 2026, and were thoroughly qualified. Superb Engineering, Inc. will be awarded the base bid per the table below:

	Contractor	Total Base Bids
1	Superb Engineering, Inc.	\$249,109*
2	American Landscape, Inc.	\$283,850
3	Greenfield Landscaping and Maintenance, Inc.	\$288,420
4	Merchants Landscape Services, Inc.	\$319,202.55
5	Scapepros Landscaping	\$325,000
6	Mariposa Landscapes, Inc.	\$347,258.74
7	Southern California Landscape, Inc.	\$383,800
	Engineer's Estimate	\$330,600

**Projects that are funded with different sources will be rounded up; thus, the award will be \$249,109*

Work will commence when the contract is fully executed and the notice to proceed is issued from US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The work is expected to take approximately 12 weeks.

While the proposed soccer field renovations will significantly improve playability, safety, and turf conditions, gopher activity will remain an ongoing maintenance challenge even after renovation is completed.

The City's landscape maintenance contract requires continuous and consistent gopher control. However, recent State of California regulatory changes administered by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) have substantially limited the tools available to the landscape industry for effective gopher management.

Currently, contractors are restricted to DPR-approved bait pellets. These products have proven to be largely ineffective, as gophers may consume the bait, become ill, and subsequently learn to

avoid it as a food source. Another effective method—injecting carbon dioxide (CO₂) into underground tunnel systems—has historically produced better results by eliminating gophers below ground. However, State regulations now prohibit the sale of new gas-powered engines under 26 horsepower, which directly affects the availability of CO₂ injection equipment. As a result, contractors are unable to expand or replace equipment to increase coverage or response capacity.

This regulatory environment has created a significant challenge not only for the City, but for the landscape maintenance industry as a whole. Current regulations have outpaced available field-proven solutions, limiting the ability to fully control gopher populations despite contractual obligations and best efforts by maintenance crews.

Long-Term Field Management Considerations

Staff remains committed to addressing gopher activity and the turf damage it causes. However, it is important to recognize that gopher control and turf repair are ongoing operational needs, not one-time fixes. The resting of athletic fields for regular renovations should be understood as part of a recurring lifecycle.

To support long-term field performance, staff recommends that:

- When fiscally feasible, additional funding be allocated to provide enhanced maintenance of all athletic fields; and
- Field renovation and recovery work be scheduled on an annual basis at a minimum and
- Contract standard specifications be updated in the future when funding has been identified to include defined rest and recovery periods within the annual play calendar.

Incorporating scheduled maintenance windows and recovery time is considered a best management practice for natural turf sports fields, particularly those subject to heavy, year-round use.

These measures will help balance continuous field availability with the long-term sustainability, safety, and performance expectations of City athletic facilities.

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Attachment No. 1 – Public Works Contract