CITY OF SOLEDAD
JOINT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY AND SUCCESSOR HOUSING AGENCY REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:00 PM

The public meeting will open at 6:00 p.m.

https://cityofsoledad.zoom.us/j/89932756501
Or Call:
1-669-900-6833 and use Meeting ID: 899 3275 6501

Welcome to your City of Soledad City Council/Successor Agency Meeting. Your City Councilmembers/Agencymembers are:

Mayor Anna Velazquez
Mayor Pro Tem Fernando Ansaldo-Sánchez
Councilmember Fernando Cabrera
Councilmember Evarista Bañuelos
Councilmember Ben Caldera

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PUBLIC COMMENT - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

At this time, any member of the public may address the Council/Agency on Closed Session items appearing on the agenda. Speakers shall have limited time of three (3) minutes. Please be brief and to the point.

IV. CLOSED SESSION

1. The City Council will recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) to confer with its attorney regarding pending litigation which has been initiated formally and to which the City is a party: Castro v. City of Soledad, et al.
2. The City Council will recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)(d)(2) to confer with its Attorney regarding potential exposure to litigation.

V. CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VII. ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Items of business may be added to the agenda upon a motion adopted by a minimum 2/3 vote finding that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the City subsequent to the agenda being posted. Items may be deleted from the agenda upon request of staff or upon action of the Council.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time any member of the public may address the City Council on items not appearing on the agenda and items of interest to the public that are within the jurisdiction of the Council. A public comment card should be filled out completely to ensure the speaker is called upon to give comment. Public comments are generally limited to three (3) minutes; the mayor may further limit the time for public comments depending on the agenda schedule. Please be brief and to the point. No action or discussion shall be taken on an item not appearing on the agenda.

IX. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

1. A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Soledad Proclaiming October 2026 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
2. A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Soledad Proclaiming October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month
3. A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Soledad Proclaiming October 12th, 2026, as Indigenous Peoples' Day
4. A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Soledad Proclaiming October 2026 as LGBTQ History Month

X. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the City Council and will be adopted by one action of the Council unless any Councilmember has any questions or wishes to make a statement or discuss an item. In that event, the Mayor will remove the item from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

1. Minutes

Attachments:
Staff Report
Minutes of 09/16/2026

COUNCIL ACTION: _____

2. Warrants

Attachments:
Staff Report
09/10/2026 - 09/30/2026

COUNCIL ACTION: _____

3. Human Resources Activity Report

Attachments:
Staff Report

COUNCIL ACTION: _____

4. Community and Economic Development Department Activity Report

Attachments:
Staff Report
Attachment 1.

COUNCIL ACTION: _____

5. Parks & Recreation Department Activity Report

Attachments:
Staff Report

COUNCIL ACTION: _____

6. Community Engagement Activity Report, September 2026

Attachments:
Staff Report

COUNCIL ACTION: _____

7. Public Works Activity Report

Attachments:
Staff Report
Public Works Activity Report

COUNCIL ACTION: _____

8. Fire Department Activity Report

Attachments:
Staff Report
Soledad Activity Report 09/2026
Call Volume 09/2026

COUNCIL ACTION: _____

9. Police Department Activity Report

Attachments:
Staff Report

Police Department Activity Report 09/2026

COUNCIL ACTION: _____

10. Resolution No. 6428, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving Amendment No. 1 of the Summary of Job Classifications and Salary Schedule for Fiscal Year 2026-27

Attachments:
Staff Report
Resolution No. 6428
Exhibit A

COUNCIL ACTION: _____

11. Resolution No. 6429, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Accepting a $16,862 Grant Award from the California Arts Council Arts and Youth Program and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Grant Standard Agreement and All Other Related Documents

Attachments:
Staff Report
Resolution No. 6429
Award Letter- AAY-26-30255
Grant Application Summary - AAY-26-30255

COUNCIL ACTION: _____

12. Community Center Closure from December 21, 2026, through December 26, 2026, and December 31 through January 2, 2027

Attachments:
Staff Report

COUNCIL ACTION: _____

13. Resolution No. 6430, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 to the License Agreement Between the City of Soledad and Pacific Gas and Electric Company for the Use of the Community Center for Public Safety Power Shutoff Events

Attachments:
Staff Report
Resolution No. 6430
Exhibit A - Revised Soledad Community Center First Amendment to License Agreement
Soledad Community Center First Amendment to License Agreement - Strikeout Version

COUNCIL ACTION: _____

XI. BUSINESS

1. Miramonte Specific Plan Area Status Update and Council Action on:
Resolution No. 6431, Review and Acceptance of the Fire Station/Police Substation Requirements

and Standards as a Technical Implementation Document Supporting the Future Miramonte Development Agreement; and

Resolution No. 6432, Review and Acceptance of the Parks and Landscape Master Plan as a Technical Implementation Document Supporting the Future Miramonte Development Agreement.

Attachments:
Staff Report
Resolution No. 6431 to Exhibit A
Exhibit A - Miramonte Fire Station and Police Substation Plan 2026
Resolution No. 6432 to Exhibit B
Exhibit B - Miramonte Park & Landscape Master Plan 2026
Attachment 1- 2025 City of Soledad P&R Master Plan
Attachment 2- Miramonte Specific Plan Parks and Open Space Policies
Presentation - Miramonte PL FP 10.7.26

COUNCIL ACTION: _____

2. Consideration of Positions on Proposition 1, Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026, and Proposition 43 Titled Limits Voters' Ability to Raise Revenues for Local Government Services, Legislative Constitutional Amendment

Attachments:
Staff Report
Resolution No. 6433 - Proposition 1
Resolution No. 6434 - Proposition 43

COUNCIL ACTION: _____

XII. MAYOR'S REPORTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

XIII. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

XIV. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

XV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Deputy City Clerk Darlene Noriega at (831) 223-5014. Notification of at least 48hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (RCRF 35.102-35.104).

Any writing or documents provided to a majority of the City Council regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at City Hall located at 248 Main Street, Soledad, California during normal business hours.

En caso que usted necesite ayuda en leer o en entender este aviso de Junta Publica, usted puede ponerse en contacto con la oficina del Edificio Municipal en 248 Calle Main o llamar al número (831) 223-5014, y el aviso será traducido para usted.

Cualquier escrito o documento proporcionado a la mayoría del Concejo Municipal con respecto a cualquier asunto en esta agenda se pondrá a disposición para inspección pública en el Ayuntamiento ubicado en 248 Main Street, Soledad, California durante el horario laboral.

Advanced submittal of public comments via email are due by 2:00 P.M. on the day of the scheduled meeting to the Deputy City Clerk at darlene.noriega@cityofsoledad.com Comments are limited to 250 words or less and effort will be made to read your comment into the record, but some comments may not be read due to time limitations. The City Clerk will read email comments, provided that the reading shall not exceed three (3) minutes. The email comments submitted shall become part of the record.

La entrega anticipada de comentarios públicos por correo electrónico debe presentarse antes de las 2:00 p.m. del día de la reunión programada a la Secretaria Municipal al email darlene.noriega@cityofsoledad.com. Los comentarios están limitados a 250 palabras o menos y se hará un esfuerzo para leer su comentario en el registro, pero es posible que algunos comentarios no se lean debido a limitaciones de tiempo. La Secretaria Municipal leerá los comentarios del correo electrónico, siempre que la lectura no exceda los tres (3) minutos. Los comentarios enviados por correo electrónico pasarán a formar parte del registro.

CERTIFICATION

I, Megan Hunter, City Clerk of the City of Soledad, do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Joint City Council/Successor Agency Regular Meeting Agenda was posted at City Hall by Friday, October 02, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Megan Hunter _____ 10/02/2026

Megan Hunter, City Clerk/Manager

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

SUBJECT: **Minutes**

TO: **Honorable Mayor Velazquez and City Council**

FROM: **Darlene Noriega, Deputy City Clerk**

THROUGH: **Megan Hunter, City Manager**

MEETING DATE: **October 7, 2026**

Minutes

City of Soledad
Joint City Council/Successor Agency/Housing Authority/Successor Housing Agency/
Regular Meeting
September 16, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Ansaldo-Sánchez called the Joint City Council/ Successor Agency/Housing Authority/ Successor Housing Agency/ Regular Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Following Councilmembers/Agency members were present when the meeting was called to order:

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Member	Fernando Ansaldo-Sánchez
Councilmember/Agency Member	Fernando Cabrera
Councilmember/Agency Member	Evarista Bañuelos
Councilmember/Agency Member	Ben Caldera

THE FOLLOWING COUNCILMEMBER WAS ABSENT

Mayor/Chair	Anna M. Velazquez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Jorge Arreola led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

COUNCIL PRESENTATION

1. A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Soledad Proclaiming Friday, September 18, 2026, National POW/MIA Recognition Day was read, but will be presented at the POW/MIA ceremony scheduled for Friday, September 18, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. at Soledad City Hall.

2. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented recognizing Eric Segura as a source of pride and inspiration to the Soledad community following his selection by the Chicago White Sox in the 2026 Major League Baseball Draft.

Mr. Segura and his family thanked the council for the Certificate of Achievement and the recognition.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ansaldo-Sánchez requested a separate discussion regarding C-12.

Motion: Councilmember Cabrera motioned to approve C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5, C-6, C-7, C-8, C-9, C-10, and C-11, including the correction on item No. C-3. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Banuelos and passed by the following vote:

Action

Ayes:	Cabrera, Bañuelos, Caldera, Ansaldo-Sánchez
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Velazquez

C-1. Minutes 09/02/2026

C-2. Warrants of 08/28/2026 – 09/09/2026

C-3. City Hall Holiday Office Closure from December 24, 2026, through January 1, 2027

C-4. Resolution No. 6417, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Adopting Paid Holidays for Calendar Year 2027

C-5. Resolution No. 6418, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving 2 Construction Contract Change Order No. 3 in the Amount of $89,543.96 with Monterey Peninsula Engineering, Authorizing the Release of Project Retention in the Amount of $57,883.17 for the Water Reclamation Facility Manhole Replacements Project, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute All Related Contract Documentation on Behalf of the City of Soledad

C-6. Resolution No. 6419, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Declaring Surplus Furniture, Equipment, and Other Items and Authorizing the Sale, Donation, or Disposal of Such Property

C-7. Resolution No. 6420, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving the Purchase of One Portable Generator and Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Said Equipment from United Rentals in the Total Amount of $137,963.84

C-8. Resolution No. 6421, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Authorizing Payment of Invoice No. 76688 for $9,544.93 from Rincon Consultants, Inc. for Additional, Unanticipated Work Required to Complete the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (2025 UWMP) and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (2025 WSCP) for Timely Submittal to the California Department of Water Resources (CA DWR) by the July 1, 2026, Compliance Deadline

C-9. Resolution No. 6422, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Consulting Services Agreement with BKF (formerly MNS Engineers) for Additional Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Application Support for the City's Backup Emergency Generators Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the 3rd Amendment for an Amount not to exceed $33,093

C-10. Resolution No. 6423, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving a Construction Services Contract with Stephen Ciari Plumbing and Heating Inc. for an Amount Not to Exceed $80,000 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute all Contract Documents on Behalf of the City of Soledad

C-11. Resolution No. 6424, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving a New Consulting Services Agreement with Jaso Technology in an Amount Not to Exceed $81,000 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Agreement

Motion: Councilmember Cabrera motioned to approve C-12. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Caldera and passed by the following vote:

Action

Ayes:	Cabrera, Caldera, Bañuelos, Ansaldo-Sánchez
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Velazquez

C-12. Resolution No. 6425, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Authorizing the Submittal of an Application to the California Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) for the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program in the Amount of $4.5 Million

Mayor Pro Tem Ansaldo-Sánchez asked where these funds would be spent if the City were to receive the grant.

Assistant City Manager Howard said these funds would be used to compensate staff for time and salaries.

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

PH-1. Resolution No. 6427, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving and Accepting the Soledad Police Department's AB 481 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Military Equipment Use Report Pursuant to Government Code section 7071(d) and Renewing City of Soledad Ordinance No. 743 "Approving Soledad Police Department Policy Manual Policy 706 Military Equipment"

City Attorney Mike Rodriquez presented the staff report.

Public Hearing opened - 6:28 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Public Hearing closed – 6:29 p.m.

Motion: Councilmember Caldera motioned to approve Resolution No. 6427, Accepting the Soledad Police Department's AB 481 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Military Equipment Use Report Pursuant to Government Code section 7071(d) and Renewing City of Soledad Ordinance No. 743 "Approving Soledad Police Department Policy Manual Policy 706 Military Equipment". Motion was seconded by Councilmember Bañuelos and passed by the following vote:

Action

Ayes:	Caldera, Bañuelos, Cabrera, Ansaldo-Sánchez
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Velazquez

BUSINESS

B-1. Resolution No. 6426, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Participatory Budgeting Projects for the $250,000 Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) Allocation

Engineering Project Manager Alex Ramos presented the staff report and PowerPoint presentation.

There were no public comments.

The council asked numerous questions regarding the proposed projects but expressed support.

Motion: Councilmember Cabrera motioned to adopt Resolution No. 6426 and provided direction to staff, if there is funding, to add the pedestrian improvements at Vista de Soledad and Francioni Street. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Bañuelos and passed by the following vote:

Action

Ayes:	Cabrera, Bañuelos, Caldera, Ansaldo-Sánchez
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Velazquez

B-2. City of Soledad Transaction and Use Tax Citizens Oversight Committee Appointments

Assistant City Manager Mike Howard presented the staff report.

There were no public comments.

The council acknowledges and accepts the following:

- Reappointment of Eugene Ivey III by Councilmember Cabrera.
- Reappointment of Ramos Arroyo by Councilmember Bañuelos.
- New appointment of Stella Laurel by Mayor Velazquez, to be made Mayor Pro Tem Ansaldo Sánchez by proxy.
- New appointment of Maria Rusconi by Mayor Pro Tem Ansaldo-Sánchez.

The council approved by consensus the following, with no objections:

- Reappointments of Jana Swearengin and Lourdes Infante by Mayor Velazquez, to be made Mayor Pro Tem Ansaldo Sánchez by proxy.

MAYOR PRO TEM REPORTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Ansaldo-Sánchez reported two items:

1. On 08/05, he attended the Fall soccer season kick-off and FIFA ball distribution.
2. He acknowledged Mexican Independence Day.

COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councilmember Bañuelos reported seven items:

1. She met with a Soledad resident and connected with the Parks & Recreation Department.
2. On 09/08, she did a tour of Module-8 at the Johnson Canyon Landfill.
3. On 09/09, she attended the Soledad Historical Society meeting.
4. On 09/10, she attended the Soledad Farmers Market.
5. On 09/11, she attended the 9/11 Ceremony.
6. On 09/14, she attended an agenda briefing with City Manager Hunter and Assistant City Manager Howard.
7. She acknowledged her niece Hailey Ramos, who has turned 15 years old.

Councilmember Cabrera reported four items:

1. On 09/11, he participated in a small ceremony in San Vicente.
2. On 09/11, he attended the City of Soledad 09/11 ceremony.
3. Two residents contacted him to ask if it would be possible to have an extended MST route and two bus stop benches with shelters. He is going to ask MST how this can be done.
4. He would like to see more resident participation at City events like the 09/18, POW/MIA ceremony, on 09/19 and 09/20, the City-wide yard sale, and on 09/26, the City-wide Clean up event.

Councilmember Caldera reported four items:
1. On 09/05, he attended Mercadito.
2. On 09/09, he attended the AMBAG meeting in Monterey.
3. On 09/11, he attended the 9/11 Ceremony.
4. On 09/14, he attended the agenda briefing with City Manager Hunter and Assistant City Manager Howard.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant City Manager Howard had four items:
1. He invited the public to the POW/MIA Ceremony on 09/18 at 7:30 a.m. at City Hall.
2. He reminded the public to participate in the City-wide yard sale on 09/19 and 09/20. People can also see all yard sale locations on the interactive map on the City of Soledad website.
3. On 09/26, there will be a City-wide clean-up event, hosted by the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority at Soledad High School.
4. The Police Department is hosting "Coffee with a Cop" on 09/29 at 10:00 a.m. at Starbucks in Soledad. He thanked Starbucks for graciously providing the coffee for the event.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Bañuelos had no future agenda items.

Councilmember Cabrera had no future agenda items.

Councilmember Caldera had no future agenda items.

Mayor Pro Tem Ansaldo-Sánchez had one future agenda item:
1. He would like to have further discussion regarding branding guidelines for the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Ansaldo-Sánchez adjourned the meeting in memory of all the lives lost on September 11th, 2001.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Minutes Approved: October 07, 2026

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FERNANDO ANSALDO-SÁNCHEZ, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair

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DARLENE NORIEGA, Deputy City Clerk

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

SUBJECT: **Warrants**

TO: **Honorable Mayor Velazquez and City Council**

FROM: **Mike Howard, Assistant City Manager**

THROUGH: **Megan Hunter, City Manager**

MEETING DATE: **October 7, 2026**

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Bank Code: APRAB-Mechanics Bank						
ADQUAL	A&D AGRICULTURAL & SAFETY SUPPLIES	09/21/2026	EFT	0.00	32.78	10675

Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount
Account Number	**Account Name**	**Item Description**		**Distribution Amount**	
289108	Invoice	09/18/2026	Bottled Water- Shop	0.00	32.78
310-0000-52052	SAFETY EQUIPMENT	Bottled Water- Shop		32.78	

BENITEZ	BENITEZ SECURITY SERVICE INC	09/21/2026	EFT	0.00	11,552.00	10676

Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount
Account Number	**Account Name**	**Item Description**		**Distribution Amount**	
091126	Invoice	09/18/2026	Security Services for Rental on 9/5/26	0.00	1,440.00
100-2200-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Security Services for Rental on 9...		1,440.00	
3825	Invoice	09/18/2026	Sendero Security	0.00	2,304.00
121-0000-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Sendero Security		2,304.00	
3839	Invoice	09/18/2026	Sendero Security	0.00	2,304.00
121-0000-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Sendero Security		2,304.00	
3878	Invoice	09/18/2026	Sendero Security	0.00	3,200.00
121-0000-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Sendero Security		3,200.00	
3890	Invoice	09/18/2026	ERF Security	0.00	2,304.00
121-0000-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	ERF Security		2,304.00	

CANNOA	CANNON CORPORATION	09/21/2026	EFT	0.00	5,129.50	10677

Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount
Account Number	**Account Name**	**Item Description**		**Distribution Amount**	
96896	Invoice	09/18/2026	Water System Reliability	0.00	5,129.50
309-0000-57000	CAPITAL OUTLAY - IMPR...	Water System Reliability		5,129.50	

FASTEN	FASTENAL COMPANY	09/21/2026	EFT	0.00	2,803.53	10678

Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount
Account Number	**Account Name**	**Item Description**		**Distribution Amount**	
CASAL 180086	Invoice	09/18/2026	Extended Top Ladder Tanks	0.00	2,803.53
309-0000-52525	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Extended Top Ladder Tanks		2,803.53	

FIRST	FIRST ALARM	09/21/2026	EFT	0.00	780.68	10679

Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount
Account Number	**Account Name**	**Item Description**		**Distribution Amount**	
976309	Invoice	09/18/2026	Alarm Services - Adobe Bldg.	0.00	390.34
100-2100-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Alarm Services - Adobe Bldg.		390.34	
978685	Invoice	09/18/2026	Alarm Service Call	0.00	390.34
100-2100-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Alarm Service Call - Los Coches ...		390.34	

KINETIC	KINETIC VALUATION GROUP, INC	09/21/2026	EFT	0.00	2,500.00	10680

Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount
Account Number	**Account Name**	**Item Description**		**Distribution Amount**	
2026-910	Invoice	09/18/2026	Parcel B - Appraisal	0.00	2,500.00
100-1200-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Parcel B - Appraisal		2,500.00	

SIRCHI	SIRCHIE ACQUISITION COMPANY LLC	09/21/2026	EFT	0.00	153.77	10681

Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount
Account Number	**Account Name**	**Item Description**		**Distribution Amount**	
0753111-IN	Invoice	09/18/2026	NARC Test Kits	0.00	153.77
100-1400-52050	PROPERTY EVIDENCE RO...	NARC Test Kits		153.77	

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
TTPAVE	T & T PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND PRODUCTS, I	09/21/2026	EFT	0.00	2,016.94	10682

Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount
Account Number	Account Name	Item Description		Distribution Amount	
2026439	Invoice	09/18/2026	STOP Paint & Sign Square Posts & Anchors	0.00	2,016.94
412-0000-52531	STREET MAINTENANCE	STOP Paint & Sign Square Posts ...		2,016.94	

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
TORPET	TORO PETROLEUM CORP.	09/21/2026	EFT	0.00	1,862.71	10683

Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount
Account Number	Account Name	Item Description		Distribution Amount	
0748855-IN	Invoice	09/18/2026	Diesel Fuel	0.00	1,862.71
100-2100-52085	FUEL	Diesel Fuel		465.68	
309-0000-52085	FUEL	Diesel Fuel		1,397.03	

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
USABLU	USABLUE BOOK	09/21/2026	EFT	0.00	815.18	10684

Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount
Account Number	Account Name	Item Description		Distribution Amount	
INV01148339	Invoice	09/18/2026	TSS Filters- Process Control	0.00	303.76
310-0000-52053	LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING	TSS Filters- Process Control		303.76	
INV01155996	Invoice	09/18/2026	Meter Gaskets 1/16' | 1/8'	0.00	511.42
309-0000-52525	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Meter Gaskets 1/16' | 1/8'		511.42	

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
VICTOR	WILSON VICTORY	09/21/2026	EFT	0.00	620.00	10685

Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount
Account Number	Account Name	Item Description		Distribution Amount	
090926	Invoice	09/18/2026	Adult Basketball Referee	0.00	620.00
100-2200-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Adult Basketball Referee		620.00	

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
SPECIALTIYCONST	SPECIALTY CONSTRUCTION INC	09/21/2026	EFT	0.00	9,639.88	10686

Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount
Account Number	Account Name	Item Description		Distribution Amount	
NO. 08 S	Invoice	06/30/2026	Main St. Sewer Proj. - March 2026	0.00	9,639.88
310-0000-57000	CAPITAL OUTLAY - IMPR...	Main St. Sewer Proj. - March 20...		9,639.88	

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
AFLAC	AFLAC HEADQUARTERS	09/15/2026	Regular	0.00	2,523.85	61119

Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount
Account Number	Account Name	Item Description		Distribution Amount	
INV0001789	Invoice	09/18/2026	AFLAC CONTRIBUTION	0.00	1,141.03
100-0000-21140	AFLAC PAYABLE	AFLAC CONTRIBUTION		301.80	
213-0000-21140	AFLAC PAYABLE	AFLAC CONTRIBUTION		0.22	
309-0000-21140	AFLAC PAYABLE	AFLAC CONTRIBUTION		219.40	
310-0000-21140	AFLAC PAYABLE	AFLAC CONTRIBUTION		529.83	
311-0000-21140	AFLAC PAYABLE	AFLAC CONTRIBUTION		31.97	
312-0000-21140	AFLAC PAYABLE	AFLAC CONTRIBUTION		7.32	
410-0000-21140	AFLAC PAYABLE	AFLAC CONTRIBUTION		48.92	
416-0000-21140	AFLAC PAYABLE	AFLAC CONTRIBUTION		1.57	
INV0001790	Invoice	09/18/2026	AFLAC CONTRIBUTION	0.00	1,382.82
100-0000-21140	AFLAC PAYABLE	AFLAC CONTRIBUTION		659.18	
309-0000-21140	AFLAC PAYABLE	AFLAC CONTRIBUTION		241.51	
310-0000-21140	AFLAC PAYABLE	AFLAC CONTRIBUTION		383.85	
311-0000-21140	AFLAC PAYABLE	AFLAC CONTRIBUTION		39.69	
312-0000-21140	AFLAC PAYABLE	AFLAC CONTRIBUTION		7.37	
410-0000-21140	AFLAC PAYABLE	AFLAC CONTRIBUTION		45.00	
416-0000-21140	AFLAC PAYABLE	AFLAC CONTRIBUTION		6.22	

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CALIFS	CALIFORNIA STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT	09/15/2026	Regular	0.00	1,556.87	61120

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount	
	Account Number	Account Name	Item Description	Distribution Amount		
INV0001792	Invoice	09/18/2026	CHILD SUPPORT CONTRIBUTION	0.00	1,556.87	
	100-0000-21194	CHILD SUPPORT/GARNISH...	CHILD SUPPORT CONTRIBUTION	1,374.74		
	312-0000-21194	CHILD SUPPORT/GARNISH...	CHILD SUPPORT CONTRIBUTION	75.76		
	410-0000-21194	CHILD SUPPORT/GARNISH...	CHILD SUPPORT CONTRIBUTION	78.97		
	416-0000-21194	CHILD SUPPORT/GARNISH...	CHILD SUPPORT CONTRIBUTION	27.40		
COMM F	COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR MONTEREY CO	09/15/2026	Regular	0.00	115.00	61121
Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount	
	Account Number	Account Name	Item Description	Distribution Amount		
INV0001791	Invoice	09/18/2026	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONATION	0.00	115.00	
	100-0000-21195	MISC. PAYROLL DEDUCTI...	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONATION	89.30		
	309-0000-21195	MISC. PAYROLL DEDUCTI...	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONATION	10.28		
	310-0000-21195	MISC. PAYROLL DEDUCTI...	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONATION	10.28		
	311-0000-21195	MISC. PAYROLL DEDUCTI...	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONATION	5.14		
FTB	FRANCHISE TAX BOARD	09/15/2026	Regular	0.00	200.00	61122
Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount	
	Account Number	Account Name	Item Description	Distribution Amount		
INV0001797	Invoice	09/18/2026	Franchise Tax Board	0.00	200.00	
	100-0000-21194	CHILD SUPPORT/GARNISH...	Franchise Tax Board	200.00		
VANTAG	MISSION SQUARE-303584	09/15/2026	Regular	0.00	13,881.38	61123
Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount	
	Account Number	Account Name	Item Description	Distribution Amount		
INV0001787	Invoice	09/18/2026	EMPLOYEE DEDUCTION	0.00	1,786.37	
	100-0000-21210	ICMA PAYABLE	EMPLOYEE DEDUCTION	234.13		
	213-0000-21210	ICMA PAYABLE	EMPLOYEE DEDUCTION	9.81		
	309-0000-21210	ICMA PAYABLE	EMPLOYEE DEDUCTION	461.54		
	310-0000-21210	ICMA PAYABLE	EMPLOYEE DEDUCTION	1,043.68		
	311-0000-21210	ICMA PAYABLE	EMPLOYEE DEDUCTION	33.87		
	312-0000-21210	ICMA PAYABLE	EMPLOYEE DEDUCTION	3.34		
INV0001788	Invoice	09/18/2026	457 ROTH	0.00	60.00	
	310-0000-21145	DEFERRED COMP. PAYAB...	457 ROTH	60.00		
INV0001793	Invoice	09/18/2026	Directors' 7% Ret. Contr.	0.00	990.82	
	100-0000-21171	PERS	Directors' 7% Ret. Contr.	387.61		
	309-0000-21171	PERS	Directors' 7% Ret. Contr.	217.41		
	310-0000-21171	PERS	Directors' 7% Ret. Contr.	217.41		
	311-0000-21171	PERS	Directors' 7% Ret. Contr.	168.39		
INV0001794	Invoice	09/18/2026	DEFERRED-EMPLOYEE PORTION	0.00	10,040.00	
	100-0000-21145	DEFERRED COMP. PAYAB...	DEFERRED-EMPLOYEE PORTION	4,598.55		
	213-0000-21145	DEFERRED COMP. PAYAB...	DEFERRED-EMPLOYEE PORTION	48.68		
	309-0000-21145	DEFERRED COMP. PAYAB...	DEFERRED-EMPLOYEE PORTION	1,965.40		
	310-0000-21145	DEFERRED COMP. PAYAB...	DEFERRED-EMPLOYEE PORTION	2,348.27		
	311-0000-21145	DEFERRED COMP. PAYAB...	DEFERRED-EMPLOYEE PORTION	596.91		
	312-0000-21145	DEFERRED COMP. PAYAB...	DEFERRED-EMPLOYEE PORTION	131.88		
	410-0000-21145	DEFERRED COMP. PAYAB...	DEFERRED-EMPLOYEE PORTION	336.79		
	416-0000-21145	DEFERRED COMP. PAYAB...	DEFERRED-EMPLOYEE PORTION	13.52		
INV0001795	Invoice	09/18/2026	DEFERRED-EMPLOYEE PORTION	0.00	1,004.19	
	100-0000-21145	DEFERRED COMP. PAYAB...	DEFERRED-EMPLOYEE PORTION	975.87		
	416-0000-21145	DEFERRED COMP. PAYAB...	DEFERRED-EMPLOYEE PORTION	28.32		
PRINCI	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	09/15/2026	Regular	0.00	522.22	61124
Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount	
	Account Number	Account Name	Item Description	Distribution Amount		
INV0001818	Invoice	09/18/2026	VISION INSURANCE	0.00	522.22	
	402-0000-48011	CITY EMPLOYEE CONTRIB...	VISION INSURANCE	522.22		

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PRINCI	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	09/15/2026	Regular	0.00	3,450.20	61125

Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount
Account Number	Account Name		Item Description	Distribution Amount	
INV0001796	Invoice	09/18/2026	DENTAL INSURANCE	0.00	3,450.20
100-0000-21160	MEDICAL INSURANCE PA...		DENTAL INSURANCE	2,012.80	
121-0000-21160	MEDICAL INSURANCE PA...		DENTAL INSURANCE	50.95	
213-0000-21160	MEDICAL INSURANCE PA...		DENTAL INSURANCE	7.39	
309-0000-21160	MEDICAL INSURANCE PA...		DENTAL INSURANCE	485.33	
310-0000-21160	MEDICAL INSURANCE PA...		DENTAL INSURANCE	698.61	
311-0000-21160	MEDICAL INSURANCE PA...		DENTAL INSURANCE	64.89	
312-0000-21160	MEDICAL INSURANCE PA...		DENTAL INSURANCE	37.41	
410-0000-21160	MEDICAL INSURANCE PA...		DENTAL INSURANCE	71.55	
416-0000-21160	MEDICAL INSURANCE PA...		DENTAL INSURANCE	21.25	
531-0000-21160	MEDICAL INSURANCE PA...		DENTAL INSURANCE	0.02	

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SEIU L	SEIU LOCAL 521	09/15/2026	Regular	0.00	1,384.53	61126

Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount
Account Number	Account Name		Item Description	Distribution Amount	
INV0001813	Invoice	09/18/2026	EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	0.00	38.00
100-0000-21185	SEIU LOCAL 521		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	21.93	
309-0000-21185	SEIU LOCAL 521		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	0.96	
310-0000-21185	SEIU LOCAL 521		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	10.20	
312-0000-21185	SEIU LOCAL 521		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	0.46	
410-0000-21185	SEIU LOCAL 521		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	2.10	
416-0000-21185	SEIU LOCAL 521		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	2.35	
INV0001814	Invoice	09/18/2026	EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	0.00	1,346.53
100-0000-21185	SEIU LOCAL 521		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	494.40	
309-0000-21185	SEIU LOCAL 521		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	287.24	
310-0000-21185	SEIU LOCAL 521		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	509.60	
311-0000-21185	SEIU LOCAL 521		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	9.13	
312-0000-21185	SEIU LOCAL 521		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	11.45	
410-0000-21185	SEIU LOCAL 521		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	27.78	
416-0000-21185	SEIU LOCAL 521		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	6.93	

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
SPOA	SOLEDAD POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION	09/15/2026	Regular	0.00	840.00	61127

Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount
Account Number	Account Name		Item Description	Distribution Amount	
INV0001817	Invoice	09/18/2026	POLICE OFFICERS CONTRIBUTIONS	0.00	840.00
100-0000-21190	SOLEDAD POLICE OFFICE...		POLICE OFFICERS CONTRIBUTIO...	825.32	
416-0000-21190	SOLEDAD POLICE OFFICE...		POLICE OFFICERS CONTRIBUTIO...	14.68	

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STPERS	STATE OF CALIFORNIA PERS	09/15/2026	Regular	0.00	62,469.69	61128

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Account Number	Account Name		Item Description	Distribution Amount	
INV0001799	Invoice	09/18/2026	CHIEF & LIEUTENANT	0.00	3,544.31
100-0000-21171	PERS		CHIEF & LIEUTENANT	3,544.31	
INV0001800	Invoice	09/18/2026	City of Soledad Conf PEPRA	0.00	313.66
100-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Conf PEPRA	156.84	
309-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Conf PEPRA	62.73	
310-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Conf PEPRA	62.73	
311-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Conf PEPRA	31.36	
INV0001801	Invoice	09/18/2026	EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	0.00	12,254.86
100-0000-21171	PERS		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	5,842.87	
121-0000-21171	PERS		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	208.13	
213-0000-21171	PERS		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	36.65	
309-0000-21171	PERS		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	1,439.17	
310-0000-21171	PERS		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	3,286.65	
311-0000-21171	PERS		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	335.86	
312-0000-21171	PERS		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	133.70	
410-0000-21171	PERS		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	957.61	

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	416-0000-21171	PERS		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION		13.86	
	531-0000-21171	PERS		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION		0.36	
INV0001802	Invoice		09/18/2026	City of Soledad Regular Empl	0.00	12,860.42	
	100-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Regular Empl		6,139.02	
	121-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Regular Empl		212.97	
	213-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Regular Empl		37.51	
	309-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Regular Empl		1,536.77	
	310-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Regular Empl		3,427.14	
	311-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Regular Empl		375.83	
	312-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Regular Empl		136.72	
	410-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Regular Empl		979.91	
	416-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Regular Empl		14.18	
	531-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Regular Empl		0.37	
INV0001803	Invoice		09/18/2026	City of Soledad Police	0.00	8,875.24	
	100-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Police		8,718.11	
	416-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Police		157.13	
INV0001804	Invoice		09/18/2026	City of Soledad Conf. Employee	0.00	351.78	
	100-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Conf. Employee		179.36	
	309-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Conf. Employee		86.22	
	310-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Conf. Employee		86.20	
INV0001805	Invoice		09/18/2026	City of Soledad Reg Managers	0.00	610.29	
	100-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Reg Managers		164.80	
	309-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Reg Managers		152.60	
	310-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Reg Managers		152.60	
	311-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Reg Managers		61.04	
	312-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Reg Managers		30.52	
	410-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Reg Managers		48.73	
INV0001806	Invoice		09/18/2026	City of Soledad Managers	0.00	887.53	
	100-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Managers		239.61	
	309-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Managers		221.87	
	310-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Managers		221.87	
	311-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Managers		88.76	
	312-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Managers		44.35	
	410-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Managers		71.07	
INV0001807	Invoice		09/18/2026	City of Soledad Police	0.00	1,370.42	
	100-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Police		1,370.42	
INV0001808	Invoice		09/18/2026	City of Soledad Police	0.00	1,126.36	
	100-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Police		1,126.36	
INV0001809	Invoice		09/18/2026	City of Soledad Police	0.00	665.40	
	100-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Police		665.40	
INV0001810	Invoice		09/18/2026	City of Soledad Police	0.00	8,773.15	
	100-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Police		8,617.83	
	416-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Police		155.32	
INV0001811	Invoice		09/18/2026	EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	0.00	4,206.80	
	100-0000-21171	PERS		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION		1,622.42	
	213-0000-21171	PERS		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION		18.66	
	309-0000-21171	PERS		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION		1,081.51	
	310-0000-21171	PERS		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION		993.44	
	311-0000-21171	PERS		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION		72.11	
	312-0000-21171	PERS		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION		119.25	
	410-0000-21171	PERS		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION		274.10	
	416-0000-21171	PERS		EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION		25.31	
INV0001812	Invoice		09/18/2026	City of Soledad Regular Empl	0.00	6,629.47	
	100-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Regular Empl		2,620.24	
	213-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Regular Empl		27.14	
	309-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Regular Empl		1,698.20	
	310-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Regular Empl		1,570.10	

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	311-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Regular Empl		104.79	
	312-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Regular Empl		173.37	
	410-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Regular Empl		398.82	
	416-0000-21171	PERS		City of Soledad Regular Empl		36.81	
	Void		09/15/2026	Regular	0.00	0.00	61129
	Void		09/15/2026	Regular	0.00	0.00	61130
SUNLIF	SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA		09/15/2026	Regular	0.00	2,673.67	61131

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	Account Number	**Account Name**		**Item Description**	**Distribution Amount**	
INV0001798	Invoice	09/18/2026	LIFE, AD&D, LTD		0.00	1,272.01
	100-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		LIFE, AD&D, LTD		736.25
	121-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		LIFE, AD&D, LTD		10.86
	213-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		LIFE, AD&D, LTD		2.99
	309-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		LIFE, AD&D, LTD		158.54
	310-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		LIFE, AD&D, LTD		244.23
	311-0000-21150	INSUARNCE PAYABLE		LIFE, AD&D, LTD		30.55
	312-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		LIFE, AD&D, LTD		15.37
	410-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		LIFE, AD&D, LTD		66.97
	416-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		LIFE, AD&D, LTD		6.23
	531-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		LIFE, AD&D, LTD		0.02
INV0001815	Invoice	09/18/2026	LIFE, AD&D, LTD		0.00	1,049.79
	100-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		LIFE, AD&D, LTD		603.16
	121-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		LIFE, AD&D, LTD		10.44
	213-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		LIFE, AD&D, LTD		1.94
	309-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		LIFE, AD&D, LTD		127.75
	310-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		LIFE, AD&D, LTD		207.12
	311-0000-21150	INSUARNCE PAYABLE		LIFE, AD&D, LTD		21.39
	312-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		LIFE, AD&D, LTD		12.84
	410-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		LIFE, AD&D, LTD		59.62
	416-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		LIFE, AD&D, LTD		5.51
	531-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		LIFE, AD&D, LTD		0.02
INV0001816	Invoice	09/18/2026	SUPPLEMENTAL		0.00	351.87
	100-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		SUPPLEMENTAL		195.15
	121-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		SUPPLEMENTAL		1.40
	213-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		SUPPLEMENTAL		0.25
	309-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		SUPPLEMENTAL		41.81
	310-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		SUPPLEMENTAL		62.94
	311-0000-21150	INSUARNCE PAYABLE		SUPPLEMENTAL		13.59
	312-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		SUPPLEMENTAL		6.13
	410-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		SUPPLEMENTAL		29.57
	416-0000-21150	INSURANCE PAYABLE		SUPPLEMENTAL		1.03

ACCBUS	ACC BUSINESS		09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	2,050.49	61132

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	Account Number	**Account Name**		**Item Description**	**Distribution Amount**	
0113570213	Invoice	09/18/2026	Internet - CH		0.00	2,050.49
	100-8000-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...		Internet - CH		2,050.49

ALCANA	ALCANTAR ACE HARDWARE		09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	848.21	61133

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	Account Number	**Account Name**		**Item Description**	**Distribution Amount**	
16394/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Workforce Housing- Supplies		0.00	8.73
	100-1200-52525	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..		Workforce Housing- Supplies		8.73
16676/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Concrete Bags- Backflow Lions		0.00	38.18
	100-8000-52518	FACILITIES EXPENSE		Concrete Bags- Backflow Lions		38.18
16677/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Marking Pens Utility		0.00	39.00
	309-0000-52525	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..		Marking Pens Utility		39.00
16888/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Metal Whal		0.00	20.06

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	100-2100-52525 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Metal Whal			20.06	
16890/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Irrigation Repairs	0.00	35.22	
	651-0000-52516 LANDSCAPE MAINT. (EAS...	Irrigation Repairs			35.22	
16946/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Keys Extra Trailer	0.00	21.80	
	309-0000-52525 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Keys Extra Trailer			21.80	
16949/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Sealent & Fastner	0.00	16.33	
	100-2100-52525 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Sealent & Fastner			16.33	
16971/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Edger Blade	0.00	19.65	
	100-2100-52525 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Edger Blade			19.65	
16973/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Push Broom	0.00	29.49	
	100-2100-52525 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Push Broom			29.49	
16978/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Vacumm Trailer- Lights	0.00	106.17	
	310-0000-52134 COLLECTION SYSTEM MA...	Vacumm Trailer- Lights			106.17	
16980/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Shop Insect Repellent	0.00	65.93	
	310-0000-52518 FACILITIES EXPENSE	Shop Insect Repellent			65.93	
16997/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Wrench 15"/ Socket	0.00	60.94	
	309-0000-52051 TOOLS & MINOR EQUIPM...	Wrench 15"/ Socket			60.94	
17000/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Power Strip	0.00	14.19	
	100-2100-52525 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Power Strip			14.19	
17034/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Window Cleaning	0.00	25.76	
	100-1400-52518 FACILITIES EXPENSE	Window Cleaning			25.76	
17065/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Edger Blade - Diamond Ridge	0.00	20.95	
	650-0000-52525 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Edger Blade - Diamond Ridge			20.95	
17067/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	QR Battery	0.00	13.10	
	100-8000-52518 FACILITIES EXPENSE	QR Battery			13.10	
17075/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Lime Remover	0.00	7.20	
	100-2100-52525 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Lime Remover			7.20	
17082/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Supplies	0.00	27.06	
	100-2200-52518 FACILITIES EXPENSE	Supplies			27.06	
17087/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Mouse Trap	0.00	13.10	
	310-0000-52518 FACILITIES EXPENSE	Mouse Trap			13.10	
17098/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Gas Mix	0.00	54.61	
	100-2100-52525 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Gas Mix			54.61	
17116/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Cam Lock- 99GMC/PW-20	0.00	14.40	
	310-0000-52080 FLEET SERVICES	Cam Lock- 99GMC/PW-20			14.40	
17143/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Indoor Insect Killer	0.00	56.79	
	310-0000-52518 FACILITIES EXPENSE	Indoor Insect Killer			56.79	
17181/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Tubing & Clamps	0.00	60.25	
	100-2100-52525 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Tubing & Clamps			60.25	
17183/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Supplies	0.00	28.39	
	100-2200-52518 FACILITIES EXPENSE	Supplies			28.39	
17189/1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Clleaning Supplies & Tools	0.00	81.88	
	100-2100-52525 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Clleaning Supplies & Tool			81.88	
C23131/1	Credit Memo	09/18/2026	Credit Return - Orchard Villas	0.00	-30.97	
	651-0000-52516 LANDSCAPE MAINT. (EAS...	Credit Return - Orchard Villas			-30.97	
AMAZON	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	5,093.28	61134
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116P-N7X6-9LMJ	Invoice	09/18/2026	Scanners	0.00	2,130.30	
	100-1400-57100	CAPITAL OUTLAY - COMP...	Scanners-Records	852.12		
	418-0000-52015	SUBSCRIPTIONS	AV Scanners	1,278.18		
11HF-XYXV-PPQT	Invoice	09/18/2026	Compressor- Sampler	0.00	470.67	

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	310-0000-52525 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Compressor- Sampler			470.67	
11KN-6949-LGFH	Invoice	09/18/2026	Patty's Work Station	0.00	44.61	
	100-1400-57100 CAPITAL OUTLAY - COMP...	Patty's Work Station			44.61	
13L6-MFF9-X3YH	Invoice	09/18/2026	Notebooks	0.00	37.02	
	100-1500-52040 OFFICE SUPPLIES	Notebooks			37.02	
14F4-46VM-DDYR	Invoice	09/18/2026	PD Cable Management	0.00	102.41	
	100-1400-52040 OFFICE SUPPLIES	PD Cable Management			102.41	
16MY-RWPC-WH...	Invoice	09/18/2026	First Aid Kit Supplies	0.00	5.54	
	100-1310-52200 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	First Aid Kit Supplies			5.54	
16WT-JFDV-L1VT	Credit Memo	09/18/2026	Credit Memo	0.00	-142.01	
	100-1310-52200 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Credit Memo			-142.01	
177H-HCDW-1F19	Invoice	09/18/2026	Solenoid- CL2- Station	0.00	232.15	
	310-0000-52525 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Solenoid- CL2- Station			232.15	
197K-NNTW-7T...	Invoice	09/18/2026	Evidence Workstation	0.00	98.31	
	100-1400-52051 TOOLS & MINOR EQUIPM...	Evidence Workstation			98.31	
1C3Y-H3TC-GHHY	Invoice	09/18/2026	Camera Van- Gauge Wire	0.00	134.60	
	310-0000-52134 COLLECTION SYSTEM MA...	Camera Van- Gauge Wire			134.60	
1CKY-1RXW-1Y7Y	Invoice	09/18/2026	Senior Social Decor	0.00	51.33	
	100-2200-52031 PROGRAM SUPPLIES	Senior Social Decor			51.33	
1DC3-F3MD-DL4P	Invoice	09/18/2026	Wireless Mics - Chambers	0.00	240.34	
	100-8000-52051 TOOLS & MINOR EQUIPM...	Wireless Mics - Chambers			240.34	
1DC3-F3MD-NQ...	Invoice	09/18/2026	CH Chambers AV Upgrades	0.00	82.99	
	100-8000-52051 TOOLS & MINOR EQUIPM...	CH Chambers AV Upgrades			82.99	
1F19-4DTG-D4L9	Invoice	09/18/2026	City Event Audio Equipment	0.00	86.30	
	100-8000-52051 TOOLS & MINOR EQUIPM...	City Event Audio Equipment			86.30	
1HYX-1T3F-1CWJ	Invoice	09/18/2026	First Aid Kit Supplies	0.00	23.70	
	100-1310-52200 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	First Aid Kit Supplies			23.70	
1JCF-HDYK-V4GM	Invoice	09/18/2026	Otter Case Iphone- Mo	0.00	68.87	
	309-0000-52415 CELLULAR PHONE	Otter Case Iphone- Mo			68.87	
1K1F-9XFL-YQ6Q	Invoice	09/18/2026	CE Video Camera	0.00	74.84	
	100-2400-52040 OFFICE SUPPLIES	CE Video Camera			74.84	
1LDD-JWJK-4T67	Invoice	09/18/2026	WALL CLOCK/ OP PLIERS	0.00	67.70	
	310-0000-52040 OFFICE SUPPLIES	Wall Clock- CPO			21.82	
	310-0000-52051 TOOLS & MINOR EQUIPM...	OP-PLIERS			45.88	
1LL3-49TN-1TNM	Invoice	09/18/2026	White Board	0.00	7.95	
	100-3100-52200 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	White Board			7.95	
1LXJ-MQQD-3J3V	Invoice	09/18/2026	Rolling IV Stand	0.00	131.09	
	100-2100-57100 CAPITAL OUTLAY - COMP...	Rolling IV Stand			131.09	
1N13-DLCN-9H1C	Invoice	09/18/2026	Emergency Backpack Supplies- Replaceme...	0.00	121.60	
	100-1310-52200 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Emergency Backpack Supplies- R...			121.60	
1PCF-CYT4-GF61	Invoice	09/18/2026	PD Minor Equipment	0.00	10.88	
	100-1400-52051 TOOLS & MINOR EQUIPM...	PD Minor Equipment			10.88	
1Q4T-7LKR-69JD	Invoice	09/18/2026	Breakroom/Lockeroom Supplies	0.00	54.80	
	100-1400-52051 TOOLS & MINOR EQUIPM...	Men's Lockeroom Supplies			45.00	
	100-1400-52070 FOOD SERVICES	Breakroom Supplies			9.80	
1TH9-MTHC-G49V	Invoice	09/18/2026	IT Minor Equipment	0.00	8.55	
	100-1320-52051 TOOLS & MINOR EQUIPM...	IT Minor Equipment			8.55	
1THJ-KK3L-DRN6	Invoice	09/18/2026	Office Supplies	0.00	10.32	
	100-1250-52040 OFFICE SUPPLIES	Office Supplies			10.32	
1TKW-DJT3-F3NM	Invoice	09/18/2026	Office Supplies	0.00	42.26	
	100-1250-52040 OFFICE SUPPLIES	Office Supplies			42.26	
1WCT-9JHP-3CL1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Breakroom Supplies	0.00	35.99	

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	100-1400-52070 FOOD SERVICES		Breakroom Supplies		35.99	
1WXH-VK74-XN...	Invoice	09/18/2026	Office Supplies	0.00	110.68	
	100-1100-52040 OFFICE SUPPLIES		Office Supplies		110.68	
1WYK-9C3K-Q61V	Invoice	09/18/2026	Fingerprint Kit	0.00	226.19	
	100-3100-52200 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...		Fingerprint Kit		226.19	
1XL3-KL7P-Q79D	Invoice	09/18/2026	IT Office Equipment	0.00	98.31	
	100-1320-52040 OFFICE SUPPLIES		IT Office Equipment		98.31	
1YN1-XXXR-QFTX	Invoice	09/18/2026	HVAC Filters - Facilities	0.00	424.99	
	100-1450-52518 FACILITIES EXPENSE		HVAC Filters/FD		17.69	
	100-2200-52518 FACILITIES EXPENSE		HVAC Filters/CC		112.25	
	100-2200-52518 FACILITIES EXPENSE		HVAC Filters/SVC		17.69	
	100-8000-52518 FACILITIES EXPENSE		HVAC Filters/CH		37.68	
	309-0000-52518 FACILITIES EXPENSE		HVAC Filters/WATER		47.94	
	310-0000-52518 FACILITIES EXPENSE		HVAC Filters/WWTP		191.74	
	Void	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	0.00	61135
AMESUP	AMERICAN SUPPLY COMPANY	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	738.58	61136
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3096537	Invoice	09/18/2026	Sendero Supplies	0.00	217.85	
	121-0000-52525 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..		Sendero Supplies		217.85	
3098500	Invoice	09/18/2026	Sendero Supplies	0.00	520.73	
	121-0000-52525 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..		Sendero Supplies		520.73	
ANIMALHOSSALINAS	ANIMAL HOSPITAL OF SALINAS, INC	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	405.00	61137
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118789	Invoice	09/18/2026	Euthanasia Services (x3)	0.00	405.00	
	312-0000-52235 ANIMAL SERVICES		Euthanasia Services (x3)		405.00	
APPLIEDIND	APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOTIES - CA LLC	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	2,493.02	61138
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7035241430	Invoice	09/18/2026	Screwpress Spray Bar- Gearmotors	0.00	2,493.02	
	310-0000-52525 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..		Screwpress Spray Bar- Gearmot...		2,493.02	
ATTCAL	AT&T	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	58.47	61139
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000025690935	Invoice	09/18/2026	PD Breathlyzer	0.00	58.47	
	100-1400-52410 TELEPHONE/DATA/PAGER		PD Breathlyzer		58.47	
ATTONENET	AT&T (OneNet Service)	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	1.51	61140
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0283983746	Invoice	09/18/2026	PD Dispatch	0.00	1.51	
	100-1400-52410 TELEPHONE/DATA/PAGER		PD Dispatch		1.51	
AUTOZO	AUTOZONE LLC	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	2,532.15	61141
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06290369730	Invoice	09/18/2026	Gskets For Tanks	0.00	23.06	
	309-0000-52525 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..		Gskets For Tanks		23.06	
06290370587	Invoice	09/18/2026	Brake Rotos & Pads- Unit 55	0.00	630.31	
	100-1400-52080 FLEET SERVICES		Brake Rotos & Pads- Unit 55		630.31	
06290370622	Invoice	09/18/2026	Brake Calipers- Unit 51	0.00	348.72	
	100-1400-52080 FLEET SERVICES		Brake Calipers- Unit 51		348.72	
06290371041	Invoice	09/18/2026	Brake Fluid- Unit 55	0.00	35.65	

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	100-1400-52080 FLEET SERVICES		Brake Fluid- Unit 55		35.65	
06290371266	Invoice	09/18/2026	Brake Rotors - Unit 59	0.00	665.96	
	100-1400-52080 FLEET SERVICES		Brake Rotors - Unit 59		665.96	
06290371759	Invoice	09/18/2026	Brake Rotors- Unit 53	0.00	665.96	
	100-1400-52080 FLEET SERVICES		Brake Rotors- Unit 53		665.96	
06290375790	Invoice	09/18/2026	Brake Cashier- Unit 51	0.00	81.05	
	100-1400-52080 FLEET SERVICES		Brake Cashier- Unit 51		81.05	
06290375889	Credit Memo	09/18/2026	Credit	0.00	-81.05	
	100-1400-52080 FLEET SERVICES		Credit		-81.05	
06290375905	Invoice	09/18/2026	Bleeder Kit- Unit 51	0.00	15.04	
	100-1400-52080 FLEET SERVICES		Bleeder Kit- Unit 51		15.04	
06290375948	Invoice	09/18/2026	Engine Service- Unit 52	0.00	200.48	
	100-1400-52080 FLEET SERVICES		Engine Service- Unit 52		200.48	
06290376004	Credit Memo	09/18/2026	Credit	0.00	-53.03	
	100-1400-52080 FLEET SERVICES		Credit		-53.03	
BACKFL	BACKFLOW DISTRIBUTORS INC.	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	1,536.30	61142
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86786	Invoice	09/18/2026	Bckflow Drinking Fountain- Little League	0.00	1,536.30	
	100-2100-52525 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..		Bckflow Drinking Fountain- Little...		1,536.30	
BADGER	BADGER METER, INC.	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	1,407.47	61143
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80247927	Invoice	09/18/2026	Badger Meter Cellular Endpoints	0.00	1,407.47	
	309-0000-52521 METER REPAIR/REPLACE...		Badger Meter Cellular Endpoints		1,407.47	
BAILEY	BAILEY STREET LIMITED	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	22,893.15	61144
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100522717	Invoice	09/18/2026	Chlorine- Plant	0.00	22,893.15	
	310-0000-52044 CHEMICAL		Chlorine- Plant		22,893.15	
BELFOR	BELFOR ENVIRONMENTAL, INC	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	45,410.87	61145
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2334415	Invoice	09/18/2026	1232 Monterey St - Asbestos Abatement	0.00	45,410.87	
	100-1200-52200 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...		1232 Monterey St - Asbestos Ab...		45,410.87	
PRIMO	BLUE TRITON BRANDS INC	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	308.44	61146
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06H6710027081	Invoice	09/18/2026	ERF Sendero Water	0.00	115.88	
	121-0000-52200 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...		ERF Sendero Water		115.88	
06I8720069420	Invoice	09/18/2026	City Hall Water & Dispenser	0.00	192.56	
	100-8000-52040 OFFICE SUPPLIES		City Hall Water & Dispenser		192.56	
BOLE	BOLE & ASSOCIATES	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	2,000.00	61147
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2668	Invoice	09/18/2026	1232 Monterey Assessment	0.00	2,000.00	
	100-1200-52200 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...		1232 Monterey Assessment		2,000.00	
CALWAT	CALIFORNIA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATI	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	118.00	61148

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325216	Invoice	09/18/2026	Collection System Maint. Grade Cert. Ren...	0.00	118.00	
	310-0000-52091	TRAVEL, MEETINGS & TRA...	Collection System Maint. Grade ...	118.00		
JAMESC	CARLA JAMES	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	387.00	61149
091026	Invoice	09/18/2026	CWEA Annual Membership Renewal	0.00	387.00	
	309-0000-52091	TRAVEL, MEETINGS & TRA...	CWEA Annual Membership Ren...	77.40		
	310-0000-52091	TRAVEL, MEETINGS & TRA...	CWEA Annual Membership Ren...	309.60		
CAROLL	CAROLLO ENGINEERS, INC.	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	69,223.07	61150
FB87919-33	Invoice	09/18/2026	Recycled Water Conveyance	0.00	69,223.07	
	213-0000-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Recycled Water Conveyance	69,223.07		
CINTAS	CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 3	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	754.91	61151
4281541963	Invoice	09/18/2026	Parks/St. Uniforms	0.00	102.90	
	100-1400-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Parks/St. Uniforms	7.80		
	100-1500-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Parks/St. Uniforms	2.53		
	100-2100-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Parks/St. Uniforms	49.35		
	100-2200-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Parks/St. Uniforms	3.43		
	311-0000-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Parks/St. Uniforms	0.85		
	312-0000-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Parks/St. Uniforms	8.58		
	410-0000-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Parks/St. Uniforms	30.36		
4281542004	Invoice	09/18/2026	WW/WATER UNIFORMS	0.00	224.53	
	309-0000-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	UNIFORMS/WATER	39.72		
	310-0000-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	UNIFORMS/WW	184.81		
4282314679	Invoice	09/18/2026	Parks/St. Uniforms	0.00	92.50	
	100-1400-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Parks/St. Uniforms	7.01		
	100-1500-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Parks/St. Uniforms	2.27		
	100-2100-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Parks/St. Uniforms	44.36		
	100-2200-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Parks/St. Uniforms	3.08		
	311-0000-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Parks/St. Uniforms	0.78		
	312-0000-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Parks/St. Uniforms	7.71		
	410-0000-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Parks/St. Uniforms	27.29		
4282314681	Invoice	09/18/2026	WW/WATER UNIFORMS	0.00	334.98	
	309-0000-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	UNIFORMS/WATER	61.81		
	310-0000-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	UNIFORMS/WW	273.17		
CPM	COMMERCIAL PUMP & MECHANICAL, INC	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	25,929.28	61152
26063-1	Invoice	09/18/2026	Emergency Repair Well #7 Well Head Mot...	0.00	25,929.28	
	309-0000-52533	WELL MAINTENANCE PR...	Emergency Repair Well #7 Well ...	25,929.28		
CSG CO	CSG CONSULTANTS, INC.	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	3,215.00	61153
67252	Invoice	09/18/2026	Prof. Services - July 2026	0.00	1,575.00	
	100-1250-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Prof. Services - July 2026	140.00		
	120-0000-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Prof. Services - July 2026	1,015.00		
	121-0000-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Prof. Services - July 2026	420.00		
67715	Invoice	09/18/2026	Professional Services - August 2026	0.00	1,640.00	

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	120-0000-52200 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Professional Services - August 2...		1,640.00		
GUERR	DAMIAN GUERRERO	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	19,000.00	61154
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405	Invoice	09/18/2026	Landscape Service	0.00	1,500.00	
	647-0000-52530	STREET LANDSCAPING	Landscape Service	1,500.00		
406	Invoice	09/18/2026	Serra Bioswale	0.00	1,750.00	
	651-0000-52516	LANDSCAPE MAINT. (EAS...	Serra Bioswale	1,750.00		
407	Invoice	09/18/2026	Serra cul de sol	0.00	250.00	
	651-0000-52516	LANDSCAPE MAINT. (EAS...	Serra cul de sol	250.00		
408	Invoice	09/18/2026	Davalos Bioswale	0.00	1,750.00	
	651-0000-52516	LANDSCAPE MAINT. (EAS...	Davalos Bioswale	1,750.00		
409	Invoice	09/18/2026	Calle Valverde Biosavale	0.00	1,750.00	
	651-0000-52522	PARK MAINTENANCE	Calle Valverde Biosavale	1,750.00		
410	Invoice	09/18/2026	Orchard & Gabilan Landscaping Maint	0.00	3,500.00	
	650-0000-52519	MAINTENANCE	Orchard & Gabilan Landscaping...	3,500.00		
411	Invoice	09/18/2026	Orchard Lane Park Maint.	0.00	4,000.00	
	651-0000-52522	PARK MAINTENANCE	Orchard Lane Park Maint.	4,000.00		
412	Invoice	09/18/2026	Trip Hazard Repair - Diamond Ridge	0.00	4,500.00	
	650-0000-52519	MAINTENANCE	Trip Hazard Repair - Diamond Ri...	4,500.00		
SANCHEZD	DANIEL SANCHEZ	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	180.00	61155
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090926	Invoice	09/18/2026	Adult Basketcall Referee Pay	0.00	180.00	
	100-2200-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Adult Basketcall Referee Pay	180.00		
ELCAMI	EL CAMINO ELECTRIC, INC.	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	966.77	61156
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7164	Invoice	09/18/2026	Street Light Repair	0.00	831.77	
	650-0000-52422	STREET LIGHTING	Street Light Repair	831.77		
7165	Invoice	09/18/2026	Flag Rope Replacement	0.00	135.00	
	100-1200-52525	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Flag Rope Replacement	135.00		
FEDPAS	FEDEX	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	24.50	61157
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9-459-71946	Invoice	09/18/2026	Shipping Costs	0.00	24.50	
	310-0000-52042	POSTAGE, SHIPPING & FR...	Shipping Costs	24.50		
FERGUSONUS	FERGUSON US HOLDINGS, INC	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	2,359.80	61158
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1934360	Invoice	09/18/2026	Neptune 5/8 Meters	0.00	2,359.80	
	309-0000-52521	METER REPAIR/REPLACE...	Neptune 5/8 Meters	2,359.80		
CIT	FIRST-CITIZENS BANK & TRUST CO	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	676.44	61159
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49765944	Invoice	09/18/2026	Copier - CH/WWTP	0.00	676.44	
	100-8000-52230	LEASE CONTRACTS	Copier - CH/WWTP	358.51		
	309-0000-52230	LEASE CONTRACTS	Copier - CH/WWTP	128.52		
	310-0000-52230	LEASE CONTRACTS	Copier - CH/WWTP	189.41		
FRONTI	FRONTIER PERFORMANCE LUBRICANTS	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	142.31	61160

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MRE3903026	Invoice	09/18/2026	Grease Cleaner	0.00	142.31	
	310-0000-52051	TOOLS & MINOR EQUIPM...	Grease Cleaner	142.31		
GANNET	GANNET CALIFORNIA LOCALIQ	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	644.63	61161
0007870704	Invoice	09/18/2026	Public Notice	0.00	644.63	
	100-1100-52030	ORDINANCE & PUBLISHI...	Public Notice	644.63		
GREENR	GREEN RUBBER-KENNEDY AG	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	32.26	61162
G-442220	Invoice	09/18/2026	Spray Truck	0.00	32.26	
	100-2100-52044	CHEMICAL	Spray Truck	32.26		
GRISWO	GRISWOLD INDUSTRIES	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	537.51	61163
952162	Invoice	09/18/2026	6" Cla-Valve Rebuilt Kit Well #9	0.00	537.51	
	309-0000-52051	TOOLS & MINOR EQUIPM...	6" Cla-Valve Rebuilt Kit Well #9	537.51		
PARRAS	HEBERTO P GONZALEZ	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	450.00	61164
1039	Invoice	09/18/2026	Goalie Box Welding	0.00	450.00	
	100-2100-52525	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Goalie Box Welding	450.00		
HILINE	HI-LINE ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	33.17	61165
3336137	Invoice	09/18/2026	Thread Locker	0.00	33.17	
	100-8000-52080	FLEET SERVICES	Thread Locker	33.17		
HYDROT	HYDRO TURF INC.	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	1,997.46	61166
I816859	Invoice	09/18/2026	Fertilizer	0.00	1,145.31	
	100-2100-52044	CHEMICAL	Fertilizer	1,145.31		
I817296	Invoice	09/18/2026	Fertilizer	0.00	852.15	
	100-2100-52044	CHEMICAL	Fertilizer	852.15		
CORIX	ICONIX WATERWORKS (US) INC.	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	3,038.84	61167
U2616032298	Invoice	09/18/2026	Brass/Pipe Fittings Little League Park	0.00	3,038.84	
	100-2100-52525	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Brass/Pipe Fittings Little League ...	3,038.84		
INFOSE	INFOSEND, INC	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	3,227.56	61168
317616	Invoice	09/18/2026	Utility Bill Mailing	0.00	3,227.56	
	309-0000-52042	POSTAGE, SHIPPING & FR...	Utility Bill Mailing	1,075.85		
	310-0000-52042	POSTAGE, SHIPPING & FR...	Utility Bill Mailing	1,075.85		
	311-0000-52042	POSTAGE, SHIPPING & FR...	Utility Bill Mailing	1,075.86		
JAV la	J.A.V. Language Solutions LLC	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	614.36	61169

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26-0291	Invoice	09/18/2026	Translation/Budget Workshop	0.00	200.00	
	100-1000-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Translation/Budget Workshop	200.00		
26-0326	Invoice	09/18/2026	Proj. Services/Translation	0.00	414.36	
	100-1000-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Proj. Services/Translation	414.36		
RUIZJ	JACKELIN RUIZ	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	45.00	61170
090826	Invoice	09/18/2026	Refund Due to Double Enrollment	0.00	45.00	
	100-0000-48615	RECREATION REVENUE	Refund Due to Double Enrollme...	45.00		
JARFAY	JARVIS FAY LLP	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	12,695.50	61171
22442	Invoice	09/18/2026	Legal/General Svcs - August 2026	0.00	12,510.00	
	100-1150-52215	ATTORNEY SERVICES	Legal/General Svcs - August 2026	12,510.00		
22443	Invoice	09/18/2026	Legal Services/Miramonte	0.00	185.50	
	120-0000-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Legal Services/Miramonte	185.50		
Jesus	Jesus Trujillo	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	260.00	61172
092126	Invoice	09/18/2026	Defensive Tactics Instructor	0.00	130.00	
	100-1400-52091	TRAVEL, MEETINGS & TRA...	Defensive Tactics Instructor	130.00		
092826	Invoice	09/18/2026	Defensive Tactics Instructor	0.00	130.00	
	100-1400-52091	TRAVEL, MEETINGS & TRA...	Defensive Tactics Instructor	130.00		
JTAPPLIANCE	JORGE ARMANDO TRUJILLO	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	318.25	61173
398	Invoice	09/18/2026	CH Refrigerator Repair	0.00	318.25	
	100-8000-52525	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	CH Refrigerator Repair	318.25		
THETRE	JOV MAGANA RODRIGUEZ	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	900.00	61174
1810	Invoice	09/18/2026	Removal of 36" Tree Stump	0.00	450.00	
	213-0000-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Removal of 36" Tree Stump	450.00		
1811	Invoice	09/18/2026	Removal of 18" Tree Stump	0.00	450.00	
	213-0000-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Removal of 18" Tree Stump	450.00		
LANDMARK	LANDMARK IRRIGATION INC	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	1,058.07	61175
5917	Invoice	09/18/2026	Screwpress #1 Repairs	0.00	113.42	
	310-0000-52525	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Screwpress #1 Repairs	113.42		
5921	Invoice	09/18/2026	Irrigation Repair	0.00	61.81	
	100-2100-52525	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Irrigation Repair	61.81		
5942	Invoice	09/18/2026	Chlorine Line Repairs	0.00	62.14	
	310-0000-52525	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Chlorine Line Repairs	62.14		
5945	Invoice	09/18/2026	Bait Traps	0.00	64.36	
	310-0000-52518	FACILITIES EXPENSE	Bait Traps	64.36		
5960	Invoice	09/18/2026	Coupling	0.00	12.75	
	100-2100-52525	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Coupling	12.75		
6447	Invoice	09/18/2026	Little League Restrooms- Backflow	0.00	284.65	

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	100-2100-52525 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..		Little League Restrooms- Backfl...		284.65	
6650	Invoice	09/18/2026	Venturi Injector	0.00	55.28	
	651-0000-52522 PARK MAINTENANCE		Venturi Injector		55.28	
6722	Invoice	09/18/2026	Screwpress #1 Repairs	0.00	403.66	
	310-0000-52525 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..		Screwpress #1 Repairs		403.66	
LAWPRO	LAWSON PRODUCTS	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	441.47	61176
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9313775605	Invoice	09/18/2026	Tools Shop Restock	0.00	46.79	
	310-0000-52051	TOOLS & MINOR EQUIPM...	Tools Shop Restock		46.79	
9313783321	Invoice	09/18/2026	Gloves - Shop	0.00	149.02	
	310-0000-52052	SAFETY EQUIPMENT	Gloves - Shop		149.02	
9313794772	Invoice	09/18/2026	Electrolytes	0.00	245.66	
	310-0000-52052	SAFETY EQUIPMENT	Electrolytes		245.66	
LEYTOW	LEYVA'S TOWING, INC.	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	280.00	61177
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16649	Invoice	09/18/2026	Tow Fees	0.00	180.00	
	100-1400-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Tow Fees		180.00	
16650	Invoice	09/18/2026	Tow Fees	0.00	100.00	
	100-1400-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Tow Fees		100.00	
MCMAST	MCMASTER-CARR SUPPLY COMPANY	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	410.69	61178
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71364940	Invoice	09/18/2026	Cameravan- Repairs	0.00	410.69	
	310-0000-52134	COLLECTION SYSTEM MA...	Cameravan- Repairs		410.69	
MNS	MNS ENGINEERS, INC	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	63,649.00	61179
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26080054	Invoice	09/18/2026	UCDR Grant Admin	0.00	8,475.00	
	213-0000-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	UCDR Grant Admin		8,475.00	
26090669	Invoice	09/18/2026	West St, Rd. Diet	0.00	53,336.50	
	410-0000-57000	CAPITAL OUTLAY - IMPR...	West St, Rd. Diet		53,336.50	
26090674	Invoice	09/18/2026	Safe Routes to School Proj.	0.00	162.50	
	410-0000-57000	CAPITAL OUTLAY - IMPR...	Safe Routes to School Proj.		162.50	
26091180	Invoice	09/18/2026	UCDR Grant Admin.	0.00	1,675.00	
	213-0000-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	UCDR Grant Admin.		1,675.00	
MOBAAN	MONTEREY BAY ANALYTICAL SERVICES	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	2,763.40	61180
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260701_045	Invoice	09/18/2026	July Well #9 EFF	0.00	90.90	
	309-0000-52053	LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING	July Well #9 EFF		90.90	
260701_046	Invoice	09/18/2026	Well #6 3rd QTR	0.00	25.20	
	309-0000-52053	LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING	Well #6 3rd QTR		25.20	
260713_037	Invoice	09/18/2026	H. Plate Count - 7/13/26	0.00	180.00	
	310-0000-52053	LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING	H. Plate Count - 7/13/26		180.00	
260819_002	Invoice	09/18/2026	Hardness Samples- 8/19/26-2	0.00	50.40	
	310-0000-52053	LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING	Hardness Samples- 8/19/26-2		50.40	
260819_019	Invoice	09/18/2026	WW Weekly- 8/19/26	0.00	618.30	
	310-0000-52053	LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING	WW Weekly- 8/19/26		618.30	
260819_052	Invoice	09/18/2026	Hardness Samples- 8/19/26	0.00	50.40	

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	310-0000-52053 LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING		Hardness Samples- 8/19/26		50.40	
260820_078	Invoice	09/18/2026	SSB 1 Solids Sampling	0.00	66.00	
	310-0000-52053 LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING		SSB 1 Solids Sampling		66.00	
260821_027	Invoice	09/18/2026	Hardness Panel 8/21/26	0.00	50.40	
	310-0000-52053 LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING		Hardness Panel 8/21/26		50.40	
260827_066	Invoice	09/18/2026	WW Daily US- 8/27/26	0.00	125.60	
	310-0000-52053 LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING		WW Daily US- 8/27/26		125.60	
260828_033	Invoice	09/18/2026	WW Daily UV- 8/28/26	0.00	51.00	
	310-0000-52053 LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING		WW Daily UV- 8/28/26		51.00	
260829_011	Invoice	09/18/2026	WW Daily UV- 8/29/26	0.00	146.00	
	310-0000-52053 LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING		WW Daily UV- 8/29/26		146.00	
260830_011	Invoice	09/18/2026	WW Daily UV- 8/30/26	0.00	51.00	
	310-0000-52053 LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING		WW Daily UV- 8/30/26		51.00	
260831_052	Invoice	09/18/2026	WW Daily US- 8/31/26	0.00	30.60	
	310-0000-52053 LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING		WW Daily US- 8/31/26		30.60	
260901_076	Invoice	09/18/2026	Sept. Week #1 Bacti	0.00	135.00	
	309-0000-52053 LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING		Sept. Week #1 Bacti		135.00	
260901_079	Invoice	09/18/2026	Bacti Blue & Well #5	0.00	61.20	
	310-0000-52053 LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING		Bacti Blue & Well #5		61.20	
260901_084	Invoice	09/18/2026	WW Daily UV- 9/1/26	0.00	30.60	
	310-0000-52053 LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING		WW Daily UV- 9/1/26		30.60	
260902_046	Invoice	09/18/2026	WW Daily UV- 9/2/26	0.00	125.60	
	310-0000-52053 LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING		WW Daily UV- 9/2/26		125.60	
260903_057	Invoice	09/18/2026	WW Daily UV- 9/3/26	0.00	30.60	
	310-0000-52053 LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING		WW Daily UV- 9/3/26		30.60	
260904_024	Invoice	09/18/2026	WW Daily UV 9/4/26	0.00	146.00	
	310-0000-52053 LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING		WW Daily UV 9/4/26		146.00	
260905_010	Invoice	09/18/2026	WW Daily UV 9/5/26	0.00	146.00	
	310-0000-52053 LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING		WW Daily UV 9/5/26		146.00	
260906_009	Invoice	09/18/2026	WW Daily UV 9/6/26	0.00	146.00	
	310-0000-52053 LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING		WW Daily UV 6/6/26		146.00	
260907_013	Invoice	09/18/2026	WW Daily UV 9/7/26	0.00	146.00	
	310-0000-52053 LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING		WW Daily UV 9/7/26		146.00	
260908_089	Invoice	09/18/2026	WW Daily UV 9/8/26	0.00	125.60	
	310-0000-52053 LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING		WW Daily UV 9/8/26		125.60	
260909_072	Invoice	09/18/2026	Sept. Week #2 Bacti	0.00	135.00	
	309-0000-52053 LAB ANALYSIS & TESTING		Sept. Week #2 Bacti		135.00	
MONTPE	MONTEREY PENINSULA ENGINEERING	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	199,585.05	61181
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08-03	Invoice	09/18/2026	WRF Manhole Replacement	0.00	141,701.88	
	310-0000-57000	CAPITAL OUTLAY - IMPR...	WRF Manhole Replacement		141,701.88	
08-04 RET	Invoice	09/18/2026	WRF Manhole Replacement - Retention	0.00	57,883.17	
	310-0000-57000	CAPITAL OUTLAY - IMPR...	WRF Manhole Replacement - Re...		57,883.17	
MOTIND	MOTION INDUSTRIES, INC.	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	56.46	61182
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CA19-00812707	Invoice	09/18/2026	Deck Mower - Seal	0.00	56.46	
	310-0000-52525	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Deck Mower - Seal		56.46	
NEWPIG	NEW PIG CORPORATION	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	3,067.92	61183

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25101493-00	Invoice	09/18/2026	Hazardous Materials- Spill Pallet	0.00	3,067.92	
	310-0000-52052	SAFETY EQUIPMENT	Hazardous Materials- Spill Pallet	3,067.92		
NEWSV	NEWSV MEDIA	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	572.86	61184
187189	Invoice	09/18/2026	Public Notices	0.00	413.70	
	309-0000-52030	ORDINANCE & PUBLISHI...	Public Notices	311.34		
	310-0000-52030	ORDINANCE & PUBLISHI...	Public Notices	102.36		
187924	Invoice	09/18/2026	Publishing/Public Notice	0.00	159.16	
	100-1100-52030	ORDINANCE & PUBLISHI...	Publishing/Public Notice	159.16		
OREAUT	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	1,303.83	61185
3566-315878	Invoice	09/18/2026	Oil Change- '21 Ram/PW-3	0.00	74.16	
	309-0000-52080	FLEET SERVICES	Oil Change- '21 Ram/PW-3	74.16		
3566-316277	Invoice	09/18/2026	Seat Cover '21 Ram/PW-8	0.00	32.76	
	310-0000-52080	FLEET SERVICES	Seat Cover '21 Ram/PW-8	32.76		
3566-316279	Invoice	09/18/2026	Oil Change- PW-16	0.00	76.50	
	310-0000-52080	FLEET SERVICES	Oil Change- PW-16	76.50		
3566-316436	Invoice	09/18/2026	Engine and Trans. Service Unit 51	0.00	345.43	
	100-1400-52080	FLEET SERVICES	Engine and Trans. Service Unit 51	345.43		
3566-316481	Invoice	09/18/2026	Gear Oil - Unit 51	0.00	56.79	
	100-1400-52080	FLEET SERVICES	Gear Oil - Unit 51	56.79		
3566-316568	Invoice	09/18/2026	Filters/Oil Change- '21 Chevy/PW-6	0.00	122.71	
	310-0000-52080	FLEET SERVICES	Filters/Oil Change- '21 Chevy/P...	122.71		
3566-316571	Invoice	09/18/2026	Banjo Bolt - Unit 51	0.00	16.69	
	100-1400-52080	FLEET SERVICES	Banjo Bolt - Unit 51	16.69		
3566-316610	Invoice	09/18/2026	Air Filter Unit 51	0.00	20.44	
	100-1400-52080	FLEET SERVICES	Air Filter Unit 51	20.44		
3566-316633	Invoice	09/18/2026	Engine Service Unit 55	0.00	116.57	
	100-1400-52080	FLEET SERVICES	Engine Service Unit 55	116.57		
3566-316649	Invoice	09/18/2026	Suspension Parts Unit 51	0.00	74.08	
	100-1400-52080	FLEET SERVICES	Suspension Parts Unit 51	74.08		
3566-316781	Invoice	09/18/2026	Engine Service Unit 59	0.00	114.45	
	100-1400-52080	FLEET SERVICES	Engine Service Unit 59	114.45		
3566-316786	Invoice	09/18/2026	Cabin Filter - Unit 59	0.00	7.34	
	100-1400-52080	FLEET SERVICES	Cabin Filter - Unit 59	7.34		
3566-316878	Invoice	09/18/2026	Oil Change- PW-14	0.00	110.38	
	310-0000-52080	FLEET SERVICES	Oil Change- PW-14	110.38		
3566-316890	Invoice	09/18/2026	Engine Service Unit 53	0.00	93.24	
	100-1400-52080	FLEET SERVICES	Engine Service Unit 53	93.24		
3566-317500	Invoice	09/18/2026	Brake Lub and Cleaner Unit 53	0.00	30.24	
	100-1400-52080	FLEET SERVICES	Brake Lub and Cleaner Unit 53	30.24		
3566-317629	Invoice	09/18/2026	Brake Cleaner Unit 51	0.00	4.69	
	100-1400-52080	FLEET SERVICES	Brake Cleaner Unit 51	4.69		
3566-317703	Invoice	09/18/2026	Engine Oil Drain Plug	0.00	7.36	
	100-1400-52080	FLEET SERVICES	Engine Oil Drain Plug	7.36		
PACIAG	PACIFIC AG. RENTALS	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	3,646.84	61186

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4210294-0001	Invoice	09/18/2026	J. Deere Oil/Coolant Leak Repairs	0.00	3,646.84	
	310-0000-52525	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	J. Deere Oil/Coolant Leak Repairs	3,646.84		
PACIFICWATER	PACIFIC WATER ART, INCORPORATED	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	1,280.00	61187
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74781-INSP	Invoice	09/18/2026	Trouble Shoot and Inspection OLP Splash ...	0.00	1,280.00	
	651-0000-52522	PARK MAINTENANCE	Trouble Shoot and Inspection O...	1,280.00		
PAVEME	PAVEMENT ENGINEERING, INC.	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	12,701.25	61188
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2608-022	Invoice	09/18/2026	2026 SLURRY SEAL- Phase 2	0.00	12,701.25	
	411-0000-57000	CAPITAL OUTLAY - IMPR...	2026 SLURRY SEAL- Phase 2	5,588.55		
	649-0000-57000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	2026 SLURRY SEAL- Phase 2	3,683.36		
	652-0000-57000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	2026 SLURRY SEAL- Phase 2	3,429.34		
CELAYA	PHILLIP CELAYA	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	478.00	61189
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092826	Invoice	09/18/2026	Module Two Academy	0.00	478.00	
	100-1400-52091	TRAVEL, MEETINGS & TRA..	Module Two Academy	478.00		
PURPOW	PITNEY BOWES BANK INC PURCHASE POWER	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	2,123.15	61190
Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount	
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091126	Invoice	09/18/2026	Non Dept. Office Supplies	0.00	2,123.15	
	100-8000-52040	OFFICE SUPPLIES	Non Dept. Office Supplies	2,123.15		
RDOEQU	R.D. OFFUTT COMPANY	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	1,856.97	61191
Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount	
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P7735038	Invoice	09/18/2026	John Deer - Water Pump	0.00	1,856.97	
	310-0000-52525	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	John Deer - Water Pump	1,856.97		
TERMIN	RENTOKIL NORTH AMERICA INC	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	88.93	61192
Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount	
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475858339	Invoice	09/18/2026	OLP Pest Control	0.00	88.93	
	651-0000-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	OLP Pest Control	88.93		
RINCON	RINCON CONSULTANTS, INC.	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	9,544.93	61193
Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount	
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76688	Invoice	09/18/2026	2025 WWMP Update	0.00	9,544.93	
	309-0000-57000	CAPITAL OUTLAY - IMPR...	2025 WWMP Update	9,544.93		
ROYALFLUSH	ROYAL FLUSH PUMPING & SANITATION	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	514.00	61194
Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount	
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1309	Invoice	09/18/2026	Portable Toilet Rental	0.00	250.00	
	100-2100-52525	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Portable Toilet Rental	250.00		
1310	Invoice	09/18/2026	Portable Restroom Rental	0.00	264.00	
	310-0000-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Portable Restroom Rental	264.00		
MY JEE	SALINAS LINCOLN MERCURY, INC	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	949.48	61195

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273098	Invoice	09/18/2026	Brake Master Cyl. - Unit 51	0.00	289.30	
	100-1400-52080	FLEET SERVICES	Brake Master Cyl. - Unit 51	289.30		
273119	Invoice	09/18/2026	Brake Hoses	0.00	240.35	
	100-1400-52080	FLEET SERVICES	Brake Hoses - Unit 51	240.35		
273320	Invoice	09/18/2026	Brake System Module - Unit 53	0.00	419.83	
	100-1400-52080	FLEET SERVICES	Brake System Module - Unit 53	419.83		
SALSOL	SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	81,461.59	61196
Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount	
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27029	Invoice	09/18/2026	Solid Waste Fees/ Aug. 2026	0.00	22,990.00	
	311-0000-52230	LEASE CONTRACTS	Solid Waste Fees/ Aug. 2026	22,990.00		
27144	Invoice	09/18/2026	Solid Waste Fees/ Aug. 2026	0.00	58,471.59	
	311-0000-52230	LEASE CONTRACTS	Solid Waste Fees/ Aug. 2026	58,471.59		
MEDCLE	SANDRA LOPEZ MEDINA	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	4,520.00	61197
Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount	
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021220	Invoice	09/18/2026	Sendero Janitorial Services	0.00	4,200.00	
	121-0000-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Sendero Janitorial Services	4,200.00		
20200	Invoice	09/18/2026	Unit Disinfecting	0.00	320.00	
	100-1400-52080	FLEET SERVICES	Unit Disinfecting	320.00		
SMILE	SMILE BUSINESS PRODUCTS, INC.	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	695.46	61198
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1368698	Invoice	09/18/2026	Gateway Printer	0.00	39.90	
	100-1200-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Gateway Printer	39.90		
1368699	Invoice	09/18/2026	Copier - PD	0.00	89.62	
	100-1400-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Copier - PD	89.62		
1368700	Invoice	09/18/2026	Copier - CH	0.00	265.64	
	100-8000-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Copier - CH	265.64		
1372660	Invoice	09/18/2026	Gateway Printer	0.00	39.90	
	100-1200-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Gateway Printer	39.90		
1372661	Invoice	09/18/2026	Copier - PD	0.00	213.33	
	100-1400-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Copier - PD	213.33		
1372662	Invoice	09/18/2026	Copier - CH	0.00	47.07	
	100-8000-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Copier - CH	47.07		
SOLTRU	SOLEDAD TRUE VALUE	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	72.12	61199
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378883	Invoice	09/18/2026	Banner Program	0.00	17.46	
	100-2100-52525	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Banner Program	17.46		
379670	Invoice	09/18/2026	Reflective Number	0.00	1.08	
	100-2100-52525	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Reflective Number	1.08		
379762	Invoice	09/18/2026	Coupling	0.00	3.91	
	100-2100-52525	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	Coupling	3.91		
379763	Invoice	09/18/2026	Keys for event containers	0.00	49.67	
	100-2200-52105	SPECIAL EVENTS	Keys for event containers	49.67		
SPCAMO	SPCA OF MONTEREY COUNTY	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	4,675.00	61200

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08-26	Invoice	09/18/2026	SPCA Fees	0.00	4,675.00	
	312-0000-52235	ANIMAL SERVICES	SPCA Fees	4,675.00		
STAPLE	STAPLES BUSINESS CREDIT	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	456.95	61201
6072310453	Invoice	09/18/2026	Business Card Holder	0.00	7.01	
	310-0000-52040	OFFICE SUPPLIES	Business Card Holder	7.01		
6072310455	Invoice	09/18/2026	Recycled Copy Paper CH	0.00	401.38	
	100-8000-52040	OFFICE SUPPLIES	Recycled Copy Paper CH	401.38		
6072310456	Invoice	09/18/2026	Office Supplies Restock	0.00	48.56	
	310-0000-52040	OFFICE SUPPLIES	Office Supplies Restock	48.56		
CAJUST	STATE OF CALIFORNIA JUSTICE DEPARTMENT	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	529.00	61202
065861	Invoice	09/18/2026	Livescans	0.00	288.00	
	100-1400-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Livescans	288.00		
072392	Invoice	09/18/2026	Live Scan Fees	0.00	241.00	
	100-1400-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Live Scan Fees	241.00		
SYNAGRO	SYNAGRO - WWT, INC	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	11,690.70	61203
71147	Invoice	09/18/2026	Biosolids - August 2026	0.00	11,690.70	
	310-0000-52526	SLUDGE DISPOSAL	Biosolids - August 2026	11,690.70		
TELSTA	TELSTAR	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	12,817.00	61204
133852	Invoice	09/18/2026	Test Calibration at All Water Sites	0.00	12,817.00	
	309-0000-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Test Calibration at All Water Sites	12,817.00		
TMOBIL	T-MOBILE USA, INC	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	253.20	61205
986904795-45	Invoice	09/18/2026	IT Service	0.00	253.20	
	100-1320-52415	CELLULAR PHONE	IT Service - Phones	253.20		
USBANP	U.S. BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEM	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	15,583.64	61206
090726DN	Invoice	09/18/2026	Credit Card Purchases	0.00	795.16	
	100-1100-52040	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2 Sets of American/CA Flags for ...	754.11		
	100-8000-52042	POSTAGE, SHIPPING & FR...	USPS - Shipping Budget Binder to..	41.05		
090726DW	Invoice	09/18/2026	Credit Card Purchases	0.00	6,614.00	
	100-2100-52091	TRAVEL, MEETINGS & TRA...	Seminar/Membership - Pesticide..	170.00		
	309-0000-52091	TRAVEL, MEETINGS & TRA...	Renewal Fee - D Wilcox	125.00		
	309-0000-52091	TRAVEL, MEETINGS & TRA...	Renewal - Cross Connection Spec..	140.00		
	309-0000-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Yearly Renewal Software - Real...	1,785.66		
	309-0000-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Google Suite	310.80		
	310-0000-52091	TRAVEL, MEETINGS & TRA...	Renewal Fee - D Wilcox	125.00		
	310-0000-52091	TRAVEL, MEETINGS & TRA...	Trainiing Data Integrity - GP egis...	135.00		
	310-0000-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Yearly Renewal Software - Real...	1,785.65		
	310-0000-52520	MAINTENANCE AGREEM...	Google Suite	310.80		
	410-0000-52091	TRAVEL, MEETINGS & TRA...	Lunch at Windmill with Cal-West	128.69		
	410-0000-57000	CAPITAL OUTLAY - IMPR...	Storm Water Application Fees -...	619.00		

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	410-0000-57000 CAPITAL OUTLAY - IMPR...		Storm Water Service Fees - West..		17.02	
	651-0000-52522 PARK MAINTENANCE		Bromie - Splash Pad Supplies for...		764.73	
	651-0000-52522 PARK MAINTENANCE		Doggie Bags for OLP		196.65	
090726FU	Invoice	09/18/2026	Credit Card Purchases	0.00	669.00	
	100-1320-52520 MAINTENANCE AGREEM...		IT Maintenane Agreement - Web..		669.00	
090726MEH	Invoice	09/18/2026	Credit Card Purchases	0.00	6,175.48	
	100-1000-52040 OFFICE SUPPLIES		City Council Office Supplies		545.64	
	100-1100-52091 TRAVEL, MEETINGS & TRA...		IT Recurring Charge - Snipe IT		39.99	
	100-1320-52520 MAINTENANCE AGREEM...		IT Recurring Charge - Microsoft		1,168.57	
	100-1320-52520 MAINTENANCE AGREEM...		IT Recurring Charge - Microsoft		491.40	
	100-1320-52520 MAINTENANCE AGREEM...		IT Recurring Charge - Dashline		64.99	
	100-1320-52520 MAINTENANCE AGREEM...		IT Recurring Charge - Kaseya.com		99.75	
	100-1320-52520 MAINTENANCE AGREEM...		IT Recurring Charge - Dropbox		522.00	
	100-1320-52520 MAINTENANCE AGREEM...		IT Recurring Charge - Microsoft		240.00	
	100-1320-52520 MAINTENANCE AGREEM...		IT Recurring Charge - Microsoft		301.35	
	100-1320-52520 MAINTENANCE AGREEM...		IT Recurring Charge - Dreamhost		207.98	
	100-1320-52520 MAINTENANCE AGREEM...		IT Recurring Charge - Microsoft		48.30	
	100-1320-52520 MAINTENANCE AGREEM...		IT Recurring Charge - Microsoft		31.50	
	100-1320-52520 MAINTENANCE AGREEM...		IT Recurring Charge - Microsoft		1,168.57	
	100-1320-52520 MAINTENANCE AGREEM...		IT Recurring Charge - Mailchimp		120.00	
	100-2100-52518 FACILITIES EXPENSE		Corp Yard Storage and Lockers		1,125.44	
090726MH	Invoice	09/18/2026	Credit Card Purchases	0.00	1,330.00	
	100-1300-52010 MEMBERSHIP DUES		ICMA Membership-ACM		1,200.00	
	100-1320-52010 MEMBERSHIP DUES		Municipal Info. Systems Assoc of...		130.00	
	Void	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	0.00	61207
UBS	UNIVERSAL BUILDING SERVICES & SUPPLY CO, L	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	1,719.00	61208
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549703	Invoice	09/18/2026	Janitorial SVCS- City Hall	0.00	710.00	
	100-8000-52518 FACILITIES EXPENSE		Janitorial SVCS- City Hall	710.00		
549705	Invoice	09/18/2026	Janitorial Service	0.00	439.00	
	100-1400-52518 FACILITIES EXPENSE		Janitorial Service	439.00		
549706	Invoice	09/18/2026	Water/WW- Janitorial	0.00	355.00	
	309-0000-52518 FACILITIES EXPENSE		Water/WW- Janitorial	71.00		
	310-0000-52518 FACILITIES EXPENSE		Water/WW- Janitorial	284.00		
549707	Invoice	09/18/2026	Trailer- Janitorial	0.00	143.00	
	310-0000-52518 FACILITIES EXPENSE		Trailer- Janitorial	143.00		
549708	Invoice	09/18/2026	Blue Building- Janitorial	0.00	72.00	
	310-0000-52518 FACILITIES EXPENSE		Blue Building- Janitorial	72.00		
UTILTE	UTILITY TELECOM GROUP, LLC	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	4,397.79	61209
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90239000000026...	Invoice	09/18/2026	City Phones	0.00	4,397.79	
	100-8000-52410 TELEPHONE/DATA/PAGER		City Phones	4,397.79		
VERIZO	VERIZON WIRELESS	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	30.02	61210
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6151666143	Invoice	09/18/2026	ERF Internet	0.00	30.02	
	121-0000-52200 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...		ERF Internet	30.02		
TRUJILLOY	YOLANDA TRUJILLO	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	1,000.00	61211

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091126	Invoice	09/18/2026	Refund for Rental Deposit	0.00	1,000.00	
	100-0000-48615	RECREATION REVENUE	Refund for Rental Deposit	1,000.00		
Z&M EN	Z&M ENTERPRISE, LLC	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	26,131.51	61212
2331	Invoice	09/18/2026	UV Station - H Wiper Cylinder	0.00	26,131.51	
	310-0000-52525	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE..	UV Station - H Wiper Cylinder	26,131.51		
HERC	HERC RENTALS INC.	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	273.13	61213
36467118-002	Invoice	06/30/2026	Gym Light Repairs	0.00	273.13	
	100-2200-52518	FACILITIES EXPENSE	Gym Light Repairs	273.13		
ARREOL	JORGE ARREOLA	09/18/2026	Regular	0.00	1,024.36	61214
091526	Invoice	06/30/2026	Tuitiion Reimbursement Expenses FY 25-26	0.00	1,024.36	
	100-1400-52091	TRAVEL, MEETINGS & TRA..	Tuition Reimbursement Expense...	1,024.36		
JAV la	J.A.V. Language Solutions LLC	09/25/2026	Regular	0.00	900.00	61217
26-0007	Invoice	06/30/2026	Prof. Services - Translation	0.00	540.00	
	100-1000-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Prof. Services - Translation	540.00		
26-0061	Invoice	06/30/2026	Prof. Services - Translation	0.00	360.00	
	100-1000-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	Prof. Services - Translation	360.00		
MNS	MNS ENGINEERS, INC	09/25/2026	Regular	0.00	20,130.00	61218
92550	Invoice	06/30/2026	HMGP - Grant Writing Generators	0.00	20,130.00	
	100-8000-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	HMGP - Grant Writing Generato...	6,710.00		
	309-0000-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	HMGP - Grant Writing Generato...	6,710.00		
	310-0000-52200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...	HMGP - Grant Writing Generato...	6,710.00		
EFTPS	EFTPS	09/18/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	10,289.32	DFT0000216
INV0001819	Invoice	09/18/2026	MEDICARE W/H	0.00	10,289.32	
	100-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	MEDICARE W/H	6,381.66		
	121-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	MEDICARE W/H	72.58		
	213-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	MEDICARE W/H	20.28		
	309-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	MEDICARE W/H	1,133.46		
	310-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	MEDICARE W/H	1,738.68		
	311-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	MEDICARE W/H	217.90		
	312-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	MEDICARE W/H	110.28		
	410-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	MEDICARE W/H	546.56		
	416-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	MEDICARE W/H	67.80		
	531-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	MEDICARE W/H	0.12		
EFTPS	EFTPS	09/18/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	43,995.54	DFT0000217

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INV0001820	Invoice	09/18/2026	FICA W/H	0.00	43,995.54	
	100-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	FICA W/H	27,287.02		
	121-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	FICA W/H	310.26		
	213-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	FICA W/H	86.76		
	309-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	FICA W/H	4,845.96		
	310-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	FICA W/H	7,434.48		
	311-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	FICA W/H	931.46		
	312-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	FICA W/H	471.62		
	410-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	FICA W/H	2,337.64		
	416-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	FICA W/H	289.78		
	531-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	FICA W/H	0.56		
STAEDD	STATE OF CALIFORNIA E.D.D.	09/18/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	14,959.49	DFT0000218
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INV0001821	Invoice	09/18/2026	STATE TAX W/H	0.00	14,959.49	
	100-0000-21130	STATE TAX PAYABLE	STATE TAX W/H	10,076.41		
	121-0000-21130	STATE TAX PAYABLE	STATE TAX W/H	86.52		
	213-0000-21130	STATE TAX PAYABLE	STATE TAX W/H	37.01		
	309-0000-21130	STATE TAX PAYABLE	STATE TAX W/H	1,516.86		
	310-0000-21130	STATE TAX PAYABLE	STATE TAX W/H	2,151.29		
	311-0000-21130	STATE TAX PAYABLE	STATE TAX W/H	331.58		
	312-0000-21130	STATE TAX PAYABLE	STATE TAX W/H	123.61		
	410-0000-21130	STATE TAX PAYABLE	STATE TAX W/H	530.49		
	416-0000-21130	STATE TAX PAYABLE	STATE TAX W/H	105.50		
	531-0000-21130	STATE TAX PAYABLE	STATE TAX W/H	0.22		
EFTPS	EFTPS	09/18/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	34,773.25	DFT0000219
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INV0001822	Invoice	09/18/2026	FEDERAL TAX	0.00	34,773.25	
	100-0000-21120	FEDERAL TAX PAYABLE	FEDERAL TAX	23,273.53		
	121-0000-21120	FEDERAL TAX PAYABLE	FEDERAL TAX	203.31		
	213-0000-21120	FEDERAL TAX PAYABLE	FEDERAL TAX	74.86		
	309-0000-21120	FEDERAL TAX PAYABLE	FEDERAL TAX	3,358.19		
	310-0000-21120	FEDERAL TAX PAYABLE	FEDERAL TAX	5,549.02		
	311-0000-21120	FEDERAL TAX PAYABLE	FEDERAL TAX	745.50		
	312-0000-21120	FEDERAL TAX PAYABLE	FEDERAL TAX	287.17		
	410-0000-21120	FEDERAL TAX PAYABLE	FEDERAL TAX	1,030.10		
	416-0000-21120	FEDERAL TAX PAYABLE	FEDERAL TAX	251.05		
	531-0000-21120	FEDERAL TAX PAYABLE	FEDERAL TAX	0.52		
EFTPS	EFTPS	09/18/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	62.70	DFT0000220
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INV0001823	Invoice	09/18/2026	MEDICARE W/H	0.00	62.70	
	100-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	MEDICARE W/H	7.86		
	309-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	MEDICARE W/H	2.00		
	310-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	MEDICARE W/H	52.84		
EFTPS	EFTPS	09/18/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	268.12	DFT0000221
Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount	
	Account Number	Account Name	Item Description	Distribution Amount		
INV0001824	Invoice	09/18/2026	FICA W/H	0.00	268.12	
	100-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	FICA W/H	33.56		
	309-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	FICA W/H	8.52		
	310-0000-21110	FICA/MEDICARE PAYABLE	FICA W/H	226.04		
STAEDD	STATE OF CALIFORNIA E.D.D.	09/18/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	6.60	DFT0000222

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount	
	Account Number	Account Name	Item Description	Distribution Amount		
INV0001825	Invoice	09/18/2026	STATE TAX W/H	0.00	6.60	
	310-0000-21130	STATE TAX PAYABLE	STATE TAX W/H	6.60		
EFTPS	EFTPS	09/18/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	39.89	DFT0000223
Payable #	Payable Type	Post Date	Payable Description	Discount Amount	Payable Amount	
	Account Number	Account Name	Item Description	Distribution Amount		
INV0001826	Invoice	09/18/2026	FEDERAL TAX	0.00	39.89	
	100-0000-21120	FEDERAL TAX PAYABLE	FEDERAL TAX	0.34		
	309-0000-21120	FEDERAL TAX PAYABLE	FEDERAL TAX	0.67		
	310-0000-21120	FEDERAL TAX PAYABLE	FEDERAL TAX	38.88		

Bank Code APRAB Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	278	94	0.00	819,898.74
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	4	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	8	8	0.00	104,394.91
EFT's	18	12	0.00	37,906.97
	304	**118**	**0.00**	**962,200.62**

All Bank Codes Check Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	278	94	0.00	819,898.74
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	4	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	8	8	0.00	104,394.91
EFT's	18	12	0.00	37,906.97
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Fund Summary

Fund	Name	Period	Amount
999	POOLED CASH	9/2026	962,200.62
			962,200.62

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

SUBJECT: **Human Resources Activity Report**

TO: **Honorable Mayor Velazquez and City Council**

FROM: **Francine Uy, Human Resources Manager**

THROUGH: **Megan Hunter, City Manager**

MEETING DATE: **October 7, 2026**

Open Recruitment:
Police Officer - Academy Graduate/Lateral

Recruitment/Vacancy Status Update:
Wastewater Collections Systems Supervisor - pending review
Water Reclamation Shift Supervisor - pending amendment to Salary Range

New Hire:
N/A

Temporary Staffing:
(1) Administrative Assistant (Police Department) – Peak workload in the Records Division
(1) Maintenance Worker – Parks Maintenance – Backfill for WC injury
(2) Office Specialist (Community and Economic Development) – (1) Peak workload in the Planning and Building Division, (1) Grant Funded - YHDP
(1) Utility Maintenance Mechanic – Backfill for vacant WR Shift Supervisor

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

SUBJECT: **Community and Economic Development Department Activity Report**

TO: **Honorable Mayor Velazquez and City Council**

FROM: **Beatriz Trujillo, Community and Economic Development Director**

THROUGH: **Megan Hunter, City Manager**

MEETING DATE: **October 7, 2026**

Title: Community and Economic Development Department Activity Report

Reporting Month: September 2026

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION UPDATES:

CDBG BUSINESS ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM

Staff continue to administer the CDBG Business Assistance Loan Program, including management of the existing loan portfolio and available Program Income funds. As funds become available for new loans, staff will conduct targeted outreach to the local business community to promote the program, increase awareness of available financing opportunities, and provide guidance on eligibility and the application process.

BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

The City, in partnership with the Monterey County Business Council, facilitated the sixth El Mercadito at Cesar Chavez Park on September 5, 2026. The market provides local vendors and small businesses with opportunities to showcase their products and connect with the community and expand their client base. Beginning in October, El Mercadito will be held twice a month throughout the holiday season, providing additional opportunities for local entrepreneurs while encouraging community engagement and supporting local shopping. The event featured 12 local vendors offering a variety of products, food, and services. Entertainment included music by DJ Audrix and a performance by the Costa de America Folklorico dance group, creating a family-friendly atmosphere while supporting local businesses. The next regularly scheduled El Mercadito will be held on October 3rd, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Cesar Chavez Park.

CITY PARTNERSHIPS

Staff continues to strengthen partnerships with El Pajaro Community Development Corporation (CDC) and the Monterey County Business Council (MCBC) to support Soledad's small businesses and entrepreneurs. Through these partnerships, local businesses have access to technical assistance, workshops, training, and other resources

designed to help them address business needs and support growth.

SOLEDAD CONTAINER VILLAGE

The Soledad Container Village Feasibility Study, funded through the USDA Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) Program, has been completed, marking an important milestone in the City's efforts to evaluate the development of a small-business incubator on City-owned property in the Downtown Core. Staff presented the final study of findings and recommendations to the City Council, including an assessment of market conditions, development costs, revenue potential and implementation options. Based on the findings, the City is moving forward with a phased implementation approach rather than a single full built-out. The City has also secured a $300,000 CDBG Planning Grant to support construction plans and site development preparations as the project moves into its next phase.

HOUSING DIVISION UPDATES:

ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION

Sendero continues to make significant progress in supporting participants as they transition into permanent housing. We are pleased to report that three participants have successfully moved into Casa de Esperanza in King City, and one additional participant has moved into an apartment, bringing the total to four successful permanent housing placements. Additionally, two participants have been approved for housing and are currently awaiting their keys. Another participant has recently applied to Casa de Esperanza, and that application is currently pending. City staff and Step Up continue working closely with participants to complete the remaining requirements and support their successful transition into permanent housing. Following the recent riverbed cleanup, City staff returned to the area for follow-up outreach and identified three individuals living at the riverbed. Staff connected with the individuals, offered assistance, and were able to provide all three with placement at Sendero. Step Up will now begin working closely with these new participants to connect them with available resources, address barriers, and develop individualized plans toward permanent housing and long-term stability. With Sendero's anticipated closure approaching, these recent housing placements and continued outreach efforts represent encouraging progress. City staff and Step Up remain focused on identifying permanent housing opportunities while ensuring participants receive the resources and support needed throughout the transition. Participant services continue without interruption, with overnight security remaining in place and Step Up providing ongoing on-site support and case management.

YOUTH PROGRAM DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

During the month of September, City staff continued communications with the Coalition of Homeless Services and HUD regarding the (YHDP) grant transfer. The City is waiting for HUD's approval and a response to the renewal application. Upon approval, funding will support continued youth services at the Gateway Center. City staff, under the Coalitions instruction,

HHAP - HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE, AND PREVENTION PROGRAM

City staff are currently working on minor site improvements at the Gateway Center to create a more welcoming and youth-friendly environment. At the same time, staff are collaborating with partner agencies and local landlords, coordinating donations, and finalizing program and supportive services for participating youth. These efforts are intended to connect eligible youth with housing resources, case management, and other essential services that support pathways to stable, permanent housing. The Youth Hub is anticipated to open and begin youth outreach efforts within the next few weeks.

WORKFORCE HOUSING

Staff continue reviewing eligibility with city employees to occupy the workforce housing unit. Once eligibility is confirmed, staff will coordinate with the employee to complete the necessary steps for occupancy. The eligible employee may reside in the unit for up to two years, provided all program requirements continue to be met.

PRO-HOUSING APPLICATION

The City continues to work closely with its consultant to advance the Pro-Housing application. The application is being refined based on feedback and recommendations provided by HCD, with a focus on enhancing the housing production elements before it is finalized and submitted.

PLANNING & BUILDING DIVISION UPDATES:

SOLEDAD GENERAL PLAN

As part of the ongoing 2045 General Plan Update, the City of Soledad is working closely with the planning consultant PlaceWorks, Inc. and the General Plan Steering Committee to develop a long-term vision for growth, mobility, and land use in the community. Following the completion of the Land Use Alternatives and the initiation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process, the next major phase of the General Plan Update will involve producing an Administrative General Plan. In April 2026, staff received the first draft of the General Plan Update. However, Staff identified several areas that required significant improvements. As a result, the staff returned the draft to Placeworks for revisions and design modifications. Additionally, Environmental Analysis is still in progress. On September 2, 2026, the City Council approved a contract amendment allocating $25,000 from the existing CED budget to cover the additional costs associated with this review. Staff is currently reviewing the edits. To ensure a transparent and community-led process, City staff will continue to coordinate with the Steering Committee, which is made up of community members and local stakeholders, as well as the Soledad Planning Commission and City Council. This coordination will facilitate public engagement once a draft of the general plan is available for review and comment.

For more information about the General Plan Update, please visit the project website at www.soledadgeneralplan2045.com or obtain materials in person at City Hall.

SOLEDAD MARKETPLACE

The City of Soledad has approved the building application for Quick Quack Car Wash. The permit has been issued, and the applicant plans to begin construction in December 2026. No further applications have been submitted.

ALMOND ACRES SUBDIVISION

The proposed residential subdivision consists of 55 single-family and 12 multi-family housing units, located between Cedar and Orchard Lane. The project received entitlement on July 1, 2026, and at this time the Applicant is working on the Conditions of Approval. A Final Map will be provided for review and consideration of approval to the Planning Commission and the City Council.

SUHSD HOUSING PROJECT

Staff is actively collaborating with SUSD to advance the construction process. The building permit has been issued as of April 4th, 2025. The City is working closely with the applicant to ensure that the remaining deferred items are addressed.

MIRAMONTE (FORMER MIRAVALE III)

Staff is actively working with the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to secure the Certification of Completion. City Manager Megan Hunter has been leading

discussions with LAFCO regarding the agricultural conservation easement, and staff will continue coordinating to meet all requirements. It is important to highlight that the project already benefits several key approvals, including a certified Environmental Impact Report, an adopted Specific Plan, and a Vesting Tentative Tract Map. While the Development Agreement remains under preparation, much of the overall development framework is already in place. The Development Agreement will primarily address infrastructure phasing, financing strategies, and the affordable housing program. In parallel, staff has been working closely with the Developer's team to complete the draft Parks and Landscape Master Plan and the Fire Station/Police Substation Plan. These documents will provide further support for the Development Agreement's approval. On September 3, 2025, the Soledad City Council approved the formation of an Advisory Committee for the Miramonte Specific Plan, where the Committee's primary focus is on housing-related issues. The Miramonte Ad Hoc Committee held its first meeting on December 15, 2025. At that meeting, the Committee requested to meet on a regular basis, specifically on the second Monday of each month, to receive updates related to new housing development. A special meeting was scheduled on May 20, 2026 and was also livestreamed via the City of Soledad YouTube Channel. During this meeting, the developer received feedback on the proposed housing plan and will need to make modifications based on the Ad-Hoc discussion. The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 12, 2026.

BUILDING AND PLANNING DIVISION PERMIT ISSUANCE LOG:

The report is provided as Attachment 1.

Permit List

22 Records

Permit #	Issued	Any Parcel Number	Site Address	Type	Project Description	Valuation Totals
B-26032	08/25/2026	022-224-004-000	2092 H de la Rosa St	BUSINESS LICENSE ZONING REVIEW	FOOD TRUCK - TREJOS CARNITAS Y MARISCOS ON STREET AT 299 NESTLES RD	
260178	08/27/2026	22322025000	876 BARCELONA ST	RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOF	RE-ROOF REMOVE EXISTING & REPLACE WITH 30YRS COMP. SHINGLES 1,260 SQ. FT.	$12,000.00
B-26036	08/28/2026	022351008000	331 Gabilan Drive	BUSINESS LICENSE ZONING REVIEW	ZONING COMPLIANCE - 331 GABILAN DRIVE - EL MICHOACANO RESTAURANT	
260139	09/01/2026	22491007000	2293 H DELA ROSA SR ST	COMMERCIAL FIRE SYSTEMS	Adding and relocating Fire Sprinkler heads	$5,850.00
260157	09/01/2026	22533048000	813 MORA CIR	SOLAR / PV SYSTEM	4.5 KW (10) Panel Roof mount PV System (1) ESS -NEW 225 SUBPANEL TO BE INSTALLED	$15,550.00
260179	09/01/2026	022512035000	1196 LA COLINA ST	SOLAR / PV SYSTEM	ROOF MOUNT SOLAR 7 MODULES, 3.15 KWS, 1 INVERTER, 2 BUSBAR, 1 ESS	$20,172.00
260180	09/01/2026	22311013000	795 MALAGA CT	RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOF	REMOVE EXISTING AND REPALCE WITH COMP. SHINGLES 30YR 3,258 SQ. FT.	$15,000.00
260181	09/01/2026	022271044000	643 CORDOBA STREET	RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOF	REMOVE & REPLACE WITH 50YR COMP. SHINGLES 1,720 SQ. FT.	$15,000.00
260182	09/01/2026	22101013000	326 WEST ST	SOLAR / PV SYSTEM	ROOF MOUNT SOLAR 11 MODULES, 4.95 KWS, 1 INVERTER 1ESS	$24,320.00
260183	09/01/2026	22323036000	902 PRADO DR	RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOF	REMOVE EXISTING AND REPLACE WITH COMP. SHINGLES 2,203 SQ. FT.	$13,000.00
260185	09/02/2026	22512011000	1239 SAN ANTONIO	SOLAR / PV SYSTEM	ROOF MOUNT SOLAR 10 MODULES, 4.5 KWS, 1 INVERTER, 1ESS	$20,145.00
260151	09/03/2026	22302068000	1275 MESA ST	RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICAL	Removal and Reinstallation 8.16 kW PV System (32 modules) in reference to permit 140096	$499.00

Permit #	Issued	Any Parcel Number	Site Address	Type	Project Description	Valuation Totals
260169	09/03/2026	22303085000	736 TERRAZA ST	RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOF	Remove existing gray comp shingles and replace with new class A Malarkey Vista midnight black comp shingles. 2500 square feet.	$26,000.00
260186	09/09/2026	22192016000	1556 MUNRAS ST	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING STUCCO	Residential stucco of 1,400 sq ft	$7,000.00
260191	09/15/2026	22282053000	1754 MARIN PL	RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOF	REMOVE & REPLACE WITH 50YRS COMP. SHINGLES 1,350 SQ. FT.	$7,000.00
B-26033	09/15/2026	22511027000	1102 SAN RAFAEL	BUSINESS LICENSE ZONING REVIEW	J MERINO RENTAL HOME OCCUPANCY	
260192	09/17/2026	022093014000	741 MARKET ST	RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOF	FULL TEAR OFF TO INSTALL NEW PRESIDENTIAL SHAKE - CLASS A SHINGLES COLOR: AGED BARKED	$6,000.00
250357	09/18/2026	022-031-009-000	839-A MONTEREY ST	ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT	839 MONTEREY ST DETACHED GARAGE CONVERSION TO ADU 517 SQ. FT. (2022 Code Cycle)	$52,299.72
260193	09/18/2026	22305008000	1320 MADERA ST	RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOF	1320 MADERA ST - RE-ROOF 30 YEAR SHINGLES ON 2600 SQ FT INCLUDING GARAGE	$15,000.00
B-26037	09/18/2026	022481024000	869 La Colina	BUSINESS LICENSE ZONING REVIEW	HOME OCCUPATION - DEL AGUILA CONSTRUCTION INC AT 869 LA COLINA ST	
260196	09/22/2026	22143002000	1014 PALM AVE	SOLAR / PV SYSTEM	ROOF MOUNT SOLAR 7 MODULES, 3.15 KWS, 1 INVERTER, 1ESS, 1ESS	$32,951.00
260198	09/23/2026	22063020000	299 8TH ST	RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOF	RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOF AT 299 8TH STREET - 30 YEAR COMP SHINGLE 2,416 SQ FT	$14,000.00

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

SUBJECT: **Parks & Recreation Department Activity Report**

TO: **Honorable Mayor Velazquez and City Council**

FROM: **Ana Ambriz, Parks and Recreation Director**

THROUGH: **Megan Hunter, City Manager**

MEETING DATE: **October 7, 2026**

Executive Summary

Throughout September, the Soledad Community Center remained a hub for recreation, community services, and gatherings, providing opportunities for residents across all age groups. The center maintained consistent engagement during the month, with 444 active memberships, 2,949 visits to the facility, and 440 registrations for programs and activities.

Program Highlights

Youth and Adult Sports:

- Sports programming continues to be a community favorite! This year's Fall Soccer Season was especially successful, reaching the program's maximum number of registrants. The season kicked off with a special event in partnership with the Salinas Regional Soccer Complex and Monterey Bay Fútbol Club, who led youth participants through soccer drills and activities.

  Thanks to Mayor Anna Velazquez, each youth participant at the kickoff received a FIFA soccer ball to take home, with more than 150 balls distributed to local youth. Participants also received an inspiring message from Vanessa Aguilar, a Soledad resident and soccer player, who shared words of encouragement with the next generation of local athletes.

- The Fall Youth Volleyball Season also got started this month, bringing more than 100 young athletes together to learn, compete, and build their skills on the court. The program continues to provide local youth with opportunities to stay active, develop teamwork and sportsmanship, and connect with their peers in a fun and supportive environment.

- In partnership with Hartnell College's Women's Basketball Team, the City hosted a free basketball clinic for youth ages 5–13. The clinic brought together more than 50 local youth for a morning of basketball, skill-building, and fun, while providing participants with an opportunity to learn from and interact with college athletes.

- Friday nights at the Community Center are full of energy, excitement, and competition! The Adult Youth Basketball League has kept players and spectators engaged throughout the fall season, with teams battling it out on the court as the season heads toward the finals. Championship games are set for the second week of October, so stay tuned as we find out which teams will be crowned the Fall champions!

Adult and Senior Programs:

- Senior programming continued to bring the community together this month, with the SoCo Social celebrating Mexican Independence Day. More than 60 local seniors joined the celebration, enjoying a delicious meal and morning filled with community, resources and connection.

- Sit & Stretch returned this month with two sessions designed to promote movement, relaxation, and overall wellness. Seniors participated in guided stretching and breathing exercises, creating an opportunity to slow down, recharge, and support both physical and mental well-being.

- Who doesn't love a little fall creativity? This month, seniors joined Aurora for a festive fall wreath-making class that combined creativity, connection, and hands-on fun. The activity provided participants with an opportunity to socialize with friends and neighbors while supporting fine motor skills and promoting cognitive and emotional well-being.

Youth Council Program

- The Youth Council has been hard at work developing its program initiative. After thoughtful discussion and consideration, the Council has chosen to focus its efforts on community beautification, volunteerism, and civic engagement. Members are currently working to develop their ideas and identify meaningful ways to make a positive impact in the community. A more detailed update and presentation will be shared at the October 21 meeting.

Orchard Lane Splash Pad

- The Orchard Lane Splash Pad continued to be a popular community amenity throughout September, providing families with a fun way to cool off as summer came to an end. Due to continued community use, splash pad operations were extended through the end of September. Park Attendants remained on-site during weekend hours to oversee the facility, promote safe and appropriate use, maintain a clean and welcoming environment, and assist visitors as needed. The final weekend of the Park Attendant Program will take place September 26–27.

Facilities & Rentals

	Council Waiver	**City/SPR Use**	**Rented**
Sports Fields	0	10	98

SCC Facility	1	0	1
Park Reservations	1	1	1

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

SUBJECT: **Community Engagement Activity Report, September 2026**

TO: **The Honorable Mayor Anna Velazquez and Soledad City Council**

FROM: **Eric Mora, Community Engagement Manager**

THROUGH: **Megan Hunter, City Manager**

MEETING DATE: **October 7, 2026**

Below are a couple of highlights from Community Engagement's work in the month of September 2026:

Economic Development Activity Communication Support (Strategic Plan Goal 1.1 Build a Resilient and Diverse Local Economy by Supporting Business Attraction, Retention and Expansion)

During the month of September, the Community Engagement team supported several economic development and promotional initiatives designed to increase visibility for the City of Soledad and highlight opportunities for business and community investment.

The team supported promotional efforts for El Mercadito's September 2026 event,

The Community Engagement team also provided support for a promotional video commissioned for the upcoming ICMA conference in Long Beach, California. The video is intended to showcase Soledad as a small city with big ideas, highlighting the community's unique assets, local character, and potential as a destination for future business development and investment.

As part of the video production, the Community Engagement Manager worked directly with the production crew on September 8 during an all-day filming session throughout the City. The day included interviews, site tours, and filming at various locations to capture the people, places, and community assets that contribute to Soledad's identity and economic development potential.

Civics Academy August Meeting (Strategic Plan Goal 4.6.2 – Strengthen community participation and civic engagement.)

In September 2026, the Community Engagement Manager continued the City's two-meeting format for the Civics Academy, offering one morning and one evening session to

provide greater flexibility and expand opportunities for community participation.

During the September sessions, Civics Academy members received information about upcoming community engagement opportunities, including the West Street Road Diet community meeting and Coffee with a Cop.

The September curriculum also focused on strengthening participants' understanding of local government processes. In response to feedback from Civics Academy members regarding the difficulty of navigating the City Council agenda, the Community Engagement Manager provided an overview of how to read and understand a public meeting agenda, including how to identify agenda items and supporting information. Members also received an introduction to the Brown Act, along with guidance on how to effectively participate in public meetings and provide public comment.

These discussions are intended to increase civic literacy and equip Civics Academy participants with the information and tools needed to more confidently engage in City government and community decision-making.

Community Partnerships (Strategic Plan Goal 3.3.2 – Identify and eliminate inequities in city service delivery.)

The Community Engagement Manager has been working with Catholic Charities to establish a pilot program that will provide Medi-Cal and CalFresh renewal assistance to Soledad residents. The program is scheduled to launch in October 2026 and will offer dedicated office hours in Soledad.

The pilot program is intended to improve access to essential public benefits by providing residents with assistance navigating the Medi-Cal and CalFresh renewal process closer to home. Through this partnership, residents who may need support completing their renewals will have access to in-person assistance within the community, reducing barriers to accessing and maintaining these critical services.

The program represents a collaborative effort to connect Soledad residents with available resources and strengthen local access to social service support.

New Website Launch (Strategic Plan Goal 10.4.2 – Transform the City's Website, Meeting Systems, and Digital Tools to Support Accessible and Transparent Governance)

The Community Engagement Manager met with the Assistant City Manager and IT Technician to develop a plan for improving the City's website and enhancing the public's ability to access information and services online.

One of the most significant improvements to date has been the development of a new website sitemap, designed to create a more intuitive and user-friendly structure for navigating City information. The updated sitemap will help residents more easily locate City services, programs, resources, and departmental information.

The team will continue working collaboratively to develop a website brand guide and consistent standards for content. The team will also provide guidance and support to City departments as they transition to the updated website structure and implement these

improvements. This ongoing effort is intended to create a more consistent, accessible, and user-centered online experience for the community.

Supporting Fire and Police Departments with Annual 9/11 Event (Strategic Plan Goal 4.3.5 – Honor influential figures, community leaders, and veterans.)

The Community Engagement team provided communications and promotional support to the Soledad Police and Fire Departments for the City's annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. Recognizing that the ceremony was scheduled for 8:00 a.m., the team developed a digital reflection series to provide residents with an additional opportunity to participate and reflect on the significance of September 11.

The series featured seven reflection videos with members of the Soledad Police and Fire Departments sharing their personal perspectives on the meaning of 9/11 and its lasting significance for first responders. The digital campaign was designed to extend the reach of the in-person ceremony and ensure that residents who were unable to attend could still engage with the commemoration online. Collectively, the seven videos generated 77.4K impressions, significantly expanding the reach of the City's 9/11 remembrance efforts.

The Community Engagement Manager also continued to highlight proclamations issued by the Soledad City Council through video content, helping increase public awareness of the Council's recognition of important community issues and observances. Recent videos highlighted the proclamation recognizing Eric Segura, which generated 19.7K impressions, as well as proclamations recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month (12.9K impressions) and **C**hildhood Cancer Awareness Month (6.4K impressions).

These efforts provide the public with accessible digital content that highlights the work of the City Council, recognizes members of the community, and creates additional opportunities for residents to engage with City activities and initiatives beyond traditional in-person events.

Coffee with a Cop (Strategic Plan Goal 6.1.1 – Strengthen relationships between police and residents)

The Community Engagement Manager partnered with the Soledad Police Department to coordinate and promote a Coffee with a Cop event on September 29, coinciding with National Coffee Day. The event was held at the Soledad Starbucks and provided an informal setting for residents to connect with local law enforcement, ask questions, and build relationships with members of the Police Department.

The event supports the City's Strategic Goal 6.1.1 by creating opportunities for direct community engagement and strengthening connections between residents and City public safety personnel.

CAPIO Leadership Conference (Strategic Plan Goal 10.3.1 – Strengthen leadership development and organizational coaching)

The Community Engagement Manager attended the California Public Information Officers Association (CAPIO) Leadership Conference in Dublin, California. The two-day conference focused on leadership development, strategic communications, organizational influence, team management, and effective decision-making and presence at the

leadership table.

The conference provided an opportunity to strengthen leadership and communications skills while learning from public information professionals and communications leaders from throughout California. Sessions and peer discussions focused on best practices, emerging approaches to public-sector communications, and strategies for effectively communicating with and engaging the community.

Participation in the conference also provided valuable opportunities to network with communications professionals from jurisdictions across the state and exchange ideas, resources, and best practices that can be applied to the City of Soledad's ongoing community engagement and public information efforts.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

SUBJECT: **Public Works Activity Report**

TO: **Honorable Mayor Velazquez and City Council**

FROM: **Juan Huerta, Assistant Engineer**

THROUGH: **Megan Hunter, City Manager**

MEETING DATE: **October 7, 2026**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

MEETING
DATE: October 7, 2026

Projects and Activities

- **RW Conveyance Project**
  - The RW project continues, along with construction of the wet well pump station at the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant. This will be one of the final steps before testing begins on the system. Project Ribbon Cutting has been scheduled for December 12, 2026.
- **West St Road Diet**
  - The West Street Road Diet began construction and continues moving forward. PW staff held a community outreach meeting on September 23 to inform the public about the next steps for the project.
- **Front Street Median Landscaping Project**
  - The Front St. Landscaping Project has concluded bidding and will begin construction in the coming weeks.
- **PD HVAC**
  - The replacement of two faulty HVAC units at the Police Department was completed with two newer, operational units.
- **Well Upgrades**
  - The city completed the purchase of an emergency generator for one of its wells to ensure it can continue delivering potable water in the event of a power outage.

Future Projects

- The City has completed its RFQ for On Call Consultants and will take it to the next City Council meeting after its evaluation process has been completed.
- The Water Smart and Energy Efficiency Grant project has been out for bid and is scheduled to be due on October 2, 2026.
- The City's slurry seal project has been put out to bid for the streets of Gabilan and Orchard with a due date of October 9, 2026.

Water Resources Monthly Report – August and September 2026

Drinking Water System (CA2710011)
Drinking Water System Operation and Maintenance

- Cross-Connection Control Program
  - → Backflow Prevention Assembly (BPA) tests ~99% complete; final notice deliveries in person
  - → coordination with the Recycled Water Conveyance Project
    - BPA installations at park restrooms and drinking fountains

- Hydrant(s) Repairs/Replacements:
  - → corner of Monterey/Oak
  - → dry barrel to wet barrel replacement on West St
- Service Leak(s) –
  - → Monterey/Main emergency repair
  - → Las Flores/Toledo irrigation line repair
  - → Andalucia/Regina line repair (1 ¼ in copper)
- Pressure Reducing Valves (PRVs)
  - → flowmeter installations Metz/Orchard PRV complete
  - → Serra Lane PRV pressure gauge installation – pending
- Tanks
  - → Ixom mixer La Cuesta Tank 1 troubleshooting continues
  - → Safety pole extension for tank lad.ders received; installation pending
- Wells
  - → Telstar instrumentation calibration checks complete
  - → SCADA Pak programming needed
  - → portable emergency generator purchased and received for Well 11; stored at WRF
  - → Cla-Val rebuilt at Well 09

Drinking Water Quality Monitoring

- Weekly Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) Bacteriological sample collection – Distribution System (treated/disinfected water) – Total Coliform and E. coli monitoring (all results Not Detected, ND)
- Monthly (Aug/Sep 2026)
  - → Iron and Manganese – Well 09 Effluent (ND)
- Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) Monitoring – 36 sites complete; results sent to State and customers

Drinking Water State Monitoring and Reporting

- CA State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), Division of Drinking Water (DDW) Submittals
  DDW Monthly Reporting (covers Jul and Aug 2026) – *Submitted Aug 07 and Sep 02, 2026, respectively*

- CA SWRCB, Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Clearinghouse Submittals
  SAFER Monthly Report (covers Jul and Aug 2026) – *Submitted Aug 18 and Sep 04, 2026, respectively*
  - Drought and Conservation Report – includes information on water shortage, source (well) reporting, potable supply (groundwater production) and demand (customer consumption), residential and non-residential demand, estimated water loss, maximum day demand (MDD), supply augmentation, and demand reduction

Water Reclamation Facility (WRF)

WRF Operation and Maintenance

Wastewater Treatment

- Headworks
  - → conveyor belt gearbox replacement (new keyway) complete
- Biological Nutrient Reactors (BNRs)
  - → BNR mixers quarterly maintenance; equipment sent to vendor for repairs
- Clarifier #1 out of service
  - → Notice of Potential Award issued to Clean Infusion; awaiting documentation
  - → Gear drive unit shipped to WRF
- Equalization (EQ) Basin
  - → EQ Pump #1 out of service; need to run new electrical

→ trash pump rental 6-inch suction hose to clean out sludge buildup on bottom of basin
→ Coordination with RW contractor to use EQ as temporary W-3 water source; Water Board approval confirmed via email on Sep 22, 2026 (bypass Fuzzy Filters and UV; go direct to RIBs)

- Fuzzy Filters
  → Filter 1 quarterly cleaning complete
  → Filters 3 and 4 detergent washing complete
- Chlorination Equipment
  → Chlorine Feed Pumps 1 and 2 repairs complete
- UV Channel Maintenance – weekly maintenance ongoing
  → Wiper blade assemblies received and installed
- Septage Receiving Station
  → New screen added to dump box for better rag removal during hauler pumping/disposal
- Sludge Stabilization Basins (SSBs)
  → SSB #2 mixer #8 failed due to jammed rags; pulled out with grade-all rental

Rapid Infiltration Basins (RIBs)
- Weed abatement by Gabilan Fire Crew
- Discing and ripping within RIBs continues (for better infiltration/percolation)

Sludge (Biosolids) Processing
- Nothing pending

Vehicle/Tractor Maintenance and Repairs
- CAT loader quarterly sludge and air filter cleaning complete
- Tractor (John Deere) – repair work complete
- Disc set repair complete
- Crane Truck – crane non-functional; replacement crane to be identified

Wastewater Quality Monitoring
- Sample Collection for Certified Laboratory Analysis and Process Control – Daily, Weekly, Monthly
- UV Transmittance (UVT) Testing
  → Testing ends October 14, 2026; Trussell Technology will compile report for State review

Wastewater State Reporting
- CA SWRCB, Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (CCRWQCB) Submittals for Master Water Reclamation Requirements (Order R3-2008-0042) – NEW PERMIT pending (date TBD)
  CCRWQCB Quarterly Reporting (2026 Quarter 3 – Jul/Aug/Sep – due Nov 01, 2026)
  - Waste Discharge Requirements Self-Monitoring Report plus laboratory analytical results

- CA SWRCB, CCRWQCB Notice of Intent (NOI) for coverage under Order WQ 2016-0068-DDW
  - Water Reclamation Requirements for Recycled Water Use (enrollment in Order pending)

- CalRecycle Recycling and Disposal Reporting System (RDRS) – Biosolids Recycler/Composter RDRS #RD13269
  Quarterly Reporting (2026 Quarter 2 – Apr/May/Jun) – submitted Aug 19, 2026)
  - Tonnage recycled/composted: 1,907.56 Tons (per certified scale weight tickets; Synagro)
  - Biosolids delivery to Liberty Composting

Collections (Sanitary Sewer)

- Weekly hot spots monitoring; jetting and cleaning (as needed)
  → Los Coches line toward Dutch Bros jetting complete
- Mission Controls level floats hot spot installation 75% complete; alarm monitoring for high/low levels

Stormwater
- Storm drain cleaning continues; manholes and inlets
- Outfall A sampling complete; results pending

Figure 1 – Construction of RW Wet Well at the Wastewater Treatment Plant



Figure 2 – PW repairing equipment at the Wastewater Treatment Plant



Figure 3 – Construction Work on the West St. Road Diet



Figure 4- PW Staff West St. Road Diet Project Outreach Meeting



COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

SUBJECT: **Fire Department Activity Report**

TO: **Honorable Mayor Velazquez and City Council**

FROM: **Jason Luckenbach, Assistant Fire Chief**

THROUGH: **Megan Hunter, City Manager**

MEETING DATE: **October 7, 2026**

Fire Department Activity Report - September 2026

City of Soledad Fire Department

525 Monterey Street, Soledad, CA 93960

STAFF REPORT

September 24th, 2026

To: Mayor Velazquez and City Council

From: Jason Luckenbach, Assistant Fire Chief

Subject: **Activity Report – September 2026**

BUSINESS INSPECTIONS / PRE-PLANS:

- (12) Life/Safety Business Inspections have been completed
- (8) Re-Inspections completed
- (5) Business Pre-Plans completed

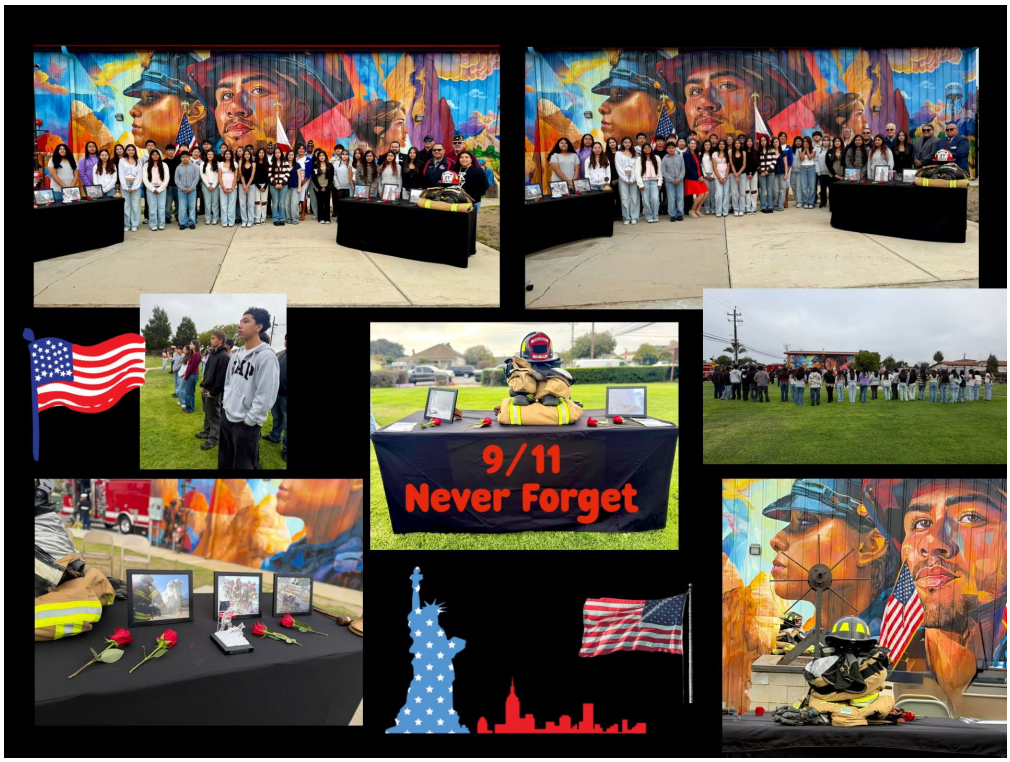
PUBLIC RELATIONS EVENTS:

- September 3rd – Fire Crews attended the Back To School Celebration at Jack Franscioni Elementary School.



- September 11th – The Fire Department hosted the 25th Anniversary for 9/11

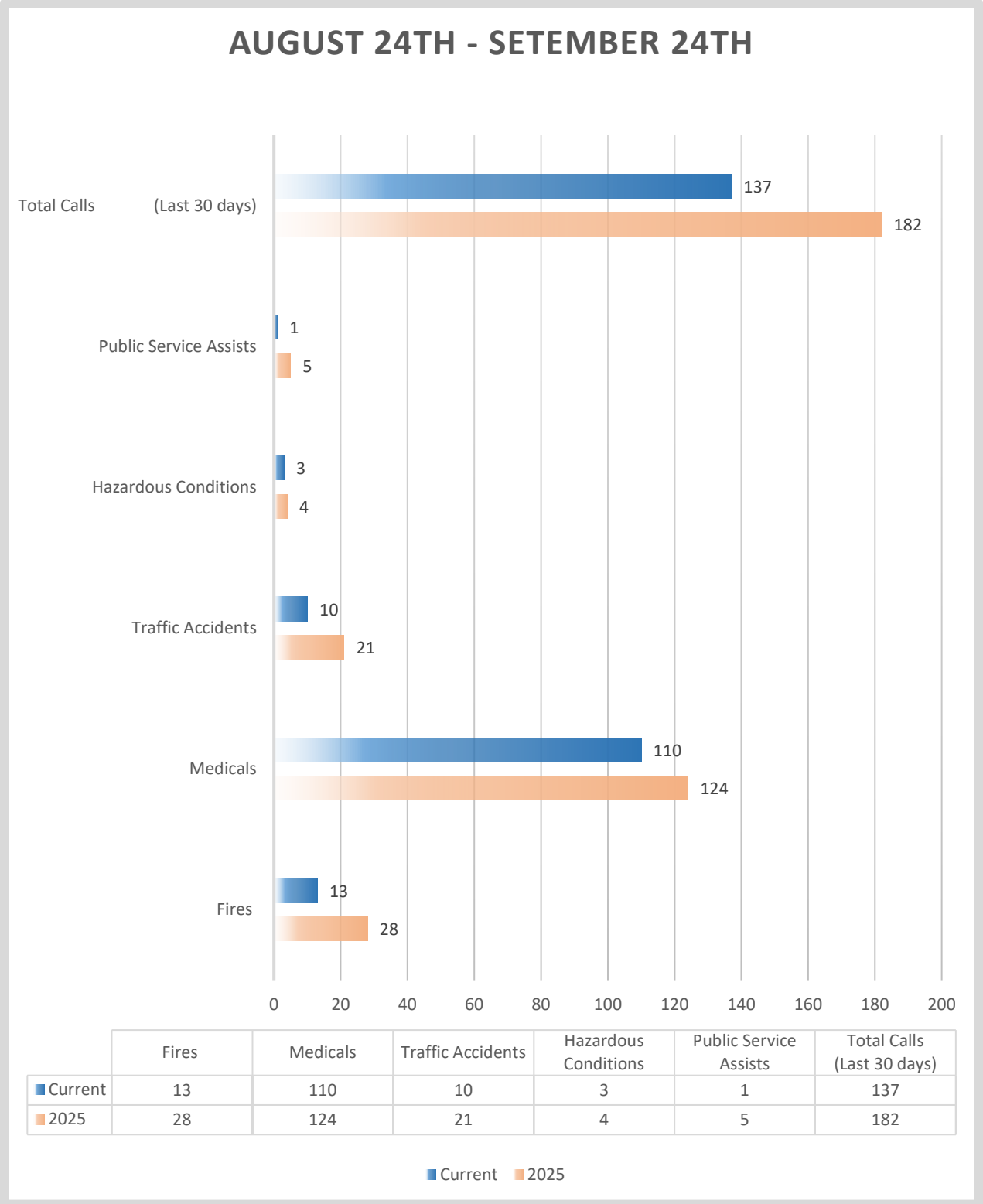




SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS:

- No significant events to report for the month of August.

Station 37 - Call Volume



	Fires	Medicals	Traffic Accidents	Hazardous Conditions	Public Service Assists	Total Calls (Last 30 days)
Current	13	110	10	3	1	137
2025	28	124	21	4	5	182

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

SUBJECT: **Police Department Activity Report**

TO: **Honorable Mayor Velazquez and City Council**

FROM: **Jorge Arreola, Chief of Police**

THROUGH: **Megan Hunter, City Manager**

MEETING DATE: **October 7, 2026**

SOLEDAD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Crime Date and Calls for Service 2026

Activity	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Murder/Attempted Murder	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0			
Sexual Assault	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			
2025-Armed Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Armed Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0			
2025-Strong Arm Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Strong Arm Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0			
Aggravated Assault	3	2	0	1	5	2	5	3	3			
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
Burglary	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	1			
Auto Theft	1	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	2			
DUI Stops at checkpoint	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Minor ABC/TOBACCO Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Youth Violence Related Incidents	1	2	4	2	4	5	0	0	15			
Traffic Citations/Warnings Issued	96	107	72	99	137	125	148	111	92			
Total Arrests	22	27	24	23	31	23	29	31	34			
Dogs Impounded	13	10	7	6	0	1	5	4	4			
Cats & Other Impounds	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	2			
ACO Contacts	23	18	15	15	38	14	16	17	17			
Animals transported to SPCA	4	5	5	4	0	1	3	4	3			
Code Enforcement Contacts	89	91	145	98	59	45	29	66	104			
Parking Enforcement Citations/Warnings	17	46	77	64	69	43	26	64	89			
Vehicle Abatement Contacts	31	43	36	45	28	38	32	31	83			
Commercial Enforcement Contacts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Community Policing	50	51	55	60	62	44	60	41	60			
Victim Advocate Contacts	57	56	59	15	10	3	28	35	11			
Domestic Violence	4	6	7	5	2	7	6	8	12			
Total Calls for Service	1,094	975	950	978	1,364	883	1,080	1,174	1,273			
TOTAL MONTHLY ACTIVITY	1,506	1,444	1,458	1,422	1,812	1,238	1,468	1,593	1,807			

Soledad Police Department

Department Activity Report

CSO: P. Celaya	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Abandoned Vehicles												
72-Hour Tag: Public	27	40	36	18	17	15	2	27	44			
72-Hour Tag: Private	2	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	3			
Vehicles Towed	2	2	0	2	4	4	1	4	4			
Total AV Contacts	31	42	36	21	24	21	3	31	51			
Commercial Enforcement												
Commercial Enforcement Contacts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Animal Control												
Dog Licenses Issued	0	0	0	11	2	0	0	0	0			
Dogs In Custody	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	2			
Other Animals In Custody	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	2			
Animal Bites	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	1			
SPCA Transport	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	1			
Deceased Animals	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	1			
Citations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Warning Citations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
Breeding License Applications	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Contacts regarding Breeding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Total Animal Control Contacts	3	1	1	13	5	0	7	11	8			
Municipal Code Violations												
Complaints	3	9	9	7	12	10	7	12	18			
Warnings	8	6	5	4	1	1	0	3	6			
Citations	8	46	50	37	11	12	2	21	51			
Total Municipal Code Contacts	19	36	64	46	24	23	9	36	74			
Calls for Service												
Other Calls for Service	50	29	28	19	15	23	28	28	24			
Total Calls for Service	103	108	129	99	68	67	47	106	157			

Soledad Police Department

Department Activity Report

CSO: ALEJANDRE	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Abandoned Vehicles												
72-Hour Tag: Public	0	0	0	6	7	13	26	23	27			
72-Hour Tag: Private	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1			
Vehicles Towed	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	1	4			
Total AV Contacts	0	1	0	6	7	17	29	25	32	0	0	0
Commercial Enforcement												
Commercial Enforcement Contacts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Animal Control												
Dog Licenses Issued	3	0	0	4	25	10	1	1	1			
Dogs In Custody	5	4	4	3	0	1	3	2	2			
Other Animals In Custody	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0			
Animal Bites	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1			
SPCA Transport	3	4	1	1	0	1	1	1	2			
Deceased Animals	0	0	0	1	5	2	3	2	2			
Citations	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0			
Warning Citations	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Breeding License Applications	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Contacts regarding Breeding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
Total Animal Control Contacts	11	10	5	12	31	14	9	6	9	0	0	0
Municipal Code Violations												
Complaints	7	10	38	14	13	11	10	15	15			
Warnings	7	9	0	14	13	10	10	14	15			
Citations	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0			
Total Municipal Code Contacts	14	20	38	28	27	22	20	30	30	0	0	0
Calls for Service												
Other Calls for Service	25	33	36	27	26	31	27	49	47			
Total Calls for Service	50	64	79	73	91	84	85	110	118	0	0	0

Activity Report- C. Zamudio

August 20th 2026-September24th 2026

Victim Assistance Advocate:

Referral Services: 4

- CALVCB
- SILVER STAR RESOURCE CENTER
- DA'S VICTIMS UNIT
- HOLDING ON TO HOPE
- MCRCC
- U-VISA ASSISTANCE
- 211
- YWCA
- SPECIAL NEEDS ID REGISTRY

Follow-ups: 4

On-scene crisis response: 0

Meetings: 3

Victim Advocate Training: 0

TOTAL: 11

Community Engagement:

Schools visited: 1

- ALL SHS STUDENTS CONTACTED FOR PRESENTATION

Community Outreach: 27

- 25+ businesses, organizations, groups contacted for POW/MIA Event and Coffee with a cop event Prep
- Pamphlets created for Mexican consulate event
- Awareness posts made on social media

Social Media: 24

Website: 0

TOTAL: 52

08/22/2026 -
09/25/2026

2026

Soledad Police Department

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Citizen Contacts: Officers make continuous contacts with community members throughout their shifts.
Business Checks: Officers conducted 43 business outreach contacts.
Apartment/Residential contacts: Officers made 15 well-being checks with residents.
Schools: Officers conduct patrols of school zones during high traffic times.
City Parks: Continuous patrols and walk-throughs.
Youth Outreach: Youth provided stickers throughout the reporting period.
Special Events: 9/11 Memorial & MIA/POW Recognition Ceremony
Social media: Instagram- 421,233 Views. Facebook - 533,921
Churches: Daily patrol of churches throughout the city.
Misc: N/A

Prepared by: *Acting Deputy Chief Santiago*

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10.

CITY OF SOLEDAD
STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: **Resolution No. 6428, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving Amendment No. 1 of the Summary of Job Classifications and Salary Schedule for Fiscal Year 2026-27**

TO: **Honorable Mayor Velazquez and City Council**

FROM: **Francine Uy, Human Resources Manager**

THROUGH: **Megan Hunter, City Manager**

MEETING DATE: **October 7, 2026**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council of the City of Soledad consider and adopt Resolution No. 6428, Approving Amendment No. 1 of the Summary of Job Classifications and Salary Schedule for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

Executive Summary

The Water Reclamation Shift Supervisor position has remained vacant since November 2022 despite recruitment efforts, with Water Reclamation Operator II staff temporarily backfilling the role to maintain operational coverage. Because the position requires a Grade III or higher wastewater operator certification and includes significant technical, regulatory, and supervisory responsibilities, the City conducted a salary survey in May 2026 using the methodology previously agreed upon by SEIU and the City. Based on the survey results, Staff recommends adjusting the position from Range 59 to Range 77 of the Mid-Management Salary Schedule, providing a monthly salary range of $8,959.65 to $10,684.55, and approving Amendment No. 1 to update the City's salary schedule accordingly to comply with PERS.

Background

The City Council has authorized two full-time equivalent (FTE) Water Reclamation Shift Supervisor positions for many years. Following the promotion of one incumbent to Water Reclamation Chief Plant Operator in November 2022, the City initiated recruitment efforts to fill the resulting vacancy. Despite these efforts, the position has remained vacant.

The vacancy has been temporarily backfilled by Water Reclamation Operator II staff to maintain operational coverage. However, the continued vacancy highlights the challenges associated with recruiting and retaining experienced water reclamation professionals.

The position requires specialized technical knowledge, a Grade III or higher wastewater operator certification, and the ability to perform regulatory and supervisory duties. The City also competes with other public agencies and special districts for qualified candidates. Shift work, operational demands, and compensation considerations may further limit the pool of applicants available to smaller agencies.

Review & Analysis

The Water Reclamation Shift Supervisor is assigned to the Mid-Management/Professional group and is currently placed at Range 59, with a monthly salary range of $7,666.92 to $9,142.94.

To assess salary competitiveness, the City conducted an internal salary survey in May 2026 using the same methodology previously agreed upon by SEIU and the City during past negotiations. The survey included the following agencies:

- City of Coalinga
- City of Gonzales
- City of Greenfield
- City of Los Banos
- City of King City
- City of Paso Robles
- City of Watsonville

Given the specialized nature of the Water Reclamation Shift Supervisor position, the City also included a comparable position from Monterey One Water.

Based on the survey results, Staff recommends moving the Water Reclamation Shift Supervisor position to Range 77 of the Mid-Management Salary Schedule, with a monthly salary range of $8,959.65 to $10,684.55. This adjustment would better align compensation with comparable labor-market positions and support the City's efforts to recruit qualified candidates. It would not create a new position or change the existing classification or duties.

While compensation is one factor in recruitment, the availability of qualified candidates, certification requirements, shift work, and other employment considerations may continue to affect recruitment outcomes.

The City has conducted "meet and conferred" sessions with SEIU and the parties have agreed to the proposed salary range. The adjustment would become effective in the first full pay period following City Council approval.

Amendment No. 1 to the Salary Plan is necessary to reflect the proposed salary adjustment and comply with California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 570.5. This regulation requires public agencies participating in CalPERS to maintain and publicly approve a salary schedule identifying each position classification and its corresponding pay rates. The salary schedule must be approved by the governing body and made publicly available.

Financial Considerations

The proposed salary adjustment would increase the Water Reclamation Shift Supervisor salary range from $7,666.92–$9,142.94 per month to $8,959.65 - $10,684.55 per month. This represents an increase of $1,292.73 per month at the minimum and $1,541.61 per month at the maximum, or an annual base salary increase of $15,512.73 to $18,499.24, depending on the salary step at which the position is filled.

The position is included in the FY 2026-27 adopted budget and funded through the Wastewater Enterprise Fund. The actual fiscal impact will depend on the salary step at which the position is filled and associated employer-paid benefits and payroll-related costs, however, is expected to be minimal since Staff has already included the vacant position in the current budget.

Strategic Plan Alignment

This staffing plan is consistent with Strategic Plan Objective 10.3.2 - **Align employee policies and performance systems with strategic priorities.** The plan supports the City's ongoing efforts to recruit, retain, and develop a highly qualified workforce by maintaining competitive compensation and fostering organizational stability.

Alternatives

- Adopt the resolution.
- Modify the resolution.
- Do not adopt the resolution.

Planning/CEQA

Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2026/27 Summary of Job Classifications and Salary Schedule is not considered a project for the purposes of CEQA since it has no potential for resulting in either a direct or indirect impact to the environment. (See CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.)

Public Notice Requirements

None required.

Attachment(s):
Resolution No. 6428
Exhibit A

RESOLUTION NO. 6428

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 OF THE SUMMARY OF JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AND SALARY SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

WHEREAS, the City of Soledad maintains a Summary of Job Classifications and Salary Schedule identifying authorized City classifications and their corresponding salary ranges; and

WHEREAS, periodic updates to the Summary of Job Classifications and Salary Schedule are necessary to reflect organizational changes, negotiated compensation adjustments, classification studies, and other modifications approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 570.5 requires public agencies participating in the California Public Employees' Retirement System ("CalPERS") to maintain and publicly approve a salary schedule identifying position classifications and corresponding pay rates; and

WHEREAS, the City has experienced ongoing difficulty recruiting qualified candidates for the Water Reclamation Shift Supervisor position, which has remained unfilled since November 2022, requiring Water Reclamation Operator II staff to temporarily perform the position's duties to maintain operational coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Water Reclamation Shift Supervisor position requires a Grade III or higher wastewater operator certification and carries significant technical, regulatory, operational, and supervisory responsibilities necessary for the effective operation of the City's Water Reclamation Facility; and

WHEREAS, in May 2026, the City conducted a salary survey to evaluate the competitiveness of the Water Reclamation Shift Supervisor salary range using the methodology previously agreed upon by the City and the Service Employees International Union ("SEIU"); and

WHEREAS, the salary survey results and continued recruitment challenges demonstrate that a salary adjustment is warranted to better align the position's compensation with its qualifications, responsibilities, and the competitive labor market; and

WHEREAS, the Water Reclamation Shift Supervisor position is currently assigned to Range 59 of the Mid-Management Salary Schedule, with a monthly salary range of $7,666.92 to $9,142.94; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes to amend the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Summary of Job Classifications and Salary Schedule to assign the Water Reclamation Shift Supervisor position to Range 77 of the Mid-Management Salary Schedule, establishing a monthly salary range of $8,959.65 to $10,684.55.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Soledad hereby approves Amendment No. 1 to the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Summary of Job Classifications and Salary Schedule, in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference, and hereby approves the adjustment of the Water Reclamation Shift Supervisor position from Range 59, with a monthly salary range of $7,666.92 to $9,142.94, to Range 77 of the Mid-Management Salary Schedule, with a monthly salary range of $8,959.65 to $10,684.55, effective the first full pay period following City Council approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to take all necessary administrative actions to implement the salary adjustment and update the City's Summary of Job Classifications and Salary Schedule consistent with this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Soledad at a regular meeting duly held on the 7th day of October 2026, by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers:

NOES, Councilmembers:

ABSENT, Councilmembers:

ABSTAIN, Councilmembers:

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ANNA M. VELAZQUEZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
MEGAN HUNTER, City Clerk

Approved 8/5/2026 - Reso. No 6398

Exhibit A

Section One of Classification and Compensation Plan

SUMMARY OF JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AND SALARY SCHEDULE FY 26/27

Classification	FLSA Exempt Status	See Footnote	Salary Range	Salary Schedule	FOUR AND ONE-HALF PERCENT STEP ADVANCEMENT MONTHLY SALARY Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	# Auth. Positions
ELECTED OFFICIAL													
Mayor and City Council	N/A		N/A	N/A	Mayor; $1,050/month and City Council; $950/month								5.00
COUNCIL ELECTED OFFICIAL													
Planning Commission	N/A		N/A	N/A	$150/meeting								5.00
TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE													
Committee Member	N/A		N/A	N/A	$50/meeting								7.00
EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT GROUP (EM)													
City Manager	Exempt		N/A	N/A	$21,198.60/month								1.00
Assistant City Manager	Exempt		N/A	N/A	$16,887.37	$17,647.30	$18,441.43	$19,271.29	$20,138.50				1.00
Parks and Recreation Director	Exempt	(3)	78	EM	$11,753.61	$12,282.52	$12,835.24	$13,412.82	$14,016.40				1.00
Community & Economic Development Director	Exempt	(3)	91	EM	$13,867.08	$14,491.10	$15,143.19	$15,824.64	$16,536.75				1.00
Public Works Director	Exempt	(3)	96	EM	$15,085.89	$15,764.75	$16,474.17	$17,215.50	$17,990.20				1.00
Police Chief	Exempt	(3)	86	EM	$15,692.42	$16,398.58	$17,136.52	$17,907.66	$18,713.50				1.00
UNREPRESENTED CONFIDENTIAL GROUP (CF)													
Administrative Assistant (Confidential)		(1)	52	CF	$5,217.03	$5,451.80	$5,697.13	$5,953.50	$6,221.41				0.80
Police Administrative Services Manager	Exempt	(1)	55	CF	$6,616.48	$6,914.22	$7,225.36	$7,550.50	$7,890.27				1.00
Executive Assistant to the City Manager		(1)	58	CF	$7,120.98	$7,441.43	$7,776.29	$8,126.22	$8,491.90				1.00
Management Analyst	Exempt	(1)	62	MM	$8,251.52	$8,622.84	$9,010.87	$9,416.36	$9,840.09				3.00
Human Resources Manager	Exempt	(1)	70	CF	$8,951.55	$9,354.37	$9,775.31	$10,215.20	$10,674.89				1.00
Information Technology Manager	Exempt	(1)	70	CF	$8,951.55	$9,354.37	$9,775.31	$10,215.20	$10,674.89				1.00
Community Engagement Manager	Exempt	(1)	70	CF	$8,951.55	$9,354.37	$9,775.31	$10,215.20	$10,674.89				1.00
Public Works Manager	Exempt	(1)	71	CF	$10,170.48	$10,628.15	$11,106.42	$11,606.21	$12,128.49				2.00
City Engineer	Exempt	(1)	88	CF	$12,189.72	$12,738.26	$13,311.48	$13,910.50	$14,536.47				0.00
Water Resources Manager	Exempt	(1)	88	CF	$12,555.41	$13,120.41	$13,710.83	$14,327.81	$14,972.56				1.00
Police Lieutenant	Exempt	(1)	90	CF	$12,683.68	$13,254.45	$13,850.90	$14,474.19	$15,125.53				1.00
Deputy Police Chief	Exempt	(1)	83	CF	$13,100.17	$13,689.68	$14,305.71	$14,949.47	$15,622.20				1.00
PROFESSIONAL/MID-MGMT (MM)													
Police Records Supervisor		(1)	47	MM	$5,721.17	$5,978.63	$6,247.66	$6,528.81	$6,822.61				1.00
Property and Evidence Supervisor		(1)	47	MM	$5,721.17	$5,978.63	$6,247.66	$6,528.81	$6,822.61				1.00
Information Technology Technician		(1)	47	MM	$5,721.17	$5,978.63	$6,247.66	$6,528.81	$6,822.61				1.00
Assistant Planner		(1)	48	MM	$5,693.40	$5,949.60	$6,217.34	$6,497.12	$6,789.49				0.00
Economic Development Coordinator	Exempt	(1)	52	MM	$6,465.28	$6,745.53	$7,060.25	$7,377.96	$7,709.97				1.00
Community Engagement Coordinator	Exempt	(1)	52	MM	$6,465.28	$6,745.53	$7,060.25	$7,377.96	$7,709.97				1.00
Homeless Services Coordinator (Grant-Funded through 6/30/27)	Exempt	(1)	52	MM	$6,465.28	$6,745.53	$7,060.25	$7,377.96	$7,709.97				1.00
Associate Planner	Exempt	(1)	52	MM	$6,465.28	$6,745.53	$7,060.25	$7,377.96	$7,709.97				0.00
Recreation Supervisor	Exempt	(1)	55	MM	$6,489.25	$6,781.27	$7,086.42	$7,405.31	$7,738.55				1.00

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Assistant Engineer		(1)	66	MM	$7,058.56	$7,376.20	$7,708.13	$8,054.99	$8,417.47				1.00
Laboratory Analyst	Exempt	(1)	56	MM	$6,702.53	$7,004.15	$7,319.33	$7,648.70	$7,992.89				0.00
Utility Maintenance Supervisor		(1)	59	MM	$7,666.92	$8,011.93	$8,372.47	$8,749.23	$9,142.94				1.00
Wastewater Collections System Supervisor		(1)	59	MM	$7,666.92	$8,011.93	$8,372.47	$8,749.23	$9,142.94				1.00
Water Reclamation Shift Supervisor		(1)	59	MM	$7,666.92	$8,011.93	$8,372.47	$8,749.23	$9,142.94				2.00
Senior Planner	Exempt	(1)	67	MM	$8,277.38	$8,649.86	$9,039.10	$9,445.86	$9,870.93				1.00
Laboratory Director	Exempt	(1)	67	MM	$8,277.38	$8,649.86	$9,039.10	$9,445.86	$9,870.93				0.00
Building Official	Exempt	(1)	69	MM	$8,277.38	$8,649.86	$9,039.10	$9,445.86	$9,870.93				0.00
Engineering Project Manager	Exempt	(1)	67	MM	$8,277.38	$8,649.86	$9,039.10	$9,445.86	$9,870.93				1.00
Associate Civil Engineer	Exempt	(1)	78	MM	$9,459.15	$9,884.81	$10,329.63	$10,794.46	$11,280.21				0.00
Water Reclamation Chief Plant Operator	Exempt	(1)	72	MM	$9,827.27	$10,269.49	$10,731.62	$11,214.54	$11,719.20				1.00
CLASSIFIED (CL)													
Maintenance Worker		(1)	38	CL	$4,844.39	$5,062.39	$5,290.20	$5,528.25	$5,777.03				7.00
Customer Service Utility Billing Technician		(1)	39	CL	$4,962.55	$5,185.86	$5,419.22	$5,663.09	$5,917.93				2.00
Administrative Assistant		(1)	39	CL	$4,962.55	$5,185.86	$5,419.22	$5,663.09	$5,917.93				1.00
Recreation Program Coordinator		(1)	39	CL	$4,962.55	$5,185.86	$5,419.22	$5,663.09	$5,917.93				2.00
Senior Maintenance Worker		(1)	41	CL	$5,210.67	$5,445.15	$5,690.19	$5,946.24	$6,213.83				1.00
Mechanic/Maintenance Worker		(1)	43	CL	$5,471.21	$5,717.41	$5,974.70	$6,243.56	$6,524.52				1.00
Community Services Officer		(1)	46	CL	$5,494.76	$5,742.02	$6,000.41	$6,270.43	$6,552.60				3.00
Victim Assistance Advocate		(1)	46	CL	$5,494.76	$5,742.02	$6,000.41	$6,270.43	$6,552.60				1.00
Development Services Technician		(1)	48	CL	$5,491.62	$5,738.74	$5,996.98	$6,266.85	$6,548.86				2.00
Utility Maintenance Mechanic		(1)	49	CL	$5,910.21	$6,176.17	$6,454.10	$6,744.54	$7,048.04				2.00
Fleet Mechanic		(1)	50	CL	$5,939.19	$6,206.45	$6,485.74	$6,777.60	$7,082.59				1.00
Electrician		(1)	51	CL	$6,650.29	$6,949.55	$7,262.28	$7,589.08	$7,930.59				1.00
Senior Utility Maintenance Mechanic		(1)	51	CL	$6,650.29	$6,949.55	$7,262.28	$7,589.08	$7,930.59				1.00
Water Systems Operator		(1)	51	CL	$6,650.29	$6,949.55	$7,262.28	$7,589.08	$7,930.59				4.00
Executive Assistant		(1)	53	CL	$6,388.25	$6,675.72	$6,976.12	$7,290.05	$7,618.10				1.00
Water Reclamation Operator-In-Training		(1)	38	CL	$4,844.39	$5,062.39	$5,290.20	$5,528.25	$5,777.03				6.00
Water Reclamation Operator I		(1)	45	CL	$5,744.77	$6,003.28	$6,273.43	$6,555.73	$6,850.74				
Water Reclamation Operator II		(1)	51	CL	$6,650.29	$6,949.55	$7,262.28	$7,589.08	$7,930.59				
POLICE SERGEANT (PS)													
Police Sergeant*		(2)	59	PS	$10,344.32	$10,809.82	$11,296.26	$11,804.59	$12,335.80	$12,890.91	$13,471.00	$14,077.19	4.00
POLICE OFFICER (PO)													
Police Officer		(2)	45	PO	$7,526.43	$7,865.12	$8,219.05	$8,588.91	$8,975.41				13.00
Police Officer II*		(2)	45	PO	$7,526.43	$7,865.12	$8,219.05	$8,588.91	$8,975.41	$9,379.30	$9,801.37	$10,242.43	
SEASONAL/PART-TIME (HOURLY RATE)													

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Police Cadet - Trainee					$27.00								
Intern/Youth Commissioner					$16.90	$17.66	$18.46	$19.29	$20.15				
Facility Custodial Lead					$18.00	$18.81	$19.66	$20.54	$21.47				
Recreation Instructor					$18.50	$19.33	$20.20	$21.11	$22.06				
Recreation Leader II					$17.40	$18.18	$19.00	$19.86	$20.75				
Recreation Leader I					$16.90	$17.66	$18.46	$19.29	$20.15				
Recreation Program Assistant					$20.00	$20.90	$21.84	$22.82	$23.85				
Program Instructor II					$24.00	$25.08	$26.21	$27.39	$28.62				
Program Instructor III					$27.00	$28.22	$29.48	$30.81	$32.20				
												Total Authorized Positions:	104.80
												Total FTEs:	87.80

Footnotes:

* Upon completion of Employee's 5th year of service in Police Officer or Police Sergeant classification, Employee will be eligible to receive 3 future step increases

(1) Pursuant to Resolution No. 6245/ SA-2025-01, effective 7/4/26, three percent (3%) COLA increase for Unrepresented and Confidential classifications, Professional/Mid-Management Unit classifications, and General Unit classification.

(2) Pursuant to Resolution No. 6245/ SA-2025-01, effective 7/4/26, three and one quarter percent (3.25%) COLA increase for Police Sergeant and Police Officer classifications.

(3) Pursuant to Resolution No. xxxx, effective 7/4/26, three percent (3%) COLA increase for certain Executive Management classifications.

CITY OF SOLEDAD
STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: **Resolution No. 6429, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Accepting a $16,862 Grant Award from the California Arts Council Arts and Youth Program and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Grant Standard Agreement and All Other Related Documents**

TO: **Honorable Mayor Velazquez and City Council**

FROM: **Ana Ambriz, Parks and Recreation Director**

THROUGH: **Megan Hunter, City Manager**

MEETING DATE: **October 7, 2026**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council of the City of Soledad consider and adopt Resolution No. 6429, "Resolution Accepting a $16,862 Grant Award from the California Arts Council Arts and Youth Program and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Grant Standard Agreement and All Other Related Documents."

Executive Summary

The City of Soledad has been awarded a $16,862 grant from the California Arts Council (CAC) through its Arts and Youth Program to implement a free, artist-led after-school arts program serving youth ages 6–10 during the 2026–2027 program year. Acceptance of the grant will enable the City, through the Parks and Recreation Department, to provide accessible arts enrichment opportunities to local youth at no cost to participants. The program will offer hands-on creative workshops at Orchard Lane Park and the Community Center, with activities designed to promote creativity, collaboration, problem-solving, communication, and self-expression. Staff recommends that the City Council accept the $16,862 grant award and authorize the City Manager to execute the Grant Standard Agreement and all other documents necessary to accept and administer the grant.

Background

The California Arts Council (CAC) is a state agency dedicated to advancing arts and culture throughout California. Established in 1976, the CAC supports artists, arts organizations, educators, and communities through grants, programs, and partnerships that expand access to the arts and strengthen California's cultural ecosystem. The agency's programs emphasize equity, diversity, and inclusion, with particular attention to underserved communities and populations.

In August 2026, the California Arts Council awarded approximately $24.6 million in grant funding across six open grant programs. The agency received 2,589 eligible applications requesting more than $72.6 million in funding, requiring the CAC to prioritize awards within available resources. Applications were reviewed and ranked based on applicable program guidelines and the California Arts Council's adopted funding priorities. The City of Soledad applied for $25,000 to support a free after-school arts program for youth ages 6–10. Following the competitive review and ranking process, the City was awarded $16,862 to implement the project through the Arts and Youth Grant Program.

Review & Analysis

The City of Soledad Parks and Recreation Department will implement the grant-funded project as a free after-school arts program serving youth ages 6–10 during the 2026–2027 school year. The program will provide artist-led workshops at Orchard Lane Park and the Community Center, creating opportunities for youth, particularly those who may have limited access to arts programming, to participate in creative enrichment activities in a familiar and accessible neighborhood setting.

Program sessions will combine hands-on visual arts instruction with opportunities for creativity, collaboration, and self-expression. Participants will explore a variety of art forms and materials, including painting, drawing, mixed-media, mosaic art, and nature-based projects incorporating natural materials collected from the surrounding environment. Activities will encourage youth to experiment, solve problems, communicate ideas, work collaboratively, and build confidence through the creative process.

Instruction will be led by a professional teaching artist with support from Parks and Recreation staff. This approach will provide participants with a structured, positive, and age-appropriate learning environment while allowing City staff to support program coordination and participant needs.

In partnership with the local school district, the City will prioritize outreach to youth who may have limited access to arts programming outside of school due to financial, transportation, or other community barriers. This approach is consistent with the broader goal of expanding equitable access to arts experiences for young people.

Although the City requested $25,000 and received an award of $16,862, the City remains committed to implementing the program within the awarded funding level and maximizing the impact of available resources. The project provides an opportunity to expand arts programming into local parks, connect youth with creative and natural environments, and establish a foundation for continued youth arts programming in Soledad.

Financial Considerations

The City will receive $16,862 from the California Arts Council to implement the project within the awarded funding level. The City will prioritize expenditures that directly support program delivery, teaching artist services, arts materials and supplies, and other eligible project-related costs in accordance with the Grant Standard Agreement. The City is also seeking approximately $8,000 in funding to make up the difference in the cost of the program and grant funds received. If we are unsuccessful in raising the additional funds, the program will be scaled back based on the amount awarded.

Strategic Plan Alignment

The acceptance of the $16,862 California Arts Council grant supports the following City of Soledad's

2026–2030 Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives:

- Goal 4.2 – Expand Recreational Programming
- Objective 4.2.4 – Expand cultural programming and opportunities for creative expression.

The project will provide free arts programming for youth at the Community Center and Orchard Lane Park, supporting the City's goals for youth development, cultural enrichment, and accessible recreational opportunities.

Alternatives

- Approve the recommended action, accept the $16,862 California Arts Council grant award, and authorize the City Manager to execute the Grant Standard Agreement and related documents; or
- Decline to accept the grant award. This alternative would result in the City foregoing the available grant funding and would prevent implementation of the project.

Planning/CEQA

Acceptance of the grant is not a "project" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 because the action will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

Public Notice Requirements

N/A

Attachment(s):
Resolution No. 6429
Award Letter- AAY-26-30255
Grant Application Summary - AAY-26-30255

RESOLUTION NO. 6429

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD ACCEPTING A $16,862 GRANT AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL ARTS AND YOUTH PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE GRANT STANDARD AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Soledad applied for $25,000 through the California Arts Council ("CAC") Grants Program to support a free after-school arts program for youth ages 6–10 during the 2026–2027 program year; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2026, the CAC notified the City of its intent to award $16,862 to implement the proposed after-school arts program; and

WHEREAS, the program will offer free, artist-led workshops at Orchard Lane Park and the Community Center in painting, drawing, mixed media, mosaics, and nature-based art; and

WHEREAS, the program advances the City's 2026–2030 Strategic Plan, including Goal 4.2, "Expand Recreational Programming," and Objective 4.2.4, "Expand cultural programming and opportunities for creative expression"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that accepting the grant will expand local youths' access to free arts and recreational opportunities and serve the best interests of the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the grant is not a "project" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 because the action will not cause a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Soledad accepts the $16,862 California Arts Council Arts and Youth Program grant award to support the City's free after-school arts program for youth ages 6–10.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Grant Standard Agreement with the California Arts Council and any related documents, and to take all actions necessary to accept, administer, and implement the grant-funded program in accordance with the Grant Standard Agreement, the approved project scope, and applicable City policies and regulations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Soledad at a regular meeting held on October 7, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof Councilmembers:

NOES, Councilmembers::

ABSENT, Councilmembers:

ABSTAIN, Councilmembers:

_____
ANNA M. VELAZQUEZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
MEGAN HUNTER, City Clerk

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Gavin Newsom, **Governor**
Danielle Brazell, **Executive Director**

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August 24, 2026
Application ID: **AAY-26-30255**

Megan Hunter
City of Soledad
248 Main St.
Soledad, CA 93960-3206

Dear Megan,

Congratulations!

On behalf of the California Arts Council, I am pleased to notify you of our intent to award **City of Soledad** for a **Arts and Youth** grant for application **AAY-26-30255**. The award amount is **$16,862**. Your work plays an important role as we continue to demonstrate the power of the arts throughout the state of California.

We invite you to participate in a coordinated 2025-26 grantee announcement with us. Our Public Affairs staff will be in contact with you directly prior to our announcement with a template press release, social media tools, and further instructions on how to participate.

Thank you for all you do to advance culture, creativity, and the arts in your community. We wish you the best of luck and much success in your work.

Sincerely,



Danielle Brazell
Executive Director
California Arts Council

Application Owner: Megan Hunter
Applicant Organization: City of Soledad

Grant Activity Period: October 01, 2026 to September 30, 2027.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

INSTRUCTIONS:

Review current guidelines for complete program information and submission requirements.
Arts and Youth Guidelines in English

Refer to the Grants Manual for all policies, procedures, and resources.
California Arts Council Grants Manual in English

Staff Assistance: Before contacting staff, check >FAQs and >Grant Resources to see if application questions can be answered. If staff assistance is still required for guidance or clarification, email is the best way to contact Program Specialists. We recommend that you contact staff well in advance of the deadline to ensure you can be accommodated. People who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf-Blind, or have difficulty speaking may dial 711 to reach the California Relay Service (CRS). Large print is available upon request. Translation services may also be available upon request.

Applicants seeking technical assistance should contact:
Emily Taggart
artsyouthgrant@arts.ca.gov

Application Deadline: May 12, 2026, 11:59 PM. Exceptions will not be made for any late submission attempts.

TOTAL REVENUE

Total Revenue from last completed fiscal year

This amount must match the figure reported in your submitted Budget Snapshot, Total Revenue field.

$983,321.00

Submitted grant requests for Application Year 2026

Application ID	Grant Request Amount
AAY-26-30255	$24,089
	$24,089

REQUEST AMOUNT

Read the funding restrictions below before entering your grant request amount.

Organizations may request up to $25,000 for the Arts and Youth grant.
Applicants cannot apply to the Impact Projects program and the Arts & Youth program; they must choose one.

GRANT REQUEST AMOUNT

$24,089

SUMMARY

Provide a brief summary of your proposal indicating how CAC grant funds would be used. This description will be used to introduce your proposal to the review panel. If funded, this description will be used as the Scope of Work in your grant contract and will be binding. It may also be edited by CAC and used to summarize your proposal in public documents.

Review the What We Do Not Fund document before completing this section.

Begin your summary with the following: "With support from the California Arts Council, City of Soledad will..."

With support from the California Arts Council, City of Soledad Parks and Recreation Department will implement a free, artist-led after-school arts program serving youth ages 6–10. Through weekly hands-on workshops held at Orchard Lane Park and the Community Center, participants will engage in visual and multi-media arts, encouraging creativity, collaboration, and connection. Programming will prioritize youth with limited access to arts and enrichment opportunities outside of school.
Grant funds will support artist services, supplies, outreach, and implementation. Activities may include painting, mixed media, mosaic art, and nature-based projects utilizing natural materials.
Programming will take place in the park and at the Community Center depending on weather and programming.
The project will be implemented through partnerships with schools and arts partners to ensure inclusive and cultural experiences supporting positive development and continued participation in the arts.

ORGANIZATION DETAILS

Organization Name: City of Soledad
Primary Contact Name: Megan Hunter
Primary Contact Email: mhunter@cityofsoledad.gov
Business Address: 248 Main St., Soledad, CA 93960-3206
Mailing Address: , ,
County: Monterey
Region: Central Coast

Executive Leader Name: Megan Hunter
Executive Leader Phone: (831) 223-5000 **Phone Ext (if applicable):**
Executive Leader Contact Email: mhunter@cityofsoledad.gov

Year organization began arts programs and/or services: 2021

Organization's Mission Statement and Purpose: We are committed to serving the community and improving the quality of life while celebrating our heritage and diversity.

Organization's Core Programs and Services: The City of Soledad provides a broad range of municipal services focused on enhancing quality of life, supporting community well-being, and maintaining essential public infrastructure, facilities, and programs for residents. Core services include parks and recreation programming, public works and infrastructure maintenance, community events, youth and senior services, economic and community development, facility operations, and administrative services that support the day-to-day needs of the community.
Through its Parks and Recreation Department, the City offers year-round recreational, cultural, educational, and arts-based programming designed to serve residents of all ages and backgrounds. Programs and services include youth sports, after-school and seasonal recreation activities, wellness and enrichment programs, community events and celebrations, park activation initiatives, facility rentals, and partnerships that increase access to safe and inclusive opportunities for residents. The Department also manages community facilities and public spaces that serve as gathering places for recreation, arts, cultural activities, and community engagement.

The City regularly collaborates with local schools, nonprofits, artists, community organizations, and regional partners to expand programming opportunities and improve access to services for underserved populations. Through these partnerships, the City works to foster community connection, positive youth development, cultural engagement, and equitable access to recreational and creative experiences. The City remains committed to strengthening programs and services that support community pride, wellness, inclusion, and opportunities for meaningful civic participation.

Organization's CAC Grant History:

Grants applied from California Arts Council (CAC) before now?: No

Grants received from CAC before now?:

Grant Programs funded in the past:

Organization Type, Service and Discipline:

Organization is primarily an: Arts producing or presenting organization

Organization primarily serves:

Organization provides following services:

Primary discipline of organization: Visual Arts;Performing Arts (general);Multi-disciplinary

Centering Equity and Accessibility

The CAC is committed to making the arts accessible and inclusive for all Californians. All CAC-funded programs, services, information, and buildings and facilities where funded activities take place must be accessible.

The application must demonstrate your organization's experience, capacity, and ongoing commitment to engaging and uplifting historically under-resourced, excluded, and erased artists, audiences, communities, and cultural practices**. This dedication should be reflected throughout the proposal.**

The application must also demonstrate that the programs, services, information, and facilities — including online spaces **— will be href="https://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/AmericanswithDisabilitiesAct" target="_blank"> accessible to individuals with disabilities , such as those who are** deaf, hard of hearing**,** deaf-blind **, or who** have physical, visual, developmental, learning, or cognitive disabilities **as well as >mental or** chronic illnesses**.**

Describe your organization's equity and accessibility goals.

The City of Soledad is committed to providing equitable, accessible, and inclusive programs that reflect the diverse needs of the community. Through the Parks and Recreation Department, the City works to reduce barriers to participation by offering affordable or free programs, utilizing accessible neighborhood locations, and creating opportunities for residents of all ages and backgrounds to participate in recreational, cultural, and arts-based activities. Programs are intentionally held in familiar community spaces, including parks and the Community Center, to create approachable and welcoming environments for youth and families.

These efforts align with the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan goals related to equitable access to recreation and enrichment opportunities, youth engagement, community wellness, and expanding programs that serve underserved populations. The City recognizes that access to arts and enrichment opportunities can be impacted by factors such as income, transportation, language, geography, and limited local programming opportunities.

The City is committed to creating culturally responsive environments where youth and families feel represented, supported, and encouraged to participate. The City also strives to ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities by utilizing accessible facilities, promoting inclusive participation, and accommodating varying physical, developmental, sensory, and communication needs whenever possible. Through partnerships with schools, community organizations, and regional arts partners, the City continues working to strengthen access to programs and services for all residents.

What does your organization do to achieve these goals?

The City of Soledad works to achieve these goals by building programs around the needs of the community and creating opportunities that are affordable, approachable, and accessible for families. Through the Parks and Recreation Department, the City provides youth programs, community events, recreational activities, and cultural opportunities that encourage participation and connection across the community. The Department also offers a fee reduction scholarship program that helps eligible families access qualifying recreation and enrichment programs at reduced cost.

The City partners with local schools, nonprofits, regional organizations, and community groups to help identify needs, improve outreach, and connect youth and families with available programs and resources. These partnerships help the City better understand barriers to participation and create programs that are responsive to the experiences and realities of local families.

Programs are intentionally offered within neighborhoods and community spaces that families already know and use, including parks and the Community Center. The Department regularly utilizes Orchard Lane Park, the area's first inclusive park, for programs and community events including the Superhero Fall Inclusive Festival, Annual Spring Celebration, and Park Attendant Program. These efforts help create accessible and welcoming environments for youth, families, and individuals of varying abilities. Outreach efforts include school communication, bilingual materials, community events, social media, and direct engagement with families and residents.

The City also works to adapt programs and services whenever possible to support individuals with varying physical, developmental, sensory, and communication needs so more residents can participate in meaningful ways.

How does your organization determine progress in achieving these goals?

The City of Soledad measures progress toward its equity and accessibility goals by staying connected to the community and paying attention to how residents engage with programs, events, and services over time. Participation levels, repeat attendance, scholarship utilization, and engagement across programs help the Parks and Recreation Department better understand whether programs are reaching residents who may otherwise face barriers to participation.

Community relationships and ongoing conversations play an important role in how the City evaluates its efforts. Feedback is gathered through direct conversations with youth, families, schools, community partners, staff, surveys, and community meetings. These interactions help the Department better understand barriers to participation, identify changing community needs, and make adjustments to programs and services when needed. Community feedback has helped shape program offerings, event planning, outreach methods, scholarship access, and the use of parks and community spaces to better reflect the needs and interests of local families and residents.

The City also looks at how successfully programs are reaching underserved residents and whether families feel welcomed, supported, and connected through participation. Continued growth in partnerships, increased use of parks and community spaces, and participation in affordable and accessible programs all help demonstrate progress toward the City's equity and accessibility goals.

The Department understands that building trust and connection within the community is ongoing work and continues to use community input to help guide future programs, services, and priorities.

Describe your organization's approach to ensuring that people with disabilities can fully participate in all programs and services.

The City of Soledad believes that meaningful access starts with understanding the people we serve and responding to the unique needs of our community. Through the Parks and Recreation Department, the City works to create welcoming, inclusive programs and spaces where individuals of all abilities can participate, connect, and feel supported.

Our approach focuses on listening, adapting, and building relationships with participants, families, schools, and community partners to better understand barriers to participation and identify ways to improve access and inclusion. This may include adjusting program structures and activities, providing additional staff support or training opportunities, improving communication methods, or partnering with organizations and service providers, such as Special Kids Connect and San Andreas Regional Center, that bring specialized experience and knowledge in serving individuals with disabilities.

The City utilizes accessible facilities and community spaces whenever possible and works to make reasonable accommodations that support varying physical, developmental, sensory, and communication needs. Staff are encouraged to approach programs with flexibility, compassion, and a willingness to adapt so participants can meaningfully engage in activities and experiences.

The City recognizes that accessibility is an ongoing effort and remains committed to continuing conversations, strengthening partnerships, and improving programs and services to better serve residents of all abilities and backgrounds.

PROGRAM DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION

The application must indicate clear objectives that address the Arts and Youth program goals and include a realistic timeline and appropriate budget.

Select the topics your project addresses:
Creative Youth Development in community-based settings

Provide a detailed description of your proposed project and how your project will accomplish one or more of the program goals.
The proposed project will be a free after-school arts program serving youth ages 6–10 through weekly artist-led workshops at Orchard Lane Park and the adjacent Community Center during the 2026-2027 school year.
Developed in partnership with local schools, the program is intended to provide underserved youth with consistent access to creative enrichment opportunities in a familiar and accessible neighborhood setting.
Sessions will combine hands-on visual arts instruction with opportunities for creativity, collaboration, and self-expression. Participants will explore a variety of art forms and materials, including painting, drawing, mixed media, mosaic art, and nature-based projects utilizing natural materials collected and incorporated into creative activities.
Programming will encourage youth to experiment, problem solve, communicate ideas, and build confidence through the creative process.
Whenever possible, activities will take place outdoors within Orchard Lane Park, allowing participants to engage in creative activities within an open and inclusive community environment while encouraging outdoor activity and connection to the natural environment. Indoor space within the Community Center will be utilized during inclement weather, seasonal conditions, and for projects requiring additional workspace or materials.
Instruction will be led by a professional teaching artist supported by Parks and Recreation staff to maintain a structured, positive, and age-appropriate environment. Working with the school district, the program will prioritize outreach to youth who may have limited access to arts programming outside of school due to financial, transportation, or other community barriers.
The project supports California Arts Council Arts & Youth program goals by increasing equitable access to arts education, creating positive after-school engagement opportunities, and providing culturally responsive arts experiences that encourage creativity, community connection, and continued participation in the arts.

Is your project free to participants/audiences?
Yes

Provide a list of each key individual (artistic, technical, or administrative) involved in this project. Include name, title, whether to be supported by CAC funds, and role within the proposed activities.(1 page upload)
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Provide a clear timeline of all the main arts programs or services that will take place during the Grant Activity Period.

September 2026

Pre-program coordination and start-up activities, including collaboration with local schools and community partners, participant outreach and recruitment, teaching artist coordination, staff preparation, and procurement of program supplies and materials.

October – December 2026

Implementation of weekly after-school arts workshops serving youth ages 6–10 through artist-led instruction and hands-on creative activities held at Orchard Lane Park and the Community Center. Activities may include painting, drawing, mixed media, mosaic art, and nature-based creative projects.

January 2027

Program pause during winter break and post-holiday transition period. Staff and teaching artists will evaluate program progress, coordinate outreach, and prepare for expanded spring programming.

February – May 2027

Continuation of after-school arts workshops with expanded programming opportunities during the spring session. Activities will continue to focus on creativity, collaboration, self-expression, and positive youth engagement through visual and multi-media arts experiences. Programming will pause during spring break.

May – June 2027

Participant art showcase and community celebration highlighting youth artwork and program accomplishments.

June – September 2027

Program evaluation, participant and partner feedback collection, grant reporting, and planning for future arts programming and sustainability opportunities.

Budget Snapshot (2 Years)

2-Years' Statement of Financial Activities

Click on the Calendar icon. First select Month and Year, then select Day. 06/30/2026

Revenue

	2023-2024 or 2024	2024-2025 or 2025
Earned	$200,114.00	$229,418.00
Contributed	$564,209.00	$753,903.00
Total Revenue	$764,323.00	$983,321.00

Expense

	2023-2024 or 2024	2024-2025 or 2025
Personnel	$513,250.00	$686,183.00
Operating/Production	$251,073.00	$297,138.00
Total Expense	$764,323.00	$983,321.00

Total Surplus(Deficit)

2023-2024 or 2024	2024-2025 or 2025
$0.00	$0.00

Budget Notes

Contributed Revenue is from the General Fund

Grant Project Budget (no match)

Personnel Expenses

Expense Type	Job Title	# of Staff	Rate of Pay	CAC Request Amount
Administrative	Program Oversight	1	40	$1,040.00
Administrative	Program Lead, Promotion, Registration, Prep, Reporting	1	25.1	$2,109.00
Artistic	Program Artist Teacher	1	35.42	$4,463.00
Artistic	Program Art Assistants	3	20.42	$7,717.00
				$15,329.00

Operating/Production Expenses

Expenses Description	CAC Request Amount
Art Session Supplies	$7,560.00
Promotion, signage, registration	$200.00
Program end art exhibition promotion, mounting and exhibit supplies	$500.00
	$8,260.00

Accessibility and Accomodation Expenses

Accessibility Expenses Description	CAC Request Amount
Adaptive supplies, bilingual materials, outreach, and sensory accomodations	$500.00
	$500.00

Total CAC Request Amount

	CAC Request Amount - Total
Total CAC Request Amount	$24,089.00

Additional Project Cost

Additional Project Cost	$0.00

Total Project Cost

Total Project Cost	$24,089.00

Budget Notes

You may use this space to provide additional budget details, as necessary.	Budget will serve an estimated 30 participants for 42 sessions from October 2026-May 2027, for an estimated 63 hours.

Provide the total amount of pass-through funds your organization manages.

This includes grant funds passed to fiscally sponsored organizations. This total should not be included in your organizational Total Revenue calculation.

$0

Provide the total amount of funds used for regranting in the field.

This total should not be included in your organizational Total Revenue calculation.

$0

Provide the total amount of restricted capital improvement funding your organization received in the last fiscal year.

This total should not be included in your organizational Total Revenue calculation.

$0

ARTISTIC MERIT

The application must demonstrate how California artists are involved at every stage of the project design and execution. Artists demonstrate skills, expertise, and experiences that are central to the goals of the project.

Select the artistic discipline(s) your project uses:

Visual Arts

Specify if Other:

Provide a written statement from the lead artist(s) describing their vision for the project and their connection to the community to be engaged. Statement should include how the artist(s) leading the project identify as members of the community that will be engaged and have expertise in the forms of arts and cultural expression that are unique to, and/or historically rooted in, that community.

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Provide at least one (1) but no more than five (5) support materials that best portray your organization and its work. These may include artistic work samples, letters of support, marketing materials, and/or partnership agreements. Samples must have been created within the past three years and should be relevant to this program opportunity.

Instructions:

Use file names that are brief and specific. Upload fields are capped at the limits described below. Do not upload more files or larger files than described below. Applicants that circumvent this process will be subject to support material rejection or not having their full submission reviewed.

Instructions for Support Materials (.docs,.PDF,.jpeg or .png):

1. Documents are limited to 3 pages in length. If a document is uploaded exceeding the 3-page limit, additional pages will not be assessed by panelists.
2. If uploading .jpeg or .png files, upload as 1 file, which counts toward the support material limit of 5.

Instructions for Support Materials (links):

1. Links are only accepted for audio/video support materials. Each link counts towards the limit of 5 support materials.
2. Links embedded in submitted documents will not be reviewed as part of the support material.

Below is a list of accepted file types. Any file types not listed below will not be accepted as a part of the Support Material submission. File Types and Restrictions:

• Documents - (.docx and .PDF),
• Images - (.jpeg and .png) – resolution: 300 dpi; size: 800X600 pixels,
• Audio - (.mp3 files or url/links in the fields below)
• Videos - Video url/links in the fields below.

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Are you providing any links as Support Materials? Link fields will appear if you answer “Yes”. Use the Support Material Notes field to specify the segment - the start and end times for the portion you would like the panel to review.

These Links count towards the limit of five (5) support materials.
Example: If you have submitted 5 files above, do not submit any links. If you have submitted one file above, you are able to submit up to 4 links below.
Links must not be password protected.

Instructions for Video Support Materials (Video files and/or url/links):

1. Video samples may not exceed 3 minutes. Panelists will stop reviewing after 3 minutes if file is longer.
2. If a video link is not viewable, panelists will not review it.

Instructions for Audio Support Materials:

1. Audio samples may not exceed 3 minutes. Panelists will stop reviewing after 3 minutes if file is longer.
2. If an audio link does not work, the panelists will not review it.

No

Support Material Notes

Provide brief descriptions of support materials. For video or audio samples, provide specific start and end times for the portion you would like the panel to review. Be sure to clearly indicate which specific files your notes are referencing.

Gabilan Elementary Letter of Support: Demonstrates partnership support for identifying and connecting underserved youth with arts enrichment and after-school programming opportunities.

Arts Council Letter of Support: Demonstrates regional arts partnership support, artist collaboration, and community-based arts engagement aligned with project goals.

Celestina Ripley Artistic Work Samples: Provides examples of the teaching artist’s visual artwork, creative projects, and community-centered arts experience relevant to the proposed program.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SOCIAL IMPACT

The application must show the project’s reach and/or depth of engagement within a defined community. It should include clear methods to evaluate success and document activities. Both project implementation and evaluation should involve meaningful community participation aligned with the project’s identified outcomes.

Describe the youth population(s) this program serves and the existing barriers to their access to arts engagement and/or arts learning opportunities.

The proposed program will serve youth ages 6–10 in the Soledad community, with a focus on underserved and at-risk youth identified through partnerships with local schools and community organizations. Soledad is a hardworking agricultural community where many families face economic hardship, limited access to enrichment opportunities, and barriers that often place arts education and creative programming out of reach. Many parents work long hours in the fields and other labor-intensive jobs to support their families, leaving limited time, transportation, and financial resources for extracurricular activities and arts programs.

For many families in the community, arts participation has not traditionally been viewed as accessible or available to them. Youth often have limited exposure to creative programs outside of the school setting, and many families may not feel connected to or represented in traditional arts opportunities. Without intentional outreach and trusted community connections, many children simply do not have opportunities to explore creative expression in positive and supportive environments.

This program is designed to help bridge that gap by bringing free, artist-led programming directly into the community in a familiar, welcoming, and accessible park setting. By partnering with local schools, the City will work closely with educators and support staff who already know the youth and families most in need of additional enrichment and positive after-school engagement opportunities. The goal is to create a space where youth feel welcomed, encouraged, and connected while building confidence, creativity, self-expression, and connection through the arts.

Describe how your project will address the healing, stabilizing, uplifting, and transforming of an identified community and their needs.

The proposed program is designed to create a consistent and welcoming space where youth feel supported, encouraged and comfortable being creative. In a community like Soledad, many families are focused on meeting basic day-to-day needs, and opportunities for arts enrichment are often limited or simply not prioritized because they can feel financially or culturally out of reach. Many youth have few opportunities outside of school to explore creativity, build confidence, or participate in structured activities that allow them to express themselves in positive ways.

By offering free weekly arts programming in familiar neighborhood spaces, including Orchard Lane Park and the Community Center, the project will help create a sense of belonging and connection for participating youth and families. The program is intended to give children something they can look forward to each week, a place where they feel welcomed, supported, and comfortable trying new things without pressure or expectation.

The project will also help strengthen relationships between youth, families, schools, and the community by creating opportunities for positive interaction and engagement outside of the traditional classroom environment. Through partnerships with local schools, the program will intentionally connect with youth who may benefit from additional support, mentorship, and access to positive after-school activities.

Art provides an outlet for creativity, communication, and self-expression in ways that feel approachable and inclusive. The goal of the program is not only to introduce youth to the arts, but to help them feel connected, capable, and seen while creating positive experiences that contribute to a stronger and more supportive community.

Describe how you will center community members' voices throughout the project, including development, implementation, and measures of success/evaluation (if applicable).

Community voice and participation are important to the development and success of this program. The City will work closely with local schools, families, community partners, and program participants to help shape the program in ways that feel relevant, welcoming, and meaningful to the youth being served. School staff and community partners will help identify youth who may benefit from additional enrichment opportunities and provide insight into the needs and challenges facing local families and students.

The program will be designed with flexibility so activities, projects, and teaching approaches can adapt to participant interests, comfort levels, creative ideas, and feedback throughout the program period. Youth will be encouraged to share ideas, explore creative interests, and participate in collaborative projects that reflect their experiences, personalities, and community connections.

Families and participants will also have opportunities to provide feedback throughout the program through conversations, informal check-ins, participation levels, and end-of-program reflections. Staff, teaching artists, and partners will use this feedback to evaluate what is working well, identify areas for improvement, and better understand the impact of the program on participating youth and families.

The program will conclude with a community art showcase that allows participants to share their work with family members, community partners, and residents while celebrating youth creativity, participation, and accomplishment. Success will not only be measured by attendance, but by participant engagement, creative growth, confidence, relationships built, and the sense of connection youth feel to the program, staff, and community. The goal is to create a program that feels accessible, community-centered, and responsive to the people it serves.

Provide the zip codes that this proposed project will serve during the grant period.

These zip codes will be used to determine how your organization serves underserved communities as identified by the Healthy Places Index.

Instructions:

- Download the Zip Code Template
- Enter one (1) five-digit zip code per row.
- Do not enter a range of zip codes or use commas.
- Save the file to your computer.
- Upload the file in the space below.

Other file types or formats will not be reviewed.

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CERTIFICATION & RELEASE

The undersigned certifies the following:

California Secretary of State Certificate of Status

Yes, I certify

The undersigned certifies the following:

The represented organization has valid proof of tax-exempt status under sec.501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or under sec. 23701d of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, or is a unit of government; or for grant programs allowing Fiscal Sponsors, is applying in partnership with a Fiscal Sponsor entity meeting all Fiscal Sponsor eligibility requirements as indicated in CAC Fiscal Sponsor Policy; that the applicant organization has been consistently engaged in arts programming for a specific number of years prior to time of application; has its principal place of business in California; and has completed prior contract requirements, if applicable; and has approval of the organization's board of directors or other governing body; and that the applicant organization and Fiscal Sponsor, if applicable, both comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; sec 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; observes provisions of the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988; and California Government Code secs.11135-11139.5 (barring discrimination); complies with the Fair Labor Standards Act, as defined by the Secretary of Labor in part 505 of title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulation; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and the Fair Employment and Housing Act; that all information contained herein is accurate or represents a reasonable estimate of operations based on data available at the time of submission; and that there are no misstatements or misrepresentations contained herein or in any attachments; and is aware that modification of the proposal at any point may require a contract amendment, rescinding of a grant award or cancellation of contract.

The undersigned hereby releases the California Arts Council (CAC) and the State of California, their employees and agents, from any liability and/or responsibility concerning damage to or loss of materials submitted to the CAC and the State of California, whether or not such damage of loss is caused by the negligence of the CAC, the State of California, their employees and agents.

Yes, I certify

Applicant Name: Megan Hunter

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12.

CITY OF SOLEDAD
STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: **Community Center Closure from December 21, 2026, through December 26, 2026, and December 31 through January 2, 2027**

TO: **Honorable Mayor Velazquez and City Council**

FROM: **Ana Ambriz, Parks and Recreation Director**

THROUGH: **Megan Hunter, City Manager**

MEETING DATE: **October 7, 2026**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council of the City of Soledad approve by minute motion the Community Center holiday closure from December 21, 2026, through December 26, 2026, and December 31, 2026, through January 2, 2027, with the Community Center closing at 1:00 p.m. on December 31.

Executive Summary

The Soledad Community Center historically experiences lower attendance, programming, and facility use during the holiday period. As part of the FY 2026–2027 budget, the Community Center's temporary staffing budget was reduced by 30%, requiring staff to identify opportunities to align operations with facility demand. Staff is proposing closure on select dates between December 21, 2026, and January 2, 2027, when activity is typically lower, including a half-day closure on December 31. The temporary closure will reduce staffing needs, provide affected employees an opportunity to use applicable accrued leave, and help the Community Center operate within its reduced staffing budget.

Background

The Soledad Community Center typically experiences reduced attendance, programming, and facility use during the holiday period. In particular, the proposed closure dates have historically been slower operating days, making them an appropriate time to temporarily reduce facility operations.

As part of the FY 2026–2027 budget adopted to address the City's identified budget deficit, the Community Center's temporary staffing budget was reduced by 30%. In response, staff are identifying opportunities to adjust staffing and operations based on facility demand while continuing to maintain essential services.

The proposed holiday closure would reduce staffing needs during a period when fewer programs and activities are scheduled and facility use is typically lower, helping the Community Center operate

within its reduced temporary staffing budget.

Review & Analysis

Closing the Community Center during the proposed holiday dates will allow the City to more efficiently manage staffing and operational resources during a period of historically low facility activity. The closure will reduce the need for temporary staffing hours while helping the Community Center operate within its current 30% temporary staff budget reduction.

The closure will also provide staff with an opportunity to use accrued vacation, compensatory time, administrative leave, or floating holidays, as applicable, during the holiday period. Staff shared the proposed holiday closure with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), which raised no objections. The closure will include a limited number of SEIU members and temporary staff.

The proposed closure will include December 21, 22, 23, 26, and 31, 2026, and January 2, 2027. December 31 will be a half-day closure, with the Community Center closing at 1:00 p.m. and proving the community the opportunity to access the facility for a workout before the New Year festivities. Staff affected by the closure will use accrued vacation, compensatory time, administrative leave, or floating holidays, as applicable and depending on individual work schedules.

The closure will be communicated in advance to Community Center users, program participants, and the public to allow residents to plan accordingly.

Financial Considerations

The proposed closure will provide an opportunity to reduce temporary staffing costs during a period of historically lower facility use. This is particularly beneficial given the Community Center's current 30% temporary staff budget reduction.

The closure may also reduce associated facility operating costs, including utilities and other operational expenses, while the facility is unoccupied.

Strategic Plan Alignment

The proposed Community Center holiday closure aligns with the Soledad Strategic Plan: 2026–2030, particularly the Internal Operations priorities related to fiscal responsibility, sustainable resource management, and efficient City operations. The closure allows the City to align staffing and operational resources with reduced facility demand while managing the Community Center's current 30% temporary staffing budget reduction. This supports the City's broader goal of maintaining fiscally responsible and sustainable operations.

Alternatives

- Approve the Community Center holiday closure as proposed; or
- Modify the proposed Community Center closure dates; or
- Do not approve the proposed closure.

Not approving the closure would require the Community Center to maintain operations and staffing during dates when facility use and programming are historically lower, which could limit resources for higher-demand periods, including the summer months.

Planning/CEQA

Approval of Holiday Closure for the Community Center is not considered a project for the purposes of CEQA since it has no potential for resulting in either a direct or indirect impact to the environment. (See CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.)

Public Notice Requirements

Not required.

CITY OF SOLEDAD
STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: **Resolution No. 6430, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 to the License Agreement Between the City of Soledad and Pacific Gas and Electric Company for the Use of the Community Center for Public Safety Power Shutoff Events**

TO: **Honorable Mayor Velazquez and City Council**

FROM: **Ana Ambriz, Parks and Recreation Director**

THROUGH: **Megan Hunter, City Manager**

MEETING DATE: **October 7, 2026**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council of the City of Soledad consider and adopt Resolution No. 6430, "Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 to the License Agreement Between the City of Soledad and Pacific Gas and Electric Company for the Use of the Community Center for Public Safety Power Shutoff Events."

Executive Summary

On August 5, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 5629, approving a License Agreement with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to use the Soledad Community Center as a resource center during Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events. The existing agreement allows PG&E to use the parking lot as a staging area, as well as interior common areas (lobbies, hallways, stairways, elevators (if operational), restrooms, etc.) and generator of the Community Center during PSPS events. However, since 2020, Community Center programming and facility use have increased, while hours of operation have been reduced during weekends. These changes make it more challenging to accommodate PG&E's use of interior spaces without disrupting scheduled programs and facility operations.

Proposed License Agreement Amendment No. 1 addresses these issues by limiting PG&E's use of the Community Center parking lot to a designated area and removing access to the facility generator and interior spaces. This will allow PG&E to continue providing resources to the community during PSPS events while minimizing impacts on Community Center programs and operations. Designating a specific parking area will also provide Police Department personnel with greater visibility and easier access to the resource center, supporting public safety oversight during these events.

Background

During extreme weather conditions, PG&E may implement a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) to reduce the risk of wildfires and protect public safety. PSPS events may occur when environmental conditions create an elevated fire danger, including conditions such as red flag warnings, low humidity, high winds, and dry vegetation.

In 2020, the City entered into a License Agreement with PG&E to make portions of the Soledad Community Center available during PSPS events. The purpose of the agreement is to provide an accessible community resource where PG&E customers can obtain information and basic services during a power outage. Under the original agreement, PG&E and its representatives and customers are authorized to use designated areas of the property as a customer resource center. Services may include providing water and snacks, allowing customers to charge electronic devices, and providing current information regarding outages. PG&E may also establish tables, chairs, temporary signage, tents, trailers, portable toilets, fencing, and other temporary facilities as permitted under the agreement.

The agreement currently provides PG&E with exclusive use of the designated License Area (facility common areas), Generator and Staging Area (parking lot) during Use Days. It also provides PG&E and its representatives and customers with nonexclusive access to certain interior common areas, including lobbies, hallways, stairways, elevators, and restrooms. PG&E is required to provide the City with advance notice of a PSPS event, and PSPS activities receive priority over other uses of the designated areas. The existing agreement provides for a license fee of $750 per Use Day and remains in effect through December 31, 2030.

Review & Analysis

The proposed License Agreement Amendment No. 1 is intended to balance two important community needs: maintaining access to resources during PSPS events while preserving the Community Center's ability to provide regularly scheduled programs and services.

The Community Center has experienced increased programming and facility use since the original agreement was approved in 2020. In addition, the facility operates with reduced hours during weekends, making it more difficult to accommodate PSPS activities that require access to interior spaces. In light of these changed circumstances, the City and PG&E have agreed to limit PG&E’s use of the Community Center facilities to a portion of the Parking Lot. (See Exhibit A.) Providing PG&E with access to a designated outdoor area will reduce the potential for conflicts with scheduled programs, facility users, and staff while allowing PG&E to continue providing resources to residents affected by a power shutoff.

Use of the parking lot also provides an operational and public safety benefit. Locating PSPS activities outdoors will allow Police Department personnel to have improved visibility of the resource center and easier access to the area, supporting monitoring and public safety response as needed during an event.

Limiting PSPS operations to a designated outdoor area will therefore allow the City to maintain its partnership with PG&E while better aligning the agreement with the Community Center's current programming schedule, reduced weekend operating hours, facility operations, and public safety considerations.

Financial Considerations

There is no anticipated direct fiscal impact to the City associated with approving Amendment No. 1

beyond the existing financial terms of the License Agreement. The existing License Agreement provides for a license fee of $750 per Use Day.

Strategic Plan Alignment

The proposed amendment supports the Soledad Strategic Plan 2026–2030, particularly goal 4.1 – enhance and expand public parks, open space, and community facilities, by preserving the community center's interior spaces for community programming while maintaining its availability as an emergency resource.

It also supports goal 6.1 – strengthen community trust and public safety through partnership and community policing by providing police department personnel with greater visibility and access to the PSPS Resource Center during emergency events.

Alternatives

- Approve Resolution No. 6430 and authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the License Agreement.
- Do not approve Amendment No. 1 and maintain the existing License Agreement.
- Provide staff with alternative directions.

Planning/CEQA

The approval of Amendment No. 1 to the License Agreement is not a project under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15378(b)(5), as it involves administrative activities that do not result in any direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Public Notice Requirements

N/A

Attachment(s):
Resolution No. 6430
Exhibit A - Revised Soledad Community Center First Amendment to License Agreement
Soledad Community Center First Amendment to License Agreement - Strikeout Version

RESOLUTION NO. 6430

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOLEDAD AND PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE USE OF THE SOLEDAD COMMUNITY CENTER DURING PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF EVENTS

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 5629, approving a License Agreement between the City of Soledad ("City") and Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E") for the use of designated areas of the Soledad Community Center during Public Safety Power Shutoff ("PSPS") events; and

WHEREAS, the existing License Agreement permits PG&E to use designated outdoor areas and certain interior common areas of the Community Center during PSPS events; and

WHEREAS, the City and PG&E have agreed to amend the License Agreement to limit PG&E's use during PSPS events to the designated outdoor parking lot, as identified in Amendment No. 1; and

WHEREAS, limiting PSPS operations to the designated parking lot will allow PG&E to continue providing resources to community members while minimizing conflicts with Community Center programming and facility operations and providing Police Department personnel with greater visibility and access for public safety oversight; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 1 does not alter the existing license fee of $750 per Use Day, and all other terms, conditions, and provisions of the License Agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect**.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Soledad as follows:

1. Amendment No. 1 to the License Agreement between the City of Soledad and Pacific Gas and Electric Company, substantially in the form presented to the City Council and attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, is hereby approved.

2. The City Manager is authorized to execute Amendment No. 1 on behalf of the City, together with such minor, non-substantive modifications as may be approved by the City Manager and City Attorney.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Soledad at a regular meeting held on October 7, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers:

NOES, Councilmembers:

ABSENT, Councilmembers:

ABSTAIN, Councilmembers:

_____
ANNA M. VELAZQUEZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
MEGAN HUNTER, City Clerk

Exhibit A

FIRST AMENDMENT TO LICENSE AGREEMENT
(PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF)

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO LICENSE AGREEMENT (PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF) (this "**Amendment**") is made and entered into as of _____, 2026 ("**Effective Date**"), by and between PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, a California corporation ("**PG&E**") and CITY OF SOLEDAD, a municipal corporation ("**LICENSOR**").

R E C I T A L S:

A. PG&E and LICENSOR are parties to that certain License Agreement (PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF) dated August 5, 2020 (the "**License Agreement**"), whereby LICENSOR granted to PG&E a license to use a designated area (the "**License Area**") of the property commonly known as "Soledad Community Center" and located at 560 Walker Drive, in the City of Soledad, County of Monterey, State of California (the "**Property**").

B. The parties desire to amend the License Agreement as set forth herein below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, PG&E and LICENSOR agree as follows:

1. Definitions; Effective Date. All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them in the License Agreement. All amendments to the Original License Agreement shall take effect on and as of the Effective Date.

2. Amendments.

The following Sections of the License Agreement is hereby amended by removing the struck through words and adding the underlined words:

1. Grant of License. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this License Agreement, LICENSOR grants PG&E, and its employees, contractors, agents, and representatives ("**PG&E's Representatives**") and PG&E's customers the right to use the License Area described in **EXHIBIT A** attached hereto (the "**License Area**") together with rights of ingress and egress to and from the License Area. All of the activities of PG&E and PG&E's Representatives pursuant to this License Agreement are referred to herein as "**PG&E's Activities**."

2. Use of License Area. During Use Days (as defined in Section 5 below), PG&E and PG&E's Representatives and customers shall have the exclusive right to use the License Area as a customer resource center. Services to be provided in the License Area may include, among other things, providing PG&E customers with water and snacks and the ability to charge phones and get up-to-date information on outages. PG&E and PG&E's Representatives shall have the right to set up tables and chairs in the License Area.

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c. Mechanic's Liens. PG&E shall keep the Property free and clear of all mechanic's liens arising, or alleged to arise, in connection with any work performed, labor or materials supplied or delivered, or similar activities performed by PG&E or at PG&E's request or for PG&E's benefit. If any mechanic's liens are placed on the Property in connection with PG&E's use or PG&E's Activities, PG&E shall diligently pursue all necessary actions to remove such liens from title, either by payment or by recording a lien release bond in the manner specified in California Civil Code Section 8424 or any successor statute.

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FIRST AMENDMENT TO LICENSE AGREEMENT
(PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF)

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO LICENSE AGREEMENT (PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF) (this "**Amendment**") is made and entered into as of _____, 2026 ("**Effective Date**"), by and between PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, a California corporation ("**PG&E**") and CITY OF SOLEDAD, a municipal corporation ("**LICENSOR**").

R E C I T A L S:

A. PG&E and LICENSOR are parties to that certain License Agreement (PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF) dated August 5, 2020 (the "**License Agreement**"), whereby LICENSOR granted to PG&E a license to use a designated area (the "**License Area**") of the property commonly known as "Soledad Community Center" and located at 560 Walker Drive, in the City of Soledad, County of Monterey, State of California (the "**Property**").

B. The parties desire to amend the License Agreement as set forth herein below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, PG&E and LICENSOR agree as follows:

1. Definitions; Effective Date. All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them in the License Agreement. All amendments to the Original License Agreement shall take effect on and as of the Effective Date.

2. Amendments.

The following Sections of the License Agreement is hereby amended by removing the struck through words and adding the underlined words:

1. Grant of License. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this License Agreement, LICENSOR grants PG&E, and its employees, contractors, agents, and representatives ("**PG&E's Representatives**") and PG&E's customers the right to use the License Area described in **EXHIBIT A** attached hereto (the "**License Area**") ~~and certain interior areas of the Property in connection with a PSPS Event,~~ together with rights of ingress and egress to and from the License Area~~, and the right to use certain exterior areas of the Property as set forth below.~~ All of the activities of PG&E and PG&E's Representatives pursuant to this License Agreement are referred to herein as "**PG&E's Activities**."

2. Use of License Area ~~and Interior Common Areas of the Property~~. During Use Days (as defined in Section 5 below), PG&E and PG&E's Representatives and customers shall have the exclusive right to use the License Area as a customer resource center. Services to be provided in the License Area may include, among other things, providing PG&E customers with water and snacks and the ability to charge phones and get up-to-date information on outages. PG&E and PG&E's Representatives shall have the right to set up tables and chairs in the License Area. ~~In addition to the exclusive use of the License Area, PG&E and PG&E's Representatives~~

and customers shall have the nonexclusive right, during Use Days, to use lobbies, hallways, stairways, elevators (if operational), restrooms, and other interior common areas of the Property. PG&E and PG&E's Representatives shall also have the right to install temporary directional signage in the common areas of the Property.

3. Staging Area; Parking.

a. Staging Area. During Use Days, PG&E and PG&E's Representatives shall have the exclusive right to use the exterior area of the Property shown on **EXHIBIT A** (the "**Staging Area**") to support the operation of an indoor customer resource center in the case of a PSPS Event. PG&E and PG&E's Representatives shall have the right to set up tents, install trailers, portable toilets, fencing, and temporary signage, park mobile vehicle units and other vehicles, and deliver and stage equipment, supplies and materials in the Staging License Area.

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4. Generator. LICENSOR hereby grants PG&E the right to use the existing generator owned by LICENSOR (the "**Licensor-Owned Generator**") installed at the Property in the location depicted on **EXHIBIT A** during Use Days. Except to the extent caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of PG&E or PG&E's Representatives, LICENSOR releases PG&E and PG&E's Representatives from, and LICENSOR agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold PG&E and PG&E Representatives harmless from and against, any and all Claims (as defined in Section 10 below) relating directly or indirectly to the Licensor-Owned Generator, including, but not limited to, any failure or malfunction thereof. Except during a PSPS Event, LICENSOR shall operate the Licensor-Owned Generator, and LICENSOR shall at all times remain responsible for maintaining and repairing the Licensor-Owned Generator in compliance with all applicable laws, including, but not limited to, maintaining any necessary permits. LICENSOR agrees that PG&E may operate the Licensor-Owned Generator during a PSPS Event utilizing the Property, without payment of any additional fees or charges by PG&E.

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CITY OF SOLEDAD
STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: **Miramonte Specific Plan Area Status Update and Council Action on: Resolution No. 6431, Review and Acceptance of the Fire Station/Police Substation Requirements and Standards as a Technical Implementation Document Supporting the Future Miramonte Development Agreement; and**

Resolution No. 6432, Review and Acceptance of the Parks and Landscape Master Plan as a Technical Implementation Document Supporting the Future Miramonte Development Agreement.

TO: **Honorable Mayor Velazquez and City Council**

FROM: **Beatriz Trujillo, Community Development Director and Ariana Mora, Senior Planner**

THROUGH: **Megan Hunter, City Manager**

MEETING DATE: **October 7, 2026**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council of the City of Soledad

- Receive the Miramonte Specific Plan Area Project Update and;
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Executive Summary

The City of Soledad is advancing the implementation requirements of the Miramonte Specific Plan (MSP) and is requesting City Council review and acceptance of two key components of the MSP requirements: the Miramonte Fire Station/Police Substation Requirements and Standards (Fire & Police Standards) and the Parks and Landscape Master Plan (PLMP). The Fire & Police Standards and PLMP implement requirements for public safety facility improvements, parks, open space, trails, landscaping, and recreational amenities that would serve the future Miramonte community. The documents are required to further implement the approved MSP and associated project approvals and provide the technical information needed to develop the project's Comprehensive Financing Plan and Development Agreement (DA). These documents are not separate negotiated terms of the DA; rather,

once finalized and accepted, they are intended to be incorporated as supporting appendices to the DA. The DA will establish the overall agreement between the City and Developer, including applicable responsibilities, phasing, financing, and other implementation requirements. The two documents have been analyzed for consistency with the MSP, and it is recommended that the City Council review and approve the presented resolutions to include the Miramonte Fire Station/Police Substation Requirements and Standards and Parks and Landscape Master Plan as appendices to the DA.

Background

The MSP was approved by the Soledad City Council on November 7, 2018, establishing the land use and development framework for approximately 647 acres on the City's eastern edge. As part of the approval, the City Council certified the applicable environmental documentation, adopted a Mitigation Monitoring Program, amended the General Plan, approved the prezone and Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map, and initiated the required Sphere of Influence amendment and annexation process with the Monterey County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). Together, these actions established the overall vision, land use framework, and requirements for the MSP area and provided the foundation for implementation of the plan.

Since the 2018 approvals, the City, Developer, consultants, and other agencies have been working collaboratively to advance the implementation of the MSP. Because Miramonte is a large, long-term development, implementation requires completing the applicable annexation process, developing the infrastructure and public facility plans needed to serve the future community, identifying associated costs and responsibilities, and establishing the financing and contractual framework for development. This work includes the LAFCO annexation process, infrastructure and facility planning, Comprehensive Financing Plan, Affordable Housing Plan, Parks and Landscape Master Plan (PLMP), Fire Station/Police Substation Requirements and Standards (Fire & Police Standards), and, ultimately, the DA.

These individual plans and technical documents provide the detail necessary to establish the project's financing, implementation, and contractual framework. A summary of recent efforts by the City and Developer is provided below:

LAFCO

The City continues to move forward with the LAFCO process. LAFCO has conditionally approved the proposed reorganization, subject to completion of required agricultural mitigation measures by the Developer. Because the conditional approval is also subject to a timeline established by LAFCO, the City is working with LAFCO to seek an extension before the end of the year. The requested extension would provide additional time for the City and Developer to complete the remaining implementation requirements while continuing to advance the annexation process.

Comprehensive Financing Plan

Condition No. 45 of the Vesting Tentative Map requires the preparation of a Comprehensive Financing Plan prior to the first final map for the MSP area. The Comprehensive Financing Plan will identify the capital improvements necessary to serve the project and will allocate funding between impact fees, Mello-Roos Community Facilities District (CFD) bond financing, and may include other potential financing mechanisms. The CFD financing mechanism will be designed to fund capital improvements and long-term operations and maintenance of dedicated utility and roadway infrastructure, public parks and open space, and other public facilities infrastructure improvements project. The Comprehensive

Financing Plan cannot be developed until all the infrastructure improvement plans are developed for the MSP area.

Development Agreement

Condition No. 7 of the Vesting Tentative Map requires establishing a DA between the City and the Developer. The DA provides assurances to the Developer regarding the development regulations that apply to the project during the term of the agreement. The DA will establish the overall framework for implementation of the MSP, including the subdivision phasing plan, Comprehensive Financing Plan, and the respective responsibilities of the Developer and City for public improvements, infrastructure, facilities, affordable housing requirements, school district improvements, and other applicable plan requirements.

The individual implementation plans and technical studies being developed for the MSP provide the detail needed to establish and document these requirements. These documents are not intended to constitute separate negotiated terms of the DA. Instead, once the applicable plans and supporting materials are finalized and accepted, they will be incorporated into the DA as supporting appendices or referenced technical materials. The specific terms, responsibilities, financing provisions, and other provisions of the DA will be addressed through the subsequent DA process and will be presented to the City Council for consideration as a complete agreement. This phased approach allows the City Council and community to review the technical details of the project as they are completed, before they are assembled into the final DA and financing framework. The DA will be submitted for consideration and approval by the City Council prior to acceptance of the first final map.

Inclusionary Housing Agreement and Affordable Housing Plan

Mitigation Measure 4.11-3 requires that the project DA include a Housing Agreement consistent with the City's Housing Element that prescribes the parameters of the development of affordable housing consistent with the City's Housing Element, Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, and the MSP. The City Council established the Miramonte Ad-Hoc Committee to review the Affordable Housing Plan for the Miramonte Specific Plan in September 2025. The Developer is drafting the Affordable Housing Plan based on the Ad Hoc Committee's May 20, 2026 review and direction. Once completed, both the Inclusionary Housing Agreement and Affordable Housing Plan will be brought to the City Council for consideration.

As the Miramonte project continues to advance through its various implementation steps, the Developer has been working to complete the technical plans and supporting documents necessary to establish the framework for future development. The Fire & Police Standards and the PLMP are key technical implementation documents that support the approved MSP and associated project approvals. These documents provide the detail necessary to inform the future financing and DA framework but do not establish the negotiated terms or obligations of the DA. Upon finalization and acceptance, the documents are intended to be incorporated as supporting appendices to the future DA. The specific terms, responsibilities, and obligations of the DA will be developed through the subsequent DA process and presented to the City Council for separate consideration and action.

Review & Analysis

As the first phase of this process, two key implementation documents have been finalized by the Developer and are ready for City Council consideration: the Fire & Police Standards and the PLMP. These plans provide the technical detail needed to identify the improvements, amenities,

implementation requirements, and associated responsibilities necessary to carry out the MSP. Following Council acceptance, the information contained in these plans will be used to further develop the Comprehensive Financing Plan and the DA. The documents are intended to become supporting appendices to the future DA, while the negotiated terms of the DA will be developed and presented to the City Council at a later stage. The following sections provide a detailed review and analysis of each plan, including the proposed improvements, their relationship to the approved Specific Plan and associated requirements, and implementation responsibilities.

Fire Station/Police Substation Requirements and Standards (Fire & Police Standards)

The MSP identifies the need for public safety facilities to serve the future community and designates approximately 1.3 acres in a central location within the project area for a future public safety facility, as shown in Exhibit A. Through coordination with the Soledad Fire Department/Cal Fire and the Soledad Police Department, the proposed facility would be a fully operational fire station with space for a police substation. The fire station would provide the space and amenities needed to support fire operations. The police substation would provide a local check-in and support location for police personnel serving the Miramonte area rather than functioning as a second full police station. This approach recognizes that police officers are generally out in the community responding to calls and conducting patrols, while still providing a dedicated location within Miramonte to support police operations and provide a police presence. The proposed site is centrally located within the MSP area and approximately 1.6 miles north of the City's existing police and fire station. Its location would provide a public safety facility closer to future Miramonte residents and is intended to support the delivery of police and fire services as the community develops.

The land for the Fire Station/Police Substation will be dedicated by the Developer, and a CFD financing mechanism (or other similar mechanism) will be developed for the MSP to provide funds to build, operate, and maintain the facility. The Fire & Police Standards are comprehensive and include facility details, including improvements needed to serve the MSP area. The plan and improvements will be used to establish costs and to develop the appropriate financing approach, such as a CFD.

Acceptance of the Fire & Police Standards would establish the project-level technical framework for the public safety facilities identified in the MSP and Conditions of Approval. The Fire & Police Standards provide the information needed to establish project costs and further develop the financing approach. Following acceptance, the Fire & Police Standards would be used as supporting technical material for the Comprehensive Financing Plan and would be incorporated as an appendix to the future DA. The specific financing and contractual terms associated with the facility would be addressed through the subsequent DA and financing process and presented to the City Council for future consideration.

Parks and Landscape Master Plan (PLMP)

Mitigation Measure 4.12-6 requires the Developer to prepare a comprehensive PLMP (Exhibit B) for City review and approval prior to recordation of the first final map within the MSP area. The PLMP establishes a framework for the community’s landscaping, parks, and recreational spaces. The landscape component draws from the region's agricultural heritage and natural setting and establishes a cohesive agrarian character for landscaping, public spaces, buildings, and structures, while the parks component guides the development of park improvements throughout the MSP area. Together, these elements are intended to create connected, attractive, and functional spaces for residents while supporting the long-term maintenance and operation of these improvements.

The PLMP incorporates landscaping standards consistent with the City's applicable standards and will comply with State-mandated water-efficiency requirements in effect at the time of design. The PLMP also addresses landscaping improvement types, maintenance, operations, and financing. The plant palette is currently redlined to reflect updates being coordinated by the Developer's current landscape consultant, who did not have access to the original PLMP plant palette document to incorporate the revisions. The palette and related edits were requested by staff and will be finalized and incorporated into the PLMP prior to its inclusion as an appendix to the DA.

While the PLMP establishes the landscaping framework for the MSP area, its parks and recreational components are guided by the MSP and the City's adopted Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP). The City's 2025 PRMP (Attachment 1) provides a roadmap for park, facility, and recreation improvements, and guides ongoing improvements and decisions. The PLMP has been developed consistent with the PRMP, and with the MSP policies outlined in Chapter 4 (Policies A through N) (Attachment 2). The implementation of the PLMP is designed to ensure the orderly installation and maintenance of open space, parkland, and roadway landscaping, implement specific plan goals and policies, and comply with the project's Conditions of Approval and Mitigation Measures.

The MSP provides approximately five acres of parkland and open space per 1,000 residents. The PLMP identifies how the planned parkland and open space areas would be developed and connected throughout the community, including the improvements and amenities proposed within those areas. The PLMP addresses Roadways and Parking (Section 2.0), Open Space, Trails, and Public Spaces (Section 3.0), Thematic Elements (Section 4.0), recommended Plant Palettes (Section 5.0), Implementation (Section 6.0), and specifications for each designated park (Appendix). The Appendix provides the specifications for the Miramonte Village Park, Miramonte Hillside Picnic Park, Miramonte Sports Park, Miramonte Pocket Parks, Miramonte Neighborhood Parks, Miramonte Linear Park, and Miramonte Basin Park.

Section 6.0 of the plan provides details regarding implementation, identifying the funding mechanism for development and maintaining the planned improvements. The Developer is responsible for the design, funding, and construction of required park improvements, including applicable landscaping, irrigation, structures, and hardscape within designated park areas, as identified in Exhibit B.

Acceptance of the PLMP would establish the project-level technical framework for providing the parks, open space, trails, landscaping, and recreational amenities identified in the MSP and applicable project requirements. The PLMP provides the technical information needed to further develop the associated costs, implementation responsibilities, and financing approach. Following acceptance of the PLMP, it would be used as supporting technical material for the Comprehensive Financing Plan and incorporated as an appendix to the future DA. The specific financing and contractual terms associated with these improvements would be addressed through the subsequent DA and financing process and presented to the City Council for future consideration.

Financial Considerations

The MSP project is subject to a Reimbursement Agreement with the Developer, which provides for 100 percent funding of project-related City expenses by the Developer. The Agreement and project Conditions of Approval require the establishment and maintenance of a dedicated account to fund eligible City expenses associated with project review and implementation. As a result, the proposed actions are not anticipated to impact the City's General Fund and preserve General Fund resources from project-related expenses.

Strategic Plan Alignment

The proposed action supports Strategic Plan Goal 2.2.2 – Negotiate a DA for Miramonte to ensure adequate provision of infrastructure and public services at each stage of project build-out. Review and acceptance of the Fire & Police Standards and PLMP will help establish the detailed public facilities, parks, and related improvements needed to serve the future Miramonte community. These plans will provide information needed to further define infrastructure and public service responsibilities, coordinate improvements with future development, and establish the applicable costs and funding responsibilities. The information developed through this process will subsequently inform the Comprehensive Financing Plan and DA, consistent with the City's goal of establishing long-term funding for infrastructure and public services and supporting implementation of the MSP.

Alternatives

- Accept the Miramonte Fire Station/Police Substation Requirements and Standards and Parks and Landscape Master Plan to be incorporated into the Comprehensive Financing Plan and DA for future consideration by the City Council.
- Deny acceptance of the proposed plans and provide direction to staff regarding any revisions, additional information, or further analysis required for future consideration by the City Council.

Planning/CEQA

The City Council of the City of Soledad certified the Final EIR (FEIR) for the Miravale III project on September 1, 2010 (Resolution No. 4564). The project was revised based upon City Council recommendations, and the applicant resubmitted a reduced size project, known as the "Miramonte Project" in July 2016. The 2010 FEIR was determined to be adequate to evaluate the Miramonte Project, with an Addendum, prepared in accordance with Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines. The City Council adopted Resolution No. 5431 on November 7, 2018, approving an EIR Addendum and Errata, along with a Statement of Overriding Considerations. Section 15162(b) of the CEQA Guidelines states that once an EIR and/or Mitigated Negative Declaration has been certified for a project, no subsequent EIR or Mitigated Negative Declaration shall be prepared unless:

1. Substantial changes are proposed to the project;
2. Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken; or
3. New information of substantial importance is presented which was not known and could not have been known at the time the previous Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted.

Furthermore, in accordance with CEQA Guideline Section 15183, CEQA mandates that projects which are consistent with the development density established by existing zoning, community plan, or general plan policies for which an EIR was certified shall not require additional environmental review, except as might be necessary to examine whether there are project-specific significant effects which are peculiar to the project or its site.

The final Fire Station/Police Substation Requirements and Standards and Miramonte Parks and Landscape Master Plan are consistent with the Miramonte Specific Plan. Therefore, it has been determined that no further CEQA documentation is required for the subject proposal.

Public Notice Requirements

This item is being presented to the City Council for review and consideration of the proposed

Miramonte Fire Station/Police Substation Requirements and Standards and Parks and Landscape Master Plan as implementation components of the previously approved Miramonte Specific Plan. The proposed action does not amend the approved Specific Plan or change the project's approved land use framework. Accordingly, the item is being processed as a regular City Council agenda item and is not a separately noticed public hearing.

Attachment(s):
Resolution No. 6431 to Exhibit A
Exhibit A - Miramonte Fire Station and Police Substation Plan 2026
Resolution No. 6432 to Exhibit B
Exhibit B - Miramonte Park & Landscape Master Plan 2026
Attachment 1- 2025 City of Soledad P&R Master Plan
Attachment 2- Miramonte Specific Plan Parks and Open Space Policies
Presentation - Miramonte PL FP 10.7.26

RESOLUTION NO. 6431

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD REVIEWING AND ACCEPTING THE MIRAMONTE FIRE STATION/POLICE SUBSTATION REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS AS A TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION DOCUMENT SUPPORTING THE FUTURE MIRAMONTE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Soledad ("City") previously approved the Miramonte Specific Plan for approximately 647 acres located on the eastern edge of the City, establishing a framework for future residential, commercial, public facility, park, infrastructure, and related development within the Specific Plan Area; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2018, the City Council took actions necessary to approve and implement the Miramonte Specific Plan, including certification of the applicable environmental documentation, adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, amendments to the General Plan, approval of the applicable prezone and Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map, and initiation of the required Sphere of Influence and annexation processes with the Monterey County Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCO"); and

WHEREAS, the Miramonte Specific Plan identifies the need for public safety facilities to serve future development within the Specific Plan Area and establishes policies and standards relating to public services and facilities, including Policies PSF-AA and PSF-HH; and

WHEREAS, the Miramonte Specific Plan identifies an approximately 1.3-acre public safety facility site centrally located within the Specific Plan Area for a future Fire Station and Police Substation; and

WHEREAS, the Specific Plan contemplates that the development, financing, timing, and implementation of public facilities and infrastructure serving the Miramonte Specific Plan Area will be addressed through subsequent implementation mechanisms, including a Development Agreement and Comprehensive Financing Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Miramonte Fire Station/Police Substation Requirements and Standards ("Requirements and Standards") have been prepared as a technical implementation document to identify and organize facility-related requirements and standards that may be used in the continued planning, financing, design, and implementation of a future Fire Station and Police Substation serving the Miramonte Specific Plan Area; and

WHEREAS, the Requirements and Standards are intended to provide a common technical framework for continued coordination among the City, future developers, public safety agencies, consultants, and other responsible parties as the Miramonte development framework advances; and

WHEREAS, the Requirements and Standards are intended to support future negotiations and documentation associated with the Miramonte Development Agreement and Comprehensive

Financing Plan, including the identification of appropriate developer responsibilities and fair-share funding mechanisms for public safety facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Requirements and Standards are intended to serve as a technical reference for the planning, design, financing, and implementation of the future Fire Station and Police Substation and, subject to future City Council approval of the Miramonte Development Agreement ("Development Agreement"), are intended to be included as an appendix thereto; and

WHEREAS, any future development, construction, financing, subdivision, improvement plans, or other implementing actions associated with the Miramonte Specific Plan Area shall remain subject to all applicable federal, State, and local laws, regulations, adopted plans, conditions of approval, environmental requirements, and required discretionary approvals; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the Requirements and Standards and finds that acceptance of the document will assist in advancing implementation of the public safety facility component of the approved Miramonte Specific Plan and provide technical guidance for continued development of the future Miramonte Development Agreement and Comprehensive Financing Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Soledad as follows:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby reviews and accepts the Miramonte Fire Station/Police Substation Requirements and Standards, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference, as a technical implementation document supporting the approved Miramonte Specific Plan.

SECTION 3. Acceptance of the Requirements and Standards does not authorize approval of the Comprehensive Financing Plan or Development Agreement. Acceptance is strictly to be incorporated as supporting appendices to the Development Agreement and provide the detail needed to develop the future financing and Development Agreement framework.

SECTION 4. Future implementation remains subject to all applicable laws, regulations, environmental requirements, permits, conditions of approval, and required governmental approvals.

SECTION 6. The City Manager, or designee, may utilize the Requirements and Standards for technical coordination and planning related to implementation of the Miramonte Specific Plan; provided, however, that this authority does not authorize negotiation, execution, or approval of the Development Agreement or any other agreement.

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Soledad, at a regular meeting duly held on the 7th day of October 2026, by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers:

NOES, Councilmembers:

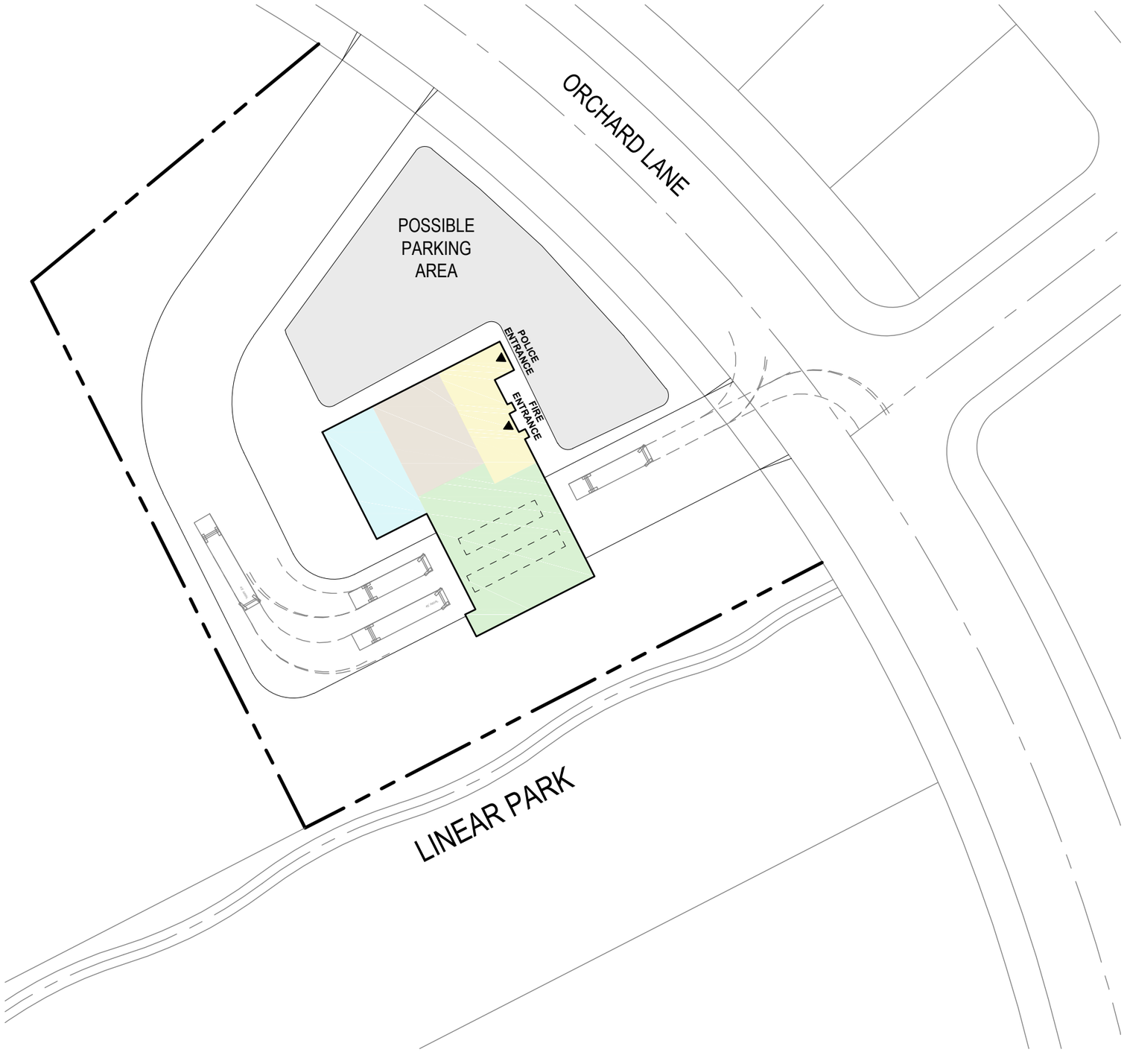
ABSENT, Councilmembers:

ABSTAIN, Councilmembers:

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ANNA M. VELAZQUEZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

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MEGAN HUNTER, City Clerk



LEGEND

- ADMINISTRATIVE & RECEPTION - POLICE AND FIRE (1,000 ± SF)
- APPARATUS BAY & SUPPORT (3,450 ± SF)
- LIVING AREA (1,100 ± AC)
- SLEEPING QUARTERS (720 ± SF)

Notes:

1. Refer to "Space Needs Specifications of the Fire Station with Police Substation Office at Miramonte," dated June 2026 for a detailed breakdown of proposed fire station amenities.

2. This exhibit is for illustrative purposes only and demonstrates the potential fit of a generic fire station on an approximately 1.5± acre parcel.

3. This exhibit is conceptual in nature and is not intended to represent a final design.

4. Parcel will be 1.5 ± ac.

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CONCEPTUAL SKETCH
FIRE STATION WITH POLICE SUBSTATION OFFICE

MIRAMONTE

SOLEDAD, CALIFORNIA

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SPACE NEEDS SPECIFICATIONS

for the

FIRE STATION with Police Substation Office @ MIRAMONTE

(Based on the 10-23-2024 Needs List from the City of Soledad)

June 2026

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FINISH LEGEND

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	Type of Space	Space Specifications			Finish Type
	SITE OPERATIONS		**Area**	**Dimension**	
1	Fire Department Access & Parking	Enclosed by secure fencing, separate and secure from public access Motorized gate - keypad controlled & bi-level reprogrammable with safety features for safe exiting Reinforced concrete paving for fire truck areas, per the note above. Eight 9'x20' firefighter parking spaces Fire hydrant or warf head for filling near fuel Rear hose bibs for vehicle wash			
2	Visitor and Public Parking	3 public parking spaces plus 1 HC/Accessible space			
3	Vehicle Washing Area	Truck wash flows to the sewer through the clarifier. Truck wash tool rack			
4	Front	Flag pole with light			
5	Electrical	Provide electrical outlets on all sides of the building for yard equipment and electrical Service Main Switch Gear Exterior energy-efficient and shielded outdoor lighting on all sides of the building			
6	Fire Fighter Patio	Small private patio/deck adjacent to kitchen/dining room with barbeque, gas, power outlets, and seating/table. Provide trellis or shade structure and wind break if necessary. The site should be fenced with landscaping, irrigation, and landscape lighting.			
7	Emergency Power Generator / Fire Department Fuel Refill	Emergency Diesel Power Generator: provide power for the entire facility, including HVAC Direct pipe from fuel storage to the Generator to maintain a minimum of 24 hours of fuel for the generator Seismic Footings Engine truck fuel pump from right side w/ 30' long hose Above-ground fuel storage: 1,000 gallons diesel Locate adj. to generator on driver's side of truck w/ bollards 5' from fuel Outdoor lighting at Fuel Area			
8	Stormwater	On-site stormwater treatment area(s), a portion may be located in the Linear Park Storm drainage collection system			
9	Outdoor Hose Drying Rack	Hose layout space located away from drive aisles Approx. 55 feet long by 12 feet wide Water supply for washing hoses Access to all four sides Drainage runoff collection system			
10	Trash and Recycling	Enclosure, per city standards, is in a secure area with space for front-loading truck access			
11	Bio Waste Pickup	Bio waste storage Exterior door & interior door. Both w/ combo locks May be located with Trash Enclosure			
12	Structure & Roof	Windows shall be High performance, Low-E, sound attenuating, tinted to limit heat gain and light with window coverings. Roof material shall be durable with a min. 30-year warranty. Roof access, if provided, shall be protected and secured. If the HVAC is roof-mounted, a water supply for maintenance shall be provided. An HVAC system shall be installed with the necessary water supply for HVAC maintenance			

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	APPARATUS BAYS / APPARATUS BAY SUPPORT AREA		**Area**	**Dimension**	
13	Apparatus Bay	Two (2) double-depth drive-through App. Bays, capable of storing the largest City ladder truck or two 25-foot fire engines end-to-end with a clear walkway on both the front and back of the aparatus while parked inside with the building doors closed Adequate room to load personnel and equipment while parked in the apparatus bay Reinforced concrete floor per the above General Note, sloped to floor drains, and with control joints Exhaust recover system Ladder training braces mounted in the rear of the apparatus bay 110 power supply and dedicated circuits with one circuit with enough power for a steam cleaner Natural lighting as possible including App. Bay doors with glazing Gang control door operators Red/Green light overhead door status indicator Electrical drops at each bay- with dedicated 20 amp circuit - plug compatible w/ rig - "Kussmal" Brand Gas fire unit air heaters on a timer and with a thermostat (shield as required from other items). Shuts off when door opens Hose bibs Two (2) high access drops for wireless access points over the engines with Air drops at each bay Four (4) floor drains	2800	2 @ 20' X 70'	A
14	Hose / Bottle Storage Alcove	Adjacent to and set off of Apparatus Bay so as not to project out into apparatus clear area (2) 6-foot rolling hose storage racks Rack for storage of (6) six air bottles	36	3' x 12'	A
15	Response and Station Alerting System	On Wall in Apparatus Bay near entry from office and living area Battery charging, radio equipment for a Dispatch System, and flashing lights Power strip with 16 plugs minimum above casework, (2) four-plex outlets within casework below Response Printer Built-in casework Radio and internet based Outdoor Speakers	16	2' x 8' Included in App Bay	B
16	Medical Supply	Medical supply storage Near App Bay, may be alcove Cabinet on App Bay wall w/ back up AED battery charging 4 Full Height Cabinets 4' Wide, 1 Half Height Cabinet with counter	36	2' x 18' Included in App Bay	A
17	Turnout Locker	Ready-Rack wall-mounted wire cages 24"W x 20"D Individual turnout wire cages (number TBD)	90	9' x 10'	A
18	Extractor	Washer / Extractor w/ trench drain for water dump Turnout dryer Adjacent to Turnout Room and Decon			A
19	Decon. Room	Direct access from the App. Bays & door from exterior Freestanding stainless steel sink with drain board and faucet w/ foot pedals Dryer shelves with hooks above drainboard Small storage upper and lower w/ counter Outside shower	56	7' x 8'	A

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20	Apparatus Bay Work Area with Workbench	Bench vise and hard wired grinder Deep sink Flammable Liquids Cabinet - with legs to raise above ground Upper cabinet storage with under cabinet light (3) duplex outlets min. above bench and (2) duplex outlets min. below (1) 220 volt outlet Compressed air Galvanized Top and Peg Board Back Task light	16	2' x 8' Included in App Bay	A
21	Hand Washing Sink Alcove	Sink & Closet Adj. to App Bay entrance	8	4' x 2'	A
22	Janitor Alcove	Mop sink w/ cop clips above Mop bucket Casework upper & lower cabs & solid surface countertops Near hand washing alcove	45	6' x 7'-6"	A
23	Communication Equipment Room (IT)	Separate AC split system Equipment Racks Data conduits Door with a key lock Antenna attachment at roof through a 3" weatherhead with stabilizers Space for standard industry alerting system or similar dispatch system Fire enunciator system	100	10' x 10'	A
24	Mechanical Room	HVAC Equipment Water Heater Air compressor per building code with at least 140 PSI and auto condensation bleed-off Roof access ladder	100	10' x 10'	A
25	General Supply Storage	Foam Class A Bottled Water Wild Land Inventory 210-pound commercial ice machine	100	10' x 10'	A
26	App Bay Restroom	Off App Bay One (1) accessible height toilet One (1) large lavatory Mirror Floor drain	45	5' x 9'	C
		Apparatus Bays/Apparatus Bay Support Area Subtotal:	**3,448**		

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	FIREFIGHTER LIVING AREA		**Area**	**Dimension**	
27	Kitchen	Refrigerator 30" deep cabinets over refrigerators Gas cook top and oven One (1) dishwasher -- residential grade quality Vent hood Microwave on shelf, no trim package Operable window Large 2-compartment sink with garbage disposal - integral to counter Stainless steel shelf under sink w/ no base & drain Preparation area. Floor Drains under sink Upper cabinets Task Lighting Gas shut off for stove Gas reset: locate in convenient place. Locate valve in ceiling away due to buzzing sound	208	13' x 16'	C
28	Dining Area & Adjacent Day Room	Table and seating to accommodate four Wall board for posting bulletins/white board Open to Kitchen and Adjacent to Day Room Access to patio Voice Com.	596	Dining: 14' x 14' Day Rm.: 20' x 20'	B
29	Janitor/Utility Room/ Laundry	Storage for living quarter cleaning supplies Storage for brooms, vacuum, etc. Washer and Dryer hookups - dryer vented to outside Mop sink (with mop hooks above) Floor drain	100	10' x 10'	C
30	Workout Room	Universal machine with 2 stations Treadmill and cycle Power for Treadmill and cycle Mat floor area Free weight tree, Dumbbells Bench - (2) TV wall mount bracket; TV Operable windows & Ceiling Fan	203	15' x 13.5'	B
		Firefighter Living Area Subtotal:	**1,107**		
	FIREFIGHTER QUARTERS AREA		**Area**	**Dimension**	
31	Four Fire Fighter Rooms *With two beds per Room*	Two (2) extra long twin size beds each room Two (2) wardrobes lockers (24" wide) each room w/ storage above for linen & bedding Sound separation from living areas Separate response light and speaker to home run to Comm. Room Reading light Operable egress window; 100% black-out curtains Privacy locks on doors One (1) wireless station in hallway outside of bunkrooms Accommodate built-in nightstand; Safe	576	4 @ 12' x 12'	B

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32	Firefighter Bathrooms *2 FF Bathrooms in Living Quarters* Unisex and ADA compliant	Each FF Bathroom: Separate area with one (1) shower w/ bench and changing area One (1) accessible height toilet - wall mount; One (1) large lavatory Response Strobe and speaker near shower; Mirror Paper towel dispenser Access panel for shower - 18" x 18" Floor drains Shelf for soap & shampoo Access panels 18" x 18" min.; Window Durable walls and flooring (no grout)	144	2 @ 6' x 12'	C
		Firefighter Quarters Area Subtotal:	**720**		
	ADMINISTRATION AND RECEPTION AREA		**Area**	**Dimension**	
33	Reception Area / Lobby	911 Phone at Exterior near Front Doors Front door to be mech. lock combo Door bell to station office adjacent to front door and App Bay Six (6) guest seats Drinking Fountain - w/ water fill Combination door lock to station hallway (non-powered) switchable to pass thru Public Restroom	252	14' x 18' 5' x 8' (restroom)	B
34	Fire Station Offices (2)	Restroom (shared with police substation office) Two basic office spaces each with work station and file cabinet Area for copier / FAX / printer - desktop One (1) wireless station in hallway outside of station office Visibility to mail alcove Shelving for station library & Haz Mat library Voice Com.	340	1 @ 12' x 12' 1 @ 14' x 14'	B
35	Police Office for Substation (1)	Restroom shared with fire station office - included above Basic office space with workstation and file cabinet Self-contained with a separate entrance from outside with a lock and also connected to the fire station lobby and restroom with a locking door Area for copier / FAX / printer - desktop Kitchenette area with mini fridge, microvave, sink to be located within the conference room	340	14' x 14' Conference Room 12' x 12' office space	B
36	Public Accessible Unisex Restroom	Accessible grab bars and toilet accessories One lavatory and one toilet Adjacent to Reception Area	60	6' x 10'	C
		Administration and Reception Area Subtotal:	**992**		

CONCEPTUAL SPACE NEEDS SUMMARY:

BUILDING TOTAL:		*Rounded Total*	
APPARATUS BAYS / APPARATUS BAY SUPPORT AREA	Subtotal:	3,450	SF
FIREFIGHTER LIVING AREA	Subtotal:	1,110	SF
FIREFIGHTER QUARTERS AREA	Subtotal:	720	SF
ADMINISTRATION AND RECEPTION AREA	Subtotal:	1,000	SF
	Building Subtotal:	6,280	SF
	Structure and Circulation (~20%)	1,240	SF
	BUILDING GRAND TOTAL	**7,520**	**SF**

RESOLUTION NO. 6432

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD REVIEWING AND ACCEPTING THE MIRAMONTE PARKS AND LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN AS A TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION DOCUMENT SUPPORTING THE FUTURE MIRAMONTE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Soledad ("City") previously approved the Miramonte Specific Plan for approximately 647 acres located on the eastern edge of the City, establishing a framework for future development within the Specific Plan Area, including residential development, public facilities, parks, open space, landscaping, infrastructure, and related improvements; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2018, the City Council took actions necessary to approve and implement the Miramonte Specific Plan, including certification of the applicable environmental documentation, adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, amendments to the General Plan, approval of the applicable prezone and Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map, and initiation of the required Sphere of Influence and annexation processes with Monterey County LAFCO; and

WHEREAS, the Miramonte Specific Plan contains policies addressing parks, recreation, landscaping, and related public improvements, including policies identified in Chapter 4 of the Specific Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Miramonte Specific Plan establishes a framework for the provision of parks and landscape improvements within the Specific Plan Area and anticipates approximately five acres of parkland per 1,000 residents, based on the development contemplated by the Specific Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted its Parks and Recreation Master Plan in 2025, which provides additional citywide guidance regarding parks and recreation facilities and may serve as a reference in the continued planning and implementation of park improvements within the Miramonte Specific Plan Area; and

WHEREAS, the Miramonte Specific Plan provides that the Developer is responsible for the design, funding, and construction of park improvements, including landscaping, irrigation, structures, hardscape, and related improvements, consistent with applicable Specific Plan requirements and subsequent implementing approvals; and

WHEREAS, the Miramonte Parks and Landscape Master Plan ("Master Plan") has been prepared as a technical implementation document to provide a coordinated framework for the planning, design, development, landscaping, and implementation of parks and related landscape improvements associated with the Miramonte Specific Plan Area; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan is intended to support continued coordination between the City, future developers, Public Works, consultants, and other responsible parties regarding the

location, character, design, financing, phasing, and implementation of future parks and landscape improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan is intended to support future negotiations and documentation associated with the Miramonte Development Agreement and Comprehensive Financing Plan, including the identification of developer responsibilities and appropriate funding and reimbursement mechanisms for eligible project-related improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan shall serve as a technical reference for continued coordination, planning, design, financing, phasing, and implementation of parks and landscape improvements within the Miramonte Specific Plan Area and may be used to inform the future Development Agreement and Comprehensive Financing Plan.

WHEREAS, the City has previously established that project-related park and landscape improvements are to be funded through applicable development-related funding mechanisms and developer obligations, and the Master Plan is not intended to create an obligation for the City to fund improvements from the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the Master Plan does not, by itself, approve construction of any individual park or landscape improvement, authorize expenditures from the City's General Fund, approve a Development Agreement, amend the Miramonte Specific Plan or General Plan, modify any condition of approval, or establish a financing district or other financing mechanism; and

WHEREAS, any future development, construction, financing, subdivision, improvement plans, or other implementing actions associated with the Miramonte Specific Plan Area shall remain subject to all applicable federal, State, and local laws, regulations, adopted plans, conditions of approval, environmental requirements, and required discretionary approvals; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the Master Plan and finds that acceptance of the document will assist in advancing implementation of the parks and landscape components of the approved Miramonte Specific Plan and provide technical guidance for continued development of the future Miramonte Development Agreement and Comprehensive Financing Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Soledad as follows:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby reviews and accepts the Miramonte Parks and Landscape Master Plan, attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by reference, as a technical implementation document supporting the continued implementation of the approved Miramonte Specific Plan.

SECTION 4. Acceptance of the Master Plan does not constitute approval of the future Miramonte Development Agreement, Comprehensive Financing Plan, individual park construction plans, improvement plans, financing mechanism, assessment district, or any other future discretionary action.

SECTION 7. Future implementation of the Master Plan shall remain subject to applicable federal, State, and local laws and regulations, including applicable environmental review requirements, and to all required City approvals and permits.

SECTION 8. The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to continue coordination with the developer, Public Works Department, consultants, and other affected parties regarding implementation of the Master Plan and to incorporate the document, as appropriate, into future discussions and negotiations concerning the Miramonte Development Agreement and Comprehensive Financing Plan.

SECTION 9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Soledad, at a regular meeting duly held on the 7th day of October 2026, by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers:

NOES, Councilmembers:

ABSENT, Councilmembers:

ABSTAIN, Councilmembers:

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ANNA M. VELAZQUEZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

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MEGAN HUNTER, City Clerk



MIRAMONTE

PARK & LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN

INCLUDING CONCEPTUAL LIGHTING & SIGNAGE

SOLEDAD, CALIFORNIA, SEPTEMBER 2026

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MIRAMONTE

Park & Landscape Master Plan

Including Conceptual Lighting & Signage

Soledad, California
September 2026

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

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1.1 PURPOSE

The Miramonte Specific Plan provides for neighborhood-oriented development with ample parks, open space, trails, and complete streets to promote outdoor recreation, leisure, and active lifestyles as shown in Exhibit 1.1 - Iillustrative Site Plan. The Miramonte Parks & Landscape Master Plan (MPLMP) is prepared pursuant to the requirements of project mitigation measure 4.12-6. The purpose of the MPLMP is to reinforce the objectives of the Specific Plan by providing a design framework for these public outdoor spaces. The MPLMP intends to guide future builders and designers in creating a cohesive landscape scheme that achieves unique identities while also providing public spaces that maintain a complementary and related design character. These guidelines are intended to provide general direction, not stringent standards, that encourage creative design solutions. Alternative designs and plant species are permitted provided they meet the objectives and design vision of the MPLMP.



Farmhouse style building & rural landscape

MIRAMONTE PARK & LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES

1. Establish a palette of plants, materials, signage, and outdoor furniture to create a consistent, agrarian design aesthetic that unifies the community.
2. Preserve the scenic hills as natural open space for passive recreational use, with unpaved trails, rustic trail signage, and limited rural-style fencing.
3. Establish a roadway landscape character that reinforces the hierarchy of streets.
4. Use landscaping elements to assist in way finding and orientation.
5. Enhance sidewalks and trails with shade, comfortable walking surfaces, respites, and lighting.
6. Use Low Impact Development design features and native and drought tolerant plants to support the agrarian community character of the area.
7. Provide a range of recreational amenities that meet the needs of plan area residents and are economically beneficial to the City of Soledad.

Exhibit 1.1 - Illustrative Site Plan



LEGEND

1. Village Center
2. Village Park
3. Senior Living
4. Medium Density Residential
5. Schools
6. Public Safety
7. Sports Park
8. Linear Park
9. Hillside Picnic Park
10. Neighborhood Parks
11. Dual Use Stormwater Management & Recreation
12. Natural Open space
13. Residential Study Area

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1.2 LANDSCAPE VISION

The landscape and design vision for Miramonte draws inspiration from the agricultural history of the site and the natural hillsides that provide a backdrop to scenic farmlands. The general landscape character will consist of informal patterns of plantings visually supported by low wall with stacked stone or manufactured stone veneers, boulders, unfinished concrete walls, and other natural looking or "raw" looking elements to convey a rustic character. Rows of vineyards, orchards, and large trees used as windbreaks evoke remnants of the site's agricultural heritage. Within more active portions of planning areas such as parks, plaza, and similar public spaces, thematic landscaping may consist of more sophisticated ornamental and native plants that require slightly more water and care but are characteristic of rural landscapes. Split rail fencing, simple metal or wooden furniture, decomposed granite, flagstone paving, or similar materials may also be used.

To support a consistent community theme and reinforcement of the agrarian character of the area, plant palettes throughout the Specific Plan area will consist of a unified selection of trees, shrubs, and ground covers for use in public or publicly visible spaces. The agrarian theme should also be reflected in community buildings and structures. Refer to Chapter 6: Recommended Plant Palettes for a detailed listing of proposed plants. Plant species not listed may be used with the approval of both the Director of Development Services and the Fire Chief.


Old Vineyard with Oak Woodland Backdrop


Lavender


Agrarian style building


Split Rail Fencing


Low Veneer Stone Walls

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2.0 ROADWAYS & PARKING

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2.1 ROADWAY CHARACTER

Roadways form the backbone of the community's landscape character, are often the first impression for visitors, and contribute to a neighborhood's curbside appeal. The combination of street trees, lighting, walls and other elements determines the comfort of drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians and can encourage walking and biking.

Exhibits 2.1 through 2.5 illustrate the Roadway Character Concept by identifying the intended landscape character for each street within the Specific Plan area. Street trees and the general landscape character of roadways throughout the Specific Plan area have been designed to support the hierarchy of streets and assist in wayfinding and orientation. A list of appropriate street trees is provided in Chapter 5.0. Complementary shrubs, ground covers, and flowering plants should be selected to attain a height of roughly three to five feet. Plants should be selected that require minimal trimming and low water use.

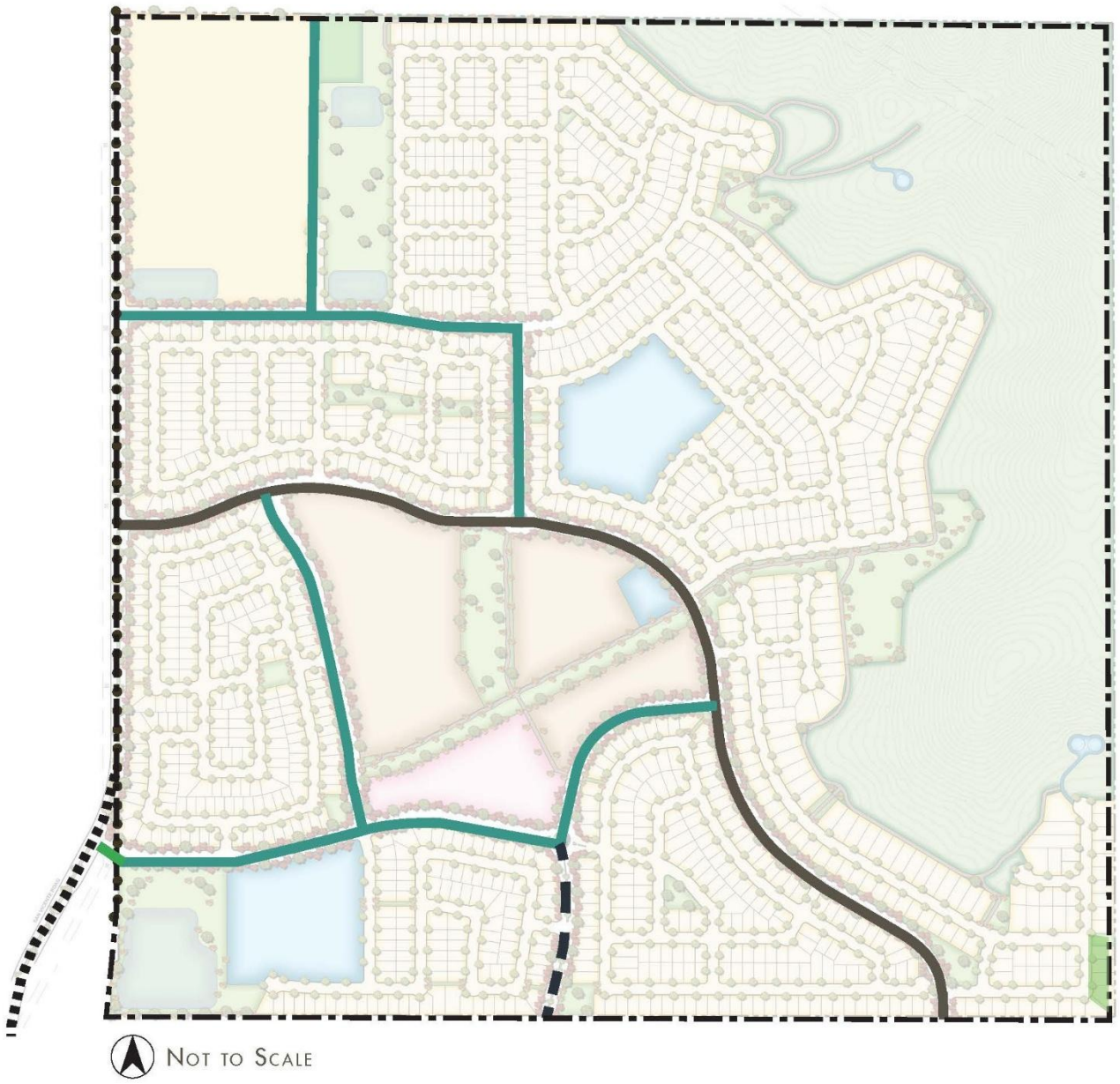
A Community Wall will separate San Vicente Road and collector roadways from private single-family yards. The Community Wall shall consist of slump block masonry with a decorative cap and pilasters or approved equivalent to provide a refined agrarian sophistication. Community Walls shall maintain a consistent design throughout the Specific Plan area. Shrubs and ornamental planting will be planted at the base of the wall to soften their appearance.



At entrances to individual residential areas, enhanced landscaping should be provided to announce arrival. Features may include large specimen trees, monuments and/or signage, flowering shrubs and plants, low wall with stacked stone or manufactured stone veneers, split rail fencing, and ground covers that are more ornamental and add color, depth, and texture. Please refer to Section 2.2.

Within residential areas, local street trees may be planted in more formal patterns with species varying to establish areas of diversity and identity.

Exhibit 2.1 Roadway Character



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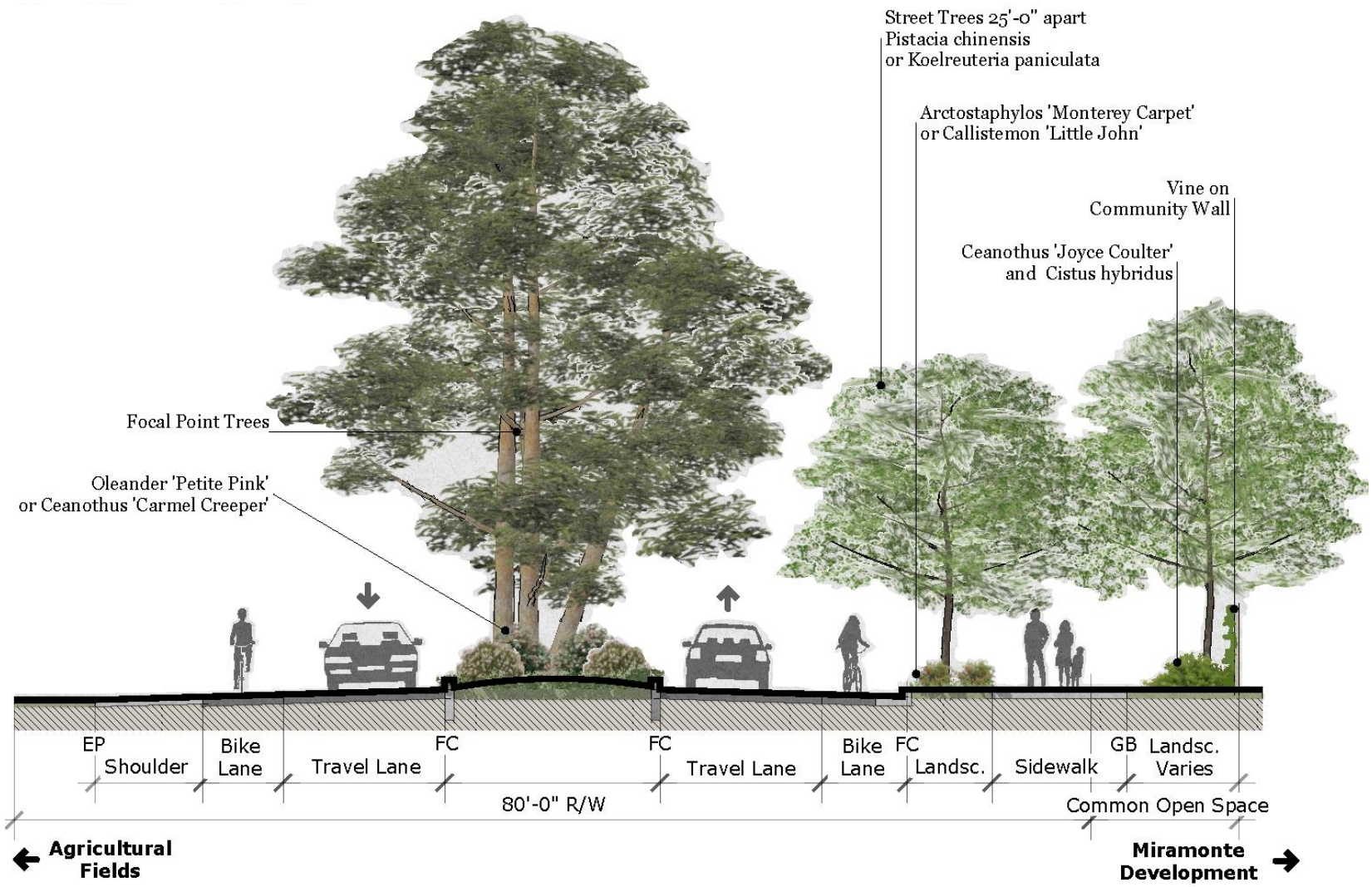
- San Vicente Road
- West Street
- Orchard Lane
- 70 -foot Collector

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EXHIBIT 2.2 - ROADWAY DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

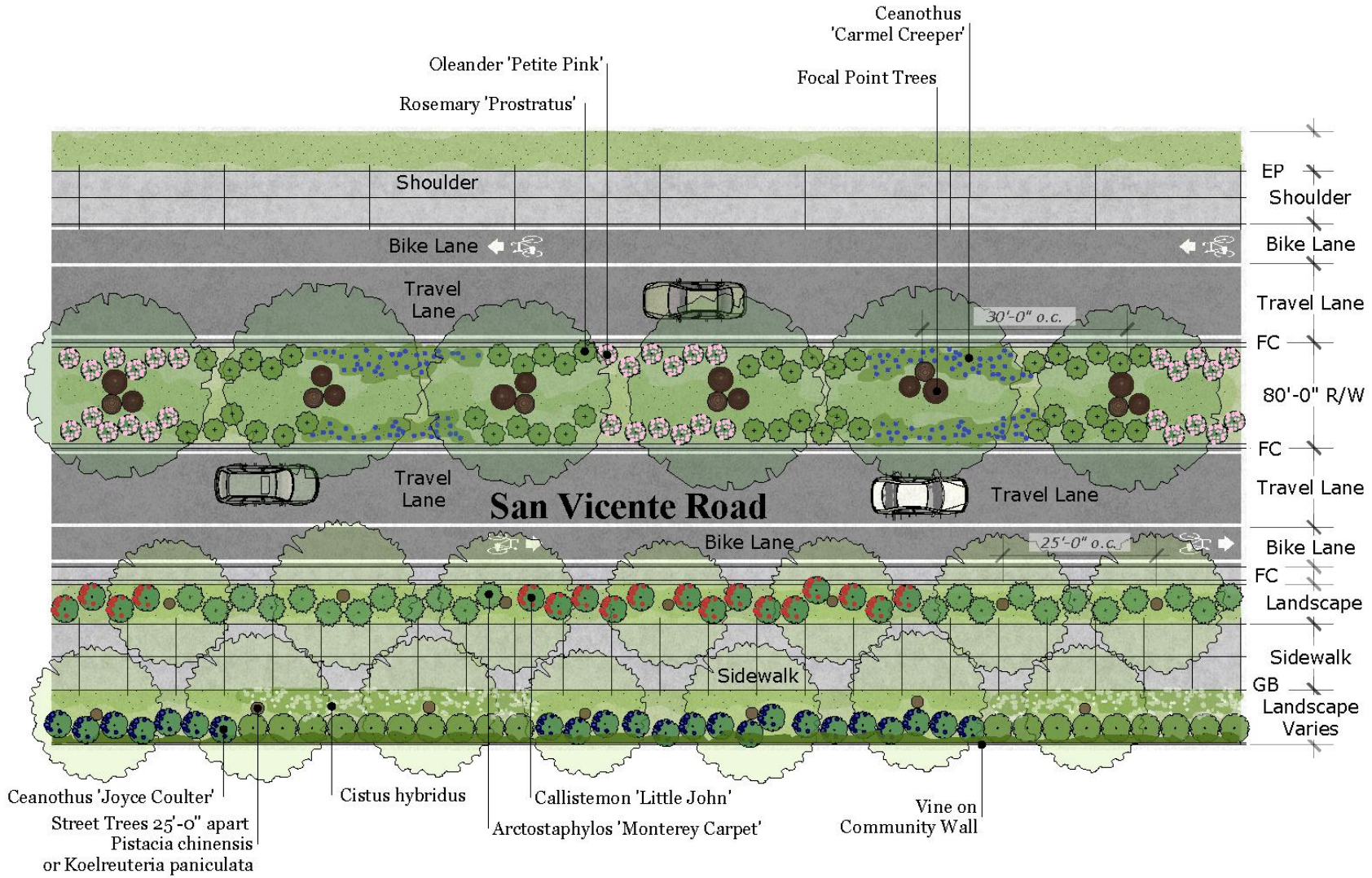
	San Vicente Road	West Street	Orchard Lane/ 70' Collector	Local Street
Description	2-Lane Divided	2-Lane Divided	2-Lane Undivided	2-Lane Undivided
Driveway Access	No	No	Limited	Yes
Right- of-Way	80'	80'	70'	60'
Edge Conditions	• West edge: 8' shoulder, no curb with agricultural fields beyond • East Edge: 30'± from curb to Community Wall with meandering sidewalk at least 6' from curb	9' linear walk with narrow park way and 10'of landscaping between sidewalk and Community Wall on both sides	• When adjacent to schools, commercial and multi-family: 8' linear walk with no park way and 6' of landscaping between sidewalk; No Community Wall • When Adjacent to single-family: 5' linear walk with narrow park way and 6' of landscaping between sidewalk and Community Wall	Linear sidewalk separated by park way; private front yards behind walk
Median	Width Varies	9'	None	None
Parking	None	None	Parallel, One Side	Parallel, both sides
Walking	10' meandering walk on east side only	9' multi-use linear path both sides	8' or 5' sidewalk	4.5' Sidewalk both sides
Biking	6' bike lanes both sides	9' multi-use linear path both sides	min. 4' on-street bike lanes	Sharrow (Shared with Vehicle Lane)
Landscape Character	Landscaped median; rural edge on west side (unpaved shoulder with no landscaping); highly organized plantings of street trees behind the sidewalk; shrubs and vines in park way and behind sidewalk to complement trees and screen the adjacent Community Wall	Paired trees spaced approximately 25' to 30' behind sidewalks and in median; Informal drifts of shrubs and vines behind sidewalk to complement trees and screen the adjacent Community Wall; groundcovers and low shrubs (less than 3 feet in height) in park ways	Paired trees spaced approximately 25' to 30' behind sidewalks and in median; Informal drifts of shrubs and vines behind sidewalk to complement trees and screen the adjacent Community Wall; groundcovers and low shrubs (less than 3 feet in height) in park ways	Trees evenly spaced in park way approximately 25' to 30' on center; complemented by grasses, and groundcovers

Exhibit 2.3A - San Vicente Road - Cross Section



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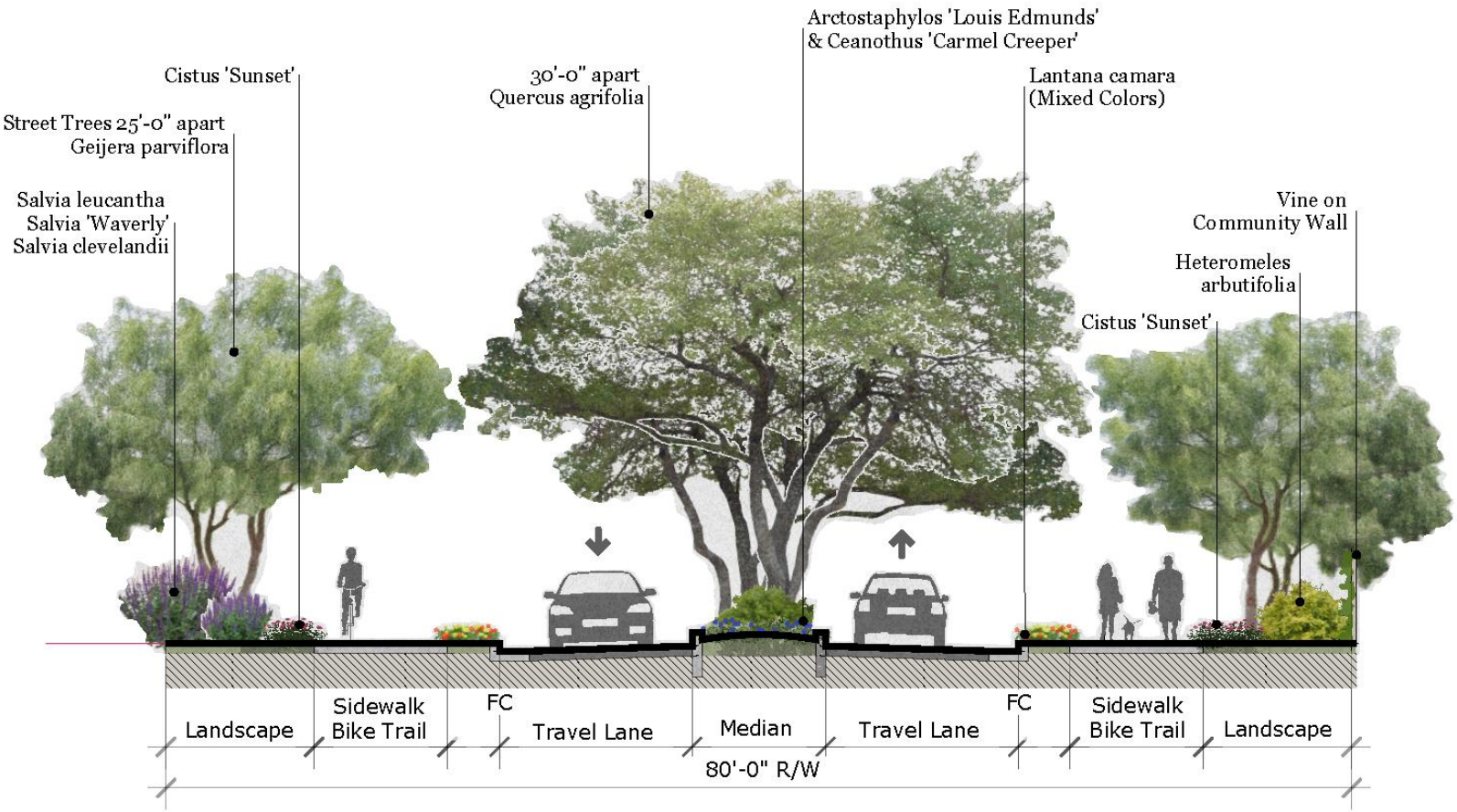
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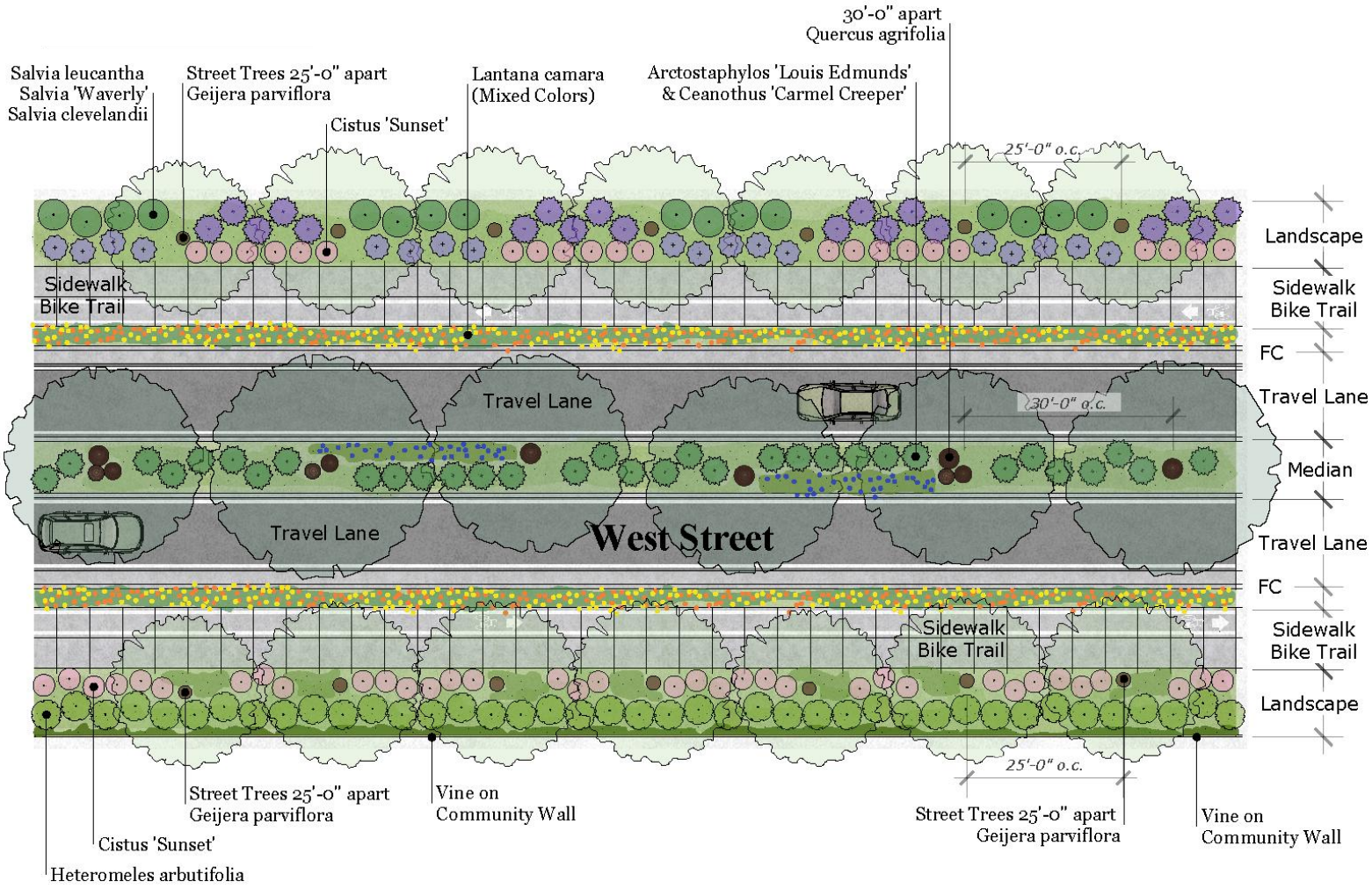
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Exhibit 2.4A - West Street - Cross Section



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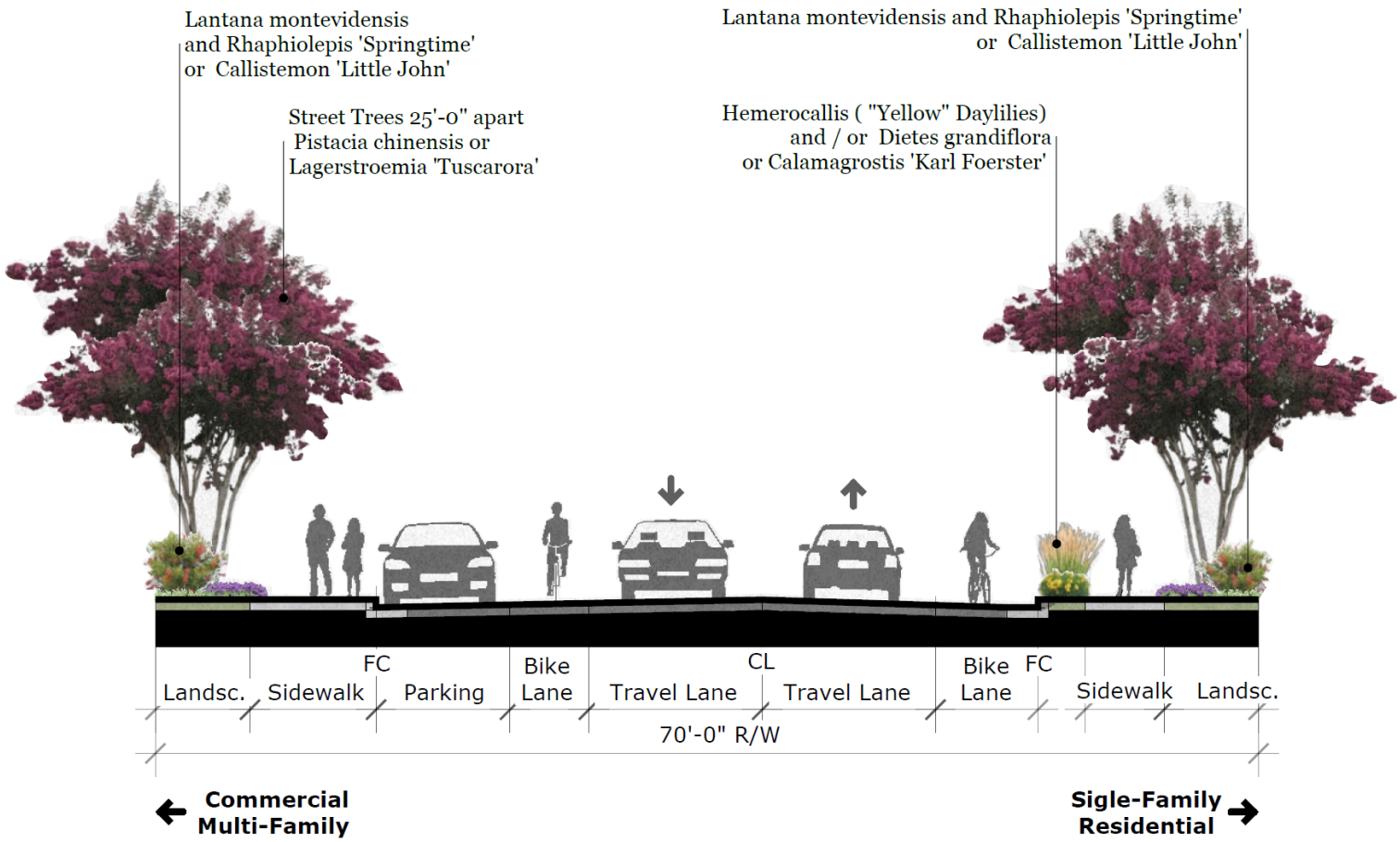
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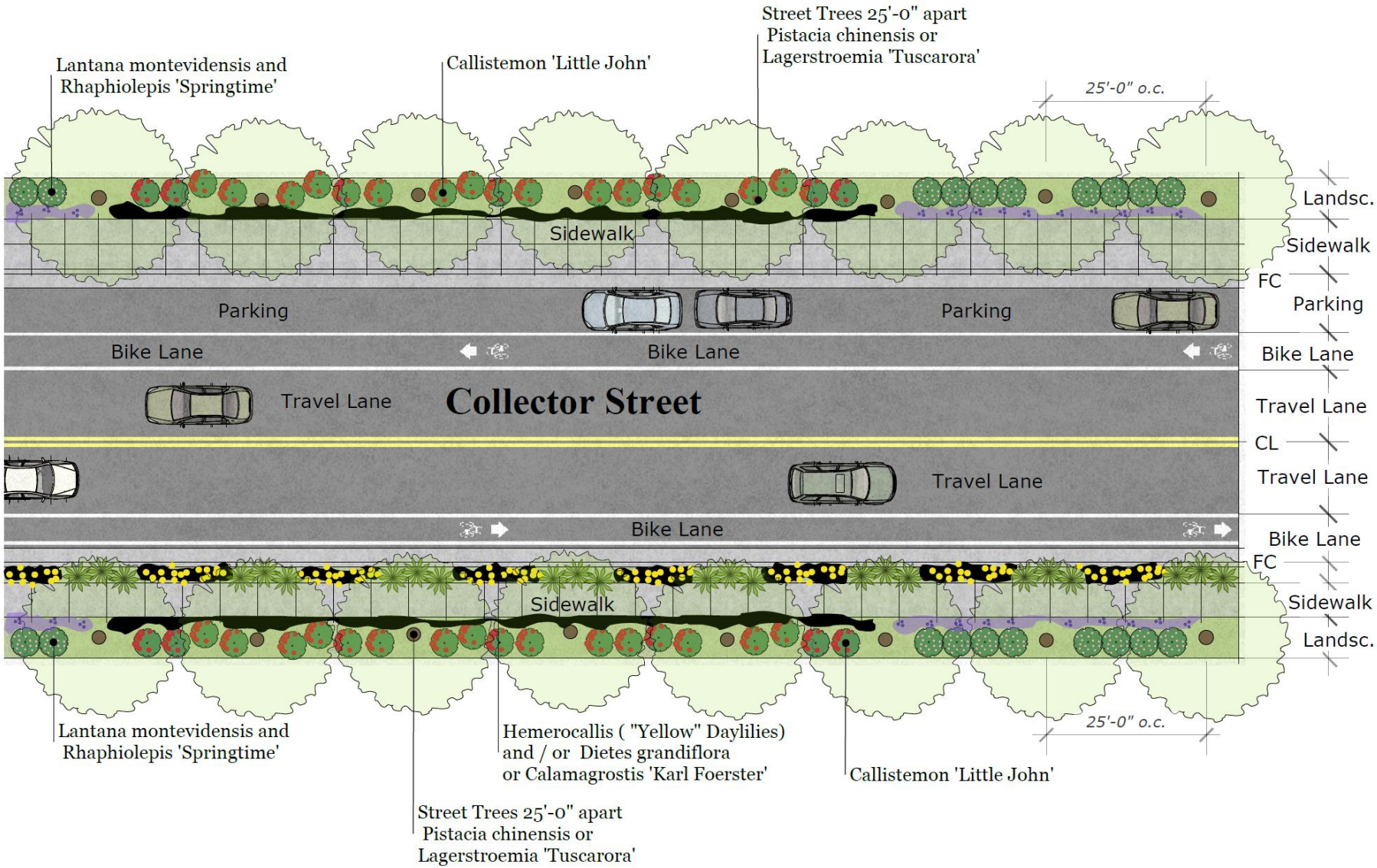
Exhibit 2.5A - Collector Street - Cross Section



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Exhibit 2.5B – Collector Street – Plan View



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2.2 GATEWAYS & ENTRIES

The Specific Plan identifies the location of gateways, as illustrated in Exhibit 2.6, that are intended to announce entry into the Specific Plan area and key destinations. By incorporating specific common elements, gateways provide a sense of arrival, reaffirm direction, and reinforce the plan area character. All gateways should use a common palette of colors, textures, fonts and logos to reinforce the concept of entry and overall community character.

Major Gateways - Primary Entries

Major Gateways announce the plan area's three main arrival locations: Two primary entries from San Vicente Road and the Village Center.

The two most southerly entries from San Vicente Road will be the primary entry points for residents and visitors and will create a first impression of the community. Both entries will include prominent monuments, signs, and enhanced landscape features. The design concept should be based upon identifying with the site's agricultural history. Materials should also complement the adjacent Community Wall design. Landscaping may consist of highly organized orchard plantings of ornamental fruit trees or other appropriate trees, complemented by split rail fencing and other landscape materials, consistent with a rural character.

Key Primary Entry design elements include:

- Entry monumentation sign with stacked stone veneer base flanked by a stone veneer column on one or both sides as conceptually illustrated in Exhibits 2.7a and 2.7b
- Strong use of seasonal perennial and annuals to add color and interest
- Accent trees and shrub masses planted in layers (foreground, mid-ground, background)
- Accent lighting of landscape and monument
- Decorative split rail fencing where appropriate
- Optional trellis feature

The Major Gateway located at the roundabout on Orchard Lane shall be designed to announce entry into the Village Center. This gateway will be designed with a focal point heritage tree surrounded by a low stone wall and drifts of complementary shrubs and groundcovers. Edges of the roundabout shall be paved with river rock, earth-tone pavestone, or other natural looking paving materials. A monument sign should be integrated into the design of the low stone wall facing northbound traffic entering the Specific Plan area via West Street. Coordinated way-finding signage providing directions to key destinations shall also be provided. Wayfinding signage should incorporate similar colors, fonts, and logos as monument signage to create a consistent theme (Please refer to Chapter 4).



LEGEND

- Major Gateway - Primary Entry
- Major Gateway - Village Center Entry
- Minor Gateway- Secondary Entry
- Minor Gateway - Village Park Entry
- A — Refer to Exhibit 2.7. A&B for Potential Design
- B — Refer to Exhibit 2.8 for Potential Design

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Key Village Center Entry design elements include:

- Large Specimen tree planted at the center of the roundabout Low stacked stone veneer wall with integrated entry monumentation signage facing the northbound traffic entering via West Street
- Coordinated wayfinding signage
- Strong use of seasonal perennial and annuals to add color and interest
- Accent trees and shrub masses planted in layers (foreground, mid-ground, background)
- Accent lighting of heritage tree, monument, and wayfinding signage



Roundabout with Specimen Tree Focal Point

Minor Gateways

Minor gateways include two secondary points of entry from existing neighborhoods to the south and the northerly entry point from San Vicente Road. The roundabout at the center of the planning area also provides a minor gateway to Village Park, which will serve as the social heart of the community.

Minor gateways at secondary entries will include monument signage that has been scaled down while incorporate the same paletteof colors, material, logos, and fonts found in major gateways. Monument signage may be freestanding or built into a Community Wall that has been enhanced with s tone, built-in planters, pots or similar. Seasonal perennials and annuals will add color and interest. Where a median is present, a coordinated stone pilaster should be provided to create a "gateway" into the planning area.

Key Secondary Entry design elements include:

- Monument signage, freestanding or built into a Community Wall that has been enhanced with stone veneers, planters, pots or similar as conceptually illustrated in Exhibit 2.8
- Strong use of seasonal perennial and annuals to add color and interest
- Accent lighting of landscape and monument
- Where space permits, accent trees and shrub masses planted in layers (foreground, mid-ground, background)
- Decorative split rail fencing where appropriate

FRONT VIEW / SIDE VIEW (N.T.S.)



ISOMETRIC VIEW (N.T.S.)



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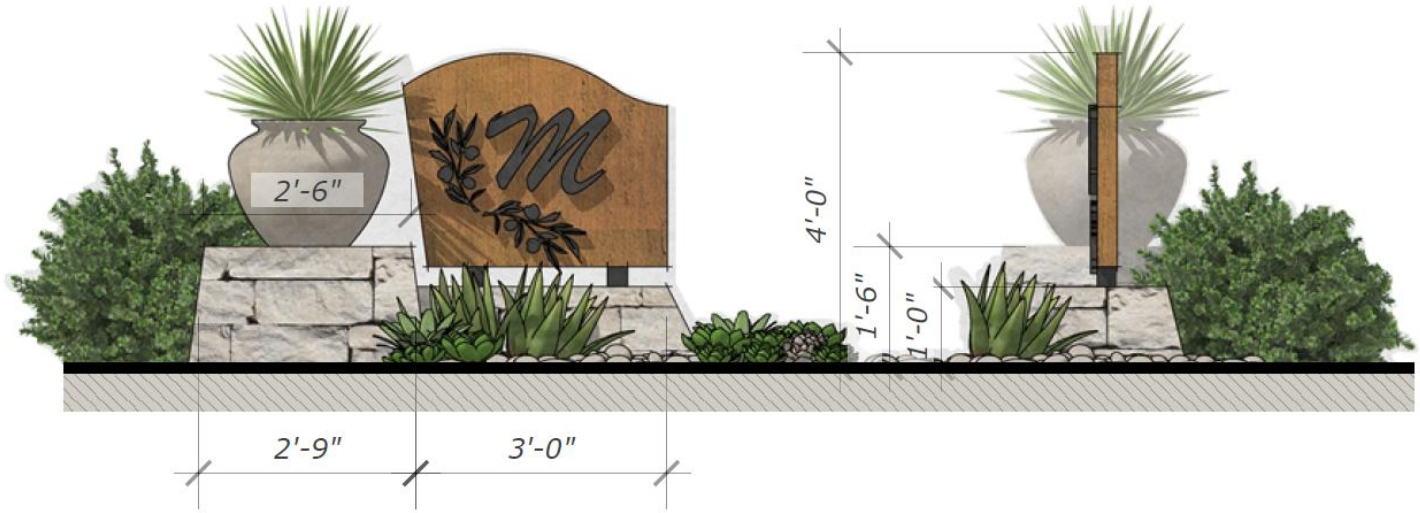
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ISOMETRIC VIEW (N.T.S.)



The Minor Gateway located at Village Park consists of a roundabout. Similar to the Village Center Entry, this Gateway will be designed with a focal point heritage tree surrounded by a low stone wall. Informal drift of complementary shrubs and groundcovers will be planted in layers. Edges of roundabouts will be paved with river rock, earth-tone pavestone, or other natural looking paving materials. Monument signage is optional; however, coordinated wayfinding signage will provide directions to key destinations. Wayfinding signage should incorporate similar colors, fonts, and logos as the monument signage to create a consistent theme (Please refer to Chapter 4).

Key Village Center Entry design elements include:

- Large Specimen tree planted at the center of the roundabout
- Low wall with stacked stone veneer
- Coordinated wayfinding signage
- Strong use of seasonal perennial and annuals to add color and interest
- Accent trees and shrub masses planted in layers (foreground, mid-ground, background)
- Accent lighting of heritage tree, monument, and wayfinding signage

Park and Neighborhood Entries

Park entry signage should reflect a similar character as Major and Minor gateways by incorporating the same colors, fonts, logos and materials as illustrated in Exhibits 2.9a and 2.9b. Multi-family entries may be designed to provide a unique identity but should still strive to complement the community theme throughout by using colors and materials that reflect the agrarian design theme and harmonize with the colors expressed in community monumentation and wayfinding signage. Single-family neighborhood entry monuments are optional. When provided, neighborhood entry signage should be subtle and small in scale, such as a stacked stone pilaster.

2.3 ROUNDABOUTS & CROSSINGS

Roundabouts and crossings define vehicular and pedestrian nodes and add character to roadways and the community. Examples of roundabouts, raised or enhanced crossings, and bulb-outs are shown in Exhibit 2.10. These crossings are located where interactions between vehicles and pedestrian traffic are anticipated to be highest, such as at trail crossings. Crossings will be designed to maximize pedestrian visibility by limiting planting to a maximum of three feet in height and adding striping, paving, or speed tables that alert drivers to potential pedestrians. Additional bulb-outs and enhanced crossings are encouraged where feasible. The final location of traffic calming elements will be determined during final design and grading of roadways.

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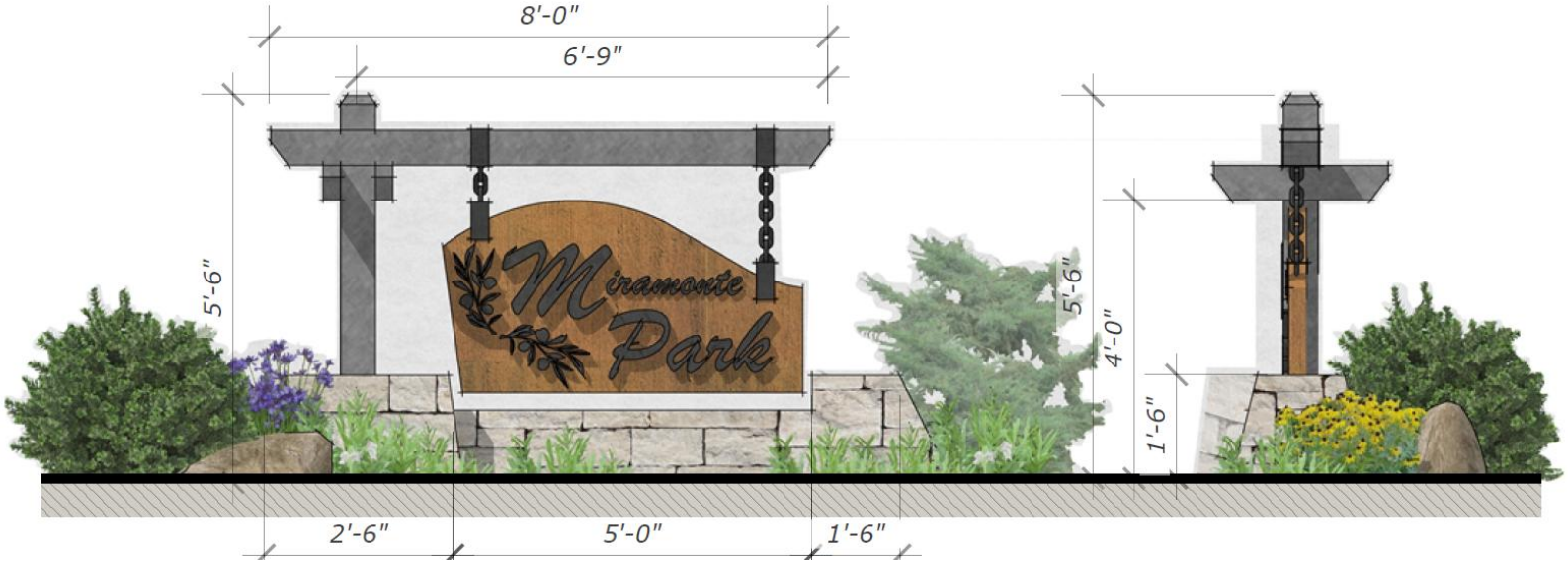


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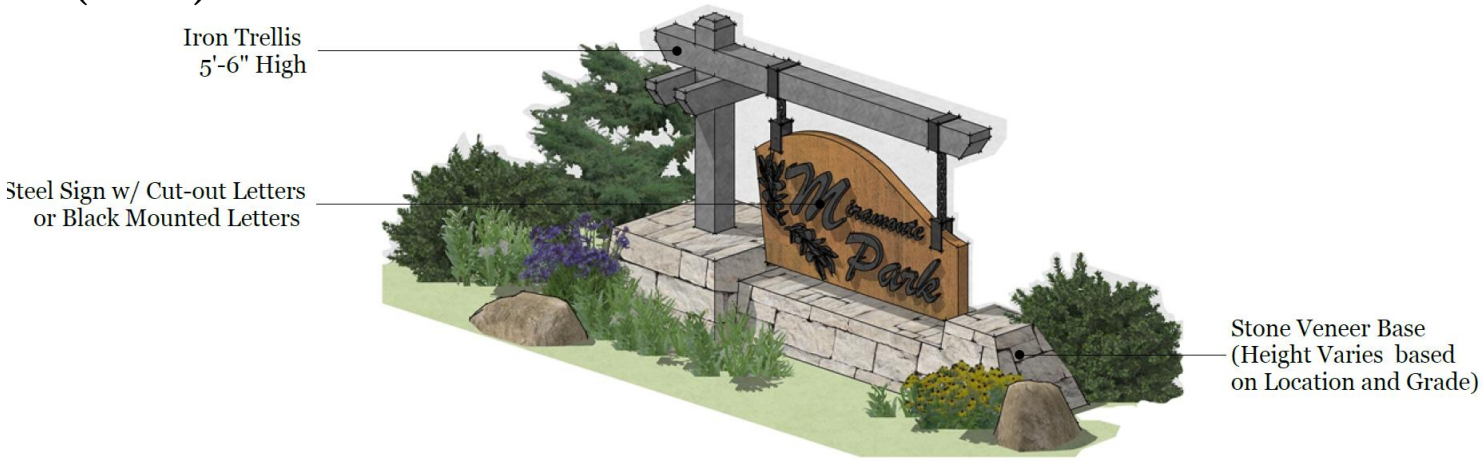
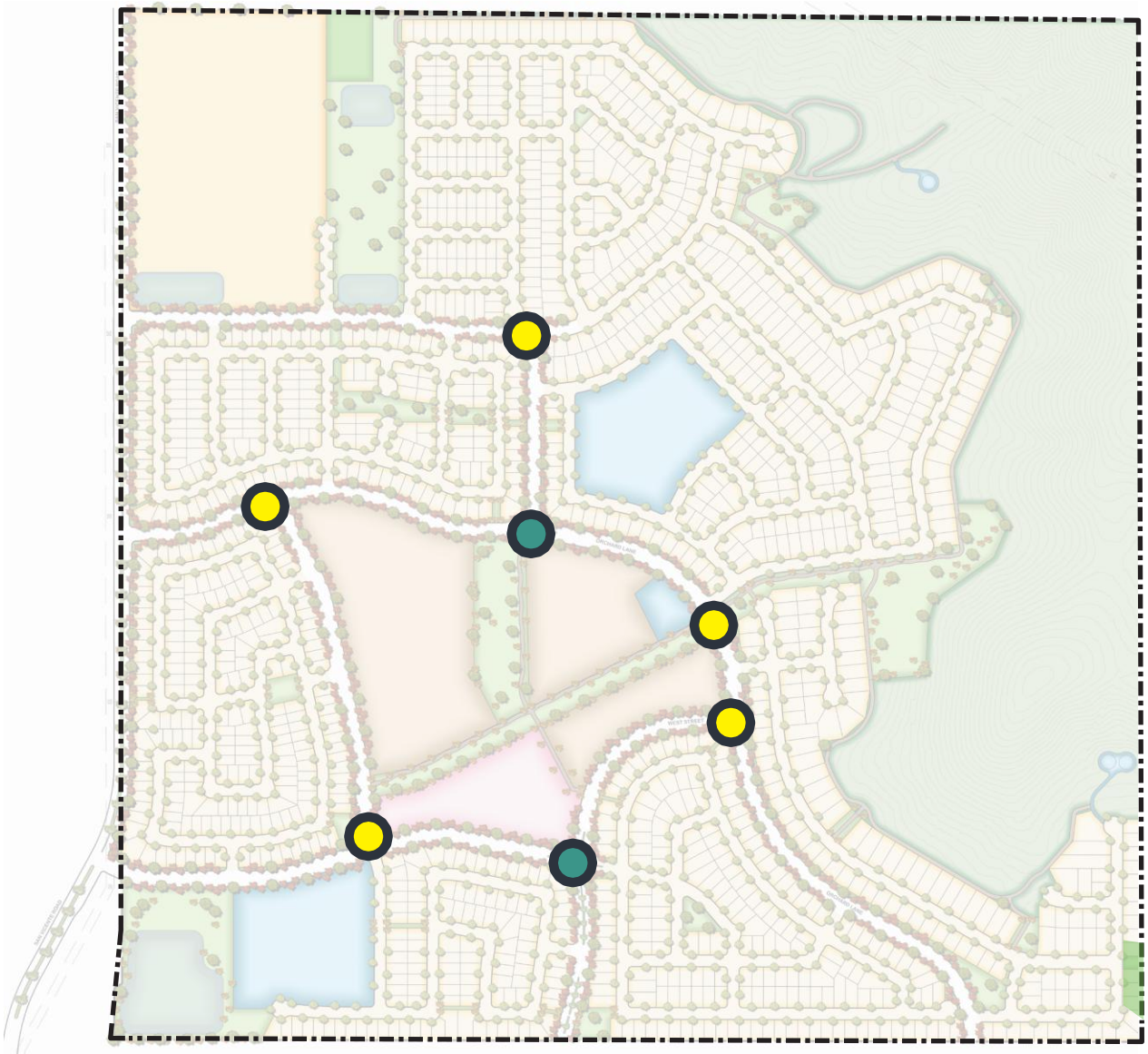


EXHIBIT 2.10 - POSSIBLE LOCATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING FEATURES



Legend

- Roundabout
- Bulb-out, Raised or Enhanced Crossing

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2.4 PARKING AREAS

Parking areas should be designed to minimize the visual impact of large, paved areas by breaking up parking with landscape planters and trees. Landscaping should maintain visibility at intersections and pedestrian crossings by using low shrubs and ground covers within the driver's line-of-sight that are less than three feet in height. Shade trees are encouraged to provide passive cooling for parked cars, minimize glare, and reduce heat island effect. Trash areas shall be fully enclosed by masonry, slump stone, or stucco walls and screened with landscaping.

Edges of parking areas should be designed to buffer parking areas from adjacent streets through one or more of the following, pursuant to Specific Plan requirements:

- Rolling earth berms (2:1 slope, maximum, to a height between two and three feet plus plantings)
- Low wall made of slump stone, stacked stone or manufactured stone veneers
- Shrubs and/or vertical trees
- Changes in elevation (i.e. recessed from street level)

Landscaping within parking lots shall be located in landscape islands or planting areas with a minimum dimension of five feet and protected by concrete curbs. Curbs may provide breaks that allow water to drain from pavement areas into landscape areas to provide natural stormwater treatment. Parking areas should be designed so that the paths of travel for cars and pedestrians are separated to the extent possible. Accent paving should be used to delineate locations where a pedestrian travel route crosses the vehicular route, particularly at the entrance of parking lots. Walkways through parking areas are encouraged to provide connectivity through parking lots to the street.


Screened Trash Enclosure

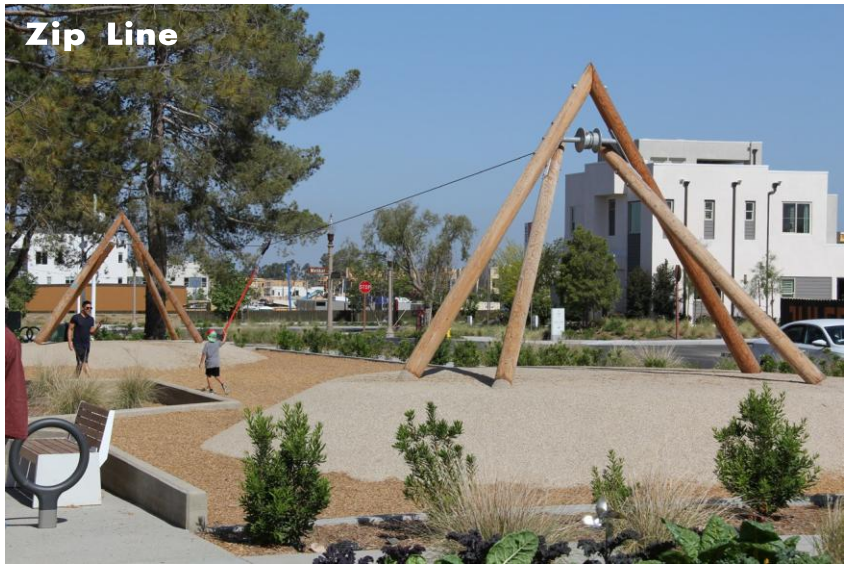

Pedestrian Access

3.0 OPEN SPACE, TRAILS & PUBLIC SPACES

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3.1 INTRODUCTION

If roadways form the backbone of the community's landscape character, then parks, plazas and open spaces are the heart and soul. These are the spaces where life happens. From play dates and birthday parties to soccer games and community festivals, these spaces are the places where residents and visitors make memories and connect with family, friends, and neighbors. As such, the design of parks should reflect those activities by providing space to play, relax, and socialize. Exhibit 3.1 identifies the location of parks and open space areas, which are further described in this chapter.


Zip Line


Half Basketball Courts


Children's Play Equipment

Exhibit 3.1 - Parks & Open Space Plan



Legend

1. Natural Hillside Open Space
2. Village Park
3. Hillside Picnic Park
4. Sports Park with Dual Use Stormwater Basins and stormwater treatment areas
5. Neighborhood Parks & Paseos
6. Linear Park with drainage channel and stormwater treatment areas
7. Basin Park with dual use Stormwater Basin and stormwater treatment areas

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3.2 NATURAL HILLSIDE OPEN SPACE

Open space lands encompass the natural hillsides primarily above the 400-foot elevation. The hillside open space area is intended to be preserved under a conservation easement and could remain essentially in its natural state. However, other allowed uses within the conservation easement include passive recreation, a gathering area, alternative energy and public facilities such as water tanks. Unpaved trails are also permitted in natural open spaces.

Along the edges natural hillside open space areas adjacent to development, a 100-foot buffer shall be provided within the hillside open space. This transition zone will serve two purposes:

1. Habitat Protection - Providing a transition between developed areas and natural areas can help to protect habitat and the wildlife it supports the detrimental effects of habitat disturbances such as noise, light, and invasive species. This buffer must consist of native species and have low or no lighting to be effective. Fencing between the buffer zone and adjacent natural areas may also be provided to further protect natural open space but should be open type fencing, such as split rail, to allow for the continued movement of wildlife and to convey the design theme of the community.
2. Fuel Management - A Fuel Management Zone is a defensible space between wild land areas and development to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and help protect structures from catching fire. Fuel Management Zones consist of fire resistant plants and specific maintenance procedures designed to minimize the amount of flammable material. There are two zones within a Fuel Management Zone:

    - Zone 1, located within the first 30 feet of development, requires regular maintenance including the removal all dead vegetation and wood piles, tree trimmings, and more.
    - Zone 2, which makes up the remaining 70-feet, requires cutting or mowing annual grass down to a maximum height of four inches; creating and maintaining horizontal space between shrubs, trees, grass, shrubs and trees; and removing fallen leaves, needles, twigs, bark, cones, and small branches to a depth of less than three inches.

Landscape within the buffer area shall consist exclusively of plant material native to the Salinas Valley region and its foothills that have a low fire fuel load. The buffer area is not considered especially sensitive, so no sourcing requirements are mandated, and commercial named cultivars may be used.

Exhibit 3.2 – Trails Plan



Not to Scale

Legend

- Paved Multi-Use Path
- Paved Paseo Connection
- Unpaved Trail
- Roundabout, Bulb-Outs, or Raised or Enhanced Trail Crossing

Note: This Plan is for illustration only. Trails may vary at final design – Please refer to Chapter 6.0 Implementation.

3.3 TRAILS

Trails have been consistently ranked as the number one community amenity for the last decade. They offer the ability to safely walk to key destinations such as school and shopping areas, plus they provide healthy, outdoor lifestyles. Trails provided throughout the specific plan area connect the neighborhood's parks and open spaces as illustrated in Exhibit 3.2.

Paved trails are located internal to the community within parks and paseos to connect residential areas to key destinations such as schools, parks, and the Village Center. To promote their use, trail landscaping and design should focus on creating a comfortable pedestrian environment that includes walkable surfaces, shade, and respite stops along the way. Paved trails shall be ADA compliant and should include a minimum of three to five feet of landscaping on each side to create a pleasant, walking and bicycling experience that encourages alternatives to driving. Pathways shall be lit as described in Chapter 5.

Unpaved trails are limited to the Hillside Open Space and are intended to allow residents the chance to experience and reconnect with nature. Natural trails should rely upon the native landscape and earth surfaces as much as possible but may be enhanced with limited fencing, boulders, and signage where needed to define the path or to identify trail heads. Any added landscaping within open space areas or the 100-foot buffer shall consist of native, noninvasive species. Please refer to Section 3.2.


Example of unpaved trail head

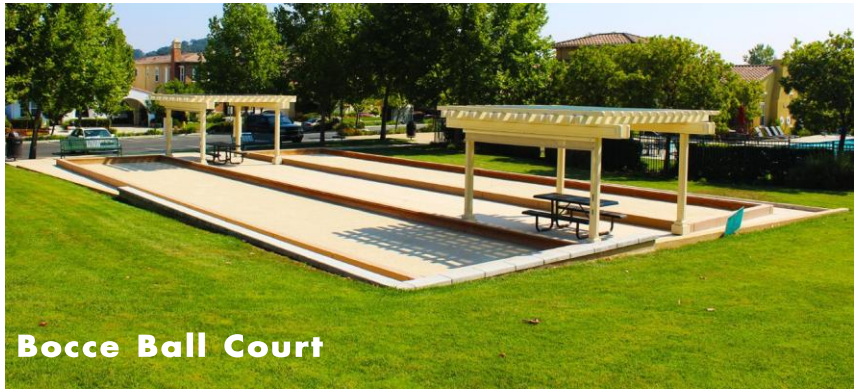

Example of paved trail

3.4 VILLAGE PARK

Village Park is a Community Park central to the overall Miramonte neighborhood and thus serves the entire Specific Plan area. Village Park is a key part of the north-south trail system and is the heart of the plan area. It connects the linear park to the northern plan area. The park will be between five and six acre and is adjacent to medium density residential uses, senior housing, and the commercial area.

This park should provide a focal point amenity, large gathering space for parties and community events, and smaller amenities. Uses should be designed to encourage community interaction and support the rural design theme of the community. See the conceptual diagram and list of uses on the next page.





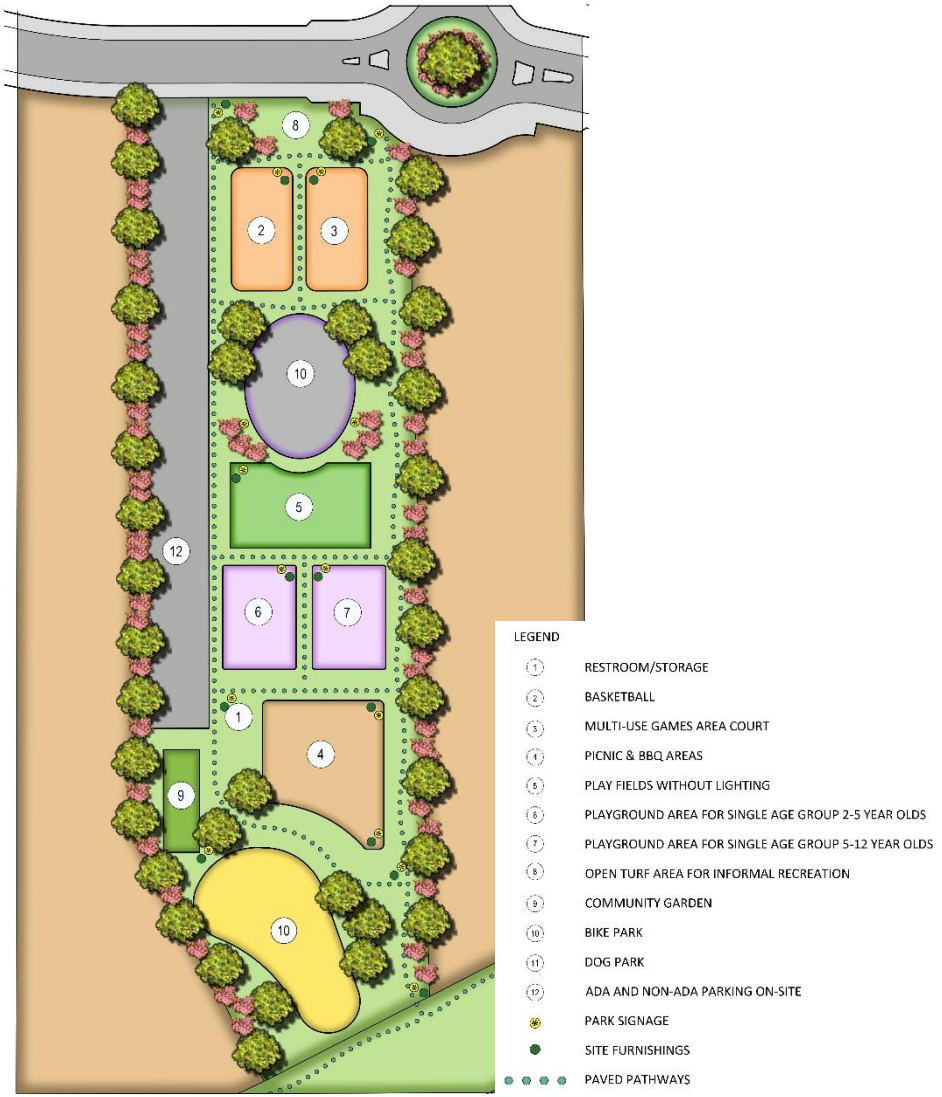


Village Park Programming Features:	3-7 Acres
ADA Parking - On-site	✓
Non-ADA Parking - On-site	✓
Restroom/Storage	✓
Concessions	*NR*
Night Lighting (5)	♦
Active Hard Surface Sports Courts:	Select up to 2
Basketball	♦
Bocce Ball	♦
Futsal	♦
Multi-use Games Area Court	♦
Volleyball	♦
Picnic & BBQ Areas	✓
Playground Area for Single Age Group - 2–5-year-olds	✓
"Playground Area for Single Age Group - 5–12-year-olds "	✓
Site Lighting at Pathways/Entries	✓
Park Signage	✓
Open Turf Area for Informal Recreation	✓
Landscape	✓
Community Garden	✓
Paved Pathways	✓
Site Furnishings	✓
Special Amenities:	Select up to 2
Play Fields without Lighting	♦
Fitness Course	♦
Amphitheater	♦
Bike Park	♦
Skate Park	♦
Sprayground	♦
Dog Park	♦

Legend
✓ Included
♦ Select During Design as Space Allows
NR Not Required

NOTES:
1. See the specification for this park in the Appendix for further information.
2. The Village Park contains stormwater quality area(s)

EXHIBIT 3.3 – VILLAGE PARK CONCEPTUAL DIAGRAM



NOTE: THIS CONCEPTUAL DIAGRAM IS FOR ILLUSTRATION ONLY. USES AND LAYOUT WILL BE DETERMINED AT FINAL DESIGN

3.5 HILLSIDE PICNIC PARK

Hillside Picnic Park is another Community Park that serves the entire Specific Plan area. Due to its topography, potential active uses in this park are limited to approximately 3 acres. This park may also provide amenities that can be built into hillsides such as a "natural" playground, skate park, or an amphitheater; provide opportunities for picnicking such as large turf areas, tables, vista points, and space for food preparation; or take advantage of proximity to open space by providing trail staging areas, outdoor classrooms and/or environmental education. The on-street parking directly fronting the Hillside Picnic Park and the Linear Park west of Orchard Lane will serve as parking for these two parks and the Hillside Open Space. See the conceptual diagram and list of uses on the next page.







EXHIBIT 3.4 – HILLSIDE PICNIC PARK CONCEPTUAL DIAGRAM

Hillside Park Programming Features:	3-7 Acres
ADA Parking - On-site	✓
Non-ADA Parking - On-site	*NR*
Restroom/Storage	✓
Concessions	*NR*
Night Lighting (5)	*NR*
Active Hard Surface Sports Courts:	Select up to 1
Basketball	♦
Bocce Ball	♦
Futsal	♦
Multi-use Games Area Court	♦
Volleyball	♦
Picnic & BBQ Areas	✓
Playground Area for Single Age Group - 2–5-year-olds	✓
"Playground Area for Single Age Group - 5–12-year-olds "	✓
Site Lighting at Pathways/Entries	✓
Park Signage	✓
Open Turf Area for Informal Recreation	✓
Landscape	✓
Community Garden	✓
Paved Pathways	✓
Site Furnishings	✓
Special Amenities:	Select As Space Allows:
Play Fields without Lighting	
Fitness Course	♦
Amphitheater	♦
Bike Park	♦
Skate Park	♦
Sprayground	*NR*
Dog Park	*NR*

Legend
✓ Included
♦ Select During Design as Space Allows
NR Not Required



NOTES:
1. See the specification for this park in the Appendix for further information.
2. The Hillside Picnic Park is approximately 3.10± net usable acres, due to the steep nature and necessary conform slopes.
3. Parking for the Hillside Picnic Park will be on the frontage road, adjacent to the park.
4. The Hillside Park is for daylight use only, per the Miramonte Specific Plan.

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3.6 SPORTS PARK

The Sports Park provides formal sports facilities to serve the community, allow for weekend group activities, and provides a revenue source for the City of Soledad. The Sports Park includes stormwater basins that should be designed to also function as soccer fields, and an outdoor amphitheater or similar. Amenities provided within the sports park shall be coordinated with the City of Soledad's Community and Economic Development Department. The number and type of fields and courts will be based upon community needs. Facilities may be rented from the City for a fee. See the conceptual diagram and list of uses on the next page.


Dual Use Basin and Soccer Fields




Basketball/Sports

EXHIBIT 3.5 – SPORTS PARK CONCEPTUAL DIAGRAM

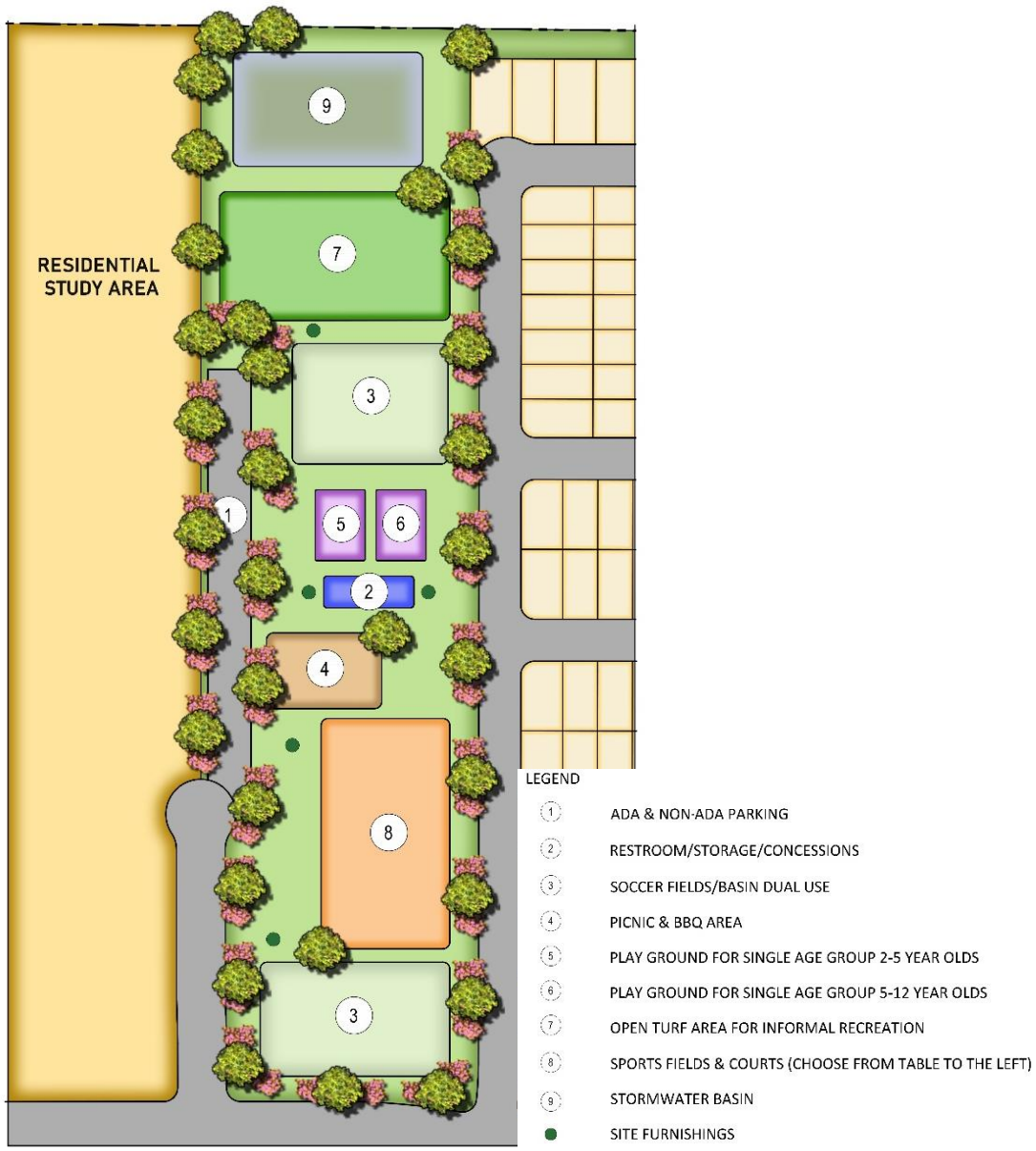
Sports Park Programming Features:	3-20 Acres
Parking	3 ADA Only
Restroom/Storage/Concessions	✓
Site Furnishings	✓
Sports Fields & Courts (to be determined during design stage)	Select As Space Allows:
Baseball	♦
Soccer	♦
Basketball	♦
Bocce Ball	♦
Futsal	♦
Multi-use Games Area Court	♦
Volleyball	♦
Picnic & BBQ Areas	♦
Playground Area for 2–5-year-olds	♦
Playground Area for 5–12-year-olds	♦
Open Turf Area for Informal Recreation	♦

Legend
✓ Included
♦ Select During Design as Space Allows

NOTES:

1. See the specifications for this park in the Appendix for further information.
2. The Sports Park will be built in three phases.
3. The Sports Park contains detention basins and storm water quality areas
4. Special events area, sports and/or playfields will be located within stormwater basin footprints.
5. Non-ADA parking for the Sports park will be available on the frontage road, directly adjacent to the park.
6. Night Lighting to be reviewed by City Staff.

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3.7 NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS/POCKET PARKS

Neighborhood Parks & Pocket Parks serve residents by providing nearby outdoor space for gathering, leisure, and play within walking distance of their home. Each Park should strive to provide at least one unique amenity that defines it from other parks in the community. See the conceptual diagrams and lists of uses for neighborhood parks and pocket parks on the following pages.


Concrete Ping Pong Table


Children's Play Structures

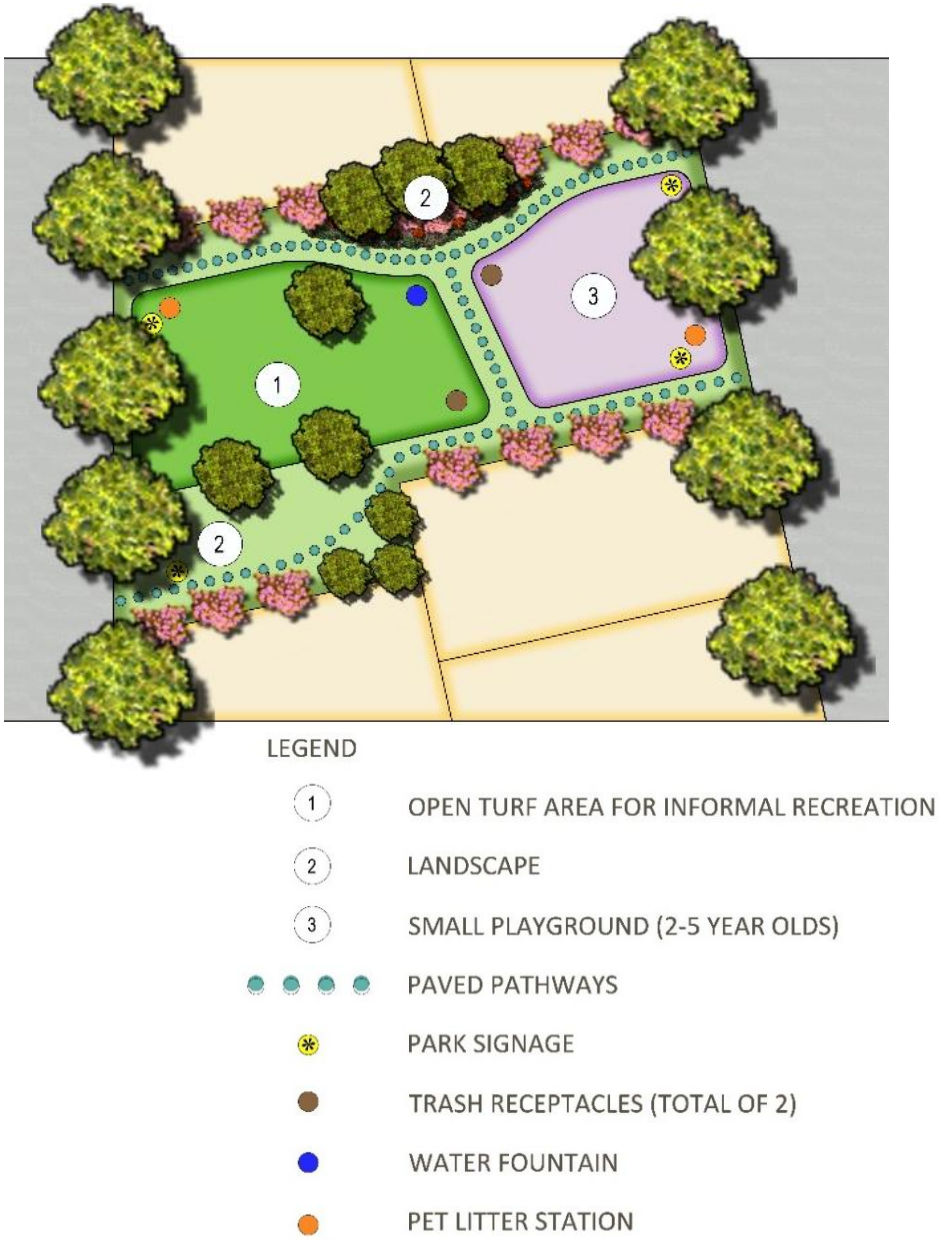

Shaded Picnic Area with Barbecue

EXHIBIT 3.6A – MIRAMONTE POCKET PARK CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

Pocket Park Programming Features:	Less Than One-Half Acre
Open Turf Area for Informal Recreation	✓
Landscape	✓
Paved Pathways	✓
Small playground for 2-5-year-olds	✓
Park Signage	✓
Site Furnishings:	
Trash Receptacles (2)	✓
Pet Litter Station	✓
Bench	✓
	Select As Space Allows:
Picnic Table	♦
Water Fountain	♦
Bike Rack	♦

Legend
✓ Included
♦ Select During Design As Space Allows

NOTES:
1. See the specifications for this park in the Appendix for further information.
2. Efforts will be made during the park design process to distinguish each pocket park from the other through different features and/or landscaping.
3. Pocket Park landscape areas may contain stormwater management.



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Exhibit 3.6B – Miramonte Neighborhood Park One-Half to One-Acre Conceptual Diagram

Neighborhood Park One half Acre to One-Acre Programming Features:	One-Half Acre to One-Acre
Open Turf Area for Informal Recreation	✓
Active Hard Surface Sports Courts:	Select 1
Small Sports Court	♦
Basketball	NR
Bocce Ball	♦
Futsal	♦
Multi-Use Games Area Court	♦
Volley Ball	♦
BBQ/Picnic area	✓
Separate Playground Areas for Kids Age Groups: 5-12-year-olds	✓
Separate Playground Areas for Kids Age Groups: 2-5-year-olds	✓
Site Lighting at Pathways/Entries	✓
Park Signage	✓
Landscape	✓
Paved Pathways	✓
Site Furnishings	✓

Legend
✓ Included
♦ Select During Design
NR Not Required

NOTES:
1. See the specifications for this park in the Appendix for further information.
2. Efforts will be made during the park design process to distinguish each neighborhood park from the other through different features and/or landscaping.
3. Neighborhood Parks may contain storm water management areas.

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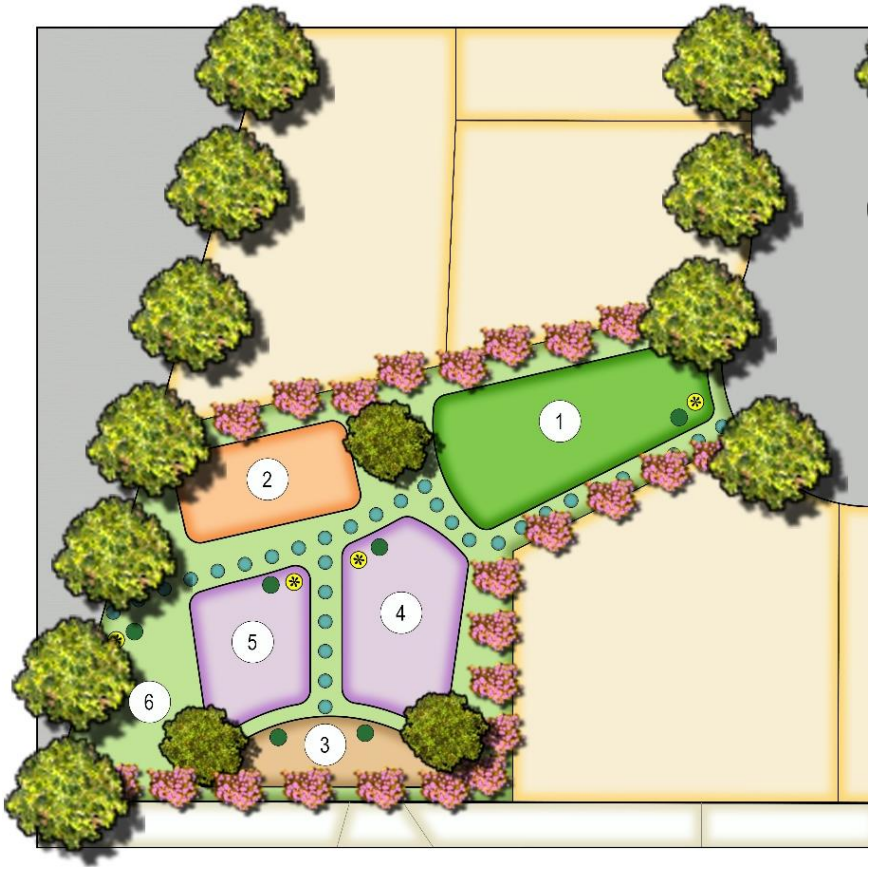


EXHIBIT 3.6C – MIRAMONTE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK ONE ACRE OR MORE CONCEPTUAL DIAGRAM

Neighborhood Park One Acre or More Programming Features:	One Acre or More
Open Turf Area for Informal Recreation	✓
Active Hard Surface Sports Courts:	Select 2 (min)
Small Sports Court	NR
Basketball	♦
Bocce Ball	♦
Futsal	♦
Multi-use Games Area Court	♦
Volley Ball	♦
BBQ/Picnic area	✓
Separate Playground Areas for Kids Age Groups: 5-12-year-olds	✓
Separate Playground Areas for Kids Age Groups: 2-5-year-olds	✓
Site Lighting at Pathways/Entries	✓
Park Signage	✓
Landscape	✓
Paved Pathways	✓
Site Furnishings	✓

Legend
✓ Included
♦ Select During Design
NR Not Required

NOTES:

1. See the specifications for this park in the Appendix for further information.
2. Efforts will be made during the park design process to distinguish each neighborhood park from the other through different features and/or landscaping.
3. Neighborhood Parks may contain storm water management areas.



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3.8 LINEAR PARK

The linear park provides connectivity between parks, schools, and the Village Center by a multi-use trail. The linear park is approximately 100 feet wide in most places, includes a drainage channel conveying offsite storm water from the hillside through the project, and provides areas for storm water treatment throughout its length. This park also promotes healthy living and safer routes to school by providing an off-street trail with limited vehicular interruptions. The multi-use trail will be enhanced with opportunities for additional recreation and exercise along the way. Linear park amenities should include respite areas to allow users a comfortable, shaded place to stop, rest, and rehydrate. Pet waste stations and trash cans should also be provided periodically to accommodate dog-walkers and encourage users to keep the linear park free of waste. The on-street parking directly fronting both the Hillside Picnic Park and the Linear Park west of Orchard Lane will serve as parking for these two parks and the Hillside Open Space. See the conceptual diagram and list of uses on the next page.





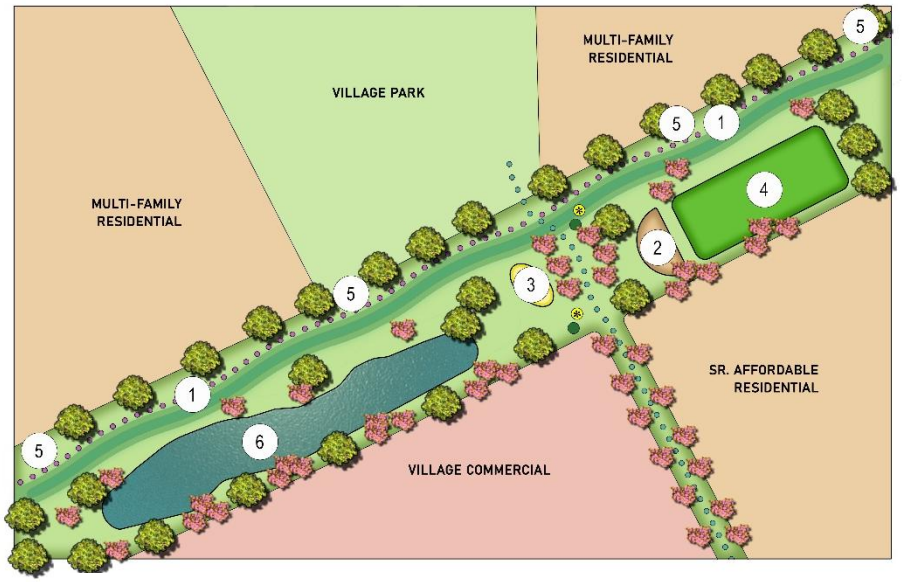


EXHIBIT 3.7 – LINEAR PARK CONCEPTUAL DIAGRAM

Linear Park Programming Features:	One Acre or More
Class 1 Asphalt Bicycle/Pedestrian Trails	✓
Picnic Area	✓
Restroom (6)	NR
Parking (7)	NR
Landscape	✓
Paved Pathways & Entry Lighting	✓
Site Furnishings	✓
Open Turf Area	✓
Direct Links from Neighborhood & Streets	✓
Bollards, Signage at Street Crossings	✓
Entry to the Hillside Picnic Park and Open Space	✓
Additional Items	Select 2 (min)
Exercise Stations	♦
Bike Repair & Air Station	♦
Dog Park	♦

Legend
✓ Included
♦ Select During Design
NR Not Required

NOTES:
1. See the specifications for this park in the Appendix for further information.
2. The Linear Park will be built/completed in multiple phases.
3. The Linear Park contains stormwater quality facilities and a drainage channel.
4. Utilities will be located within the Linear Park.
5. The Linear Park paved trail will be ADA accessible where feasible.
6. Restrooms are available at the adjacent Village Park and Hillside Picnic Park.
7. On-street parking will be available at street crossings and along the street fronting the Linear Park and the Hillside Picnic Park (east of Orchard Lane)



LEGEND

1 CLASS I ASPHALT BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN TRAIL ALONG DRAINAGE CHANNEL
2 PICNIC AREA
3 BIKE REPAIR & AIR STATION
4 OPEN TURF AREA
5 EXERCISE STATIONS
6 WATER QUALITY FEATURE
SITE FURNISHINGS
PAVED PATHWAYS

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3.9 BASIN PARK & STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

The City of Soledad is part of the Salinas River Watershed that flows into the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Stormwater Management features are necessary to support low impact development, protect the Marine Sanctuary, and meet the requirements of jurisdictional agencies, including the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. Stormwater basins and swales shall be designed to look as natural as possible to reduce their visual impact on the community. Plants shall comply with a plant list approved by the Water Quality Control Board.

Basin Park, located at the southwest corner of the project will utilize the large stormwater basin for dual use as a sports field with natural amphitheater seating. It will also include trails, a restroom, picnic areas, parking, and stormwater treatment areas. See the conceptual diagram and list of uses on the next page.


Dual Use Stormwater Basin


Stormwater Swale


Stormwater Quality Basin

Basin Park Programming Features:	
Picnic & BBQ Areas	✓
Restroom/Storage	✓
Trails around Basin perimeter	✓
Informal Spectator Seating on Basin Slopes	✓
Parking - On-site	✓
Playfields Within the Basin	Select as Space Allows
Baseball Playfields	♦
Soccer Playfields	♦
Basketball	♦
Futsal	♦
Multi-use Games Area Court	♦
Concession Stand	♦
Playground Area for 2–5-year-olds	♦
Playground Area for 5–12-year-olds	♦
Open Turf Area for Informal Recreation	♦
Landscape	✓
Site Furnishings	✓
Site Lighting at Pathways/Entries	✓
Park Signage	✓
Paved Pathways	✓

Legend
✓ Included
♦ Select During Design as Space Allows

NOTES:
1. See the specifications for this park in the Appendix for further information.
2. Basin Park improvements will be built in phases.
3. Basin Park contains a detention basin and storm water quality areas.
4. The basin will be fenced/gated for closure during storm events.
4. Special events area, sports and/or playfields will be located within stormwater basin footprints.
5. ADA and Non-ADA parking for Basin Park will be provided onsite.
6. Night Lighting, if any, to be reviewed by City Staff.



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3.1 PLAZAS & OUTDOOR SEATING

Like parks, plazas and outdoor seating areas in the Village Center are gathering spaces for people to meet and enjoy a meal or cup of coffee together. They also offer a leisure space for shoppers and residents.

At least one plaza should be provided in the town center. The Plaza shall include a focal point element such as a fountain, public art piece, or large specimen tree. Building walls adjacent to plazas and walkways should be buffered with low shrubs and vertical trees, where appropriate, to soften plaza edges.

Plaza spaces should include seating, potted plants, and pedestrian scale lighting that reinforce the agrarian theme. Examples include, Adirondack chairs, lanterns hung from large tree branches, or wine barrels used as planters. Shade is encouraged for seating areas and can be provided by trees, structures, or shade sails. Enhanced paving may also be used to create interesting designs and define gathering spaces from circulation paths.

Outdoor seating areas should be defined with railings or similar barriers, landscape edges, or changes in paving patterns. Railings and barriers shall not exceed 3'6" in height.



Outdoor Dining Area in the Commercial Area



Tree Lanterns

4.0 THEMATIC ELEMENTS

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4.1 COMMUNITY THEME & BRANDING

Community theming and branding is achieved by developing a consistent palette of thematic elements such as monuments, signage, lighting, logos, and street furniture that utilize a defined palette of colors, fonts, materials, and design characteristics. These common elements serve to reinforce the design theme and tie a neighborhood and community together through a consistent aesthetic.

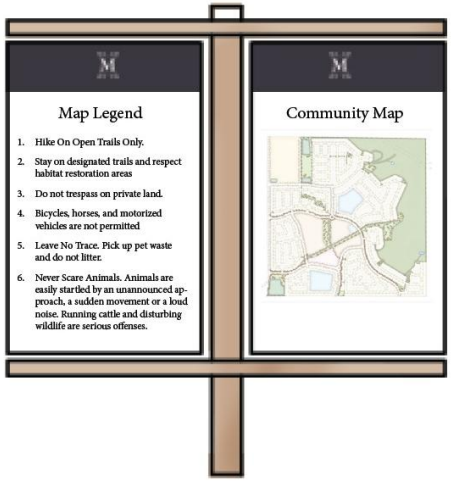
Thematic elements should be unique to each residential area to provide individual identity; However, major elements should share common characteristics throughout the entire specific plan area to ensure the neighborhoods appear related to one another. For example, community walls and entry monuments should use the same or similar colors and materials but the design and application of colors and materials may vary such that they are different but look as if they belong together. Within neighborhoods, smaller thematic details such as benches, shade structures, street tree species, landscape selections and planting patterns, light fixture styles, and more can vary from one neighborhood to the next to create individual identity.

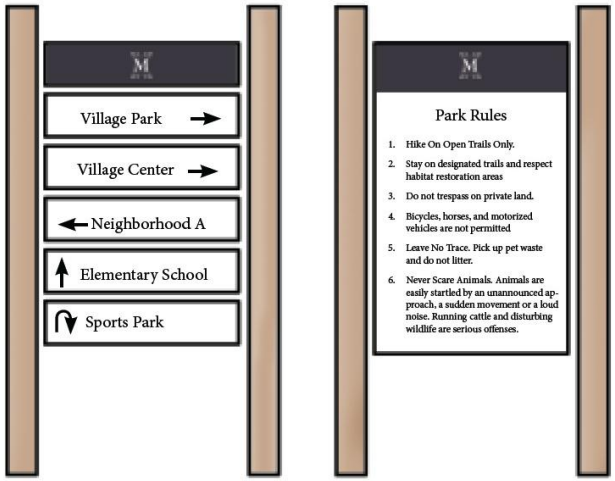
The theme for Miramonte should reflect an agrarian style through the use of natural or manufactured stone and/or wood; metals such as aluminum or steel; raw concrete, slump stone, or stucco; and earth-tone color palettes.


Slump stone block wall with stacked stone veneer pilasters


Shade structure with stacked stone veneer columns

Exhibit 4.1 – Conceptual Wayfinding & Informational Signage





Directional and Informational signage



Information Kiosk

Note: for illustration only. Design may vary at final design- Please refer to section 6.0 implementation.

4.2 WAYFINDING & SIGNAGE

Wayfinding and information signage help people navigate throughout the community. Wayfinding signage should support the design theme by implementing the same materials, colors, and logo of the community. Exhibit 4.1 illustrates a conceptual series of wayfinding signs that coordinate with the Conceptual Monumentation Concepts previously provided in Chapter 2.

4.3 LIGHTING

Lighting in the Specific Plan area shall be designed to preserve visibility of the nighttime sky, prevent spillage onto adjacent properties, and minimize impact to residential windows and promote energy efficiency. All lighting shall be LED and hooded and directed to reflect light away from adjoining properties and to minimize skyglow. Lighting levels should provide the minimum level required for safety.

The use of city standard galvanized light fixtures shall be limited to collector streets within the plan area. All streetlights shall shine downward and provide an even spectral distribution of light. Avoid high intensity streetlights in residential neighborhoods. Design quality street poles shall be used within the plan area.

Lighted pedestrian pathways in residential neighborhoods shall incorporate cut-off style lighting on poles no taller than 10 feet. Paved trails shall be illuminated with an average intensity of 0.25 footcandles at the ground level during the hours of darkness. Fixtures and poles should be pedestrian scale to complement the agrarian design theme.

Decorative and creative lighting such as string lights or hanging lanterns in entry designs, plazas, and other public spaces are encouraged to create ambiance and memorable places.

Unpaved trails adjacent to open space areas shall remain unlit to avoid impacting natural habitats. Open parking lots shall be provided with a maintained average of 0.8 footcandle of light on the parking surface during the hours of darkness, in accordance with the Dark Sky Society's recommendations for public parking lots. Lighting of sports fields shall be limited to the Sports Park and shall be automatically controlled to turn off no later than 10 p.m. Sports field lighting should be designed in accordance with the Dark Sky Association - Criteria for Community-Friendly Outdoor Sports Lighting.

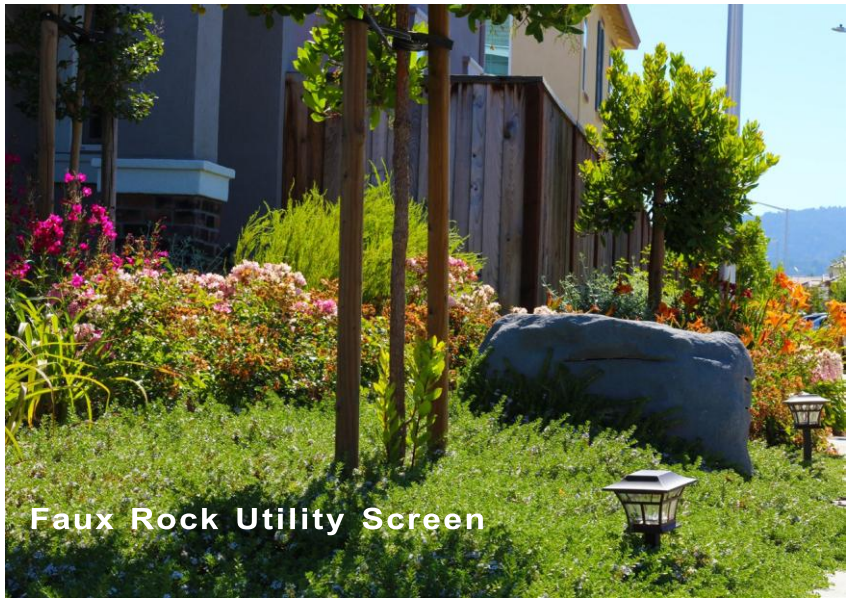




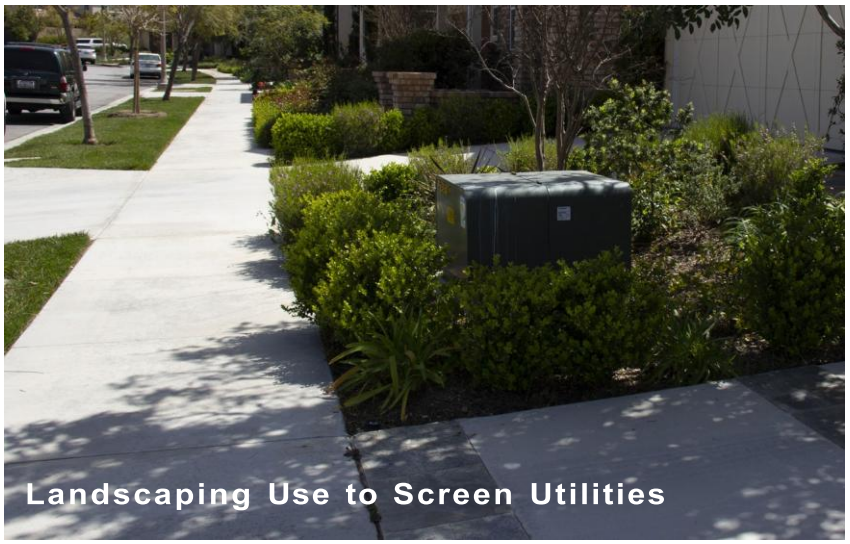
4.4 FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT

Furniture within each residential area should generally consist of benches, bike racks, refuse cans, water stations, mailboxes, and more that have been coordinated to complement one another as an overall palette. Designs should be consistent with the agrarian design theme of the community A sample palette of potential community furniture is illustrated in Exhibit 4.2. Alternative selections are permitted. Creative and unique pieces that double as public art are also encouraged.

Equipment shall be screened to the extent permitted by the utility provider. This may be achieved with landscaping or creative screening devices such as faux rocks or trees. For example, cell towers can be concealed in architectural features such as towers or designed as "stealth" towers that look like trees.

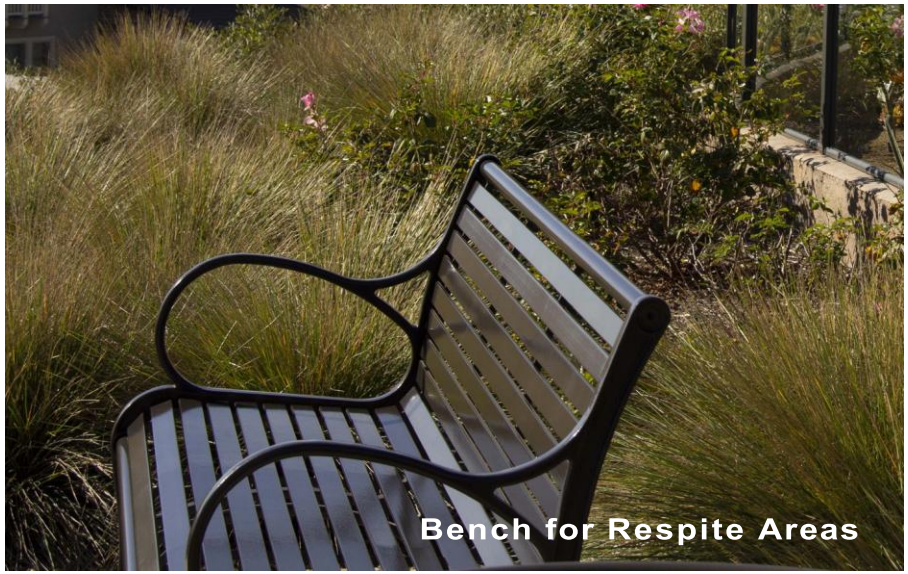


Faux Rock Utility Screen



Landscaping Use to Screen Utilities

Exhibit 4.2 – Sample Community Furniture Palette













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5.0 RECOMMENDED PLANT PALETTES

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San Vicente Road– Plant Palette

West Street Palette to be considered during construction document phase

PLANT PALETTE	
Botanical Name	**Common Name**
ACCENT TREES	
Arbutus unedo	Strawberry Tree
Cercis occidentalis	Western Redbud
Olea europaea 'Swan Hill'	Fruitless Olive Tree
FOCAL POINT TREES	
Eucalyptus camaldulensis	Red Gum
Koelreuteria paniculata	Goldenrain Tree
Platanus acerifolia	London Plane
STREET TREES	
Prunus Caroliniana 'Compacta'	Dwarf Carolina Laurel Cherry
Myrica californica	Pacific Wax Myrtle
Prunus illicifolia 'Lyonii'	Catalina Cherry
SHRUBS	
Arbutus unedo 'Compacta'	Dwarf Strawberry Tree
Arctostaphylos 'Luis Edmunds.	Manzanita
Arctostaphylos 'Howard McMinn'	Manzanita
Callistemon virminalis 'Little John'	
Ceanothus 'Joyce Coulter'	California Lilac
Cistus hybridus	White Rockrose
Cistus 'Sunset'	Magenta Rockrose
Nerium oleander	Oleander (white)
Nerium 'Petite Salmon'	Dwarf Oleander
Olea europaea 'Little Ollie'	Olive
Pittosporum tenuifolium	Pittosporum
Prunus ilicifolia	Hollyleaf Cherry
Rhamnus californica	Coffeeberry
GROUNDCOVERS	
Arctostaphylos hookeri 'Monterey Carpet'	Monterey Carpet Manzanita
Ceanothus 'Carmel Creeper'	California Lilac



Ceanothus 'Joyce Coulter'



Koelreuteria paniculata



Pistacia chinensis



Callistemon 'Little John'



Cistus hybridus



Nerium 'Petite Pink'



Ceanothus 'Carmel Creeper'



Arbutus unedo 'Compacta'



Arctostaphylos 'Monterey Carpet'

NOTES:

- *PLANT SPECIES NOT LISTED MAY BE USED WITH CITY APPROVAL*
- *ACTUAL PLANT SPECIES TO BE APPROVED BY CITY DURING LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT REVIEW*

West Street – Plant Palette

City Recommends: City Approved West Street Plant Palette to be considered during landscape construction documents.

City Approved West Street-Plant Palette

Plant Palette

SYM	Trees	QTY	Size	Water Use
	Arbutus marina 'Standards' (50' on center)	5	24" Box	L
	Lagerstroemia 'Natchez' (at the nose ends)	3	24" Box	L

SYM	Shrubs	QTY	SIZE	WUse
	Agave 'Blue Flame' - Blue Flame Agave	26	1 Gal	L
	Anigozanthos x 'Kanga Orange' - Kangaroo Paw	23	1 Gal	L
	Calyophus berlandieri - Sundrops	17	1 Gal	L
	Elymus condensatus 'Canyon Prince' Native Rye	18	1 Gal	L
	Epilobium 'Waynes Silver' - California Fushia	16	1 Gal	L
	Myoporum parvifolium 'White' White Trailing Myoporum as shown @ 30" O.C.	22	1 Gal	L
	Salvia chamaedryoides - Germander Sage	5	5 Gal	L
	Salvia greggii 'Furman Red' - Furman's Red Sage	19	2 Gal	L
	Salvia leucantha 'Ultra Violet' - Ultra Violet Sage	32	1 Gal	L
	Salvia leucantha 'White Mischief' - White Mischief	13	2 Gal	L
	Westringia fruiticosa 'Grey Box' - Coast Rosemary	12	2 Gal	L

Groundcover - Forest Floor Bark Mulch
3" THICK UNDER ALL PLANTERS ; 2" AT TIME OF APPLICATION & 1" APPLIED AT 90 DAYS (SEE NOTES ON SHEET LP-1 FOR APPLICATIONS)

WEST STREET - PLANT PALETTE	
Botanical Name	**Common Name**
FOCAL POINT TREES	
Geijera parviflora *	Australian Willow
Quercus agrifolia *	Coast Live Oak
STREET TREES	
Ceanothus 'Ray Hartman'	Wild Lilac
Arbutus 'Marina'	Strawberry Tree
Lagerstroemia x fauriei hybrids	Crape Myrtle
SHRUBS	
Cistus hybridus	White Rockrose
Cistus 'Sunset' *	Magenta Rockrose
Heteromeles arbutifolia *	Toyon
Lantana mont. 'Trailing Yellow'	Yellow Lantana
Lantana camera 'Radiation' *	Lantana
Salvia clevelandii *	Cleveland Blue Sage
Salvia leucantha *	Mexican Sage
Salvia greggii red, pink	Autumn Sage
Salvia 'Waverly' *	Waverly Sage
ORNAMENTAL GRASSES	
Bouteloua gracilis 'Blonde Ambition'	Blue Grama Grass
Calamagrostis arundinacer 'Karl Forrester'	Feather Reed Grass
Chondropetalum tectorum	Giant Reed Grass
Deschampsia caespitosa 'Northern Lights'	Tufted Hair Grass
Juncus patens 'Elk Blue'	Spreading Rush
Pennisetum alo. 'Little Bunny'	Fountain Grass
GROUNDCOVERS	
Myoporum parvifolium 'Prostratum'	Myoporum
Rosmarinus officinalis prostratus	Trailing Rosemary
Trachelospermum jasminoides	Star Jasmine



Cistus 'Sunset'



Quercus agrifolia



Geijera parviflora



Heteromeles arbutifolia



Lantana camera 'Radiation'



Pennisetum alo. 'Little Bunny'



Lantana mont. 'Trailing Yellow'



Salvia leucantha



Salvia 'Waverly'



Salvia clevelandii

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Collector Street – Plant Palette

West Street Palette to be considered during construction document phase

COLLECTOR ST. - PLANT PALETTE	
Botanical Name	**Common Name**
STREET TREES	
Arbutus 'Marina'	Strawberry Tree
Lagerstroemia x fauriei hybrids *	Crape Myrtle 'Tuscarora'
Pistacia chinensis	Chinese Pistache
SHRUBS	
Callistemon virminalis 'Little John' *	Bottlebrush Little John
Dietes vegeta	Fortnight Lily
Hemerocallis fulva *	Daylilies (yellow)
Heteromeles arbutifolia	Toyon
Lantana camera 'Radiation'	Lantana
Rhaphiolepis indica 'Springtime' *	Springtime Indian Hawthorn
ORNAMENTAL GRASSES	
Bouteloua gracilis 'Blonde Ambition'	Blue Grama Grass
Dietes grandiflora	Large-Leaf African Iris
Calamagrostis arundinacer 'Karl Forrester' *	Feather Reed Grass
Deschampsia caespitosa 'Northern Lights'	Tufted Hair Grass
Juncus patens 'Elk Blue'	Spreading Rush
GROUNDCOVERS	
Lantana montevidensis *	Trailing Lantana
Myoporum parvifolium 'Prostratum'	Myoporum
Rosmarinus officinalis prostratus	Trailing Rosemary
Trachelospermum jasminoides	Star Jasmine



▲ *Rhaphiolepis indica 'Springtime'*



Lagerstroemia x fauriei hybrids 'Tuscarora' ▲



▲ *Arbutus 'Marina'*



Callistemon 'Little John' ▲



◀ *Deschampsia 'Northern Lights'*



◀ *Lantana montevidensis*



▼ *Dietes grandiflora*



▲ *Pistacia chinensis*



Hemerocallis fulva ▲



Juncus patens 'Elk Blue' ▲



Calamagrostis 'Karl Forrester' ▲

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Park – Plant Palette

Shrubs and Ornamental Grasses to be approved by the City during landscape construction phase and to be consistent with species in existing parks.

PARK - PLANT PALETTE	
Botanical Name	**Common Name**
ACCENT TREES	
Cercis occidentalis *	Western Redbud
Olea europaea 'Swan Hill' *	Fruitless Olive Tree
Prunus yedoensis 'Akebono' *	Flowering Cherry
Tristania laurina 'Elegant'	Water Gum
FOCAL POINT TREES	
Pistacia chinensis	Chinese Pistache
Platanus acerifolia	London Plane
Quercus agrifolia	Coast Live Oak
Quercus lobata	Valley Oak
Quercus rubra *	Red Oak
SHRUBS	
Arbutus unedo 'Compacta'	Dwarf Strawberry Tree
Arctostaphylos 'Luis Edmunds.	Manzanita
Ceanothus 'Julia Phelps'	California Lilac
Cistus 'Sunset'	Magenta Rockrose
Coleonema pulchrum	Pink-Breath-of-Heaven
Coleonema 'Golden Sunset'	Dwarf Breath of Heaven
Dietes vegeta	Fortnight Lily
Heteromeles arbutifolia	Toyon
Nerium 'Petite Salmon'	Dwarf Oleander
Pittosporum tenuifolium*	Pittosporum
Prunus caroliniana 'compacta'	Dwarf Carolina Laurel Cherry
Prunus ilicifolia *	Hollyleaf Cherry
Rhamnus californica	Coffeeberry
Rosa floribunda 'Iceberg'	White Shrub Rose
Rosmarinus 'Tuscan Blue' *	Rosemary
Salvia greggii red, pink*	Autumn Sage
Salvia leucantha	Mexican Sage
ORNAMENTAL GRASSES	
Bouteloua gracilis 'Blonde Ambition'	Blue Grama Grass
Calamagrostis arundinacer 'Karl Forrester'	Feather Reed Grass
Chondropetalum tectorum	Giant Reed Grass
Deschampsia caespitosa 'Northern Lights'	Tufted Hair Grass
Festuca 'Elijah Blue'	Blue Fescue
Juncus patens 'Elk Blue' *	Spreading Rush
Phormium tenax 'Maori Queen' *	Dwarf New Zealand Flax (mixed colors)
Phormium 'Yellow Wave' *	Yellow Flax
GROUNDCOVERS	
Arctostaphylos hookeri 'Monterey Carpet'	Monterey Carpet Manzanita
Ceanothus 'Carmel Creeper'	California Lilac
Myoporum parvifolium 'Prostratum'	Myoporum
Rosmarinus officinalis prostratus	Trailing Rosemary
Trachelospermum jasminoides	Star Jasmine



Prunus caroliniana 'Compacta'



Olea europaea 'Swan Hill'



Cercis occidentalis



Prunus ilicifolia



Phormium tenax 'Maori Queen'



Phormium 'Yellow Wave'



Bouteloua gracilis 'Blonde Ambition'



Rosmarinus 'Tuscan Blue'

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Storm Water Management – Plant Palette

STORM DRAINAGE - PLANT PALETTE	
Botanical Name	**Common Name**
TREES	
Cercis occidentalis	Redbud
Chilopsis linearis	Desert Willow
Platanus racemosa	Western Sycamore
Quercus agrifolia	Coast Live Oak
SHRUBS	
Baccharis pilularis	Coyote Bush
Heteromeles arbutifolia	Toyon
Myrica californica *	Pacific Wax Myrtle
Sambucus mexicana	Western Elderberrry
Prunus ilicifolia ssp.	Hollyleaf Cherry
Rosa californica	California Wildrose
Sambucus nigra	Black Elderberry
Zauschneria californica *	San Jose California Fuchsia
PERENNIALS	
Achillea millefolium *	Yarrow
Artemisia douglasiana	Mugwort
Fragaria chiloensis	Beach Strawberry
Iris douglasina	Douglas Iris
Salvia spathacea *	Hummingbird Sage
Salvia uliginosa	Bog Sage
Sisyrinchium bellum	Blue-eyed Grass
Solidago velutina ssp. californica	California Goldenrod
NATIVE GRASSES	
Carex barbarae	Santa Barbara Sedge
Carex divulsa	Grey Sedge
Carex pansa *	California Meadow Sedge
Carex praegracilis	Cluestered Field Sedge
Carex spissa	San Diego Sedge
Chondropetalum tectorum *	Small Cape Rush
Festuca rubra 'Molate'	Molate Red Fescue
Juncus effusus	Soft Rush
Juncus patens *	Blue Rush
Muhlenbergia rigens *	Deer Grass



Achillea millefolium



Myrica californica



Baccharis pilularis



Zauschneria californica



Carex pansa



Salvia spathacea



Muhlenbergia rigens



Rosa californica



Juncus effusus



Chondropetalum tectorum

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HILLSIDE – PLANT PALETTE

HILLSIDE - PLANT PALETTE	
Botanical Name	**Common Name**
TREES	
Quercus agrifolia	Coast Live Oak
Quercus douglasii	Blue Oak
Quercus kelloggii*	California Black Oak
Quercus lobata*	Valley Oak
Quercus rubra	Red Oak
FOCAL POINT TREES	
Aesculus californica	California Buckeye
Acer macrophyllum *	Big Leaf Maple
Ceanothus 'Ray Hartman' *	Wild Lilac
Cercis occidentalis	Redbud
SHRUBS	
Fremontodendron californicum 'Calif. Glory' *	Flannel Bush
Heteromeles arbutifolia	Toyon
Prunus ilicifolia	Hollyleaf Cherry
Rhamnus californica	Coffeeberry
NATIVE GRASSES	
Agrostis Pallens	Native Bent Grass
Deschampsia cespitosa ssp. Holciformis *	California Tufted Hair Grass
Bromus carinatus	California Brome Grass
Bromus carinatus var. carinatus	Mountain Brome
Carex barbarae	Santa Barbara Sedge
Carex praegracilis	Slender Sedge
Carex tumilicola	Berkeley Sedge
Elymus glaucus	Blue Wildrye
Festuca idahoensis	Idaho Fescue
Festuca microstachys	Pacific Fescue
Festuca occidentalis	Western Fescue
Festuca rubra *	Creeping Red Fescue
Festuca rubra 'Molate'	Molate Red Fescue
Hordeum brachyantherum	Meadow Barley
Hordeum brachyantherum ssp. brachyantherum	Meadow Barley
Koeleria macrantha	Junegrass
Melica imperfecta	Small Flowered Melica
Poa secunda	One Sided Blue Grass
Sisyrinchium bellum	Blue Eyed Grass
Stipa cernua	Needle Grass
Stipa pulchra	Purple Needle grass
GROUNDCOVERS	
Arctostaphylos 'Emerald Carpet'	Emerald Carpet Manzanita
Eriogonum fasciculatum *	California Buckwheat
Frangula californica	Coffeeberry



Prunus ilicifolia



Quercus lobata



Festuca rubra



Quercus kelloggii



Eriogonum fasciculatum



Fremontodendron 'Calif. Glory'



Acer macrophyllum



Deschampsia cespitosa

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Fire Suppression – Plant Palette

FIRE SUPPRESSION- PLANT PALETTE	
Botanical Name	**Common Name**
TREES	
Aesculus californica *	California Buckeye
Quercus agrifolia	Coast Live Oak
Quercus douglasii *	Blue Oak
Quercus kelloggii *	California Black Oak
Quercus lobata	Valley Oak
Quescus agrifolia	Coast Live Oak
SHRUBS	
Arctostaphylos 'Luis Edmunds' *	Manzanita
Arctostaphylos 'Howard McMinn'	Manzanita
Ceanothus 'Yankee Point'	California Lilac
Lupinus albifrons	Silver Lupine
Lupinus arboreus	Coastal Bush Lupine
Rhamnus californica *	Coffeeberry
Ribes californicum	Hillside Gooseberry
Ribes viburnifolium	Evergreen Currant
GROUNDCOVERS & PERENNIALS	
Achillea tomentosa	Woolly Yarrow
Arctostaphylos 'Carmel Sur'	Carmel Sur Manzanita
Ceanothus 'Carmel Creeper'	California Lilac
Sisyrinchium californicum *	Yellow-Eyed Grass
Trifolium gracilentum	Pinpoint Clover
Trifolium willdenovii	Tomcat Clover
Zauschneria californica	California Fuchsia



◀ *Ceanothus 'Carmel Creeper'*



▲ *Zauschneria californica*



Quercus lobata ▲



▲ *Arctostaphylos 'Howard McMinn'*



▲ *Quercus douglasii*



Ceanothus 'Yankee Point' ▲



Aesculus californica ▲



Lupinus albifrons ▲



◀ *Achillea tomentosa*



Arctostaphylos 'Luis Edmunds' ▲



Rhamnus californica ▲

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6.0 IMPLEMENTATION

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6.1 PURPOSE

The Implementation of the Parks Master Plan is designed to ensure the orderly installation and maintenance of open space, parkland, and roadway landscaping; implement specific plan goals and policies; and comply with the project's conditions of approval and mitigation measures. If any provisions, requirements, responsibilities, or deadlines contained within this section conflict with the project Development Agreement (DA) or subsequent EIR Addendum, the DA or Addendum shall take precedence.


Playground Construction

6.2 MAINTENANCE FINANCING

Pursuant to Specific Plan Policy C-F and C – H, all streets shown on the circulation diagram shall be public and dedicated to the City of Soledad. Funding for maintenance of lighting, street facilities, special paving surfaces, common area landscape, open space, and hardscape is anticipated to be provided through a Public Facilities Maintenance District, Community Facilities District, or a similar funding mechanism. Policy P–B and P-L also require maintenance of Parks and Fuel Modification zones to be funded thorough a Community Facilities District or other similar funding source.

The following Actions are required:

No.	Action	Description	Responsibility	Deadline
MF-1	Development Agreement	Per COA No. 7, a development agreement will be established between the developer and the City. The Development Agreement should include the phasing plan, comprehensive financing plan, and a definition of responsibilities of the developer and the City (e.g. dedication of land, definition of the conservation easement over the open space area, timing of improvements, etc.) that will determine the implementation of landscape, lighting, signage, and other park and community improvements.	Master Developer	Prior to Approval of the Final Map for the First Phase.
MF-2	Financing Plan & Program	Per COA 45.a, the developer(s) will prepare a Comprehensive Financing Plan, subject to City Staff review and City Council approval. Among other capital improvements necessary to serve the Plan Area, the Financing Plan will identify financing mechanisms to fund capital improvements and long-term operations and maintenance of dedicated roadway landscaping, public parks and open space, and other public recreational facilities. In accordance with the approved Financing Plan, the developer will initiate and complete formation of a CFD assessment district(s), or some other financing mechanism acceptable to the City. Please refer to the approved Conditions of Approval for a full description of the requirements for the Financing Plan and Program.	Master Developer	Prior to Approval of the Final Map for the First Phase.

6.3 OPEN SPACE IMPLEMENTATION

One of the objectives of the Specific Plan is to "preserve the scenic hills above the 400-foot elevation contour as open space for passive recreational use, with directed public access, space for infrastructure to serve the plan area, alternative energy, a community room or clubhouse, and grazing". This was achieved by designating this area as an "Open Space" on the Miramonte Specific Plan Zoning Map and providing accompanying land use standards. The Specific Plan establishes a series of open space trails that provide public access to this open space area. The COA 44.g for the project requires this area be placed under a Conservation Easement to preserve the area for "passive recreation, a clubhouse type use to serve the community or neighborhood, alternative energy, infrastructure, and agricultural grazing."

The Specific Plan also calls for the establishment of a fuel modification zone. Policy P–L states, "A 100-foot-wide low growing and low fuel vegetated buffer should be provided between residential lots and the larger hillside open space area. This 100-foot buffer will be located within the open space area and will be maintained to keep fuel load low. Maintenance will be funded through a Community Facilities District or other similar funding source."

Pursuant to COA 44.h The developer(s) shall design, fund, and construct as an off-set to impact fees or as part of the CFD, trail, trail furniture, educational and interpretive signage, landscaping and other improvements, subject to the review and approval of the Community Development Director. The following Actions are required:

No.	Action	Description	Responsibility	Deadline
OS-1	Recordation of Conservation Easement	Per COA 44.g. The developer(s) may retain ownership of the large open space area above the 40' contour, but are required to prepare, at their expense, a conservation easement, subject to city review, to be either dedicated to the City, a non-profit, or another qualifying entity prior to recordation of the first final map, that preserves the area for passive recreation, clubhouse type use to serve the community or neighborhood, alternative energy, infrastructure, and agricultural grazing.	Master Developer	Phased with the development of adjacent residential areas, per the Development Agreement .

No.	Action	Description	Responsibility	Deadline
OS-2	Open Space Improvement Plans	Prepare Improvement Plans that include grading for all trails, building pads for water tanks and any other structures, utility installations and easements, Fuel Management Zones, and other pertinent information as determined by the City engineering and building official. All plans shall be approved by the City of Soledad.	Master Developer	Prior to Grading Permit for the phases(s) in which such improvements are included or required
OS-3	Landscape Plan	Prepare a landscape plan, prepared by a licensed landscape architect, subject to approval of the Community Development Director and City Council. The landscape plan shall include photometrics and lighting; irrigation; planting plans; fencing; and manufacturer or construction specifications for benches and more for the open space area. The plan shall be coordinated with the Fire Master Plan.	Master Developer	Prior to Grading Permit for property zoned as Open Space
OS-4	Signage Plan	Prepare a signage plan, prepared by a licensed landscape architect or signage consultant, that includes all trail and community signage proposed within the open space area.	Master Developer	Prior to Grading Permit for property zoned as Open Space
OS-5	Grading & Utility Installation	Conduct all grading and install all applicable utility installations including all trails and any necessary building pads for water tanks or similar structures. All grading shall comply with the requirements of the MMRP.	Master Developer/ Builder for Adjacent Sub-areas	Phased with the development of adjacent residential areas
OS-6	Irrigation, Lighting and Landscape installation	Install all fencing, lighting, irrigation and landscaping including improvements to the Fuel Management Zone.	Master Developer/ Builder for Adjacent Sub-areas	Phased with the development of adjacent residential areas

6.4 COMMUNITY AND STREET LANDSCAPING, LIGHTING, & MONUMENTATION

Pursuant to Specific Plan Policies LU–G and LU–H, landscaping should be installed between the street and the sidewalk buffering the sidewalk from traffic and providing a pedestrian scale to walkways and a landscaped parkway along the street edge. Breaks should be provided to allow pedestrian access from on-street parking spaces. Ample street trees should be provided.

Major and minor gateways should be designed to provide a consistent feel of arrival. Use of water, stone, and living landscape materials, along with signs and public art will provide for dynamic gateways within the plan area. Each residential neighborhood should be distinct, with neighborhood gateways that are unique to the neighborhood, but consistent with the overall specific plan character. Pursuant to Specific Plan Policy C–E, all street improvements shall be financed and installed by the developer.

The first phase of development will determine the design theme for gateways and monuments. Subsequent phases may implement different designs but shall include complementary materials and colors such that they appear related to one another.

Each phase shall implement the following Actions:

No.	Action	Description	Responsibility	Deadline
CL-1	Improvement Plans	Prepare Improvement Plans for the applicable phase or subphase that includes grading for trails, building pads, utility installations and easements, and other pertinent information. All plans shall be approved by the City of Soledad.	Master Developer	Prior to Issuance of Grading or building permit for each phase or subphase of Development.
CL-2	Tree Removal Plan	Per MM. No. 4.1-9 – if tree removal is required, prepare in consultation with a registered arborist/forester, a tree removal and replacement plan for each phase of construction, subject to the review and approval of the Community Development Director. The tree removal and replacement plan shall identify specific grading limits that minimize tree removal, as well as appropriate tree replacement ratios and replanting locations.	Master Developer	Prior to Issuance of Grading or building permit for each phase or subphase of Development requiring tree removal.

No.	Action	Description	Responsibility	Deadline
CL-3	Landscape Plan	Provide a detailed landscape and irrigation plan (COA No. 36), prepared by a licensed landscape architect. Plans shall use Xeriscape principles, per City standards. Plans shall include all landscaped areas that are part of the phase or subphase, including but not limited to open space areas, parks, public rights-of-way landscaping, as well as landscaping within multi-family development and commercial areas when they are part of the phase or subphase being processed. When applicable to a phase or subphase, the plans will also include design for: any proposed gateways that demonstrate signage location; landscaped center medians (MM. No. 4.1-10); detailed tree planting plans with number, size, and species of trees (MM No. 4.1-13); proposed amenities such as enhanced paving, play structures, mailboxes, benches, etc. Per MM No. 4.1-5; landscape screening as appropriate to the surrounding area in order to integrate the development with the existing natural landscape.	Builder for Each Phase	Prior to Issuance of Grading or building permit for each phase or subphase of Development that includes park or open space improvements.
CL-4	Signage Plan	COA No. 37 - Prepare a signage plan for each phase or subphase, prepared by a licensed landscape architect [or signage consultant]. The signage plan shall include location, lighting, color, material, dimensions, and construction specifications.	Builder for Each Phase	Prior to Issuance of Grading or building permit for each phase or subphase of Development.
CL-5	Lighting Plan	Per COA No. 42.f, An exterior street lighting plan shall be prepared and submitted to the City as part of the improvements for each phase or subphase.	Builder for Each Phase	Prior to Issuance of Grading or building permit for each phase or subphase of Development.
CL-6	Grading & Utility Installation	Conduct all grading and install all applicable utilities and trails within common areas. All grading shall comply with the requirements of the MMRP.	Builder for Each Phase	Prior to Issuance of First Certificate of Occupancy for each phase or subphase of Development.

No.	Action	Description	Responsibility	Deadline
CL-7	Irrigation, Lighting and Landscape installation	Per COA No. 42. D, All landscaping appurtenant to each phase of development shall be in place and completed and accepted by the City prior to occupancy approval of any development within said phase. The City may authorize that installation of landscaping be deferred when necessary to ensure it is not damaged by construction of the improvements. Unless otherwise agreed to by City and project proponent in writing, all landscaping shall be installed on a phase-by-phase basis, prior to the first occupancy permit being issued within a given phase.	Builder for Each Phase. (Applies to misc. street landscaping, only)	Installation of Misc. Landscaping (rows, medians, etc.) shall be at a time specified by the Community Development Director.
CL-8	Recordation of Public Access Easements	Trails through privately owned common areas that provide community access to publicly accessible parks and open space areas shall be placed within a public access easement.	Builder	To be shown on the Final Map of an affected phase, or Concurrent with completion of the required improvements.

6.5 PARK IMPLEMENTATION

One of the objectives is to "provide interconnected public parklands to serve the recreational needs of the development and surrounding community." In accordance with Specific Plan Policy P-B, the park implementation Plan is designed to ensure enough parkland is provided during each phase of development, in accordance with the project Parkland Phasing Plan (Separate Document), to meet the needs of project residents in that phase.
The specific improvements for each park will be determined with it respective phase of development so that builders can respond appropriately to market trends and demands at the time of development, subject to City Park Standards. The individual builder for each phase or subphase will be responsible for construction of open space area and parks within the phase or subphase, including items such as community trails and park improvements including but not limited to landscaping, turf, paths, parking areas, sports facilities, playgrounds, restrooms where required, benches, trash receptacles, drinking fountains, and special community facilities. Park Improvement Plans may be provided concurrently or subsequently to other street and community landscape Improvements described in Implementation Plan Section 3.

The following Actions are required at each phase to implement the orderly development of interconnected trails and parks within the Specific Plan:

No.	Action	Description	Responsibility	Deadline
PI -1	Park Design and improvement plans	Per COA 44.f, Park design and improvement plans shall be submitted to the City for review and acceptance.	Builder	Prior to approval of the Final Map for the applicable phase or subphase.

No.	Action	Description	Responsibility	Deadline
PI-2	Park Construction	Per COA 44.b. The builder shall improve all parks within the applicable phase/subphase or pay park impact fees. All grading shall comply with the requirements of the MMRP.	Builder	Fee payment/credits: prior to issuance of building permit in each affected phase. Construction: prior to the occupancy of the last unit/building within the affected phase.
I-3	Record Park Dedications/ Public Access Easement	Per COA no 44.a., The builder, at their expense, shall record the dedication of all public parks and public access easements.	Builder	Offer(s) of dedication shall be part of the Final Map for the affected area. The City acceptance of such offers will be recorded concurrent with completion of the required improvements.

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APPENDIX

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Miramonte Village Park Specifications

All structures and amenities are to be designed to meet all building and accessibility codes per local and state ordinances.

1. Parking
    - 1 ADA stalls on-site (per code - 1:25 spaces)
    - 20 standard stalls
    - Landscaping at bicycle parking racks
2. Restroom/Storage Building
    - Four (4) All Gender, single occupant with 1 flush toilet each (may be a modular/prefabricated unit)
    - Cold Water Sinks with Soap Dispenser
    - Baby Changing Table (mandatory in CA)
    - Electric Hand Dryers
    - Locked Equipment and Supply Storage Closet (bathroom and park needs)
3. Community Garden (if selected during design phase)- Minimum 500 sf area
    - Fenced enclosure with gate
    - Accessible pathways throughout the space
    - Beds to be raised. 3’ x 10’ minimum size with a hose bib
    - Locate beds near parking if possible
4. Picnic Area –
    a) Family Size (2 total). Each area shall have:
        - Shade provided by small shade/wind structures
        - Two (2) tables with accessible benches
        - One Barbeque
        - One (1) trash receptacle
    b) Large Group (1 total). Area shall have:
        - Shade provided by a structure
        - Two (2) Large BBQ grills with adjacent concrete prep areas/tops
        - Water Spigot
        - Eight (8) tables with accessible benches
        - Two (2) trash receptacles
        - Concrete or similar surface at picnic and food prep areas

Miramonte Village Park Specifications (continued)

5. Playground - Minimum 4,000 sf area (total)
    - Play area for 2–5-year-olds
    - Play area for 5–12-year-olds
    - Benches for caretakers with shade structure
6. Park Signage
    - City standard park name and regulatory signage at entry
7. Open turf and landscape:
    - Landscape to focus on native or adapted plant material. Trees to be selected for wind tolerance and shade potential. City standard irrigation systems.
    - Open turf area to be in proportion to the usable acreage of the park with irrigation. Can be natural turf with irrigation or synthetic turf. Natural turf to be a blend of grasses that are suitable for foot traffic with high recovery potential irrigation (90/10 blend of fescue & rye).
8. Site Furnishings:
    - Trash Receptacles (4)
    - Water Fountain
    - Pet Litter Station (2)
    - Bike Rack
9. Dog Park (if selected during design phase) shall have the following features:
        - Separate enclosure for large and small dogs
        - Water faucet with dog bowls
        - Double gates with holding areas to each enclosure
        - Shade structure for dogs and people
        - Benches
        - Doggy water feature for play or exercise equipment

Miramonte Hillside Picnic Park Specifications

Note: the Hillside Picnic Park is approximately 3.10± net usable acres, due to the steep nature and necessary conform slopes. All structures and amenities are to be designed to meet all building and accessibility codes per local and state ordinances.

1. Parking
    - 2 ADA stalls on-site (per code - 1:25 spaces)
    - Public parking will be accommodated on the street fronting the Linear Park and Hillside Picnic Park (+/- 48 cars)
    - Landscaping at bicycle parking racks
2. Restroom/Storage Building
    - Three (3) All Gender, single occupant with 1 flush toilet each (may be a modular/prefabricated unit)
    - Cold Water Sinks with Soap Dispenser
    - Baby Changing Table (mandatory in CA)
    - Electric Hand Dryers
    - Locked Equipment and Supply Storage Closet (bathroom and park needs)
3. Picnic Area –

    c) Family Size (4 total). Each area shall have:
    - Shade provided by small shade/wind structures
    - Two (2) tables with accessible benches
    - One Barbeque
    - One (1) trash receptacle

    d) Large Group (1 total). Area shall have:
    - Shade provided by a structure
    - Two (2) Large BBQ grills with adjacent concrete prep areas/tops
    - Water Spigot
    - Eight (8) tables with accessible benches
    - Two (2) trash receptacles
    - Concrete or similar surface at picnic and food prep areas
4. Playground - Minimum 4,000 sf area (total)
    - Play area for 2–5-year-olds
    - Play area for 5–12-year-olds (consider rock climbing walls against the hillside slope)
    - Benches for caretakers with shade structure

Miramonte Hillside Picnic Park Specifications (continued)

5. Park Signage
    - City standard park name and regulatory signage at entry
6. Open Turf & Landscape:
    - Landscape to focus on native or adapted plant material. Trees to be selected for wind tolerance and shade potential. City standard irrigation systems.
    - Open turf area can be natural turf with irrigation or synthetic turf. Natural turf to be a blend of grasses that are suitable for foot traffic with high recovery potential irrigation (90/10 blend of fescue & rye).
7. Site Furnishings:
    - Trash Receptacles (4)
    - Water Fountain
    - Pet Litter Station (2)
    - Bike Rack
8. Community Garden (if selected during design phase)- Minimum 500 sf area
    - Fenced enclosure with gate
    - Accessible pathways throughout the space
    - Beds to be raised. 3’ x 10’ minimum size with a hose bib
    - Locate beds near parking if possible

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Miramonte Sports Park Specifications

All structures and amenities are to be designed to meet all building and accessibility codes per local and state ordinances.

1. Restroom/Storage Building/Concession
    - Four (4) All Gender, single occupant with 1 flush toilet each (may be a modular/prefabricated unit)
    - Cold Water Sinks with Soap Dispenser
    - Baby Changing Table (mandatory in CA)
    - Electric Hand Dryers
    - Locked Equipment and Supply Storage Closet (bathroom and soccer nets)
    - Concession facility for the sale of "open foods" (ice, coffee, sodas, nachos, cold sandwiches, popcorn).
2. Parking
    - 3 ADA stalls on-site (per code - 1:25 spaces) with lighting
    - Landscaping at bicycle parking racks
    - Public parking will be accommodated on the streets fronting the Sports Park (+/- 70 cars)
3. Picnic Area (if selected during design phase) –
    - Shade provided by small shade/wind structures
    - Table(s) with accessible benches
    - Barbeque (Optional)
    - Trash receptacle
4. Sports Field in basin areas with lighting (per City approval), as basin space allows
    - Informal spectator seating on the slopes of the basin(s)
5. Open Turf Area (if selected during design phase) and Landscape:
    - Landscape to focus on native or adapted plant material. Trees to be selected for wind tolerance and shade potential. City standard irrigation systems
    - Open turf areas can be natural turf with irrigation or synthetic turf. Natural turf to be a blend of grasses that are suitable for foot traffic with high recovery potential irrigation (90/10 blend of fescue & rye).
6. Playground – (if selected during design phase) - Minimum 4,000 sf area (total)
    - Play equipment for 2 – 5-year-olds
    - Play equipment for 5 - 12-year-olds
    - Benches for caretakers with shade by tree or structure
7. Park Entry Signage: City standard park name and regulatory signage

Miramonte Sports Park Specifications (continued)

8. Site Furnishings
    - Trash Receptacles (4)
    - Water Fountain
    - Pet Litter Station (2)
    - Bike Rack

Miramonte Pocket Park Specifications

Pocket parks of various sizes are sprinkled throughout the Miramonte Specific Plan neighborhood.

All structures and amenities to be designed to meet all building and accessibility codes per local and state ordinances.

1. Open Turf area for informal recreation (minimum 800 square feet) and Landscape:
    - Landscape to focus on native or adapted plant material. Trees to be selected for wind tolerance and shade potential. City standard irrigation systems
    - Open turf areas can be natural turf with irrigation or synthetic turf. Natural turf to be a blend of grasses that are suitable for foot traffic with high recovery potential irrigation (90/10 blend of fescue & rye), , in proportion with acreage of the given park. Can be natural turf with irrigation (90/10 blend of fescue & rye) or synthetic.
2. Landscape to focus on native or adapted plant material. Trees to be selected for wind tolerance and shade potential. City standard irrigation systems.
3. Pocket Parks may contain storm water management areas
4. Playground – minimum 2,000sf area
    - Play equipment for 2–5-year-olds
    - Benches for caretakers with shade by tree or structure
5. Park Signage - City standard park name and regulatory signage
6. Site Furnishings – as space allows:
    - Water Fountain
    - Picnic Table
    - Bike Rack

Miramonte Neighborhood Park Specifications

Neighborhood parks of various sizes are sprinkled throughout the Miramonte Specific Plan neighborhood. All structures and amenities are to be designed to meet all building and accessibility codes per local and state ordinances.

1. Open Turf Area and Landscape:
    - Landscape to focus on native or adapted plant material. Trees to be selected for wind tolerance and shade potential. City standard irrigation systems
    - Open turf areas can be natural turf with irrigation or synthetic turf. Natural turf to be a blend of grasses that are suitable for foot traffic with high recovery potential irrigation (90/10 blend of fescue & rye).
2. Small sports court – one-half up to one-acre parks only, choose **one** from the following:
    - Half-size basketball court, or
    - Other small sport court
3. Picnic Area – Family Size - Each area shall have:
    - One Picnic Area for Neighborhood parks up to one acre
    - Two Picnic Areas for Neighborhood parks over one acre
    - Shade provided by small shade/wind structures
    - Two (2) tables with accessible benches
    - One Barbeque
    - One (1) trash receptacle
4. Playground – minimum 4,000sf area (total)
    - Play equipment for 2–5-year-olds
    - Play equipment for 5–12-year-olds
    - Benches for caretakers with shade provided by shade/wind structure
5. Park Signage - City standard park name and regulatory signage
6. Site Furnishings:
    - Trash Receptacles (4)
    - Water Fountain
    - Pet Litter Station (2)
    - Bike Rack

Miramonte Linear Park Specifications

All structures and amenities are to be designed to meet all building and accessibility codes per local and state ordinances.

1. Multi-use Trail – running the entire length of the Linear Park
   - Class 1 asphalt paved trail for biking and pedestrians
   - Design for EVA access where feasible
2. Landscape to focus on native or adapted plant material. Trees to be selected for wind tolerance and shade potential. City standard irrigation systems
3. Trail entry signage for hours of operation, rules, etc.
4. Community Trail map
5. Site Furnishings (at regular intervals along the Linear Park)
   - Trash Receptacles (1 minimum)
   - Water Fountain
   - Pet Litter Station (1 minimum)
   - Bike Rack (1 minimum) a park entry locations
   - Three respite areas with benches
   - Picnic Table (2)
6. Two open turf areas for passive activities. Grass areas can be natural with irrigation or synthetic turf. Natural turf to be a blend of grasses that are suitable for foot traffic with high recovery potential (i.e. 90/10 blend of fescue and rye)
7. Small amenities (if selected during design phase):
   - Exercise Station(s)
   - Bike Repair and Air Station
8. Dog Park (if selected during design phase) shall have the following features:
   - Separate enclosure for large and small dogs
   - Water faucet with dog bowls
   - Double gates with holding areas to each enclosure
   - Shade structure for dogs and people
   - Benches
   - Doggy water feature for play or exercise equipment
9. Bollards/fencing at street crossings (to protect trail users and to prevent auto access onto the trail) unless City Engineer deems unnecessary.
10. Direct Links to provide connection to trails from the Village Park, the commercial site, the multi-family areas, the Hillside Picnic Park, and to connect with sidewalks and parking along intersecting streets

Miramonte Basin Park Specifications

All structures and amenities are to be designed to meet all building and accessibility codes per local and state ordinances.

1. Picnic Area – Family Size (2 total). Each area shall have:
    - Shade provided by small wind/shade structures
    - Two (2) tables with accessible benches
    - One Barbeque
    - One (1) trash receptacle
2. Playground (if selected)– minimum 4,000sf area (total)
    - Play equipment for 2–5-year-olds
    - Play equipment for 5–12-year-olds
    - Benches for caretakers with shade by tree or structure
3. Site Furnishings
    - Garbage Cans & Pet Waste Stations
    - Water Filling Stations
    - Benches
    - Site Lighting
    - Fencing along shared school boundary
4. Park entry signage for hours of operation, rules, etc
5. Open Turf Area (if selected during design phase) and Landscape:
    - Landscape to focus on native or adapted plant material. Trees to be selected for wind tolerance and shade potential. City standard irrigation systems
    - Grass areas can be natural with irrigation or synthetic turf. Natural turf to be a blend of grasses that are suitable for foot traffic with high recovery potential (i.e. 90/10 blend of fescue and rye)
6. Restroom/Storage
    - Two (2) all gender, single occupant with a flush toilet each (may be a modular/prefabricated unit)
    - Cold water sinks with soap dispenser
    - Electric Hand Dryer
    - Baby changing table (mandatory in CA)
    - Locked equipment and Supply Storage Closet (bathroom and park needs
7. Play field(s) within the basin as space allows, with lighting, which could include such uses as:
    - Soccer fields – Adult Regulation size (Preferred Use)
    - Soccer fields – Youth Regulation size (Preferred Use)

Miramonte Basin Park Specifications (continued)

- Baseball field with backstop, dugout benches – Adult Regulation size
- Informal spectator seating on the slopes of the basin
- Basketball
- Futsal
- Multi-Use Games Court

8. Parking
    - 1 ADA stall (per code - 1:25 spaces)
    - Small Parking Lot (15 +/- spaces)
    - Bicycle racks with landscaping
9. Trail Around Basin Perimeter
    - Asphalt paved trail for biking and pedestrians
    - Removable bollards at street connections
    - The Trail will also function as the basin access/maintenance road.
10. On-street parking will be available at street crossings and along the street fronting the Linear Park and the Hillside Picnic Park (east of Orchard Lane).
11. Picnic Area – Family Size. Each area shall have:
    - Shade provided by small shade/wind structures
    - Two (2) tables with accessible benches
    - One Barbeque
    - One (1) trash receptacle



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Executive Summary



Easter Event at Cesar Chavez

Building a Thriving Community through Parks & Recreation

Soledad is a family friendly community in the heart of the Salinas Valley. Parks and recreation are essential to the community's quality of life. As the city grows, it is investing in its parks and recreation programs to better serve the community and support a healthy and vibrant environment.

This Soledad Parks and Recreation Master Plan ("PRMP"), was initiated in November 2022 to update the City's 2009 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. A community-driven plan, its purpose is to guide and support the City over the next 20 years, providing a roadmap for park, facility, and recreation improvements, and to guide ongoing improvements and decisions.

This PRMP has a foundation in a long-term Vision and Goals, presented on the following page, developed through extensive community input. Throughout the planning process, community members provided input and insight into what is valuable to the community, and how they envision the future of their city enhanced by their parks, facilities, and recreation programs.

Community Vision

Soledad's city parks and recreation programs are central to the community's well-being, health, and lifestyle, providing a well-connected network of park and recreation facilities, offering diverse experiences, and bringing the community together.

Goals

1. Health & Wellness

Support physical and mental health by building awareness, encouraging an active lifestyle, a strong community, and places to enjoy nature and quiet through parks and recreation facilities and programs for all ages, genders, and abilities, enabling multi-generational use.

2. Connectivity & Access

Connect people to parks and recreation through a network of safe routes, well-maintained and convenient pathways between parks, through the city, and the region, as well as using innovative approaches to creating and activating "park" space wherever the public can gather.

3. Inclusive & Equitable

Provide a comprehensive system of parks and affordable recreational programs that welcome all, and celebrate art, culture, diversity, and history.

4. Sustainable, Resilient, & Well-Maintained

Ensure that current and future infrastructure and facilities are sustainably designed and well -maintained, mitigating the impacts of high winds, extreme weather, and climate change.

5. Resources & Partnerships

Leverage the City's park and facilities to attract partners and expand services to community members, creating lasting partnerships, maximizing resources, and providing youth with the necessary skills and tools for success.

Needs Assessment

A central aspect of the PRMP is the Community Needs Assessment, which provides the basis for the Policy Guidelines and Recommendations. The Needs Assessment outlines the multiple elements assessed to better understand what the community needs today and in the future. The Assessment included community input, analysis of the community profile and demographics, an assessment of the quality of existing parks and programs, a regional and national trends scan, evaluation of the availability and accessibility to the city's parks and facilities, and determination of the acres of parks per resident. Together this Assessment indicates the gaps, needs, and opportunities that this PRMP should address.

Guidelines & Recommendations

The PRMP's Policy Guidelines identify considerations, best practices and policies that achieve the community's Vision and fulfill their Goals. The Guidelines apply to all of the parks and programs and are organized by the goals that they support. The Guidelines include new policies from expanding park amenities and programming activities to support healthy lifestyles, to developing partnerships to increase resources available to the city. They provide guidance to decision makers as new opportunities and challenges arise.

The PRMP's Recommendations build on the Vision and Goals, and the community Needs Assessment, with specific actions and improvements to make the existing parks and facilities function more effectively for the community, activate the parks and provide more gathering spaces, make access easier, and increase the diversity of offerings.

Further, the Recommendations offer citywide initiatives, recreation programming enhancements, and address potential new park sites. They include clear Standards to be followed in developing new parks or renovating existing parks.

Implementation

The Community Vision is a picture of what Soledad's parks and recreation system can be in the future. The PRMP's recommendations are intended to be implemented over a 20-year time horizon and is not intended to be a short-term action plan. For funding, staff capacity, and logistical reasons, the PRMP actions need to be sequenced over time. The pace of implementation will depend on the availability of resources, not only capital and operating dollars but also the workload capacity of City staff.

To assist the City in prioritizing improvements, an implementation framework has been incorporated into the plan, outlined on the adjacent page, categorizing recommendations based on the level of need allowing for flexibility and optimization of potential future opportunities.



Orchard Lane Park

Implementation Framework

The PRMP's recommendations span a 20-year timeframe, enabling the City to prioritize the most necessary improvements for today and plan for future needs as funding and demand changes. Recommendations are identified as:



Critical Need: *0-2 years*

Representing an immediate need, safety improvement or opportunity that should be acted upon within the next 2 years



General Need: *0-5 years*

Not required immediately, but important to complete within the next 5 years



Ongoing Maintenance & Operations: *Ongoing*

Requiring ongoing maintenance and or change in policy or operation practices



Adds Community Benefit: *When possible*

Not time sensitive, but should be done if funds and resources allow



Meeting the Vision: *5-20 years*

Not an immediate need, but aiming to achieve the Vision in the timeline of this plan

The Soledad Parks and Recreation Master Plan is a living document. The PRMP's Guidelines and Implementation criteria are designed to allow the City the flexibility to respond to changing circumstances and needs, such as opportunities that are unforeseen at the time of this document, and to provide nimble responses to unforeseen challenges that may arise.



1. Introduction

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Soledad is located in central Monterey County in the heart of the agricultural Salinas Valley. The city's 2.2 square mile core is an island, with four non-contiguous parcels (prison complex, water reclamation facility, Los Coches Adobe, and closed landfill) making up the remainder of its 4.65 square mile area as shown in the map on the following page. A growing city, Soledad's population increased over 20% between 2010 and 2020. In 2023, its core is home to approximately 18,648 residents, excluding those incarcerated in the prison complex located within city limits. A community of family households, Soledad's population is predominantly Hispanic. Its warm-summer Mediterranean climate invites outdoor activities.

Since adoption of its 2009 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Soledad has added new neighborhood parks and a community park, taken over operation of the city's community center and formed its Parks and Recreation Department to provide recreational programming to the community. This updated PRMP provides a roadmap for Soledad's parks and recreation facilities' development and improvements, addresses maintenance and operations, and guides ongoing programming and decision-making. The PRMP planning process kicked off in November 2022 and was adopted in the summer of 2024.

This PRMP has been developed with extensive public engagement to reflect the community's desires and address their concerns. Input and direction from community members, staff, city council, key stakeholders, and partners is integrated into the plan, and ensures that the City considers the wide range of needs and opportunities identified by the community for its parks and recreation. The PRMP presents the community's vision for Soledad's Parks and Recreation as it grows and changes. The plan's vision and goals help to focus future decisions, guide the City in allocating resources over the upcoming years, and assist the City in adapting to changing conditions and community needs.

The PRMP identifies current and anticipated future community needs, assesses the function and quality of Soledad's parks, facilities, and programs, and provides a clear set of recommendations for the City to meet community needs over the next 20 years. The recommendations, improvements, additions, and enhancements laid out in this plan focus on achieving the vision for the future of Soledad's parks and recreation by meeting the five goals. The PRMP is being developed in parallel to the City's General Plan, following a similar timeframe and ensuring alignment on goals and opportunities.

Beyond providing recommendations for park and program improvements, the PRMP also aims to address the challenges that the City faces – insufficient safe bike and pedestrian access to parks and recreation, vandalism, extreme wind, and limited funding and staffing capacity, among others - all of which are obstacles that the City must address and develop strategies to mitigate.

Community Pop-Ups



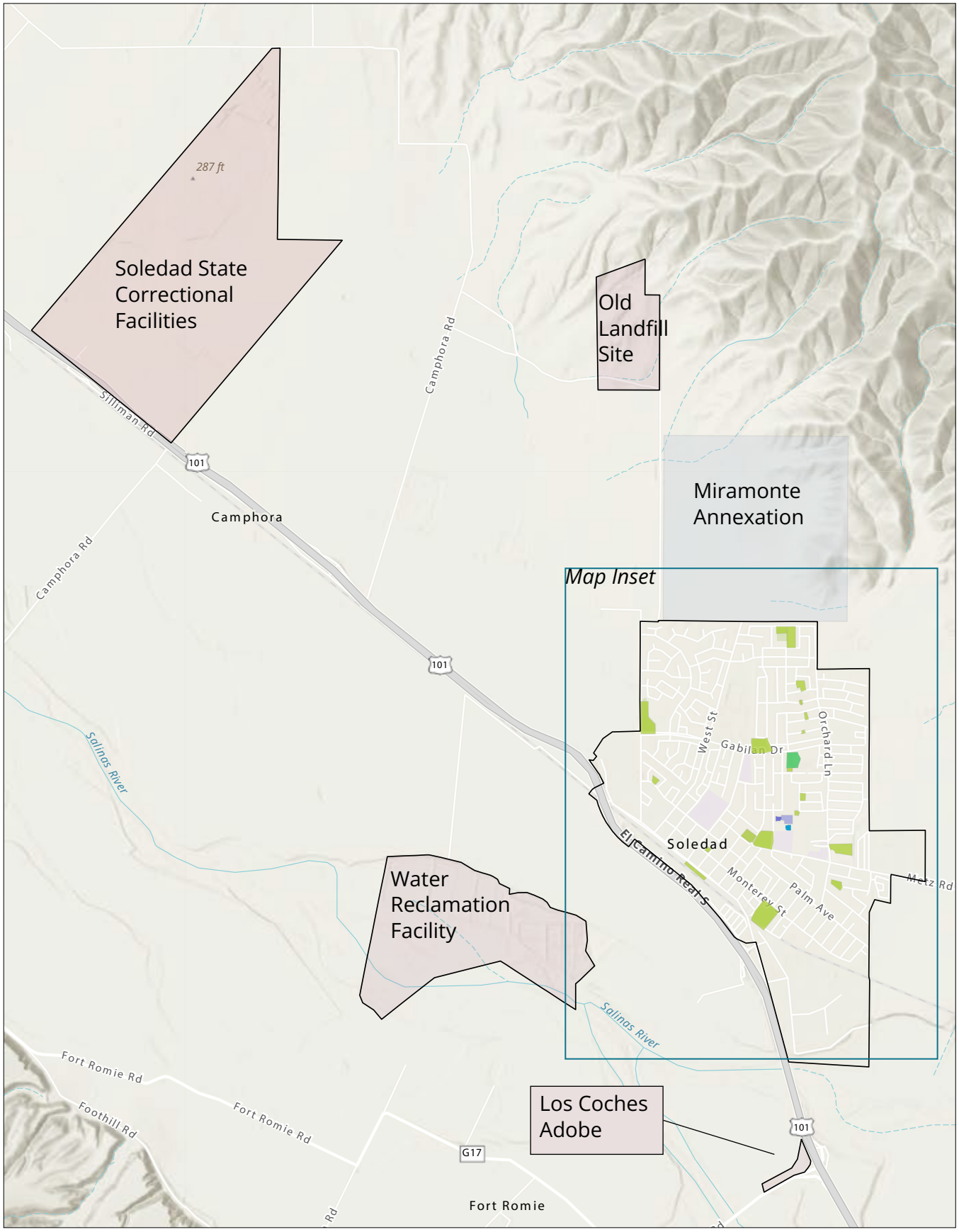


Figure 1. Map of City and Boundary of Planning Area

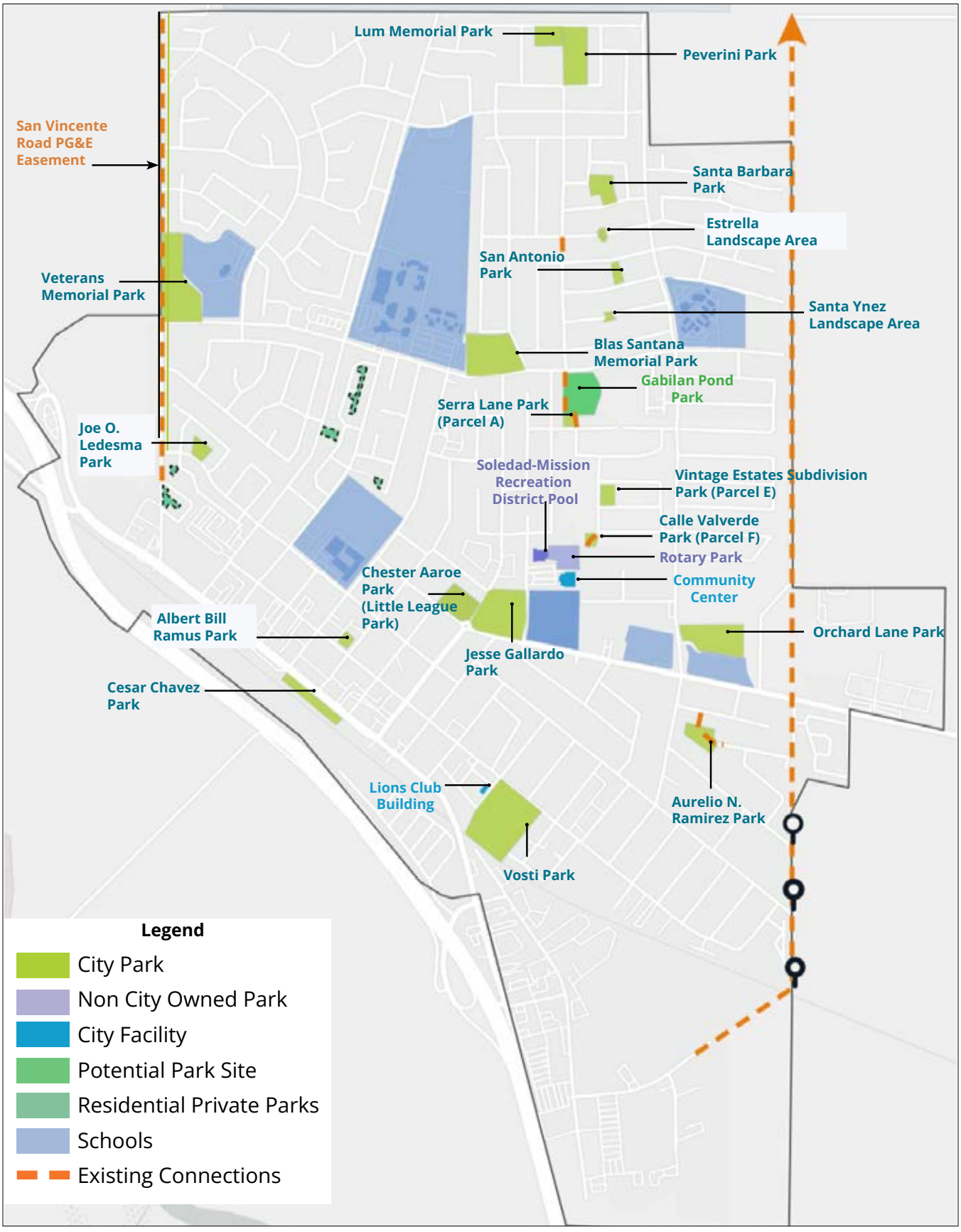


Figure 2. Inset Map of City and Boundary of Planning Area

About Soledad's Parks & Recreation

The City currently owns and maintains 20 developed parks, including the recently opened Orchard Lane Park, and a community recreation center, along with several undeveloped and potential park sites, including the Gabilan Pond site, a large former landfill site, and the historic Los Coches Adobe. The city's Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance of the parks and other city-owned landscapes and facilities while the Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for park development and use, recreational services and Community Center.

The Soledad Parks and Recreation Department was formed in 2021, funded by Measure S, a permanent half cent sales tax voted in by the community. It took over the management and operation of the Soledad Community Center, which had previously been operated by the South County YMCA. Since its inception, the Department has continued to grow and offers a range of activities from summer camps to youth sports, and operates the Community Center facilities including a kitchen, fitness center, computer room, meeting rooms, and event rental spaces. The Department is actively expanding its programming to serve a wider range of community needs and interests, including offerings such as a mobile recreation program, and youth theater. The Department also provides permits and programming in the parks, with a variety of ballfields and open spaces that provide multiple sports opportunities, as well as outdoor family gathering locations.

In addition to the city's Parks and Recreation Department, Soledad is served by the Soledad-Mission Recreation District. This district adds to the city's recreational resources through an aquatic facility, a small park adjacent to the Community Center, and some sports and martial arts programming. The Soledad-Mission Recreation District encompasses the city and surrounding unincorporated areas.

The Soledad Unified School District operates five elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, and one community school, serving nearly 5,000 students in grades K-12. The schools offer teen sports programs, such as basketball, baseball, soccer, and track and field, among others, as well as afterschool childcare programs. The District has a joint-use agreement with the City for a limited number of facilities and uses the Soledad-Mission Recreation District pool for its aquatics program.

The State Correctional Training Facility, commonly known as Soledad State Prison, is located on a noncontiguous parcel within Soledad city limits. Consisting of three independent facilities, it provides corrections and rehabilitation to minimum and medium security inmates. Its recreation facilities include several outdoor exercise areas and a half dozen ballfields for use of the incarcerated population there.



Soledad Parks and Recreation Logo

Planning Area

The City of Soledad is located in Monterey County, between the cities of Salinas and King City in the Salinas Valley. (See Figure 3) It is surrounded by agricultural lands, with the Santa Lucia Mountains to the west and the Gabilan Range to the east. Soledad is a gateway to Pinnacles National Park, and the area is home to several wineries, attracting a range of visitors. The Salinas River runs along the city's southern border.

The city is comprised of several noncontiguous areas, including its core where residents live, work, and play, the State prison and training center to the northeast, a large closed landfill site to the north, a water reclamation facility to the southwest, and the site of the historic Los Coches Adobe to the south. (See Figure 1). In this agriculturally rich valley, Soledad is one of the most densely populated cities. Its 2023 population is 18,648 residents, according to the California Department of Finance (26,230 including those incarcerated at the Correctional Facilities), with approximately 90% of the population of Hispanic heritage. The city is set for new growth and expansion, with increased services and retail in the main part of town. The 654-acre Miramonte Specific Plan Area on the current northern city limits will increase the core city's land area by 44%, adding commercial and residential land uses, and increasing the city's population by about 50%.

Soledad's topography is generally flat, rising gently toward the Gabilan foothills. The area has warm temperatures during the summer months (average highs peaking at 85 degrees Fahrenheit) and cool temperatures in the winter months (average lows reaching the high 30's). It is susceptible to extreme winds up to 32 mph, particularly during summer afternoons.

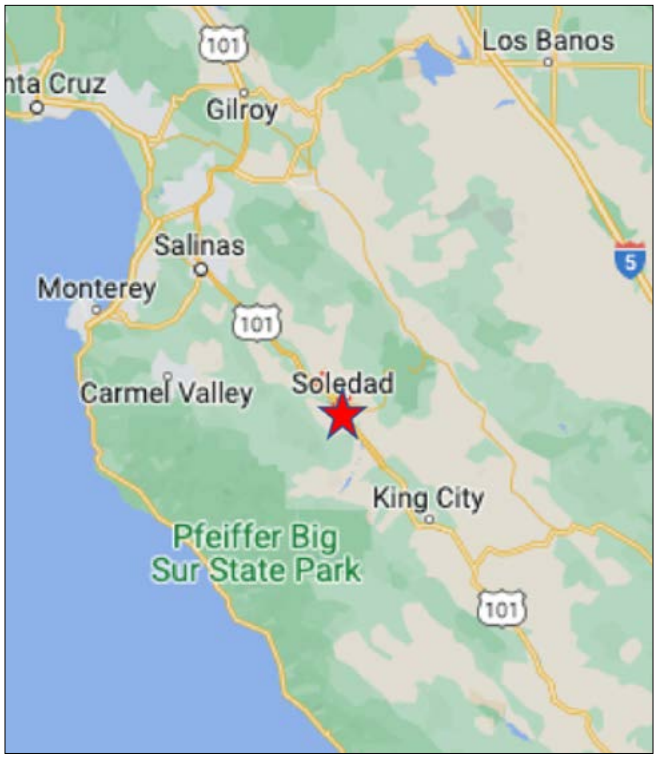


Figure 3. Soledad's Location in the Region



Soledad Neighboring Agricultural Land

History & Culture

The Salinas Valley region was home to Native American populations, including the Chalon Tribe of the Ohlone Indians as well as Rumsen and Mutsun. The valley's more recent history is rich in ranching and agriculture, and was once connected by stagecoach routes and railroad transportation. Soledad was named after one of the oldest Missions in California, founded in 1791 and located to the west of the city.

In the 1820s, artist Esteban Munras and his wife Catalina moved into the area and were granted the Rancho San Vicente. After Esteban's death, Catalina provided the foundation for the city by dividing up the Rancho and donating the land for a school, church, and other spaces that helped the town flourish. The Los Coches Adobe, built in 1843 and originally known as the Richardson Adobe, is a California Historical Landmark owned by the city.

Soledad was the end of the line for the Southern Pacific Railroad, which contributed to its initial growth. The city was incorporated in 1921. In 1952, Chester Aaroe built Little League Park, beginning the robust development of parks in the community. Soledad is also the setting for John Steinbeck's book *Of Mice and Men*.



Dia de los Muertos event in Soledad

Soledad has grown to a city of over 18,000 as of 2020, per ACS. The surrounding agricultural lands offer the city's major employment along with the correctional facility just north of the city core. It is a tight-knit community. 90% of Soledad's population identifies as Hispanic/Latino, and the city's cultural events and festivals celebrate this heritage. The Soledad Hot Summer Days Car Show and Street Festival attracts thousands of visitors to enjoy the festivities while raising funds for the police department's youth recreational programs. Soledad also celebrates its Hispanic heritage with workshops and events from piñata-building workshops, and ofrenda craft nights for Dia de los Muertos celebrations, to traditional dance performances. Soledad often showcases traditional performances by its High School groups such as baile folklórico and the high school mariachi band.



1908 Soledad Schoolhouse



Los Coches Adobe 2023

Planning & Policy Context

The Updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan is informed by multiple existing plans and policies within Soledad. In addition, several efforts are in process that were aligned and considered in the development of recommendations. This plan's recommendations should ultimately be integrated in the General Plan and future relevant citywide plans. Below are highlights of key connections.

Table 1. Planning & Policy Context

Plan Name	Date	Potential Impact to the PRMP
Soledad General Plan	*2005, and 2024 update*	Soledad is concurrently updating its General Plan, the governing document regarding land use patterns and needs, to address open space for all residents in a manner that considers social, economic and racial equity, correlated with the environmental justice policies in the general plan, as applicable. The previously adopted plan identified specific goals around parks and recreation facilities being within walking distance, open space trails in the Gabilan foothills, pedestrian and bike connections, and a goal of 5 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. These goals have been considered in the framework of the PRMP. Soledad's General Plan update and this Parks and Recreation Master Plan update will be complementary and mutually reinforcing.
Housing Element Update	*2018, and 2024 update*	The Housing Element is part of the General Plan and indicates where there are opportunity sites for residential growth to meet Regional Housing Allocation Needs. This future residential growth impacts the need and location for future parks. According to the Housing element there is a significant percentage of overcrowding in Soledad homes, and a need to address this through policies and upzoning. This implies a greater need for parks to serve the current and projected residents within city limits.
Parks and Recreation Master Plan	*2009*	Soledad's first Parks and Recreation Master Plan was approved in 2009. Many of the actions described in the plan have been implemented, most notably the City's development of its own Parks and Recreation Department. This PRMP update builds on the progress made from the previous plan, including developing guidelines, policies, and recommendations regarding the City's expanded role in providing recreation services.
Downtown Specific Plan	*2012*	The Downtown Specific Plan adopted in 2012 encompasses Front Street and the surrounding areas, proposing to create a pedestrian-oriented and vibrant mixed-use downtown. Intensified and diversified uses would be anchored by a proposed train station and public plaza in the area currently occupied by Cesar Chavez Park. The plan proposes a strong pedestrian and visual connection between Front Street and Vosti Park, and to a new community center facility on the current City Yard on State Street. It encourages the inclusion of parks within the downtown area and ensures a balance of commercial and recreational uses within the downtown core.

Table 1. Planning & Policy Context (continued)

Plan Name	Date	Potential Impact to the PRMP
Miramonte Specific Plan	*TBD*	The Specific Plan for this 654-acre development area north of the current city limits is projected to increase the city's population by over 50%. The Plan provides for almost 60 acres of neighborhood and community parkland, which meets the goal of 5 acres per 1,000 new residents. There is the opportunity to work with the Miramonte developers to ensure that their parks provide elements that complement Soledad's existing parks.
Monterey County Active Transportation Plan	*2018*	The Transportation Agency for Monterey County's (TAMC) Active Transportation Plan proposed county-wide and city projects to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and connections. The identified projects support the PRMP's guidelines and recommendations for improved access to parks and encouraging active transportation for recreation.
Local Roadway Safety Plan	*2022*	The City of Soledad built on the TAMC's plan to further define and develop a safer roadway environment, to make the city more walkable and bikeable for all residents, and to support residents' ability to walk or bike to a park.
Relevant California Legislation	*2024*	The State of California recently enacted several pieces of legislation that impact park planning, funding possibilities and operation. This legislation includes; SB 1425 Section 65565.5 of the Government Code requiring cities to update their General Plans to address open space that considers social, economic, and racial equity, climate resilience, safety and more; SB 852 Section 62300 et.seq. of the Government Code, allowing cities, counties, or special districts to establish climate resilience districts (CRD's) that can receive funding for climate adaptation related projects; and AB 1572 that prohibits the use of potable water on "non-functional turf" over the next several years. Each of these pieces will be taken into consideration in the recommendations of Soledad's parks and recreation facilities.

Master Plan Organization

This Plan is organized into the following sections:

1. Introduction

Plan background and purpose, about Soledad's Parks and Recreation, planning area overview, history and culture overview, planning and policy context, and Master Plan organization.

2. Community Driven Plan

Community engagement and planning process, big ideas and themes, and community engagement details.

3. Climate Considerations

Climate, wind, wildfire and flooding risk, extreme heat and warm nights, and cascading risks.

4. Community Needs

Needs methodology, community profile, parks and facilities analysis, recreation programs assessment, park and recreation trends, and summary of community needs.

5. Parks & Recreation Guidelines

Policy guidelines to provide City staff and decision-makers with frameworks for making considered decisions regarding parks, facilities and programs, and responding to changing needs and opportunities over time.

6. Recommendations

Citywide, park and facility specific, and future site recommendations, and standards for development of new and renovation of existing parks.

7. Programming

Recreation programming and park programming recommendations, and cost recovery and fee considerations.

8. Implementation

Prioritization considerations, priority/implementation tables for capital projects, recreation programming, and maintenance, and funding mechanisms.

9. Appendices

Tree List, Complete Parks & Facilities inventory, Existing Conditions Report.



2. Community Driven Plan

2. Community Driven Plan

A. Community Engagement & Planning Process

The planning process for the PRMP offered a variety of opportunities for community engagement, as depicted in the process timeline diagram below.

The PRMP was informed by robust public input gathered through a year long community engagement process. All project phases integrated in-person activities such as workshops and pop-ups, in conjunction with online engagement tools. Engagement encompassed a range of stakeholders including community members, partner agencies, business interests, non-profits, and others. All engagement sessions and materials were provided in English and Spanish. The following is a summary of how community members were able to provide input into the process:

- A Community Advisory Committee was formed to provide input and feedback at various stages of plan development.
- City Council was kept advised of the plan's progress and provided their input at periodic presentations by BluePoint Planning and staff.
- A plan website, https://www.soledadpark-sandrecplan.com/, was developed to provide a project-focused hub for community feedback, information, and plan documents.
- Communication materials were developed for the City to distribute information about the project, details about how to be involved, and links to various activities. Mailings went out to the entire city with information about in-person workshops as well as information on how to provide feedback if residents were unable to attend the in-person workshops. Social media, flyers distributed by local youth, and banners were also used to promote outreach events, the visioning process, and the recommendations process.



Figure 4. Process Timeline

- Two open house workshops were held in January 2023, and May 2023, focused on learning about the plan and providing visioning and prioritization input. Workshops were advertised on Facebook, the plan website, and on flyers posted throughout the city.
- A community-wide survey was distributed online via the City's social media and website, in addition to the project website. Over 400 responses were received.
- Interactive outreach and engagement occurred at community events, including visioning at the City's Easter event, interactive boards posted in the Community Center and City Hall, and pop-up events at the city's shopping mall and Farmers' Market.
- Padlet, an online tool, allowed participants to share their ideas, photos, videos, etc. for park and recreation improvements. In total, over 420 likes and comments were received.
- Padlet was also used in the Recommendations phase. Participants were shown a map with location icons for each city park. For each park selected, participants were surveyed about their top priority for that park.
- The final PRMP will undergo staff review, be posted on the project website for a public review, and presented to Council for approval and adoption.



Project Flyer

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN NUMBERS

2 Project Surveys	**401** Survey Responses
5 Community Pop-ups	**1** Project Website
2 Online Engagement Activities	**800+** Community Members Reached

B. Big Ideas & Themes

The following themes from the three rounds of engagement inform the PRMP goals, needs assessment, and recommendations.



Safety: Residents need to feel safe both in parks and getting to local parks to fully enjoy them.



Limited Facilities: There are not enough park facilities available for soccer, community gatherings, or for outdoor fitness and walking.



Limited Staffing: There are not enough staff to adequately maintain the parks, or support the growing recreation department.



Awareness: As park and recreation services are growing, ensuring the community is aware of what is available is essential.



Partnerships: There are local organizations that can be partnered with to maximize space and resources to best serve the community.



Wind: The wind in Soledad is a huge barrier to outdoor recreation, especially in the early to mid-afternoon.



Accessibility: There is room to improve the accessibility and inclusivity of all the city parks.



Diversity: As the recreation department continues to grow and expand, continuing to diversify the programs offered will be important.



C. Community Engagement Details

Round 1 Engagement: Understanding Vulnerabilities

Small Group Meetings

The first window of community engagement for the Soledad Parks and Recreation Master Plan was held on February 1– 2, 2023. The focus was on understanding the needs, desires, and opportunities of Soledad's community through engaging in small group sessions. The project team met with six groups that represented Youth and Teens, Economic Development, Business and Tourism, Senior Housing and Health, Public Safety, Team and Active Sports, and Arts, Culture and Community. The top takeaways from the small groups are as follows:

- **The wind** is a major consideration for all parks, outdoor recreation, and events.
- There is a lot of excitement for the upcoming Cesar Chavez container park, activation plans, and new facilities. The City wants to create and foster **"a real hub downtown."**
- The community wants to streamline a central permitting process to use parks for **special events** (e.g., at the upcoming Cesar Chavez container park).
- To enhance the **usability and accessibility of parks**, especially for seniors, windbreaks, shade, shelters, and convenient seating are essential.
- **Increasing safety** and creating **dedicated bike/pedestrian routes and trails** will encourage active mobility through better networks and connectivity.
- There is a strong desire for more opportunities for **passive recreation**, including arts, culture, social gatherings, and recharge.
- There are not enough compelling **opportunities for youth** to engage in recreation.

Stakeholder Interviews

In February and March 2023 the project team interviewed Stakeholders including Soledad City Council members, Monterey County officials, representatives from schools (both Hartnell College and the Soledad Unified School District), Soledad-Mission Recreation District, Pinnacles National Park services, and other partners. These individuals offered unique perspectives into the community and the key takeaways are as follows.

- Soledad is a **family-friendly** town that has a **strong community** presence.
- **Sports, especially soccer**, are a prime aspect of the community, but the City lacks

the resources needed to accommodate the demand.

- **People want to gather** but there is a lack of multi-purpose areas both indoors and outdoors.
- There are extraordinarily **strong winds** that often stand as a barrier to outdoor events.
- Streets are wide and there is room to improve public transportation and traffic safety, and to add bike lanes.
- There are more parks than existing maintenance staff and resources can take care of.
- The City wants to see an increase in the number of **community programs** and the diversity of community programs both in type and audience.
- There are opportunities to develop existing structures, the landfill site, and the Los Coches Adobe for recreational use and these sites need to be affordable and accessible to the entire community.
- The community is interested in developing **new walking/hiking trails**.
- Soledad is one of the gateways to Pinnacles National Park, but the park is not easily accessible. There has been an influx of visitors that the west entrance cannot sustain.



Project Website

Community Survey

From February until April 2023, an online survey was conducted. This survey was designed to gauge how residents view the city's parks, what activities and amenities they value and desire, and what they would like the City to expand. The survey was advertised through door-to-door flyers, social media, and other City channels. The survey closed on April 8th, with a total of **401 respondents**, 372 in English, and 29 in Spanish. The key findings are as follows:

- Parks are not used equally. The most visited parks are Blas Santana Park (106), Chester Aaroe/Little League Parks (96) and Peverini/ Lum Memorial Parks (95).
- Parks are used regularly. Most respondents (159) reported using parks weekly.
- Respondents rated the quality of the parks a 3.3 out of 5 stars, so there is room for improvement.
- Most respondents (65%) indicated using one or more of the current recreational services offered by the city.
- Sports (132) and youth programs (77) have the highest use.
- Park cleanliness (53), closed restrooms (80), and safety (50) are the top issues residents would like to focus on for park improvements.
- Respondents generally go to parks for exercise (200), their kids (186), or sports (148). They also go to parks to enjoy quiet relaxation (138) and to spend time with their friends (89).
- Most people walk to parks (317) and use their car (221) to get there.

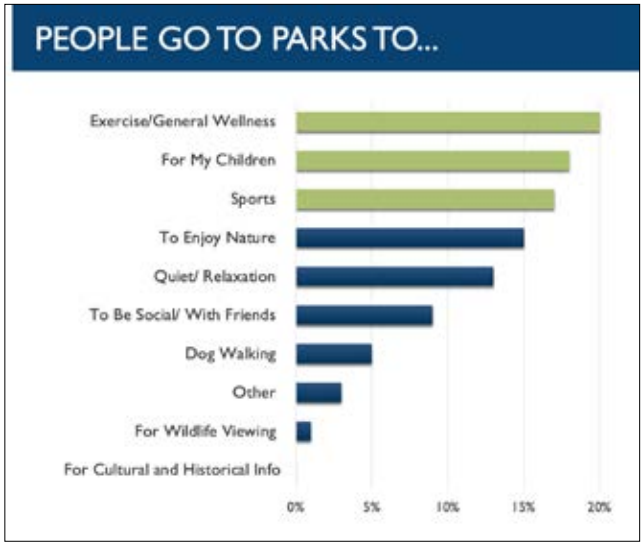
The community was asked what improvements they would like the City to focus on when thinking about recreation programs and facilities for the community, and the top responses were:

Recreation Programs:

- Child Care and Preschool Activities
- Teen Programs
- Art Classes
- Computer Classes
- Outdoor Camping and Hiking Programs
- More Fitness Programs

Facilities Improvements:

- Play Areas
- Walking and Hiking Areas
- Sports Fields
- Picnic and BBQ Areas
- Bathrooms



Community Survey, Why People Go to Parks



Community Survey, Facilities Improvements

Engagement Round 2: Vision & Goals

The second round of community engagement began in April 2023 to develop a vision for the future of parks and recreation for the community. This round of engagement consisted of three pop-up events, a community workshop, and an online engagement activity. This round of engagement reached approximately **400 participants**.

Pop-Ups

The City held an Easter Event in Cesar Chavez Park and had over 300 participants in the visioning exercise. Four vision boards were used to display a broad range of pictures of different recreational activities and facilities to gauge interest. Participants were asked to place stickers on their top 3-5 pictures, along with sticky notes with their suggestions. A second set of the vision boards was placed in the corridor of the Community Center from April to June to allow patrons to participate as they entered the building, engaging approximately 50 participants. These vision boards were used again on May 23rd at a pop-up event held at the local shopping mall and engaged approximately 25 participants. The key trends from the vision boards are expressed below.

- Outdoor Sports and Activities: participants favored Adult & Youth Soccer (33), Volleyball (29), and Kids & Youth Sports (26).
- Indoor Recreation: the community favored Gymnastics and Tumbling (50), Martial Arts (27), and Cooking Classes (25).
- Community Gathering: respondents favored Cultural/Arts Performances (27), Sheltered Picnic Areas (25), and Wind Festivals and Activities (25).
- Something New: the community indicated preferences for an Off-leash Dog Park (45), Hiking Trails (19), and a Pump Track (13). Also noted were football and rock climbing.



Vision Board Engagement 1



Vision Board Engagement 2



Vision Board Engagement 3

Online Visioning Engagement

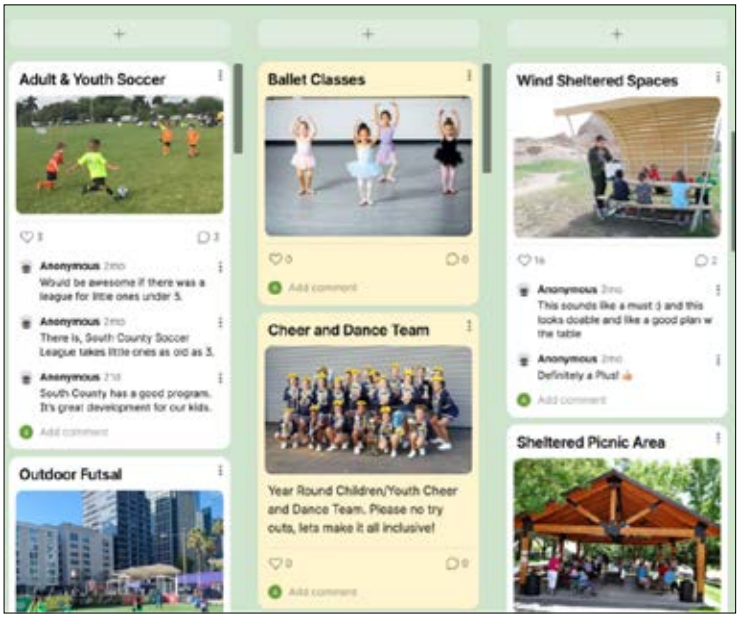
In conjunction with the vision boards, an online community engagement platform, "Padlet", was used to invite community members to share what they would like to see in Soledad's parks and recreation programs. Viewing the same pictures, participants were asked to like, comment, and add their own pictures or videos of their vision for Soledad's Parks and Recreation. The Padlet was posted on the project website and on multiple flyers posted throughout the city and at other in-person events. The Padlet ran from April 8th, to June 9th in English and Spanish.

Below is a visual depiction of the Padlet. The yellow boxes indicate posts added by the community, the numbers by the heart indicate number of "likes" and the number by the message bubble indicate number of "comments." Padlet is not a ranking or voting system, so the numbers are simply included to show where multiple comments or likes occurred, not to rank the suggestions. The Padlet received over **400 likes and 14 comments** and the key findings are shown below.

- Outdoor Sports and Activities: participants favored an Outdoor Gym (18), Volleyball (11), and Adult Baseball and Softball (9).
- Indoor Recreation: the community liked Cooking Classes (16) Gymnastics and Tumbling (13), and Art Classes (12).
- Community Gathering: respondents favored Sheltered Picnic Areas (23), Community Food Events (19), Wind Sheltered Spaces (18) and Places to Listen to Music (18).
- Something New: the community indicated Hiking Trails (12), Windbreak Walls (12) and a Protected Outdoor Classroom (11). Also noted were a plazita, outdoor parkour park, and basketball courts.

From these two visioning exercises the takeaways are:

- There is a strong desire for more places to gather and areas to express and celebrate culture and community.
- Community members are eager for more programming, especially for girls sports and all-ages leagues.
- There is a need for more protected areas from wind, sun, and heat.
- There is a desire for more diverse recreation classes for all ages, such as more cooking classes and art classes.



Vision Padlet

Community Workshop

At the May 23, 2023 Community Visioning Workshop, community members were invited to learn more about their parks and to share their ideas of a vision for the future. After a brief presentation, attendees were asked to participate in a visioning exercise by giving their opinions on what they would like to see in their local parks and recreation programs. Individuals helped to develop a visioning collage by placing pictures and words on a large sheet of paper, as well as writing their ideas about how they believe parks and recreation should evolve. The meeting was attended by **15 community members.**

Key Findings

- Health and wellness is important to the community. Teaching kids how to stay active at a young age and providing affordable resources for all ages to stay healthy are a necessity.
- Arts and culture are programs the community value and would like increased.
- The community would like to have more classes and programs offered centrally to eliminate the need to drive outside of town.
- Community gathering is important. Offering events, facilities, and opportunities for gathering is key.



Community Vision Wall Graphic

Round 3: Engagement Recommendations & Priorities

The third round of community engagement began in late September 2023 to January 2024 to begin prioritizing the recommendations developed from the previous rounds of engagement. This round consisted of two pop-up events and an online engagement activity. In person events reached approximately 70 participants.

Pop-Up Events

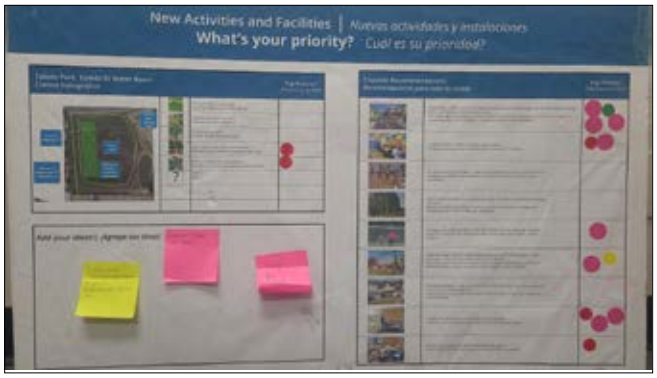
On September 28th, City staff held a pop-up event at the local Farmers Market and on October 1st the City staff led a pop-up event at the Resource Fair event at the newly opened Orchard Lane Park. Four recommendation boards were displayed with each park and their respective recommendations in English and Spanish. Participants were asked to identify which recommendation was their top priority for each park. Both of these events were subject to bad weather and did not reach optimal participation. Despite the weather, the key takeaways from the pop-ups are below.

Key takeaways are:

- The top priority for Vosti Park is to add fitness equipment.
- The top priority for Chester Aaroe/Little League Park is adding a flexible court.
- The top priorities for the Community Center are Cooking classes, Movies in the Park, and Adult and Senior Education classes.
- The top priorities for citywide recommendations are shade and wind protection, areas for teens to gather and socialize, and creating safe routes to parks.



Recommendations Pop-Up



Example Recommendations Board 1



Example Recommendations Board 2

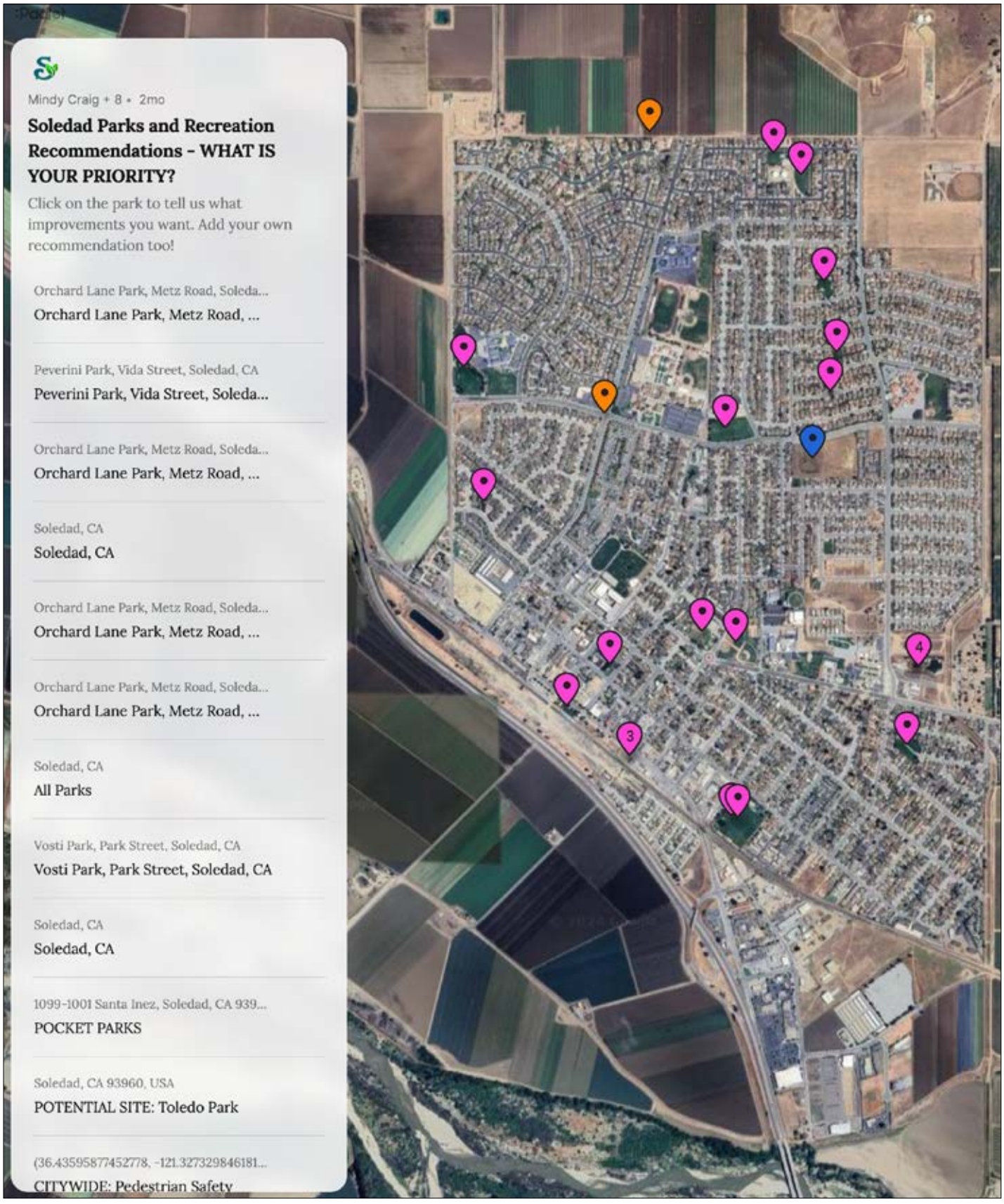
Online Engagement Activity

In conjunction with the recommendation boards, the online community engagement platform, "Padlet", was used to invite community members to prioritize recommendations that they would like to see in Soledad's parks and recreation programs. This Padlet was in the form of an interactive map with a survey linked to each park location. Participants were asked to select their favorite parks and select which recommendation was their top priority. The recommendations were the same that were listed on the boards and were available in English and Spanish. The Padlet was posted on the project website and on multiple flyers posted throughout the city and at other in-person events. The Padlet ran from September 2023 to January 2024, . The Padlet received over **750 votes and 10 comments** and the results of each park are shown below.

On the following page is a visual depiction of the Padlet. The pink location icons represent City-owned parks, the orange location icons represent citywide recommendations, the blue icons represent potential site recommendations, and location icons with numbers were added by community members.

Parks & their top recommendations:

- Citywide: Increasing pedestrian safety by adding protected bike lanes, more crosswalks, and pedestrian areas is the top priority (43), along with a walking path that goes around the city and connects the parks (34).
- Pocket Parks: add games like big chess and four square (16).
- Santa Barbara Park: add a playground (22).
- Lum Memorial Park: improve the large group picnic area by adding tables, shade, and a group BBQ (24).
- San Antonio Park: add a small picnic area and playground (18).
- Blas Santana Park: create comfortable seating areas to hang out and socialize (26).
- Aurelio N. Ramirez Park: add ½ basketball court (16) and add a shaded picnic area with a BBQ (17).
- Vosti Park: increase activity spaces and amenities that are open to the community (29).
- Jesse Gallardo Park: add shaded and wind-protected picnic areas with BBQs (19), and improve crossing safety to restrooms and playgrounds at Little League Park (15).
- Cesar Chavez Park: add an area for small concerts (18).
- Chester Aaroe Little League Park: add a dog park/temporary overflow parking (12), and a flexible court (12).
- Albert Bill Ramus Park: provide additional seating and connections to the Farmers Market (24).
- Veterans Memorial Park: improve playground with parent seating and shade, and stroller and wheelchair access (17).
- Joe O. Ledesma Park: add shade at the play area and picnic area (18).



Recommendations Image from the Online Padlet



3. Climate Considerations

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A Changing Climate

Addressing the increasing uncertainty and impacts of a changing climate are some of the most critical issues that cities will be responding to now and into the future. Parks can play a central role in mitigating and addressing some of the impacts related to climate change and are stepping up to respond to the challenge.

Nationally, parks and recreation departments are incorporating a range of strategies and practices to help reduce their greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change, as well as addressing impacts that are occurring today such as extreme weather, flooding, and wildfires. These practices include conserving water and energy, managing soil to create "carbon sinks" and better respond to drought conditions, reducing vehicle miles traveled by promoting and supporting walking and biking, and improving habitat by reducing the use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers, and landscaping with native and climate adapted plants. In California, many jurisdictions have formally adopted regulations supporting a whole systems watershed approach, which fosters soil health, conserves water, sequesters carbon, and protects valuable resources while reducing waste and preventing pollution.

Extreme Heat & Warm Nights

Historically, the temperatures in Soledad have been moderate. However, the number of extreme heat days and the number of warm nights (without a cool down period) are expected to increase dramatically from an average of 5 extreme heat days to 17-20 extreme heat days in 2035; and an increase in warm nights from an average of 9 nights to 27-35 by 2035. (Figures 9 and 10). Residents without air conditioning will have a much harder time cooling off their homes and will need places such as cooling centers or parks for relief from the heat. Parks offer a respite to extreme heat, especially with the addition of trees and the reduction of asphalt and hard services that trap heat. Planting, water features, and shade in parks can offer people an important refuge.

The increase in extreme weather and warm nights may make the wind in Soledad more severe, resulting in trees being more susceptible to blowing down or dying. This reduction in shade and windbreaks, could create a cycle that would make Soledad's parks and outdoor spaces less usable and enjoyable. Focusing on increasing resilient trees that can help mitigate wind and provide cooling will be essential.

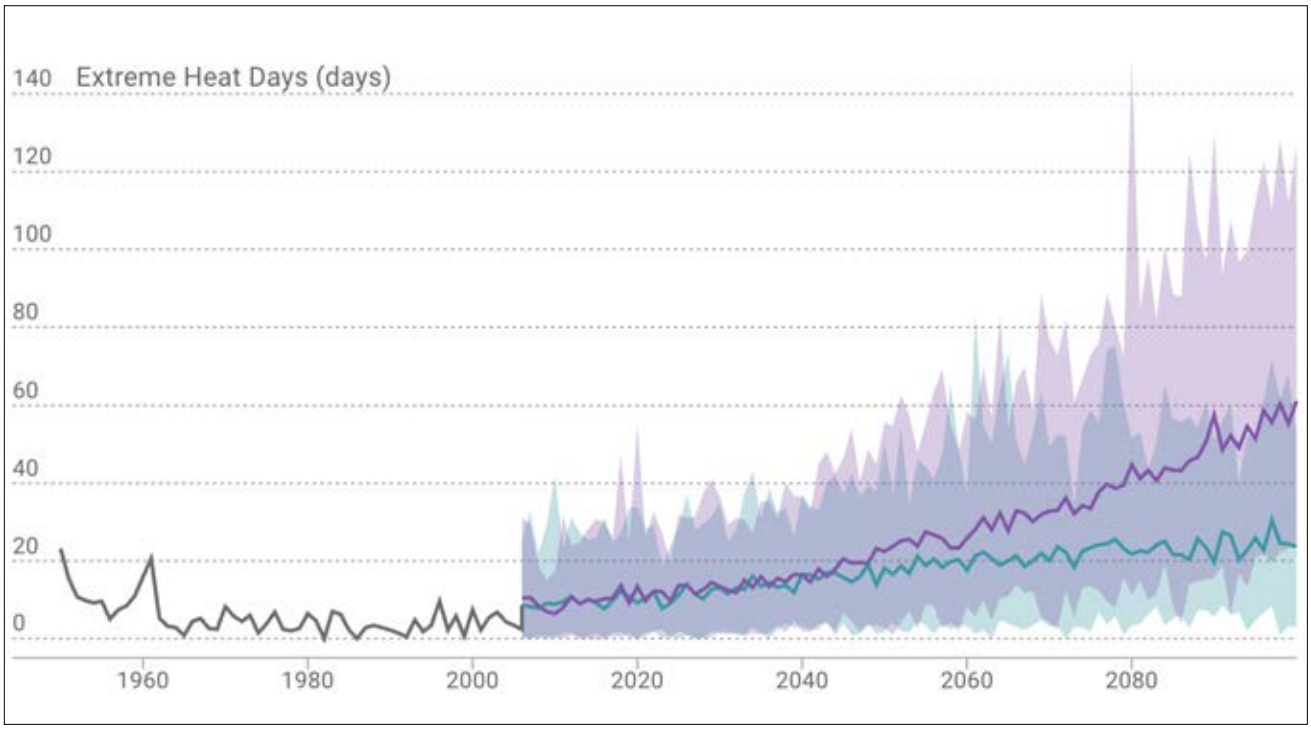


Figure 5. Extreme Heat Days

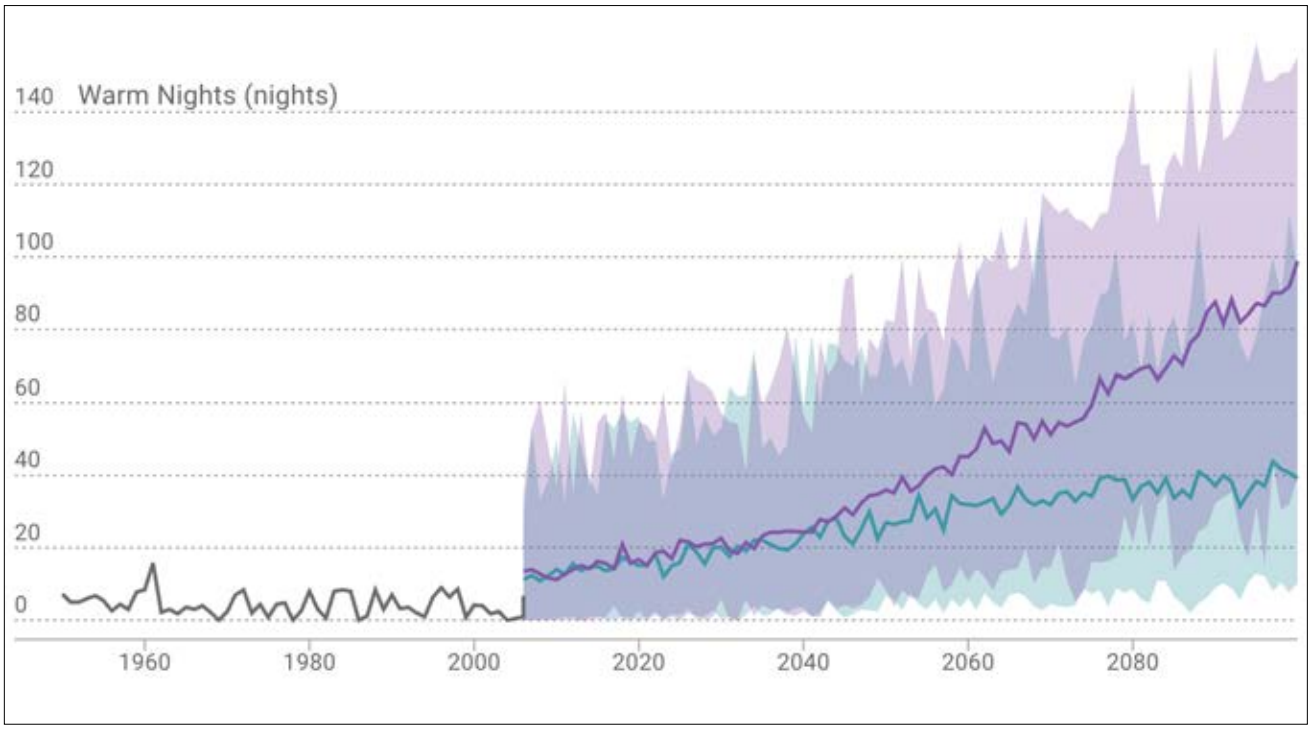


Figure 6. Warm Nights

Source: https://cal-adapt.org/tools/local-climate-change-snapshot

Climate & Wind

Soledad's weather is consistent with the valley's climate. Soledad is sunny, averaging 25 sunny days per month. Although this weather offers the perfect opportunity to engage in outside activities like picnics, hikes, or BBQs, Soledad's strong winds throughout much of the year can be a detriment and have only increased from year to year. Soledad is windiest in the summer months with an average of 6.2 mph, but even in the calmer winter months winds reach 4.5 mph on average. Most problematic are the strong gusts which occur during the mid to late afternoon, and reached a new high of 51 mph in February 2023. Figure 7 shows the wind speeds in Soledad on a typical summer day. The wind increases dramatically from around 2 pm to 6 pm, which is the prime time for outdoor recreation. These winds are projected to only increase as tree windbreaks die off in conjunction with increasing temperatures or are removed for development.

Windbreaks can mitigate the wind's impact and improve outdoor recreation. Linear plantings of trees and shrubs can slow the wind, provide shade, help control soil erosion, protect landscaping, and beautify the area. Architectural wind shelters, which can deflect wind and reduce wind speed by 75% on the opposing side, can be very useful around seating and picnic areas.

If wind structures are undesirable, an alternative would be to design spaces for indoor activities. The wind is strongest in the afternoon and early evening, when students are getting out of school and adults are getting off work. Increasing the number of indoor recreation activities or after school programs during this time would provide residents with a way to avoid the wind.



Windblown Trees at Rotary Park

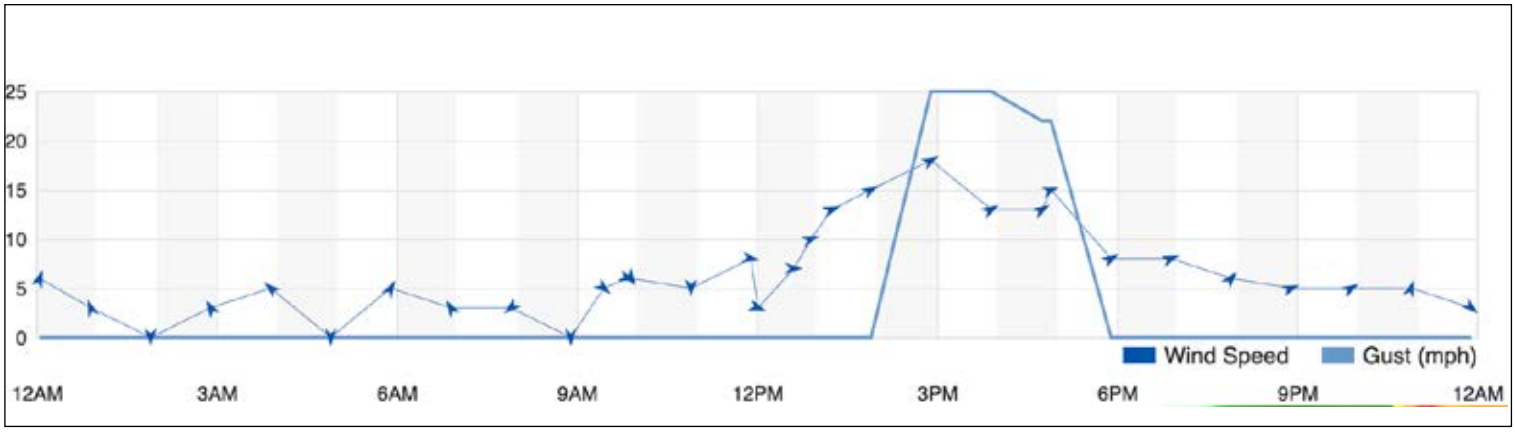


Figure 7. Wind Data Source: Weather Underground



Weather damaged trees at Vosti Park

Wildfire & Flooding Risk

In addition to high winds, Soledad has a moderate to high vulnerability to wildfires as illustrated in Figure 8. Flooding risk, shown on Figure 9, is primarily centered surrounding the Salinas River and outside of the city's boundaries. The land where the Los Coches Adobe stands is at risk for both fire and flooding. The Adobe itself is on high ground, but the surrounding area may be susceptible to flooding.



Windbreaks

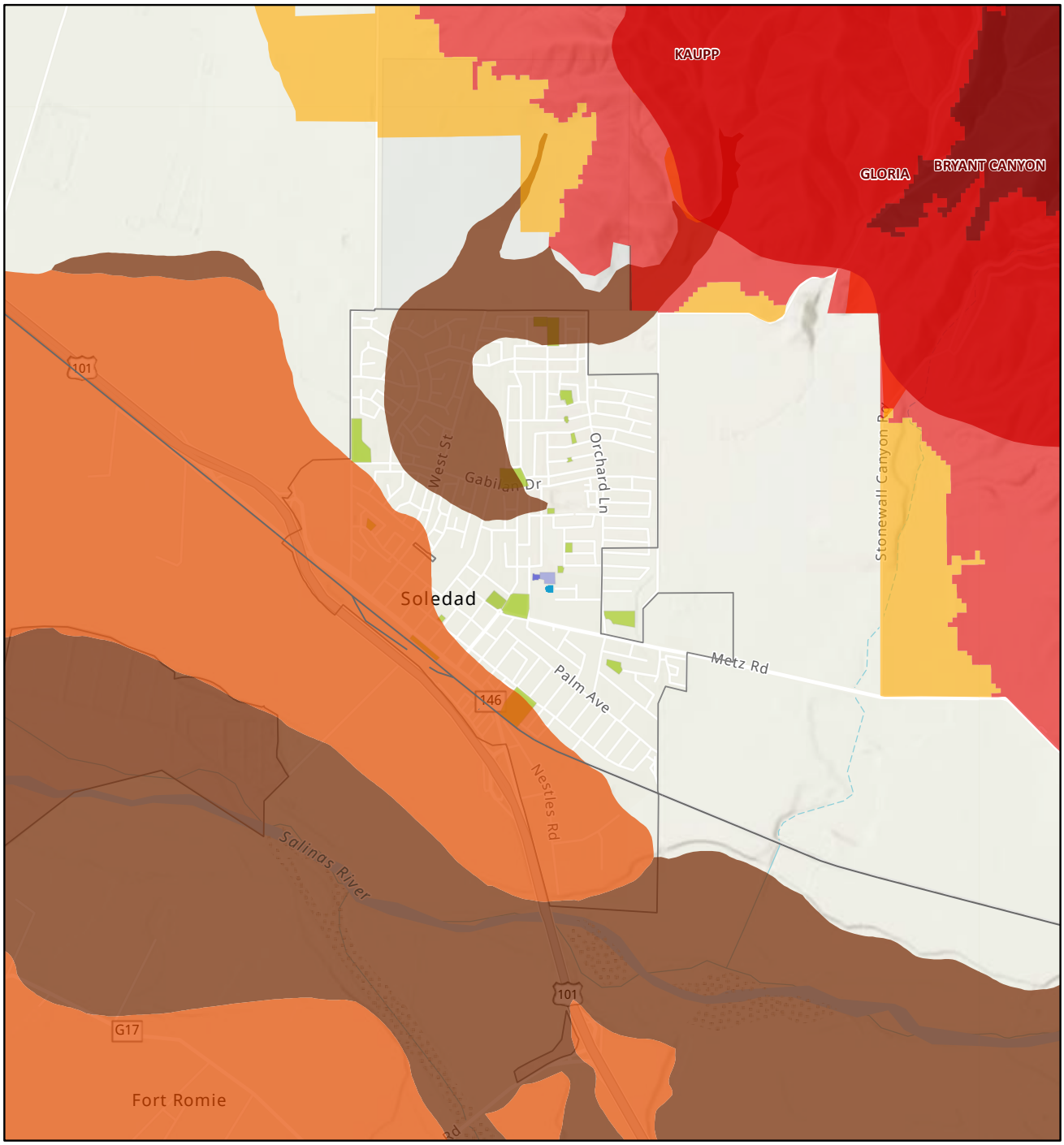


Figure 8. Soledad Wildfire Hazards Map

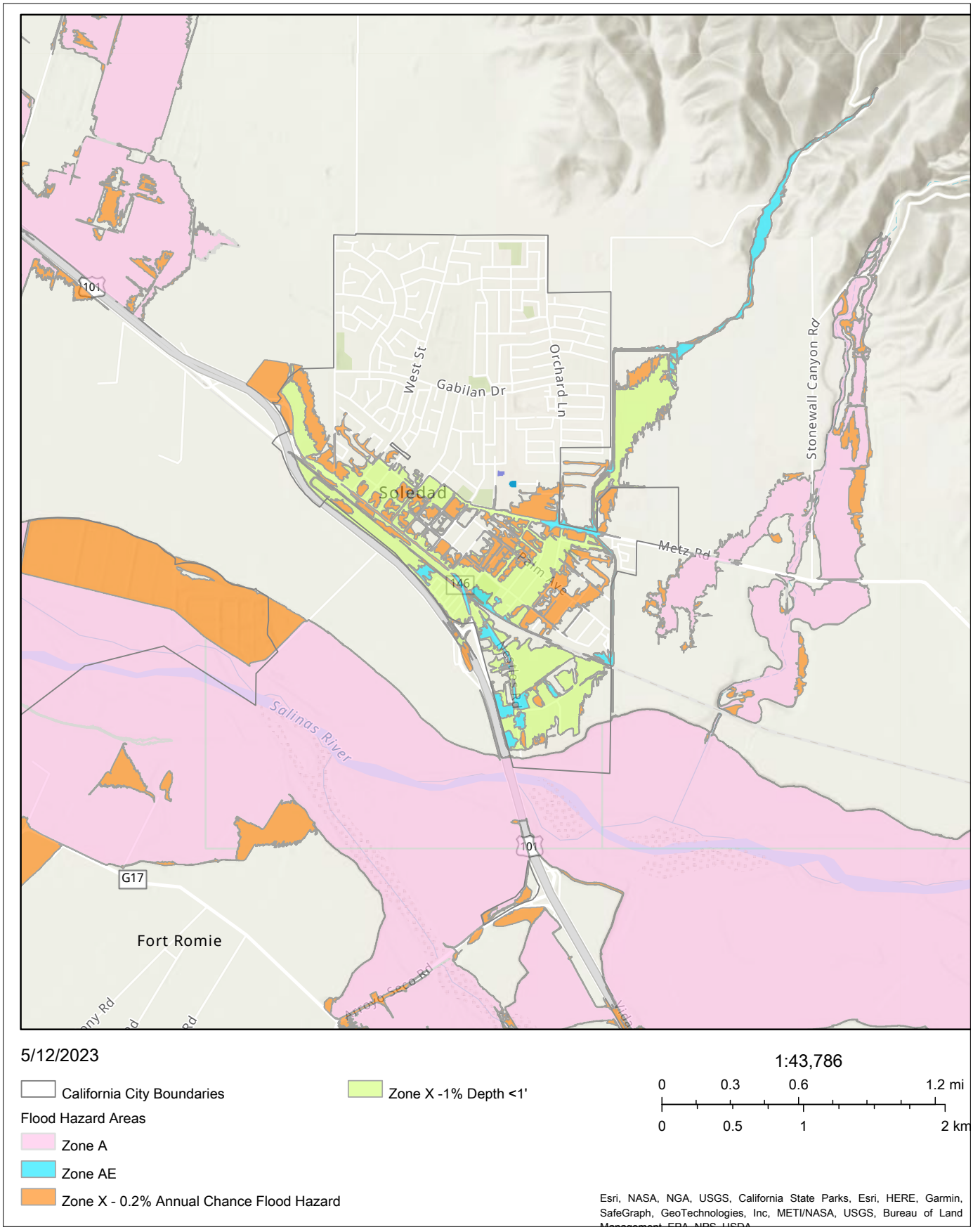


Figure 9. Soledad Flooding Risk Map

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4. Community Needs

4. Community Needs

Needs Assessment Methodology

A central component to developing an effective parks and recreation plan is understanding what the needs are for parks and for programs. This understanding is the basis for recommendations and for determining priority of investments moving forward. Needs are influenced by a number of elements from access and availability of particular amenities to awareness, cultural relevancy, and affordability considerations. Further, a needs assessment must consider the demands for today as well as address potential needs over the next 20 years. Recreation trends, growth of the community, changing demographics, and increasingly, the impacts of climate change will all influence how the provision of parks and recreation services must adapt. Finally, parks and recreation facilities and services are often the most visible and positive face of a city, providing some level of service for every resident and offering a connective fabric that unites the city as a cohesive whole.

In determining Soledad's needs regarding parks and recreation, a number of inputs provided an understanding of the community's needs in terms of parks, facilities, and recreation programming. The following factors shaped and influenced the needs assessment and subsequent refinements.

This chapter explores the key elements of the needs assessment, providing a demographic overview of the community, a summary of the inventory of parks, facilities and programs and an overview of current recreation trends, and summarizing overall community needs for Soledad.

Needs Assessment Components

Community input

Engaging and listening to the community through a variety of channels at multiple stages to inform identification of the community's desires, needs, and concerns.

Community profile and demographics

Analyzing the community population trends and how they may change over time, to support a wider analysis of the city's potential needs and gaps.

Quality of existing parks and programs

Assessing how well the city's parks and its recreation programs are currently meeting their intended purpose and serving community needs, including accessibility, features, usage, and function.

Trends analysis

Evaluating regional and national recreation and park trends and emerging ideas relevant to Soledad.

Accessibility to the parks and facilities

Determining how easily community members can reach parks and recreation facilities from their homes is an important indicator of equitable resource distribution.

Acres of parks per resident

The gross acreage of facilities available per resident provides an order-of-magnitude look at how the City is meeting its stated park goals.



A. Community Profile

Demographics

This section presents the characteristics of the Soledad community, providing context for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. It draws primarily from public sources such as the U.S. Census and the State of California Department of Finance, in conjunction with the General Plan Update. The data presented focuses on the portion of the population that is not housed in the correctional facilities located within city boundaries.

In 2023, Soledad had approximately 18,648 residents in the city core. The city is projected to grow in the range of 0.13 percent annually. Soledad is categorized as primarily rural but is quite dense with approximately 7,835 people per square mile in the core area.

On the following pages, an overview of the demographics of the city is presented with a comparison to California's demographics. These demographics are based on 2020 census numbers and should be considered approximate and not absolute numbers. The following are some of the key findings of the analysis.

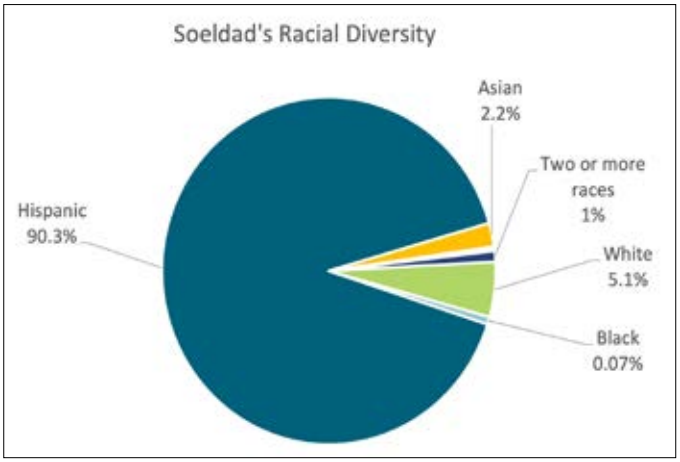


Figure 10. Soledad Racial Diversity

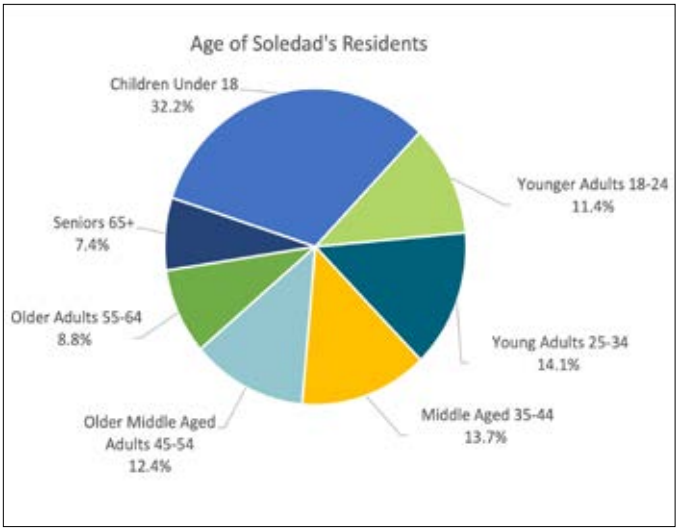


Figure 11. Age of Soledad Residents

Source 2021 Demographic, www.usa.com

Table 2. City of Soledad Demographics

2020 U.S. Census Data	Soledad	Soledad (%)	CA
Population Characteristics			
Population 2023	26,230		39,538,223
Population (excluding prisoners)	18,648		
Growth 2019-2020	0.13%		0.2%
Population Density/Sq Mile	5,640.90		251.3
Population by Gender			
Male	68.50%	68.50%	49.80%
Female	31.50%	31.50%	50.20%
Population by Gender (Excluding Prisoners)			
Male	62.41%	62.41%	49.80%
Female	37.59%	37.59%	50.20%
By Age			
Children Under 18	6,092	32.20%	22.00%
Younger Adults 18-24	2,167	11.40%	9.60%
Young Adults 25-34	2,671	14.10%	14.70%
Middle Aged 35-44	2,597	13.70%	13.50%
Older Middle Aged Adults 45-54	2,346	12.40%	12.60%
Older Adults 55-64	1,667	8.80%	12.30%
Seniors 65+	1,406	7.40%	14.20%
Median Age	29.4		37.50
By Race/Ethnicity			
White	972	5.10%	34.7%
Black	125	0.70%	5.4%
Hispanic	17,107	90.30%	39.4%
Asian	409	2.20%	15.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	33	0.20%	0.3%
Native American	41	0.20%	0.4%
Two or more races	197	1.00%	4.1%

Table 2. City of Soledad Demographics (continued)

2020 U.S. Census Data	Soledad	Soledad (%)	CA
Education (over 25)			
Less Than High School	3,381	39.90%	8.70%
Some High School	751	8.90%	7.10%
High School Graduate	1,909	22.50%	20.40%
Some College	1,075	12.70%	20.50%
Associates Degree	751	8.90%	8%
Bachelor Degree	430	5.10%	21.90%
Graduate/Professional Degree	169	2.00%	13.40%
Housing			
Total Housing Units	4,524		14,392,140
Occupied Units	4,447		13,475,623
Owner Occupied	2,566	57.70%	7,348,329
Renter Occupied	1,881	42.30%	6,127,294
Vacant Housing Units	77	1.70%	6.40%
Average Household Size	4.23		2.86
Median Home Sale Price	$ 624,000.00		$ 744,000.00
Language Spoken at Home			
English	8,331	31.76%	56.1%
Spanish	14,753	56.24%	28.2%
Other Indo-European	100	0.38%	4.8%
Asian/Pacific	349	1.33%	9.8%
Other	224	0.85%	1.2%
Income and Poverty Rate			
Median Household Income	67,366		84,097
Poverty Rate	4,200	20.10%	12.3%

B. Community Profile Highlights



According to the 2023 California Department of Finance report, the city has 18,648 residing within the city's core. With a median age of 28.7 years, which is younger than California's median age of 37.5, programs and services need to be designed for all ages while ensuring they are affordable and accessible to the entire community.



The majority of Soledad's residents, 90.3 percent, are Hispanic followed by 5.1 percent White residents, and 2.2 percent Asian. Soledad's diverse population needs to be reflected in the programs and services offered moving forward.



Soledad is categorized as rural but the city core has the highest residential density in the county, with approximately 7,835 people per square mile.



The average household size of 4.57 people is high in comparison to the California average of 2.77 people per household and Monterey County's average of 3.06. With this household size and population density, Soledad’s residents need public spaces to relax, gather, exercise, and socialize.



Soledad has a median income of $67,366 which is lower than California's median household income of $84,097. Affordability is a key consideration for programs and services for Soledad's residents.

Source US Census and American Community Survey



C. Parks & Facilities Analysis

The City of Soledad currently provides approximately 39.4 acres of developed parkland, or approximately 2.1 acres per 1,000 residents. This ratio increases to 2.5 acres per 1,000 when Rotary Park, which is operated by Soledad-Mission Recreation District, and Gabilan Pond, which is currently slated for development as a park, are considered. The current ratio of parks to residents is well below the General Plan's standard of 5 acres per 1,000 residents. However, with the inclusion of identified potential park sites, the City could achieve a ratio much closer to the desired acreage standard.

Table 3 (Summary Inventory) on the next page lists the existing parks, with their size and the acres per 1,000 residents that each category provides. Each park was evaluated, and rated in terms of its potential. Parks rated "Below Potential" are either undeveloped (potential park sites), or lack amenities that would greatly expand their uses and increase their value to the community. Parks that "Meet Potential with Needs" generally serve their intended purpose, but with improvements, could become more user friendly and provide a wider range of elements to serve the broader community. Parks that "Meet Potential" provide elements that fulfill their intended uses and serve the community well. Parks that "Exceed Expectations" are prime examples of parks that are well designed and include elements that support the community's Vision and Goals. A full inventory of the city's parks and facilities is in the Appendix.

Park Classifications & Access

Soledad's City-owned parks consist of pocket parks, neighborhood parks, community parks and special use parks. Descriptions of each classification are in the summaries of each on the following pages. Additionally, some school district facilities are either subject to joint use agreements with the City, or have the potential to become joint use facilities, thus potentially increasing publicly available recreational spaces. A number of multi-family housing complexes also have play equipment or half court basketball for residents' use. The maps on the following pages show existing City-owned parks and facilities, school district facilities, other recreation opportunities, and potential park sites. The map on page 4.24 indicates areas of Soledad that are within a 10-minute walk to city parks.

Table 3. Summary Inventory

Park Name	Park Size	Fulfills Potential?
1. Pocket Park		
Calle Valverde Park (Parcel F)	.36	Meets Potential with Needs
Estrella Landscape Area	.22	Meets Potential
Santa Ynez Landscape Area	.22	Meets Potential
Serra Lane Park (Parcel A)	.36	Meets Potential with Needs
1. Pocket Park	**1.16**	**0.1 Acres/Thousand**
2. Neighborhood Park		
Albert Bill Ramus Park	0.45	Meets Potential
Aurelio N. Ramirez Park	1.25	Meets Potential with Needs
Joe O. Ledesma Park	0.6	Meets Potential with Needs
Lum Memorial Park	2.64	Meets Potential with Needs
Peverini Park	2.9	Meets Potential with Needs
San Antonio Park	0.46	Meets Potential with Needs
Santa Barbara Park	1.08	Meets Potential with Needs
Vintage Estates Subdivision (Parcel E)	.5	Exceeds Potential
2. Neighborhood Park	**9.88**	**0.5 Acres/Thousand**
3. Community Park		
Blas Santana Memorial Park	4.2	Meets Potential with Needs
Chester Aaroe Park (Little League Park)	2.8	Meets Potential with Needs
Jesse Gallardo Park	4	Meets Potential
Orchard Lane Park	3.5	Exceeds Potential
Veterans Memorial Park	4	Meets Potential with Needs
Vosti Park	6.4	Meets Potential with Needs
3. Community Park	**24.9**	**1.3 Acres/Thousand**
4. Special Use		
Cesar Chavez Park	0.45	Below Potential
San Vicente Road PG&E Easement	*3	Below Potential
4. Special Use	**3.45**	**0.2 Acres/Thousand**
5. Potential Site		
Landfill Site	*120	Below Potential
Los Coches Adobe	9	Below Potential
Rotary Park	4	Below Potential
Salinas River Park	TBD	Not Evaluated
Gabilan Pond Park	3.78	Below Potential
Water Reclamation Facility	*12	Below Potential
5. Potential Site	**148.78**	**8.0 Acres/Thousand**

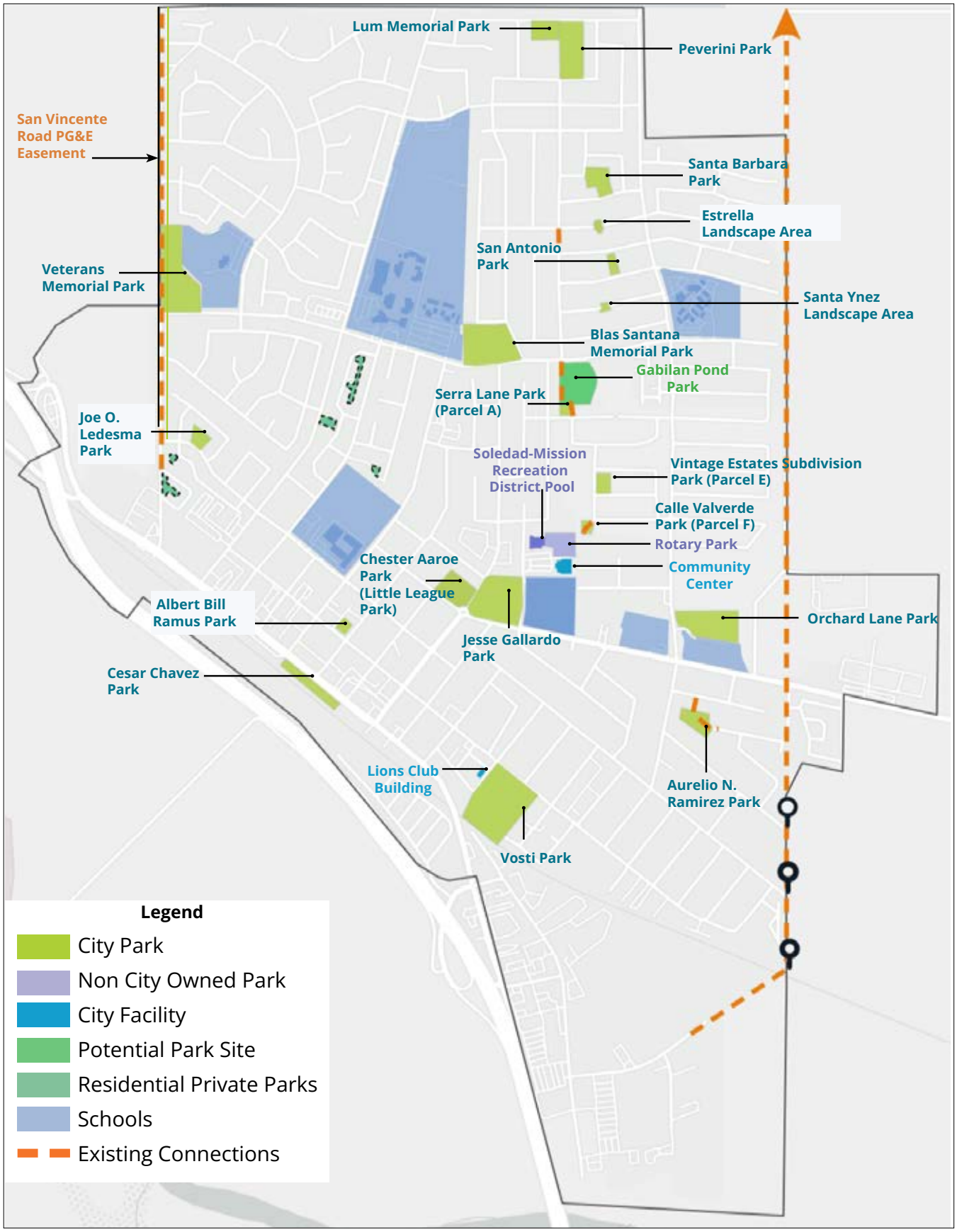


Figure 12. Map of Soledad Parks

Pocket & Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood and pocket parks serve the neighborhoods in which they are located.

Pocket parks are less than ½ acre in size, and have minimal amenities, such as a small lawn, landscaping, a pathway, and a bench. They are typically intended for passive use, or to provide small green spaces or connections within neighborhoods. Soledad's four pocket parks include:

- Calle Valverde Park (Parcel F)
- Estrella Landscape Area
- Santa Ynez Landscape Area
- Sierra Lane Park (Parcel A)

Neighborhood parks are typically ½ acre to 3 acres and include both active and passive elements. They may include multi-use turf, play equipment, and/or sports courts for active recreation, and picnic areas, benches, and landscaped and shaded areas for passive relaxation. Soledad's eight neighborhood parks include:

- Albert Bill Ramus Park
- Aurelio N. Ramirez Park
- Joe O. Ledesma Park
- Lum Memorial Park
- Peverini Park
- San Antonio Park
- Santa Barbara Park
- Village Estates Subdivision Park (Parcel E)

It should be noted that Lum Memorial Park and Peverini Park are contiguous and could be considered as a community park. Tucked into a northeastern residential neighborhood, they primarily serve that local neighborhood, but their large turf areas, full basketball court, large picnic area and restrooms allow for wider use.



Calle Valverde Park (Parcel F)



Estrella Landscape Area



Joe O. Ledesma Park



Orchard Lane Park

Community Parks

Community parks serve multiple neighborhoods or provide features that draw users from the entire city. Generally 3 acres or more, they may be large parks with multiple features such as sports fields, or smaller parks that have special features that attract users from a wider area, such as splash pads, skate parks, large off-leash dog areas, or amphitheaters. They typically include group picnic areas and restrooms. Soledad's six community parks include:

- Blas Santana Memorial Park
- Chester Aaroe Park (Little League Park)
- Jesse Gallardo Park
- Orchard Lane Park
- Veterans Memorial Park
- Vosti Park

Special Use Parks

Special use parks do not fit neatly into the above classifications but are important community spaces. Cesar Chavez Park, although small, is a key element of Soledad's downtown and the location for community events such as the City's Easter celebration. Its main amenities are its lawn, picnic tables, seating and restroom. It is adjacent to the site of the planned container plaza, and serves as a place to lunch and relax for users who come to the downtown commercial area. The San Vicente Road PG&E Easement provides a popular paved walking path for almost a mile along the city's western boundary.



D. Facilities

Community Center & Lions Club Building

The 23,513 square-foot Soledad Community Center is the heart of recreation programming. It includes a large and well-appointed gym, a commercial kitchen, a fitness center, a newly developed computer room and two multi-purpose rooms. The facility accommodates multiple activities such as fitness, gymnasium sports, community gatherings, meetings, and a range of classes from cooking to computers.

The City also owns a community building across from Vosti Park, which is currently leased by the Lions Club.

Joint Use

The City and the Soledad Unified School District recently renewed a joint use agreement, for a limited number of school and city facilities. Identified School District facilities include Soledad High School and Main Street Middle School gymnasiums for youth basketball, Gabilan Elementary School classrooms for recreation meetings or events, Gabilan Elementary School playground/structures when school is not in session, performing arts facilities on District campuses for approved uses, and computer labs at select campuses. Identified City facilities include the Community Center gym for volleyball and basketball, the Community Center for student performances, parent meetings, assemblies and ceremonies, and City-owned outdoor playing fields. These agreements should continue to be maintained

Rotary Park, a public park owned and operated by the Soledad-Mission Recreation District, is listed and described on the City's Parks and Recreation Department website and is adjacent to the Community Center. There is an opportunity for greater collaboration between the City and the District to optimize the use of this park.

Potential Park Sites

There are four undeveloped sites owned by the City which may have the potential to be developed as parkland. They range in size from under 4 acres to around 120 acres and are discussed in Chapter 5. These sites include:

- Landfill Site
- Los Coches Adobe
- Gabilan Pond (currently slated for park development)
- Water Reclamation Facility
- Riverwalk (Salinas River)



E. Existing Recreation Programs Assessment

Since creating its recreation program and taking over operations and management of the Community Center in 2021, the City has been developing, expanding, and refining its recreation programming. Beginning this effort during the COVID pandemic created a difficult and challenging environment for the Department to bring together people in a meaningful way through recreation programs. As a new effort, the number of program offerings are more limited than those of other recreation providers in California, but is one of the most developed departments locally.

Programs and facilities can be accessed by annual memberships, monthly memberships, or drop-in fees. Since opening, participation has been steadily increasing, with memberships reaching well over 200.

The Soledad Parks and Recreation Department currently offers programs including:

- Pre-K Recreation (ages 0-5): art, culture & education, and sports camps and classes
- Youth Recreation (ages 5-13): sports leagues and clinics, performing arts, art, culture & education, and inclusive play
- Break Camps (ages 5-12): all seasons, plus after camp care
- Teen Recreation (ages13-18): art, culture & education, sports leagues and clinics
- Adult Recreation (ages 18+): senior activities, arts, culture & social, sports leagues and clinics
- Fitness Classes
- Seasonal Programs: holiday, performing arts

Table 4 on the next page provides a list of the types of programs offered by the Recreation Department including membership card and sports programs as well as a comparison of the number of participants for each program annually. The Department has and will continue to adjust programs and shift focus based on the changing the level of interests, including adjusting the number of adult sports and fitness classes, increasing senior activities and some youth sports, and adding mobile recreation programming and youth theater.



Tiny Chefs

Table 4. Program Participation

	2021-2022	2022-2023	Change
Pre K Recreation(0-5)	**200**	**222**	**22**
Art, Culture & Education	200	159	*-41*
Sports (Camp, Classes)	0	63	63
Youth Recreation (5-13)	**587**	**771**	**184**
Art, Culture & Education	56	59	3
Sports (Leagues, Clinics)	483	593	100
Inclusive Play & Art	0	42	42
Performing Arts (Dance, Theater)	48	77	29
Break Camps (5-12)	**216**	**628**	**412**
Summer	182	223	41
Fall	19	14	*-5*
Winter	0	28	28
Spring	15	25	10
After Camp Care - All Camps	0	338	338
Teen Recreation (13-18)	**76**	**67**	**-9**
Art, Culture & Social	0	37	37
Sports (Leagues, Clinics)	76	30	*-46*
Adult Recreation (18+)	**409**	**600**	**191**
Arts, Culture and Social (Art, Bingo)	43	76	33
Sports (Leagues, Clinics)	178	70	*-108*
Senior Activities	188	454	266
Fitness	**8348**	**10484**	**2136**
Fitness Class	313	87	*-226*
Fitness Special	7	0	*-7*
Memberships (as of fiscal end)	**8028**	**10397**	**2369**
Annual	43	25	*-18*
Month-to-Month	247	216	*-31*
Drop-in	7738	10156	2418
Seasonal Programs	**13**	**298**	**285**
Craft Workshops	13	21	8
Events (Holiday, Perform Arts)	0	277	277
Volunteer Events	**7**	**13**	**6**
Total	**9,856**	**13,083**	**3,227**



F. Parks & Recreation Trends

The following is a summary of the key parks and recreation trends that are considered in analyzing community needs.

Health & Wellness

The physical and mental health benefits of parks and recreation services, programs, and facilities are gaining more recognition in the public health community. Some programs have been developed for health professionals to issue park "prescriptions" to encourage exercise and park use. In addition to the opportunities for physical exercise that parks provide, spending time outdoors in nature has proven mental health benefits. Ensuring alcohol-free parks, encouraging community walking programs, and offering health-focused activities and amenities are all part of the health solutions that parks and recreation are providing. Further, park and recreation departments are more frequently setting up at farmers' markets and repositioning community centers to be community wellness hubs with exercise, nutrition, and more.

Safe Walking & Biking

Promoting a safe and walkable community supports the use of parks and recreation services. Many cities are focusing on encouraging active transportation and ensuring safe walking and biking. Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. Many jurisdictions are adopting the Vision Zero approach, along with Safe Routes to Schools and Safe Routes to Parks plans. These approaches improve a city's walkers' and bikers' safety and help to increase the use of the parks. Specific improvements being used to significantly reduce pedestrian accidents include increasing visibility in crosswalks, providing crosswalks with lights, instituting road diets, and providing paths between parks and around the city that can also be used as exercise routes to accommodate a range of fitness levels. Vision Zero also seeks to achieve effective roadway safety through education, engagement, and enforcement.



Youth Soccer Programs

Designing & Programming for Safety

The public's perception of safety in parks directly impacts park use. Designing and planning for public safety is an important national trend. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design ("CPTED") is increasingly being implemented as an approach to minimizing unwanted activity in parks. Some CPTED practices include local stewardship, maintaining good sightlines into and through parks and reducing dense vegetation, increased park lighting, and an increase in family-friendly activities to activate the parks. Most importantly, creating welcoming and engaging spaces and providing robust programming in parks is being used to keep "eyes on the parks" and reduce unwanted activity.



Family-friendly Parks



Parks for All Ages

Serving All Ages

One of the greatest challenges being addressed by communities nationwide is to support families and each family member at all ages. Considering children, teens, families, and elders, cities are looking at their entire networks, from streets and plazas to trails and parks, as an interconnected support system. Each element of the system must consider, invite, and support a range of users of all ages. Cities and agencies are looking to ensure that their park systems are providing facilities with space for active and passive recreation, with gathering places for small and large groups, and carefully considering the relationship of uses within parks in order to build a system that invites users of all generations.

To support children and their families, it is necessary to consider a number of age groups: 0 - 5 year olds; 5 - 12 year olds; 13– 18 year olds; young adults; and families as a whole. Each group presents particular demands that need to be weighed in the programming of the parks and open space system. Creating a park system that addresses child development - physical, social and cognitive – means designing parks that create the opportunity to enjoy and experience nature, as well as providing age appropriate play elements, and comfortable seating and amenities for parents, grandparents and extended family.

Teenagers are perhaps the most challenging of the youth groups. As a whole, they do not want to be categorized with children, may not want to be part of an organized group, and are often more interested in exploring a larger realm. They often indicate a desire to "hang out," and need safe places day and night to do this. Skate parks and teen playgrounds are two areas that have some success in satisfying this need. Evaluating how to provide safe and enjoyable experiences for this group is paramount to fully serving the needs of residents. Additional programs integrating technology, maker spaces, and e-sports are also on the rise.

Active sports are engaging youth and people of various ages and skill levels. Year-round participation is allowing for enjoying the challenges, exercise, stress relief, and socialization that sports provide. Soccer and its many variations, such as street soccer, futsal, indoor soccer, and footgolf, continue to grow as a popular activity.

The Aspen Institute's annual report, State of Play, analyzes national trends in the delivery of sport activities for youth ages 6 to 17. Significant among its State of Play



Teen Activities



Active Youth Sports

2023 findings are that youth are trying sports about as much as they did before COVID-19, but they are playing less frequently. It has become apparent that youth see sports as a way to improve their mental health. Regular sports participation from the lowest-income households has increased for the fourth straight year, as community-based sports programming is returning post-pandemic with the help of foundations, corporations and governmental funding. Travel sports programs have grown, supporting the youth sports tourism industry.

As the population ages, seniors are living longer and remaining more active. Recreation and parks are playing an increasing role in supporting the health benefits that result from an active and engaged lifestyle. Among the strongest national trends in senior engagement are outdoor gyms in the parks and pickleball.



Passive and Accessible Outdoor Activities

Enjoying the Outdoors

The COVID-19 pandemic had a major impact on outdoor activities. People are enjoying the outdoors more than ever and are participating at a much higher rate than in the last few decades. The Outdoor Foundation's 2022 Outdoor Participation Trends Report states that participation rates are up across all demographics, with increasing participation rates for children, females of all ages, and men overall. The National Survey on Recreation and the Environment[1], which tracked recreation participation trends in people over 16 since the 1960s, reported that the most persistent activity throughout the years has been walking for pleasure. Walking and hiking, as well as running, biking and many other outdoor activities have seen substantial increases in participation over the last several decades.

All Abilities Access & Facilities

Going beyond basic ADA requirements and implementing Universal Design has become a high priority as parks and recreation departments strive to ensure access and encourage participation for people of all abilities. Implementing this idea of accessibility and inclusivity in the design of park and park systems is now considered a vital way of connecting the community. Providing play equipment and amenities for all ages from toddlers to seniors, and for all abilities is a great way to activate the park. Providing paved pathways to and throughout the parks can not only meet ADA guidelines, but also improve access for parents with strollers.

1 Long-term National Trends in Outdoor Recreation Activity Participation – 1980 to Now, IRIS, May 2009, H. Ken Cordell, Gary T. Green and Carter J. Betz



Cultural Recreation Activities

Arts, History & Culture

Across the country, connecting history, art, and culture within parks is increasing as an opportunity to enhance the physical environment and interest of individual parks while providing another attraction for people not looking for active sports or recreation. Increasingly, community art, public art, and cultural activities have become essential features of parks and recreation. Art in a park can strengthen the identity of a park and increase connectivity in the community. Incorporating cultural activities and the arts showcases and celebrates local culture in the community, and attracts visitors and tourists.

Economics & Financing

Park and recreation professionals have often had to fight for resources to build and maintain a high-quality system of parks. The need for new sources of revenue is encouraging parks and recreation professionals to become more entrepreneurial. Expanding opportunities for sponsorships, as well as looking to new potential partners for funding programs and facilities is becoming a priority. Additionally, identifying and securing long-term funding sources for maintaining and renovating existing parks is an ongoing challenge.



G. Summary of Community Needs

The factors described in the previous sections, particularly the input of the Soledad community, revealed the opportunity to implement improvements in a number of areas. These areas of community needs may require short term and ongoing actions, or may be part of a longer term goal of achieving the community's Vision.

Gathering Spaces for the Community

Soledad is a relatively densely populated city, increasing the need for public spaces in which to socialize in large and small groups. The community has expressed the need for places to hang out with friends, as well as to accommodate family gatherings. Soledad's residents value family celebrations and social interaction. There is a high demand for spaces in the parks that can accommodate gatherings of family and friends, celebrations, and community events. Additional spaces for groups of various sizes are needed to satisfy the community's demand.

Many of the existing gathering spaces are virtually unusable during Soledad's afternoon summer winds. Sheltered benches, picnic areas and larger group gathering spaces are needed.

Soledad has a connected community with a strong culture. It is important to provide spaces for the community to showcase their culture through dance, music, and art and to celebrate cultural events.

Promote Use of the Parks & Programs for Health & Wellness

The 2022 Monterey County Community Health Needs Assessment includes a prioritized list of health needs throughout the county. Four of the top 5 community health needs (1. diabetes, 2. mental health, 4. nutrition, physical activity and weight, and 5. heart disease) are issues that can benefit from parks and recreation.

Although the city's parks generally provide a lawn for informal play and a play area for children, more could be done to encourage a healthy active lifestyle for all ages and abilities. This may include adding fitness stations and equipment, fields and courts for organized sports, natural environments for relaxation and mental health, and fun challenge features (climbing walls, zip lines, etc.) for teens and young adults. The community has expressed the desire for these features.

One of the most important ways for a city to increase health and wellness is through its programs. The City's new department is working on multiple avenues to expand its health and wellness efforts including partnering with the Blue Zones and other organizations. Finding the right mix of classes and activities can be a challenge, particularly when the community is not used to participating as adults in city activities. Connecting youth and sports events to broader



Multi-modal Transportation

community health activities can be one way to build awareness for the larger population. The Parks and Recreation Department should continue to explore and expand its program offerings of activities and education for community health and wellness.

Ensure Safe Walking & Biking to Parks

A critical piece for encouraging an active community is encouraging people to walk or bike. In Soledad, the topography is supportive of walking and biking, but there are limited hiking/walking trails for residents. Community members indicated in multiple engagements the desire for more walking paths and trails in and around the city, as well as within parks. Incorporating safe paths seamlessly through the city will help to promote walking for fitness as well as for transportation. Many community members do not have a car or good transportation readily available (or they are too young or old to drive) and would benefit from better non-motorized transportation.

The city's wide traffic lanes encourage faster vehicle speed and provide unsafe conditions for those who want to walk or bike. The Monterey County Transportation Plan, which proposed county-wide and city projects to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and connections, noted that Soledad has a high number of collisions involving pedestrians and bicycles compared to the proportion of residents walking and biking.

Lack of adequate crosswalks on busy streets that must be crossed for neighborhood access to the city's parks may deter pedestrians access to parks. There is an overall lack of bike racks and routes that would be acceptable for kids and teens or adults to use. These conditions are likely part of the limited use of bikes in the city. Protected bike lanes on the very wide streets would both reduce traffic speeds, and Increase the ability to bike and walk safely.

Connect the Community to the Outdoors

As a relatively urban city surrounded by agricultural fields, nature is relatively hard to experience in the parks. There is an opportunity to develop additional natural areas at the Landfill site, the Gabilan Pond as well as at Los Coches Adobe to help provide natural settings for the community.

Beyond the city, Pinnacles National Park offers residents a unique opportunity to enjoy more than 30 miles of hiking trails with phenomenal views, beautiful caves, and a rich ecological tapestry. Pinnacles National Park presents an



Pinnacles Programs

opportunity to increase hiking, sightseeing, and enjoyment of the outdoors. However, many community members are not comfortable exploring the National Park and do not have the experience to do so. Programs that take kids and families to the National Park to learn and experience this natural environment could establish this connection. The Gabilan foothills also provide the potential for outdoor recreation and exercise at the future Miramonte development and potentially at the former landfill site. Walking paths through and around the city are well-used and should be expanded.

Support Safe & Clean Parks

A few factors have resulted in the perception of a lack of safety at some parks and events. Safety concerns reduce park use and should be addressed. In some cases, undesirable behavior has been problematic, and park amenities that have been seen as attracting unwanted behavior have been removed. This further reduces available park features for the community, further reducing the use of the park. Safe access to parks, as well as perceived safety of the parks, would support community comfort, increased use, and park stewardship.

Soledad's Department of Public Works has kept the city's parks maintained at a higher level than most in Monterey County, however the park maintenance division is understaffed, limiting the areas that they can successfully address. They provide very good field and lawn maintenance and timely graffiti removal, but have had to curtail other types of maintenance such as tree replacement, general landscape maintenance, and other needs. Vandalism, including graffiti, has been a recurring challenge, demanding significant staff time.

A systematic approach to tree maintenance and replacement is essential for maintaining parks that provide respite, shade, cooling, and wind protection. There is a need for a scheduled approach to tree maintenance and replacement, as well as a reliable source of native or climate-adaptive tree stock that will survive and thrive in Soledad's environment.

Community parks and other parks where users come from beyond the local neighborhoods and stay for extended periods of time, need to have clean, amply sized and well-maintained restrooms. Although regularly maintained, some of the park restrooms are undersized, and should be enlarged to serve the volume of park users.



Community Maintenance

Ensure Accessibility, Proximity & Inclusivity

Most residences in the central part of Soledad proper are within a 1/2 mile (10 minute) walk of a park. Several areas of the city, as shown on Figure 13, lack equitable access to parks, particularly in the southeastern portion of the city. Many households in the northern portion of Soledad lack access to neighborhood parks, or are served only by small neighborhood parks that lack a playground. Given that these areas of the city are built out, joint use agreements with the areas schools are needed to fill those gaps. In the northwestern area, the Miramonte Specific Plan indicates planned parks near the existing city limit on San Vicente and West Streets that may address that gap in the future.

While parks are fairly well distributed throughout the city, there is a need for more sports fields, particularly soccer. The city fields are popular destinations for both the Soledad community and the wider Salinas Valley community. The demand for game and practice time exceeds capacity, especially when Vosti Park's soccer fields are closed for maintenance and field rest. The School District's fields are generally available only for school programs. There is a need for more publicly available sports fields, and for smaller footprint alternatives such as futsal.

There is an opportunity to add unique and distinct features to Soledad's parks, whether art, unique play equipment and site furnishings, or other elements that would make each park more distinct and memorable. The City should continue to explore and expand programming to satisfy different and evolving interests.

While most of Soledad's parks appear to meet ADA requirements, some have deteriorating pathways and features that are not accessible to residents with mobility issues or strollers. There is a need for additional amenities that are accessible to children and adults with varying abilities.

As Soledad grows, its recreation programming needs to continue to expand to serve the diverse needs of the community. There is a need for the City to strengthen and expand its existing partnerships and explore developing new partnerships with the Hartnell College, Pinnacles National Park, and other agencies, businesses, and community organizations, in order to better fulfill needs for access to sports fields, additional classroom space, access to and exploration of Pinnacles National Park, health education, and specialized or sponsored programming.

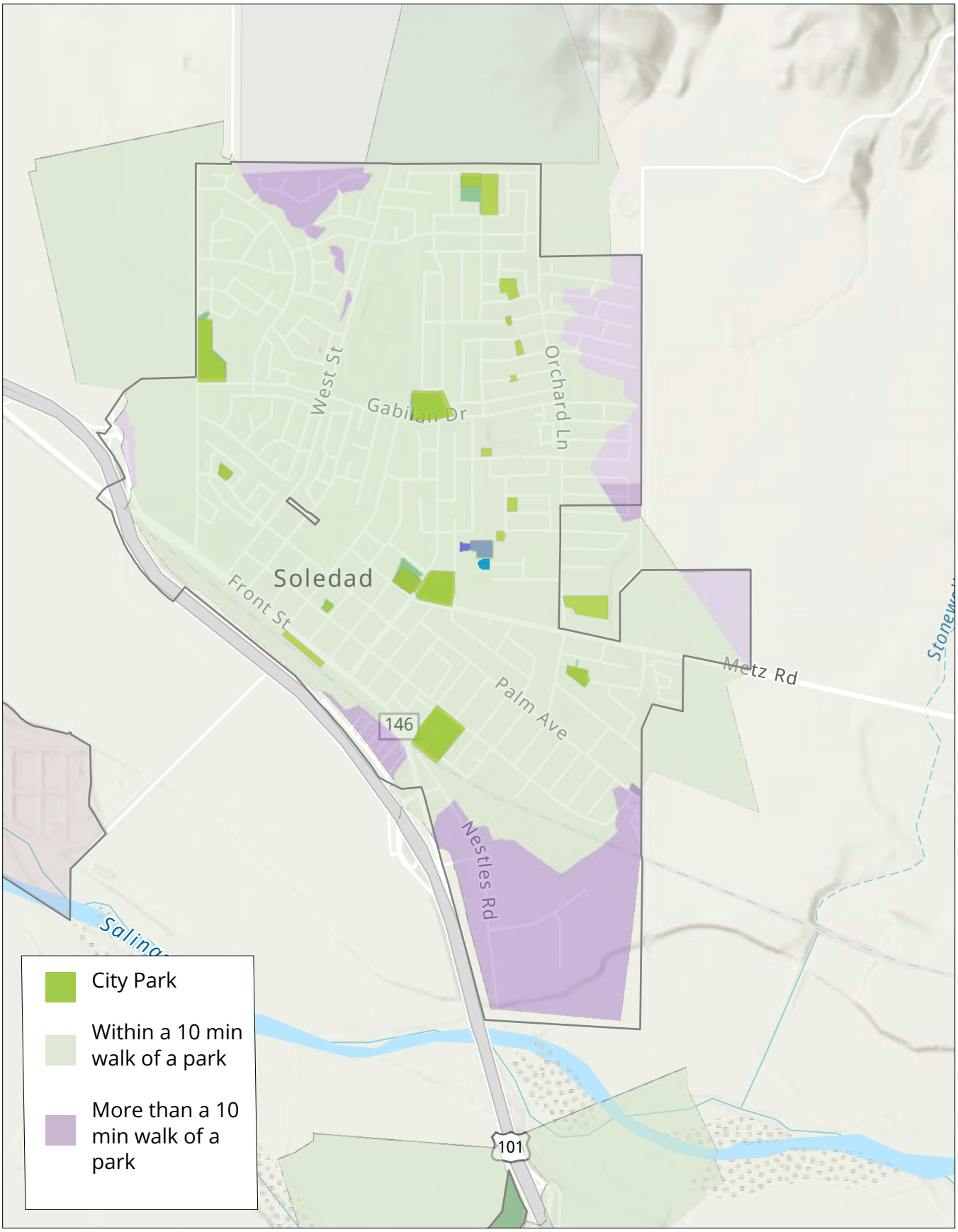


Figure 13. Ten Minute Walk



Wind Protected Outdoor Program Area

Create Multigenerational & Diverse Parks

Some of Soledad's parks do not provide a balance of features to support active and passive uses, social spaces and places for quiet contemplation, organized sports and informal play and do not serve the needs of all ages and abilities of residents that are currently not well accommodated. Reconfiguring underused spaces and adding features and amenities to existing parks, and planning new parks with consideration for residents of all ages and abilities would serve segments of the population that are currently not well accommodated. For example, many parks lack shaded and wind protected parent seating at play areas, and walking pathways used for exercise lack benches that would facilitate use by seniors. Community members have identified a desire for fitness equipment near playgrounds so that parents could exercise while their children play.

While many Soledad residents are active in sports such as soccer, there is a need to enhance and support free play for those uninterested in organized sports, as well as increasing the availability and diversity of recreation sports programs that focus on fun rather than competition.

Women and girls have the lowest participation in recreational activities. To counter this disparity, the City should explore incorporating programs that consider women's and girls' values and needs, such as socialization with friends, freedom to be creative, and programs that offer childcare to support participation. As sports participation has been increasing for girls, more opportunities for girls programs will be needed. The benefits to girls' and women's health are long lasting.

Identify Additional Indoor Recreation Spaces

There is a lack of available and usable sheltered/indoor spaces for the community to expand recreation, hold events and to participate in a range of activities.

A limiting factor for the City is the lack of adequate space at the Community Center, due to agencies' and organizations' use of otherwise available meeting rooms, rentals to non-residents reducing availability to Soledad residents, and the need for facility upgrades to accommodate additional programs for youth and teens. There is underused outdoor space that requires renovations to improve usability, including possible building expansion to create more indoor space. Entries and wide hallways are not meeting their potential for use



Girls Ballet Program

as comfortable spaces for youth and teens to gather or hang out.

Further, Soledad's afternoon winds, particularly in the summer make indoor and sheltered gathering spaces much more important. The extent of the recently renewed joint use agreement with the school district is limited, and coordination has not always been easy. There is a chance to partner with Hartnell College – Soledad Education Center and use facilities when available. Taking advantage of these and other potential partnerships could fulfill a major need for protected classroom, computer labs, or group activity spaces.

Maintain Affordability

To serve the entire Soledad community, costs for programs and space rentals have been kept low. A balanced cost recovery approach is needed to ensure that access to programs and rental of facilities, sports fields, and gathering spaces is available to community members, while those who can afford it pay reasonable costs. Developing sliding scales, scholarships, and resident vs. non-resident fee structures are possible strategies.

Additional funding sources will still be needed to support programs, operations and maintenance of the City's parks and facilities. Dedicated City funding to expand grant writing capacity could potentially bring positive returns.

Increase Programs & Staff Capacity

Soledad's Parks and Recreation Department has continued to grow and expand its recreation programming since it took on that function in 2021. One limiting factor has been its difficulty in finding, and funding recreation staff to support the range of programs that could be possible. There is a need to expand the pool of contract instructors and partnerships with private businesses or other entities to increase programming offerings, as well as to increase the Department's funding to hire permanent full-time and part-time staff.

Identifying Future Parks & Opportunities

With a dense and virtually built-out core area, it will be essential to identify opportunities for more park and recreation space, whether City-owned sites such as the Gabilan Pond or the Wastewater Plant, or in joint use/ partnership with the school or other entities.



5. Parks & Recreation Guidelines

5. Parks & Recreation Guidelines



This section provides guidance on how the City can meet the Vision and Goals and needs identified by the community. The following pages provides overarching guidelines and policies by goal area. These guidelines will enable the City's staff and decision-making bodies to make informed decisions about the enhancement and development of parks and facilities over time, to be adaptable and innovative, and to respond to needs and wants that may not be foreseen today.

As these guidelines are designed to serve the city for the next 20-years, they are not presented as requirements. It is anticipated that as the city updates, refines, builds additional parks, these guidelines will be used to inform improvements, and to support the community in ensuring that their vision and goals are incorporated effectively.

The guidelines are organized around the Parks and Recreation Master Plan's Vision and its five Goals, which were developed with extensive community input.

Specific park and facility recommendations, as well as park standards, are addressed in Chapter 6. Recreation programming recommendations are addressed in Chapter 7.

Community Vision

Soledad's city parks and recreation programs are central to the community's well-being, health, and lifestyle, providing a well-connected network of park and recreation facilities, offering diverse experiences, and bringing the community together.

Goals

1. Health & Wellness

Support physical and mental health by building awareness, encouraging an active lifestyle, a strong community, and places to enjoy nature and quiet through parks and recreation facilities and programs for all ages, genders, and abilities, enabling multi-generational use.

2. Connectivity & Access

Connect people to parks and recreation through a network of safe routes, well-maintained and convenient pathways between parks, through the city, and the region, as well as using innovative approaches to creating and activating "park" space wherever the public can gather.

3. Inclusive & Equitable

Provide a comprehensive system of parks and affordable recreational programs that welcome all, and celebrate art, culture, diversity, and history.

4. Sustainable, Resilient, & Well-Maintained

Ensure that current and future infrastructure and facilities are sustainably designed and well -maintained, mitigating the impacts of high winds, extreme weather, and climate change.

5. Resources & Partnerships

Leverage the City's park and facilities to attract partners and expand services to community members, creating lasting partnerships, maximizing resources, and providing youth with the necessary skills and tools for success.



A. Goal 1 – Health & Wellness

1.1 Balanced Activities & Spaces

As possible, integrate elements to support active use, passive relaxation, and social interaction into each park. Open, serene landscapes and natural protected spaces provide relaxation.

- Include combinations of spaces for play equipment, informal play, fitness or organized sport, along with greenery and places for quiet relaxation, and seating and gathering spaces for socializing in large or small groups in parks.
- Ensure that there are activities for those of all ages and interests. Design new parks and updates to existing parks to adapt to evolving demographics, trends, and needs.
- For each park, strive to integrate spaces that support non-sport activities for those who do not actively participate in organized sports activities. These spaces will differ depending on the park, but may include comfortable seating spaces, areas that have more natural plantings and contemplative space, art and culture elements, places to socialize in small or groups, areas for free play and games such as cornhole or table games, programs and spaces to engage in arts, music, dance and theater, places to quietly relax in the outdoors, etc.
- Community input shall inform design of any new park or major park renovation.
- Engage the community by providing safe and inviting parks and facilities in which to be physically active and mentally refreshed.
- Incorporate adult outdoor fitness equipment wherever possible to encourage exercise, physical activity, and healthy living.
- Assess existing parks and integrate community gardens or other green spaces to create peaceful, welcoming environments for people of all ages.

1.2 Active & Healthy Lifestyle

Support health and wellness by providing a variety of park types, which are easily accessible, and well maintained with amenities that support physical activity.

- Community surveys indicated that Soledad residents go to parks to exercise, and favored adding fitness equipment, outdoor gyms and additional hiking trails. Providing these features and others such as climbing walls, net-based climbers, pump tracks and skate features provide additional ways to engage youth and young adults.
- Pair physical amenities improvements with recreation programs that promote their benefits and help people to use them.
- Explore opportunities to integrate healthy food choices, community gardens, and multi-generational activities and spaces.

1.3 Indoor Fitness

Expand the availability and use of indoor recreation spaces to serve the community in poor weather and during high wind afternoons.



All Ages and Abilities

- Optimize the use of the Community Center to maximize the programs and spaces available to Soledad's residents by prioritizing residents' use of the facilities and upgrading spaces such as the kitchen for more flexible and efficient use.
- Expand joint use of available facilities such as at SUSD and Hartnell College Soledad Education Center. *(Information about Joint Use Agreements, liability and legal issues, and examples of successful joint use partnerships can be found at https://www.changelabsolutions.org/product/joint-use-california)*

1.4 Universal Design

Where feasible, incorporate Universal Design practices in the development or renovation of parks and facilities to reduce the physical and attitudinal barriers between people with and without disabilities.

- Ensure that parks meet and when possible, exceed the Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines for park and facility construction improvements. Develop environments and programs that allow for the full range of human diversity, including physical, perceptual, and cognitive abilities, as well as different body sizes and shapes, and ages.
- Adaptive dance and exercise classes, inclusive facility design that goes beyond ADA requirements, and all abilities accessible play areas allow participation by all. Continue to partner with organizations and local non-profits that provide services and support to special needs individuals and their families.

1.5 Multi-Generational Interaction

Incorporate amenities and elements to encourage and support multi-generational interaction, and use by persons of all ages.

- Ensure that gathering spaces, parks and facilities allow for the comfort and enjoyment of parents with small children, youth and teens, and seniors.
- Consider the needs of parents and grandparents by providing seating, shade and fitness areas by playgrounds.
- Thoughtfully situate gathering spaces and seating to provide spatial separation from active zones, but with visual connections to facilitate safe, multi-generational enjoyment of park activities.
- Provide spaces and seating for non-participants to watch sports and informal play.
- Proactively remove barriers to participation and use of Soledad's parks, facilities, and programs such as lack of awareness, affordability, amenities, or class availability.



B. Goal 2 – Connectivity & Access

2.1 Safe Routes to Parks

To ensure equitable access, strive to locate a park or green space within a 10-minute walk (1/2 mile) of every Soledad resident.

- Build upon the Safe Routes to Schools to make improvements that increase safe access to all parks and facilities for people of all ages and abilities, in all of Soledad's neighborhoods.
- Work with the Transportation Agency of Monterey County (TAMC) to ensure that routes to and around parks maximize pedestrian and bicycle access and are safe, well-maintained, and well-lit to encourage use.
- Encourage biking and walking to parks through programs such as park visit passports for youth.
- Provide site elements that support bicycle use, including bike racks and fix-it stations.
- Reduce vehicle speeds by instituting road diets and road improvements such as speed bumps or speed tables.

2.2 Citywide Connections

Create and strengthen safe and walkable or bikeable connections to and around parks and recreation facilities, neighborhoods, and community destinations.

- Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety by developing dedicated bike lane infrastructure.
- Ensure that there are crosswalks and curb bulb-outs to facilitate safe walking access to all major parks.
- Advocate to Caltrans, TAMC, and the National Park Service on behalf of the City for increased connections to regional trails and biking networks, especially in connection to Pinnacles National Park.

2.3 Internal Park Pathways

Provide safe, well-lit, and well-maintained walking routes within parks. Include workout stations, informational signs, and distance markers along pathways to increase usage and functionality.

- Add or improve these routes around existing ballfields, at existing volunteer paths, and at park perimeters to increase the activation and use of the parks.
- Locate park pathways to connect with city pathways and avoid conflicts with other park uses, for example, the Downtown Specific Plan's proposed connection between Vosti Park and Front Street.

2.4 Safe Parks

Design parks thoughtfully considering features to foster welcomed behaviors and discourage unwanted behaviors by incorporating Crime Prevention through Environmental Design ("CPTED"), which is based on the five principles of surveillance, access control, territorial reinforcement, activity support and maintenance.



Creating street murals and using as a community asset

- Maintain visibility into parks from street frontages and provide adequate lighting levels in parks used after dark.
- Ensure parks are easily accessible with safe pedestrian and bicycle routes, public transit, and sufficient parking, as needed, to maximize the opportunity for use.
- Foster community ownership and involvement by engaging the community in the park design, incorporating more murals and community-driven art in parks and facilities, and encouraging "neighborhood Watch" programs and park clean-up events.
- Develop internships and stewardship opportunities such as a park attendant program for community youth. Encourage local stewardship by engaging the community and providing family-friendly activities to activate the parks.
- Build upon the CPTED-based National Parks and Recreation Association (NRPA) guidelines on designing parks for social cohesion and safety.
- Install adequate lighting and other essential infrastructure to enhance visibility and safety in parks. Develop and implement a long-term maintenance plan to ensure these features remain functional and well-maintained over time.

NRPA: Creating Safe Parks Through Design & Programming

(Creating Safe Park Environments to Enhance Community Wellness, NRPA, Excerpts)

- Make sure that activities in the park include a human presence from early morning to evening
- Create programming and physical design of the park to encourage use of the park during the evenings
- Develop activities beyond those for organized sports facilities and playgrounds
- Improved lighting and increased legitimate activity allow for greater night time surveillance
- Clear sightlines which give the perception of actual safety because people can see what is ahead and around them and if other people are visible
- Physical access should be maximized by providing users with a choice of legible routes to and from park areas
- Good maintenance is crucial to maintain perceptions that areas are low risk. Vandalism can contribute to perceptions of fear because litter, graffiti and broken furniture all suggest a place is uncared for and possibly unsafe



Welcoming Signage to Encourage use and Orient people

2.5 Wayfinding & Signage

Install wayfinding and directional signage at parks and on pedestrian and bike-friendly roads to increase connectivity within the community and to help people locate parks and other destinations.

- Ensure that all signage is bilingual and culturally relevant.
- Enhance signage and wayfinding to direct visitors to major parks and recreation facilities. Develop citywide signage that leads people to parks with mile markers and inspiration for fitness and fun.
- Promote community awareness of Soledad's parks and recreation by providing recreation and park information, signage and education material, in print, in parks, and online in user friendly and accessible formats.

2.6 Technology & Digital Access

- Plan for adaptable technology infrastructure in parks and City facilities to enhance access, safety, and learning opportunities. This may include Wi-Fi, digital wayfinding, and flexible power or communication features that can evolve with future community and connectivity needs.



C. Goal 3 – Inclusive & Equitable

3.1 System of Parks

Parks and facilities do not exist in isolation, and should be located, designed or renovated with an awareness of the recreational spaces and amenities that are in the surrounding areas.

- Space parks through the city balancing the size, character, and usage, to enable residents, to the greatest extent possible, to have easy access to a range of recreation and park opportunities.
- Plan each new park or facility, or significant renovation of an existing park or facility to contribute to satisfying the recreational needs of the neighborhood that it serves and to be integrated into a system that serves the entire community. Design each improvement to complement the mix of uses in the neighborhood and the city as a whole.
- Consistently improve existing parks and design new parks to convey the character of Soledad, highlighting parks as an integral part of the city's system of public places.
- Design updates to existing and new parks to adapt to evolving demographics trends and needs, and design operations to be flexible enough to respond to changing needs in a streamlined and cost-effective manner, for example, when updating playgrounds or replacing underused elements.
- Assess the existing parks and add components to make them more inclusive; design new parks with inclusive elements for residents of all abilities.

3.2 Inviting, Welcoming & Comfortable Parks

Ensure that Soledad's parks and facilities are inviting and welcoming places for the community and are designed and maintained to consider the broad range of users that can be attracted to the park.

- Encourage people to comfortably linger, enjoy, spend time together or alone, and feel safe through park amenities.
- Including shelter from the wind and sun, seating, lighting, well-maintained bathrooms, water fountains, multi-generational spaces, and a range of recreation programs and equipment can foster a welcoming environment.
- Strategically placing planted windbreaks that do not block sightlines, and built structures that deflect wind at picnic areas and exposed benches can provide relief.
- Carefully design the physical layout of the site and the relationship of facilities and elements in the park to offer a selection of meaningful physical, social, and cultural experiences for the users.



Integrating Unique Natural Elements

3.3 Engage the Community

Routinely engage the community in the development, updating and creation of parks and recreation programs, and encourage volunteer participation for City recreation activities, amenities, and special events.

- When designing or renovating parks, or developing programming, reach out to the community to invite them to participate in the process so that their desires and concerns are heard and addressed. Provide various opportunities for community input.
- Connect with the community on a regular basis to understand and refine programming options that will excite and involve them. Continue to use pilot projects to test new ideas and bring people into programs. Create dynamic and fun community gathering areas, events and programs that encourage cultural and social interactions.
- Engage the community with projects and volunteer efforts to complement City parks and recreation programs. Consider an Adopt-a-Park, Friends of the Park, or Park Ambassador program to increase community involvement. These programs can encourage community members to provide additional eyes on the parks, to assist with maintenance activities such as picking up trash, and organizing activities and events to encourage community ownership of their local park.

3.4 Art & Culture

Integrate art and elements that reflect the residents' diverse culture and history within parks and facilities. Encourage local artists, as well as youth and community participation.

- Art and cultural elements may be in the form of temporary installations and activities or longer-term art pieces. Hosting performing arts along with visual arts can be a welcome addition.
- Incorporate art in functional elements such as seating, trashcans, paving, fencing, and bike racks. Incorporate unique and artful play elements in lieu of standard manufactured play equipment, as functional focal elements.
- Provide features that appeal to the users' imaginations and invite creative and interactive recreation experiences.
- Design each park as unique and identifiable, integrating the environmental qualities, and the culture, history, and identity of its surrounding community. Incorporate unique elements such as



Off-leash Dog Parks

creative play elements or distinct site furnishings, to make each park identifiable and memorable, and reflective of Soledad's character.

3.5 Natural & Historic Features

Celebrate Soledad's natural features, such as heritage trees, views to the surrounding foothills and mountains, and adjacency to rivers and drainages.

- Provide opportunities for nature play and places to celebrate nature within park infrastructure.
- Celebrate community, history, and culture within parks and facilities with interpretive elements, programming, and events that highlight and share these features. Storytelling, performances, signage, and other visuals are all possible ways to enhance the community's connection to history and the variety of cultures in the city.

3.6 Dogs

Dogs are popular companions in the Soledad community, and should be allowed in the parks as long as they do not adversely impact the environment or enjoyment of the parks.

- Update the overall dog policies as needed to ensure positive inclusion.
- Allow on-leash dogs in picnic areas, on walking paths and other open community areas where their presence is not in conflict with other activities.
- Develop opportunities for additional off-leash dog areas in appropriate parks and open space areas throughout the city.
- Where dogs are allowed, provide dog waste stations, water fountains, and adequate trash receptacles.



D. Goal 4 – Sustainable, Resilient & Well-Maintained

4.1 Environmentally Sustainable

Promote environmental sustainability and resource management by employing best practices and using sustainable materials, and by adopting the eight principles for regenerative landscapes shown in the graphic on this page.

- Establish sustainability guidelines to direct landscape practices, efficient management of facilities and resource use in the park system. These guidelines may include reducing underutilized lawn areas and lawn in small pocket areas and replacing with native plantings to increase habitat for birds and insects, reduce water use and increase naturalized areas that are more drought tolerant.
- Consider adopting the ReScape California certification and regenerative landscaping practices.

4.2 Infrastructure for Resilience

Recognize and actualize parks' and facilities' role in mitigating the effects of climate change and its impacts on the community, particularly related to heat and flooding.

- Where feasible, use green stormwater infrastructure to manage stormwater and limit flooding.
- Increase the extent of native and adaptive landscapes to help cool the environment



ReScape 8 Principles

and provide relief from prolonged heat waves, and to better thrive through drought conditions.

- Develop and maintain natural and constructed approaches to reduce wind impacts on parks and community use.
- Evaluate and implement improvements at park locations and other City-maintained green spaces that can be enhanced to reduce flood risks, wildfire, and extreme heat.



Alternative Energy Sources

4.3 Conserve Energy & Resilience

Incorporate energy-efficient features in parks and facilities, which can not only conserve energy and create cost savings but can also be educational or artistic features.

- Conserve energy in indoor and outdoor lighting by incorporating motion-activated lighting, dual-level fixtures, self-powered lighting (e.g. integrated solar panels), and energy-efficient technologies such as LED.
- Identify sites where alternative energy sources (e.g. solar panels on roof structures or covering parking areas, and other such measures) can be incorporated into park and facility design.
- Install high efficiency air conditioning in the Community Center so that it can be used as a community cooling center during extreme heat events. Ideally pair this with the installation of solar panels and energy storage to reduce long-term costs.
- Use the Community Center as a self-sufficient power bank, and a community cooling center.

4.4 Conserve Water

Improve water management and efficiency.

- Continue to update all irrigation systems to high-efficiency systems including "smart" controllers, pursuant to the City's Water Efficient Landscape Design Requirements (Soledad Ordinance Title 15, Chapter 15).
- Continue to conserve water by using low-water use landscape elements, reducing ornamental and underused areas of turf, and watering fields and lawns at non-peak times.
- Expand use of reclaimed water for irrigation where it is available. Consider the use of greywater systems and rainwater catchment systems to supplement irrigation.
- Utilize recycled water where available and connection feasible through the City's Recycled Water Conveyance Project (purple pipe system) to reduce potable water use for irrigation.



Outdoor Environmental Education Programs

4.5 Tree & Soil Management

Develop and implement a comprehensive Tree Management policy to actively manage and replace park trees that have died or been cut down, and to strategically plant new trees to provide wind protection and shade.

- When planting new trees, manage and amend the soil to ensure that it is healthy and will adequately support tree growth.
- Implement policies and trash receptacles that encourage composting. Use the recycled compost for new and existing trees and vegetation.
- Consider developing a tree nursery to grow Soledad-friendly trees and species to ease replacement time and costs. Implement a community stewardship or internship program to manage the trees in the nursery.
- Consider partnering with Soledad schools and Hartnell College for an internship program to teach students arboriculture and nursery management.

4.6 Education

Increase environmental education and awareness in parks through signage, programs, and design.

- Use creative signage and displays to describe and interpret environmental and sustainable features such as demonstration gardens with native habitat, stormwater treatment, water conservation measures, and alternative energy sources.
- Increase programs that promote sustainability, teach residents about the role of parks and nature in resilience, and to encourage overall stewardship of the environment.

4.7 Celebrating Nature

Improve visual and physical access to nature and enjoyment of open spaces and parks by establishing accessible view areas, wind-protected walks, and designated pathways near the river and drainage channel and in open space areas.

- Improve habitat values in parks by using diverse plant palettes emphasizing native plants, reducing use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and nurturing the soil.



Irrigation and Landscaping Training Program

- Consider demonstration gardens highlighting the native ecology.
- Develop programs and partner with the Park Service to take community members to enjoy Pinnacles National Park and surrounding areas, as well as to teach wilderness skills.

4.8 Well-Maintained

Maintaining and caring for the City's parks and facilities is critical to their longevity, function, and ability to serve the community's needs. Understanding and supporting maintenance requirements for training, replacement costs, and overall staff is essential.

- In considering proposed improvements, identify ongoing funding sources to ensure that they can continue to be maintained at the highest quality.
- Ensure that parks maintenance costs are included in the cost estimation for new parks or facilities and are funded to ensure a standard and consistent level of care.
- Ensure that maintenance staff are trained on how to maintain and care for native and non-traditional regenerative landscapes, to manage low water irrigation systems, and other innovations and systems employed in the parks.
- Develop or engage youth programs such as Junior Rangers, internships, and California Conservation Corps to steward and improve Soledad's parks and future trails.



E. Goal 5 – Resources & Partnerships

5.1 Fiscally Sustainable

In managing the City's Implementation Priorities and its Capital Improvement Program (CIP), evaluate all proposed projects based on the Master Plan goals, implementation criteria, and current needs.

- Ensure the City has the funds to properly maintain, program, and operate new facilities before committing to development. Evaluate new parks and facilities considering ongoing operational and maintenance costs, and establish a sustainable ongoing funding strategy prior to construction.
- Determine appropriate fees and cost recovery goals for park and recreation facilities that support events, rentals, and special activities for programs, allowing for affordable access and feasible management, and for offsetting maintenance and operation costs. See Chapter 7, Implementation, for more detailed criteria and considerations.
- In order to ensure that the Department is continuing to adapt to current needs and opportunities, adopt an annual, holistic assessment of park and recreation system operations that considers impacts, opportunities, and efficiencies related to staffing models, program delivery, fees, hours of operation, and a user-friendly and comprehensive website. This assessment should also consider customer and employee satisfaction, cost recovery, accessibility, and affordability.
- Continue to seek and utilize a variety of funding sources for capital and operational expenses, such as income streams from cell towers or wind turbines in appropriate locations in the parks. See Chapter 7, Implementation for further discussion of potential funding sources.

5.2 Prioritize Soledad Residents

Prioritize Soledad residents and community members for use and rentals of Soledad's facilities, sports fields and park gathering spaces, ensuring that the community gets priority in scheduling the limited facility and park space.

- Optimize scheduling of recreational facilities to maximize the use time and value for community members.
- Limit the number of non-community meetings in recreational spaces, including other City department uses.



Community Partnerships

5.3 Partnerships

Leverage and solidify partnerships with other parks and recreation providers, other departments and agencies such as the Soledad Police Department and CalFire, the school district, businesses, and organizations to increase service and manage resources.

- Coordinating with the City Manager, formalize and monitor agreements with the Soledad Unified School District and the Soledad-Mission Recreation District to enable joint use of facilities, leveraging resources, and better serving the community.
- Engage existing partners to reassess and improve relationships and establish more formal agreements for the ongoing joint use of facilities, including maintenance and scheduling.
- Strategically consider new partnerships with non-profits, foundations, and governmental agencies, such as Hartnell College, Pinnacles National Park and the Gateway Partners Association, Western Rivers Conservancy, the Arts Council for Monterey County, and others to expand parks and program offerings.
- Work with partners to attract new programs and activities to Soledad, leveraging the City ‘s facilities. Coordinate efforts between providers to build capacity and availability of offerings. Work closely with the Hartnell Community College, School District, Soledad-Mission Recreation District, and other youth providers, as well as Soledad's police and fire departments, to coordinate and support youth engagement, programs, and activities. Consider a combined recreation pass for the Parks and Recreation Department and the Soledad-Mission Recreation District facilitated by on-line tracking of usage.
- Engage youth and seniors as active partners in regularly assessing park facilities and programs to ensure they effectively meet the evolving recreational needs of the community.

5.4 Community Support

Continue to encourage public/private partnerships with local community groups, churches, and businesses to provide expanded recreational opportunities for Soledad residents.

- Continue and expand sponsorship opportunities to fund and enable greater recreation services.
- Partner with local businesses to hold community events that both engage new businesses and increase park usage.



Soledad Community Center Gym Floor

5.5 Facility & Park Use Policies

Strengthen enforcement of the City's policies to protect and manage the parks and facilities more effectively.

- Strengthen the ban and associated consequences on alcohol use in parks, particularly during large sports events. If alcohol is allowed with rental activities in City facilities, ensure that insurance and liability waivers are sufficient to cover any potential damage.
- Preserve and protect Community Center assets by developing policies such as requiring floor covering for event rentals in the gymnasium, restricting rental hours to keep the gym open for community and youth programming, and tightening alcohol permitting requirements for rental events.
- Prioritize community program use over rentals to focus on community benefits and provide positive outlets for community activity and engagement.



6. Recommendations & Standards



6. Recommendations

The recommendations in this chapter are based on community input and the Needs Assessment and identify specific improvements and projects for parks and recreation facilities. As the City moves to implement recommendations at various parks, connecting with the neighbors and working with them to refine the final plans is important. The recommendations in this chapter should be reviewed annually, to gauge progress and to reflect changing circumstances and new opportunities. The recommendations matrix should be updated annually to reflect the changes.

The recommendations are divided into:

- Citywide Projects & Improvements
- Park Development Standards
- Park-Specific Recommendations
- Future Sites & Opportunities
- Programming Recommendations are addressed in Chapter 7.



A. Citywide Recommendations

The map on the following page, Figure 14, depicts citywide big ideas and recommendations and where in the city they are envisioned. Some of the big ideas include:

- Creating a community hub downtown, connecting to the farmers market and downtown businesses,
- Connecting the city through a series of walking and biking trails (blue lines) connecting to the existing paths (orange lines),
- Creating a designated Teen Zone in parks,
- Adding parks to the southeast area of the city, in or around the Industrial, Commercial and Undeveloped areas,
- Continuing to expand and offer active sports and provide community spaces near the Community Center.

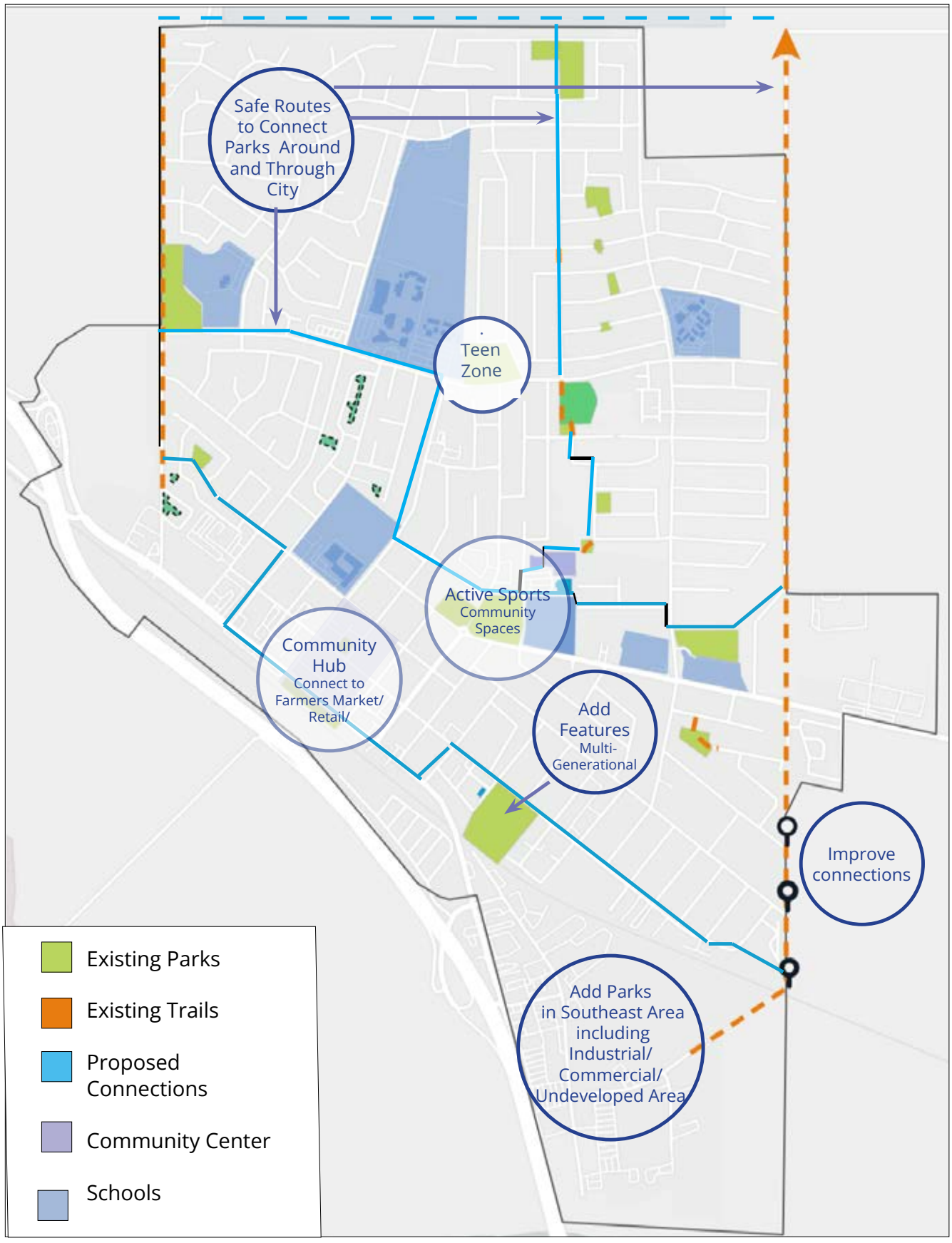


Figure 14. Citywide Big Ideas



Community Hub

Vision: Create a central location that is inviting and welcoming allowing Soledad residents to socialize and connect.

Desired Amenities

- Coordinate improvements in and around Cesar Chavez Park to create a fully integrated and activated Community Hub in Soledad's downtown.
- Emphasize connections between the Park, the Container Village, the local retail, and the Farmers' Market.
- Include seating areas with movable furniture.
- Provide areas protected from the wind and buffered from the railroad.
- Build a stage area/gazebo for music and performances.
- Install game tables to provide additional activities.

Size & Location

Integrate the 0.45 Cesar Chavez Park into the larger vision for the Container Park, Front Street, and the commercial area.

Other Considerations & Connections

In designing the Community Hub careful consideration must be given to its integration into the community fabric, and evaluation of potential impacts to the neighborhoods including traffic/circulation, noise, lighting, and maintenance.

Wind protection with trees or other constructed barriers is essential. A safety barrier between the area and the railway is critical.

Community Hub Conceptual Ideas



Community Gathering Space



Farmers Market



Area for Performances



Community Events



Places to Sit



Activities for the Community



City Loop Trail System

Vision: Establish a citywide walking/running trail that loops the City with connectors to parks throughout.

Desired Amenities

- Complete a walking loop path around the entire city, building on the San Vicente Road/PG&E Easement trail along Soledad's western city limits.
- Explore formalizing a walking and biking trail along the Bryant Canyon drainage and Bryant Canyon Road.
- Pursue collaboration with the County, water agency, and with the Western Rivers Conservancy to extend the trail along the eastern edge of the city and south from Los Coches Road along the Salinas River to the Water Reclamation Facility, and potentially east toward Greenfield.
- As an interim alternative, ensure that Orchard Lane functions as a primary bicycle and pedestrian route.
- Where possible, create connections between parks, schools and other community destinations, such as the path between Calle Valverde Park (Parcel F) and the Community Center, or a possible path between Vosti Park and downtown Soledad.
- Ensure that existing and proposed trails connect with future trail alignments in the Miramonte development.
- Develop internal walking paths that are connected to each park to allow residents to easily and safely walk or bike to each park, and to enjoy walking or jogging for fitness within community parks.
- Improve and expand trails and pathways as recreational assets, with mileage markers, benches, shade and signage. (See Figure 16. Citywide Big Ideas)



Teen Zones

Vision: Establish teen-focused areas that welcome groups of kids in noisy and active spaces.

Desired Amenities

- Create at least one or more teen area in the outdoors where they can gather, hang out and spend time together.
- Add lighting and comfortable seating to enable enjoyment in the early evening and in the winter hours.
- Activity elements may include skate or BMX features, basketball, adult size play equipment, challenge structures such as climbing walls, multi-use courts or game tables.
- Where possible, connect to food service or ensure that food and drink is allowed.

Locations

Emphasize areas that are accessible and used by teens, such as Blas Santana Park, Cesar Chavez Park, the Community Center, Chester Aaroe Park, Vosti Park, and Orchard Park.

Other Considerations & Connections

Consider wi-fi zones, and wi-fi free zones. Without compromising visibility and security, create some areas that provide a sense of privacy.

Teen Zone Conceptual Ideas



BMX areas



Interactive Games



Movable Furniture



Challenge Structures



Informal Pick-up Games



Multi-use Court



Wind Protection and Shade

Vision: Provide areas for the community to be protected from the high winds and hot sun, allowing for more outdoor recreation.

Desired Amenities

- Plant trees as windbreaks to increase usability and comfort in parks.
- Construct wind shelters and shade structures at picnic and gathering areas, playgrounds, and other use areas.
- Provide sheltered benches to encourage seniors to use paths and parks.
- Care should be taken to maintain adequate sight lines for visibility and park safety.



Size & Location

Provide wind and shade protection at all parks. Locations could range from an individual bench, to a group picnic area, to a park boundary.

Wind Protection Conceptual Ideas



Windbreak Trees



Picnic Windbreaks



Wind Shelter with Picnic Tables



Windbreak Seating Area



Wind Shelter



Windbreak Benches



Parks in Underserved Areas

Vision: Develop parks, play spaces or park pop-ups to provide recreation access to underserved areas, such as the southern part of the city, and some areas of northern Soledad.

Explore opportunities to add parks or play spaces in the underserved areas of Soledad.

- Evaluate undeveloped parcels for suitability for park features. Explore creative use of open spaces, streets, and undeveloped areas for park and recreation uses as either temporary or long term play or activity spaces.
- Work with commercial shopping centers to provide community gathering and activity space, like that shown in the image above, that can also attract retail users and increase shoppers' lingering time.
- Consider temporary street closures to provide play opportunities in underserved residential neighborhoods and designating "play streets" in strategic locations in neighborhoods that lack active parks. Setting specific hours that a street will be closed off for play, adding storage areas for equipment, and painting play area space on the street can help to operationalize the play street concept.
- When staffing levels allow, expand the mobile recreation program to provide more frequent pop-ups and serve more locations including potential street closure areas.



Road Closures



Park System Upgrades: Site Furnishings and Playgrounds

Vision: Maintain a basic level of park amenities and features to optimize use of parks and enhance maintenance efficiencies.

In many of Soledad's Parks, features are lacking that would improve the usability and attractiveness of the parks, and enhance maintenance. Some of these features should be considered essential in all parks, and others apply to all parks with particular amenities such as restrooms or playgrounds. These critical features and actions include the following:

- Perimeter landscaping with native and climate adapted, drought tolerant, low maintenance plants, and trees for wind protection
- Replacement of dead and damaged trees
- Water fountains/drink stations, trash and recycling receptacles at picnic and entry areas, dog waste stations, and bike racks
- Parent seating and shade at playgrounds
- Adequate shaded, wind protected seating, especially for seniors
- In community parks, or other parks where visitors spend extended periods of time, durable and lockable restrooms with stainless steel fixtures
- Establishment of lifecycle replacement schedules for replacing and upgrading play equipment, including replacement of shredded rubber surfacing with poured-in-place surfacing.

Site Furnishing and Playgrounds Conceptual Ideas



Native Planting Area



Sheltered Picnic Areas



Trash and Recycling Receptacles



Shaded and Wind Protected Seating



Fitness Stations



Scheduled Playground Upgrades



B. Soledad Community Center

Vision: Multi-use Community Center fostering community gatherings, fitness, learning, and wellness.

Description: Built 1993 as a YMCA, the Community Center was renovated and opened as City facility in 2021.The Center has multiple rentable spaces ranging from a small meeting room to a large gym.

The gym contains full courts for basketball and volleyball, a concession window, and new audience bleachers. It currently has a shallow stage, which is not ideal for theatrical performances due to undersized backstage facilities, and poorly positioned lighting tracks but is actively working on upgrades. The gym space is frequently rented out for large gatherings and events, such as quinceaneras, weddings, and baptisms.

The facility also contains large and small multipurpose rooms, a recently renovated computer lab, and a fitness room with exercise equipment. The commercial kitchen will be remodeled to expand usable space and allow for cooking programs.

In the back of the center, there is a spacious outdoor patio with a large barbeque and somewhat protected paved space. Wind and access issues have limited outdoor use, due to fire access requirements and lack of access control for rental events.

ARPA funds have been identified for recommended kitchen improvements described in the current CIP, and a capital campaign has been launched for the CIP's described Community Center improvements.

Recommendations

- Renovate the back patio to be more usable, adding wind and sun protection. Consider developing or renovating space to provide direct outdoor access to optimize its use.
- To allow for increased use of outdoor areas, address access control with features such as movable bollards or movable areas that can still be used in an emergency.
- Enhance the policy, regulations and use of the gym floor covering to protect it during non-sporting events. This may require increased fees and compliance efforts.
- Install a new lift to access the stage and bring doors into ADA compliance.
- Provide comfortable seating in the lobby and hall areas for community members to wait for kids, socialize, and as a teen hangout space.
- Consider creating a maker space for youth projects, potentially connected to the outdoor patio.

- Develop a protected outdoor classroom space in the front of the Community Center to expand usable, programmable space.
- Remodel the Community Center kitchen per the current CIP to be brought up to current building codes, including updating the kitchen area, structural upgrades, ranges, ovens, ice machine, hoods, prep tabletop, casework, electrical, plumbing and mechanical.
- Upgrade the Community Center per the current CIP, including gym upgrades, ADA upgrades to the site and building, plumbing and mechanical for restrooms, electrical and fire alarm load calculations and single line diagram, generator design for emergency center electrical distribution, power plans, lighting plans, parking lot lighting, EV parking provisions, and provisions for data system, telephone system, and security system.
- Increase the overall resilience of the community by transitioning the Community Center into a Resilience Hub. This process may occur over time but would enable the community to utilize the Center as a shelter and gathering space during an emergency. A Community Resilience Center would incorporate solar panels and energy storage, provide air purifiers to reduce the impacts of poor air quality, and offer communications and clean water. It could also serve as a cooling center during extreme heat events.
- Develop facility rental policies that maximize the Community Center's ability to provide programs and recreation for the community. Consider restricting gym rentals to Saturday nights and Sundays from 4 to 10 pm only. Deprioritize meeting rentals to outside organizations to maximize room availability for community programs.
- Ensure that rental fees cover true facility expenses, including staffing, insurance, and maintenance. If alcohol is allowed to be served at rental events, ensure that there is adequate insurance coverage for any potential damage.

Community Center Conceptual Ideas



Outdoor Fitness Space



Lobby Seating



Community Resilience Hub



EV Chargers



Protected Outdoor Program Space



Outdoor Maker Spaces



C. Park Standards & Classifications

Purpose

The ideal park system is composed of different types of parks, each offering unique recreational opportunities. Separately, each type of park may serve only one function, but collectively the park system will serve the entire range of community needs and offer a variety of benefits. By classifying parks by their function, the City of Soledad can provide a more efficient, cost-effective and usable park and recreation system that meets the City's goals. These goals include:

1. Support physical and mental health by building awareness and encouraging an active lifestyle and a strong community.
2. Connect people to parks and recreation through a network of safe and convenient routes and pathways.
3. Provide a comprehensive system of parks and affordable recreation programs that welcome all, and celebrate art, culture, diversity, and history.
4. Ensure that current and future parks and facilities are sustainably designed and well maintained.

Soledad's parks are organized into ten park classifications: pocket park, neighborhood park, neighborhood/school park, community park, recreational open space, trails/linear park, sports park, detention basin park, special use park, and special use facility. These park types are defined below.

General Park Standards:

Park standards shall be addressed in the design and development of each new park and recreation facility to ensure that the City's goals meet the needs of the overall community and the neighborhoods they serve. The following standards shall apply as defined in the sections below.

1. Parks shall be the focus of the neighborhood for providing recreational opportunities and social connection.
2. Parks shall be designed with unique character and aesthetics that is complementary to the surrounding community. Parks shall support opportunities for art, interpretive education, and place making. Signage and wayfinding shall be consistent with City standards.
3. All programs, amenities and features within a park shall be accessible and be compliant with all federal, state and local rules and regulations. All facilities and playgrounds shall consider universal access to the maximum extent feasible.
4. Parks shall be resilient and sustainable. Focus shall be made on selecting plant material that is native and adapted to the local climate and environmental conditions,

and which creates a diverse vegetative ecosystem. Programming and amenities shall not conflict with environmentally sensitive habitat; park designs shall incorporate ecological, biological, and hydrologic features into the identity of the park.

5. Park design, access, and circulation shall incorporate the requirements of the governing safety departments. The design and selection of park materials, plants, and features shall facilitate standard City maintenance practices and operations. All utilities and infrastructure shall conform to City standards and design guidelines.

Park Classifications:

The following classifications are intended to clarify the City of Soledad's requirements for the design and development of new parks and recreation facilities within new subdivisions or where proposed. The classifications are intended to provide design guidance for the type of facilities that are appropriate for each park.

Pocket Park

Pocket parks are the smallest park within the classification system and address limited recreation needs. Pocket parks serve as social spaces, focal spaces, and community front yards. Pocket parks should be designed for passive recreation only and provide visual value by adding green space into the urban setting. Pocket parks can be located adjacent to park system components such as recreational trails.

Existing Parks:

- Calle Valverde Park (0.36 acres)
- Estrella Landscape Area (0.22 acres)
- Santa Ynez Landscape area (0.22 acres)
- Serra Lane Park (0.36 acres)

Size: Less than 1/2 acre.

Service Area: Walking Distance, within 1/4 mile or 5 minutes for the park users.

Intended Service Groups: Neighborhood residents.

Pocket Park Programming to Consist of the Following:

- Grass Area: Informal grass play areas to have a minimum of 800 square feet. Grass area can be natural turf with irrigation or synthetic turf. Natural turf to be a blend of grasses that are suitable for foot traffic, with high recovery potential (i.e. 90/10 blend of fescue and rye).
- Landscape: Planting and irrigation that focus on native or adapted plant material. Trees to be selected for wind tolerance and shade potential. Irrigation design to be per City of Soledad standards and equipment selection to be reviewed by City park maintenance staff.
- Lighting: Lighting is not required at Pocket Parks.
- Pathways: All pathways to be accessible per local and state codes. Concrete is the preferred material. Stabilized decomposed granite and asphalt to be used sparingly.
- Playground: Small playground for 2–5 year olds. Playground area to have a minimum of 2,000 square feet with benches and seating for caretakers adjacent to the playground. Playground equipment to meet all requirements for accessibility per state and local codes. Shade by either tree or structure to be provided for designated playground seating areas.
- Signage: All Pocket Parks are to have the City standard park name sign and City standard regulatory signage.
- Site Furnishings: Appropriate furnishings include benches, picnic tables, a minimum

of (2) trash receptacles, (1) drinking fountain, (1) pet litter station, and (1) bicycle rack. All park site furnishings to meet requirements for accessibility per state and local codes. Site furnishing models and manufacturers to be consistent with City standards and guidelines.

Neighborhood Park

Neighborhood Parks are the basic unit of the park system and serve as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Neighborhood Parks should serve as extensions of the residential fabric, allowing for recreation and social activities that cannot be accommodated in residential yards due to size and density limitations. Neighborhood Parks should be designed for both active and passive recreation activities and be tailored to the specific needs of the neighborhood. They should address the needs of all groups and abilities. The park design should create a sense of place that enhances the neighborhood and community identity. Neighborhood park features that create a community-wide 'destination' should not be included in a neighborhood park. Restrooms, off-street parking, on-site parking and illuminated sports facilities would not be considered for neighborhood parks because they encourage park use beyond their intended service area. Design of each neighborhood park should include a master planning process with neighborhood involvement. Specific features for each park should be based on the needs and desires of the neighborhood residents.

Existing Parks:

- Albert Bill Ramus Park (0.45 acres)
- Aurelio N. Ramirez Park (1.25 acres)
- Joe O. Ledesma Park (0.6 acres)
- Lum Memorial Park (2.64 acres)
- Peverini Park (2.90 acres)
- San Antonio Park (0.45 acres)
- Santa Barbara Park (1.08)
- Tomasini Street Park (0.5 acres)

Size: ½–3 acres.

Service Area: Walking Distance, within ½ mile or 10 minutes for the park users.

Intended Service Groups: Neighborhood residents.

Neighborhood Park Programming to Consist of the Following:

- Active Sports: Hard surface sports courts such as basketball, bocce ball, futsal, multi-use games area courts, and volleyball are to be prioritized in the programming of the park.
- Grass Area: Grass play areas to be sized to allow for flexible programming use. Size of grass area to allow for the programming of youth soccer leagues, baseball practice, and informal sports play. Grass area can be natural turf with irrigation or synthetic turf. Natural turf to be a blend of grasses that are suitable for foot traffic, with high recovery potential (i.e. 90/10 blend of fescue and rye).
- Landscape: Planting and irrigation that focus on native or adapted plant material. Trees to be selected for wind tolerance and shade potential. Irrigation design to be per City of Soledad standards and equipment selection to be reviewed by City park maintenance staff.
- Lighting: Pedestrian lighting of pathways and entries should be considered at Neighborhood Parks. Lighting of grass area and active sports areas are not required or preferable.
- Pathways: All pathways to be accessible per local and state codes. Minimum pathway width to be 6 feet wide. Concrete is the preferred material. Stabilized decomposed

granite and asphalt to be used sparingly.

- Playground: Playgrounds shall have equipment for both the 2–5 year olds and 5–12 year olds. Playground area to be a minimum of 4,000 square feet with benches and seating for caretakers adjacent to the playground. Playground equipment to meet all requirements for accessibility per state and local codes. Shade by either tree or structure to be provided for designated playground seating areas.
- Picnic Areas: A minimum of (2) picnic areas are to be included within the park programming. Picnic areas shall have a maximum capacity of (10) people and include (1) BBQ , (2) picnic tables and (1) trash receptacle. Small picnic shelters or shade trees are appropriate for neighborhood parks. All picnic area furnishings to meet requirements for accessibility per state and local codes. Surfacing at picnic areas shall be appropriate for high volume use; concrete paving is preferred.
- Signage: All Neighborhood Parks are to have the City standard park name sign and City standard regulatory signage.
- Site Furnishings: Appropriate furnishings include benches, picnic tables, a minimum of (4) trash receptacles, (1) drinking fountain, (2) pet litter stations and (1) bicycle rack. All park site furnishings to meet requirements for accessibility per state and local codes. Site furnishing models and manufacturers to be consistent with City standards and guidelines.

Neighborhood/School Park

The Neighborhood/School Park is similar in size and functions to a Neighborhood Park, but is located immediately adjacent to a school. Some of the recreational facilities can be combined with the school site, such as hard surface courts, sports fields, and play areas, to maximize efficient use of resources. As a part of the park master planning process, scheduling and use allocations need to be determined to minimize scheduling conflicts between the school and the neighborhood use of facilities.

Size: ½–3 acres.

Service Area: Walking distance, within ½ mile or 10 minutes for the park users.

Intended Service Groups: Neighborhood residents and school students.

Neighborhood/School Park programming should be the same as for Neighborhood Parks.

Community Park

Community parks focus on meeting the recreational needs of the community-at-large. They allow for group activities and other recreational pursuits that are not recommended at neighborhood parks. Community parks meet the needs of neighborhoods; frequently, community parks are 'destination' parks with special facilities, such as illuminated sports fields, amphitheaters, community centers, etc., that serve the entire community. Restrooms, onsite parking, off-street parking, night lighting of facilities, and other active recreation facilities are typical park elements that encourage higher levels of public use and longer user-days when compared to neighborhood parks. Community parks may have unique landscape features that enhance community identity. Design of each community park should include a master planning process with community involvement. Specific features of each community park will depend on how the park is anticipated to meet community recreation needs.

Existing Parks:

- Blas Santana Memorial Park (4.2 acres)

- Chester Aaroe Park (2.8 acres)
- Jesse Gallardo Park (4 acres)
- Orchard Lane Park (3.5 acres)
- Veterans Memorial Park (4 acres)
- Vosti Park (6.4 acres)

Size: 3–7 acres.

Service Area: Citywide.

Intended Service Groups: All City residents including community and school groups; may also serve neighborhood park function for surrounding residents; may attract regional residents.

Community Park Programming to Consist of the Following:

- The same features as Neighborhood Parks plus:
- Community Gardens: Community gardens are to be provided within a fenced enclosure with a gated entry point. The minimum community garden size is 500 square feet with accessible pathways throughout the space. It is preferable to locate the beds next to the parking facilities. Garden beds are to be raised and a minimum of 10'x10' in size. All beds to be installed with a hose bib.
- Parking: Onsite parking is preferable with designated spaces for accessible parking as required by local and state codes. Parking quantity is to be based on the program amenities and to be reviewed and approved by City staff. Parking lighting shall be provided to accommodate nighttime use of sports fields and courts.
- Picnic Areas: A minimum of (2) family-sized picnic areas and (1) large group picnic area is to be included within the park programming. Family-sized picnic areas shall each have a maximum capacity of (10) people and include (1) BBQ, (2) picnic tables, and (1) trash receptacle. Shade at family picnic areas can be through the use of trees or small shade structures. Large group picnic areas shall each have a maximum capacity of (75) people and include (2) group BBQs, (8) picnic tables, and (2) trash receptacles. Shade at large group picnic areas shall be provided by built structure. All picnic area furnishings to meet requirements for accessibility per state and local codes. Surfacing at picnic areas shall be appropriate for high volume use; concrete paving is preferred.
- Restrooms: A minimum of (2) accessible, non-gendered restroom stalls are to be provided at all Community Parks. Restrooms shall provide baby changing tables and electric hand dryers as well as a designated maintenance chase for storage and access to infrastructure. Restroom structures are to be designed to meet all building and accessibility codes per local and state ordinances. Restroom finishes, colors, and facades are to be consistent with City standards and are to be reviewed and approved by City staff.
- Specialty Amenities: Dependent on space and public demand, amenities such as dog parks, fitness course, bike parks, skate parks, spraygrounds, and amphitheaters are appropriate recreation uses for community parks.
- Sports Fields and Courts: The type and quantity of the sports field programming shall be determined by the available space and the review and approval of City staff. Selection of surfacing such as natural grass or synthetic turf shall be approved by City staff. Lighting at fields and courts to facilitate nighttime use shall be at the review and approval of City Staff. Supporting amenities for sports fields and courts, such as concession stands and scoreboards, shall all be considered

based on the anticipated user group and programming.

Recreational Open Space

The primary purpose of recreational open space is to preserve and protect unique natural resources while providing for compatible limited public recreation use. Passive recreational uses such as hiking, nature appreciation, picnicking, etc. that are not in conflict with the intended resource protection are encouraged. Natural resource open space areas that are not intended to allow for compatible public recreation use would not quality as recreational open space and would not be included in the park classification system.

Size: No minimum or maximum size; depends on resource to be preserved.

Service Area: Citywide, may have regional value.

Intended Service Groups: All City residents; may attract regional residents.

Recreational Open Space Programming to Consist of the Following:

- Signage: All Open Space and Trailheads are to have the City standard park name sign and City standard regulatory signage. Interpretive and educational signage shall be considered for [or "at"] open space parks.
- Site Furnishings: Appropriate furnishings include benches, picnic tables, a minimum of (1) trash receptacle, (1) pet litter station, and (1) bicycle rack shall be placed at all trail staging areas and trailheads. All park site furnishings to meet requirements for accessibility per state and local codes. Site furnishing models and manufacturers to be consistent with City standards and guidelines.
- Staging & Trailhead Areas: These areas shall include designated onsite and off-site parking, kiosks, and restrooms. Restrooms to be designed as outlined in the Community Park section. Inclusion of restrooms at staging areas and trailheads shall be considered where resources (water, sanitary, sewer, and electrical) are available. City staff shall provide review and approval for permanent restrooms, compostable restrooms, and/or potable restrooms.
- Trails: Hiking, biking, and equestrian trails. Trail design and user group shall be per the review and approval of staff. Accessible trail loops shall be prioritized where feasible.

Trails/Linear Park

Trails and linear parks enhance connectivity within the parks and recreation system, providing accessible pathways for walking, biking, and commuting. They also promote community health, environmental conservation, and economic development by linking neighborhoods to natural and recreational spaces. Trails should be grade-separated for pedestrian and/or bicycle use. Some trails may be appropriate for equestrian use. Trails should connect various areas of the City, as well as parks, recreational open spaces, and other community facilities such as schools. Trails may serve as part of a regional trails network. They should connect to the City's on-street bicycle route system for recreational use as well as providing a means of alternative transportation. City trails should be coordinate with County or Regional Trails Master Plans. A Citywide Bicycle Master Plan should indicate both the on-street bicycle route and the Class I off-street bicycle trail system. Walking trails with a park or recreational open space would not be classified separately as trail/linear parkway, except that major connection trails in parks and open spaces would include trail route identification and

would be included in City trail mile calculations.

Size: No minimum or maximum length.

Service Area: Citywide.

Intended Service Groups: All City residents; may attract regional residents.

Trail/Linear Park programming to consist of the following:

- The same features as Recreational Open Space plus:
- Landscape: Planting and irrigation that focus on native or adapted plant material. Trees to be selected for wind tolerance and shade potential. Irrigation design to be per City of Soledad standards and equipment selection to be reviewed by City park maintenance staff.
- Lighting: Pedestrian lighting of pathways and entries should be considered at Linear Parks.
- Picnic Areas:. Designated picnic areas shall have a maximum capacity of (10) people and include (1) BBQ , (2) picnic tables, and (1) trash receptacle. Small picnic shelters or shade trees are appropriate for neighborhood parks. All picnic area furnishings to meet requirements for accessibility per state and local codes. Surfacing at picnic areas shall be appropriate for high volume use; concrete paving is preferred.

Sports Park

Sports Parks focus on active recreational facilities, especially for organized sports. Consolidation of multiple sports fields at one location allows for efficiency and scheduling. With a focus on active sports, sports parks do not have all of the amenities of Community Parks.

Size: 3–20 acres.

Service Area: Citywide.

Intended Service Groups: All residents, community-based sports organizations, and school groups; may serve limited non-resident sports participants for tournament and regional play.

Sports Park Programming to Consist of the Following:

- Parking: Onsite parking is preferable with designated spaces for accessible parking as required by local and state codes. Parking quantity is to be based on the program amenities and to be reviewed and approved by City staff. Parking lighting shall be provided to accommodate nighttime use of fields and courts.
- Restrooms: A minimum of (4) accessible, non-gendered restroom stalls are to be provided at all Sports Parks. Restrooms shall provide baby changing tables and electric hand dryers as well as a designated maintenance chase for storage and access to infrastructure. Restroom structures are to be designed to meet all building and accessibility codes per local and state ordinances. Restroom finishes, colors, and facades are to be consistent with City standards and are to be reviewed and approved by City staff.
- Sports Fields and Courts: The type and quantity of the sports field programming shall be determined by the available space and the review and approval of City staff. Selection of surfacing such as natural grass or synthetic turf shall be approved by City staff. Lighting at fields and courts to facilitate nighttime use shall be at the review and approval of City Staff. Supporting amenities for sports field and courts such as concession stands, maintenance and storage facilities, and scoreboards shall all be considered based on the anticipated user group and programming.

- Supplemental Programming: Picnic areas, playgrounds, and site furnishings may be included at Sport Parks dependent on park size and feasibility. For standards, refer to the Community Park section.

Detention Basin Park

Detention basin parks serve to control stormwater runoff while complementing recreational use. The relative amounts of upland area and flat area significantly influence the choice of possible recreational facilities. All areas of the basin must be planted with either turf or no-mow native fescue.

Size: Depends on park or facility.

Service Area: Citywide.

Intended Service Groups: All City residents; may attract regional residents.

Detention Basin Park programming shall be consistent with Neighborhood Parks or Community Parks dependent on park size.

Special Use Park

Special use parks are designed for a single specialized recreational activity of purpose. The unique use of the park caters to a specific interest group or activity. Special use parks may include recreation facilities not found elsewhere within the park system.

Existing Parks:

- Cesar Chavez Park (0.45 acres)
- San Vincente Road PG&E Easement (3 acres)

Size: Depends on park programming.

Service Area: Citywide.

Intended Service Groups: All City residents; may attract regional residents.

Special Use Park programming to consist of the following:

- Disc-golf course
- Dog park
- Onsite parking
- Off-site parking
- Park signage including a park name sign and regulatory signage
- Restroom and concession buildings
- Skate park
- Shooting range
- Tennis/pickleball facility
- Urban plazas

Special Use Facility

Special use facilities meet Citywide recreational needs and are not necessarily located in parks. Multi-purpose uses should be encouraged, provided that additional uses do not conflict with the intended special use.

Size: Depends on park or facility.

Service Area: Citywide.

Intended Service Groups: All City residents, designated community user groups, school groups, and some non-residents.

Special Use Facility Programming to Consist of the Following:

- Aquatic Center
- Community Center
- Cultural Arts Facility
- Historical Structures and grounds
- Multi-purpose Recreation Center
- Onsite parking
- Off-site parking

- Senior Center
- Storage and concession buildings
- Youth Center

Further, the Recommendations offer citywide initiatives, recreation programming enhancements, and address potential new park sites. They include clear Standards to be followed in developing new parks or renovating existing parks.

Implementation

The Community Vision is a picture of what Soledad's parks and recreation system can be in the future. The PRMP's recommendations are intended to be implemented over a 20-year time horizon and is not intended to be a short-term action plan. For funding, staff capacity, and logistical reasons, the PRMP actions need to be sequenced over time. The pace of implementation will depend on the availability of resources, not only capital and operating dollars but also the workload capacity of City staff.

To assist the City in prioritizing improvements, an implementation framework has been incorporated into the plan, outlined on the adjacent page, categorizing recommendations based on the level of need allowing for flexibility and optimization of potential future opportunities.



D. Park Specific Recommendations

Park Development Standards

Pocket Parks

Neighborhood Parks

Community Parks

Special Use Parks

New Parks

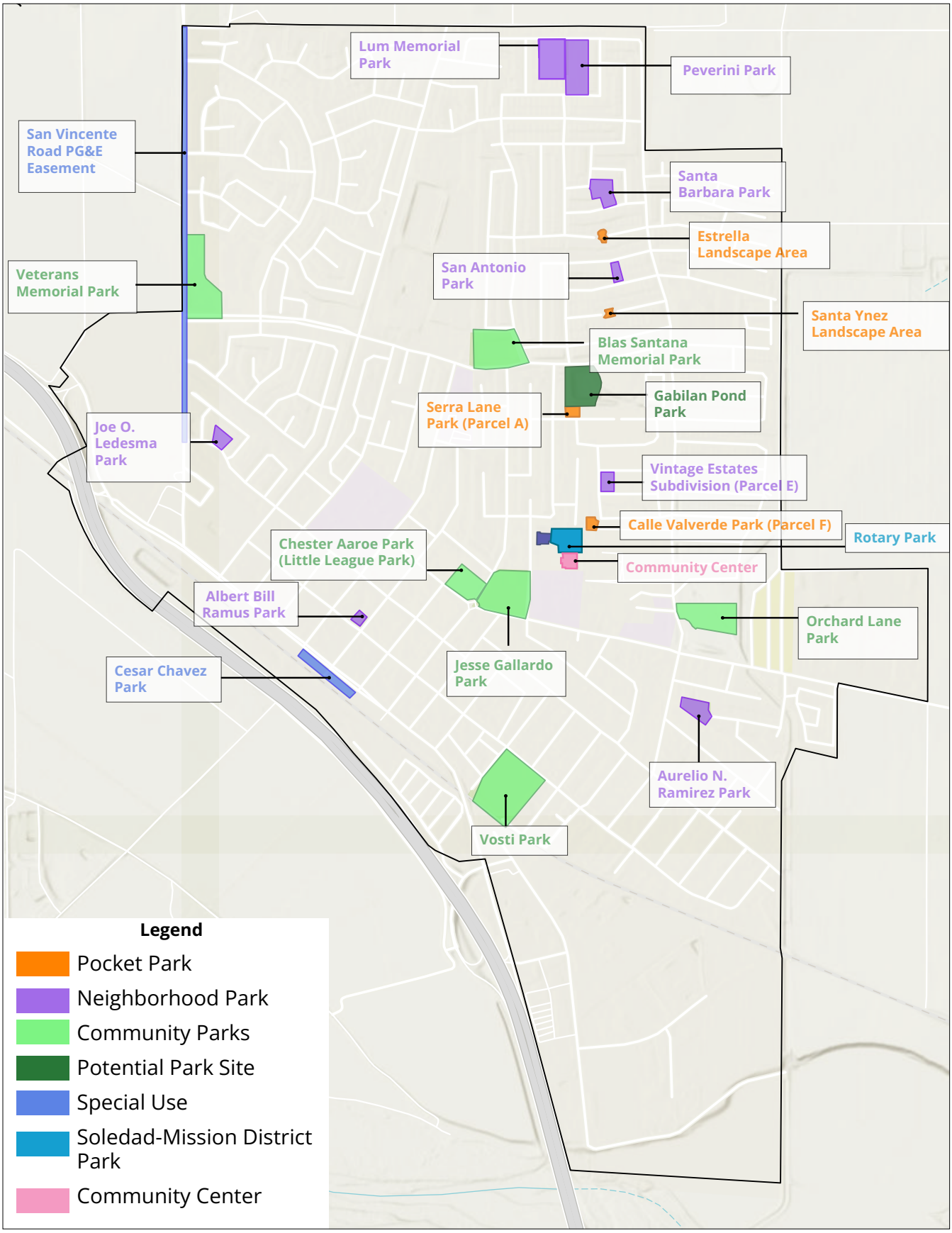


Figure 15. Park Classification Map



Pocket Parks

Vision: "Backyard" Parks

Description: There are four pocket parks located throughout Soledad. They are located on the following streets: Estrella, Santa Ynez, Calle Valverde, and Serra. Estrella and Santa Ynez Landscape Areas serve primarily as pedestrian connections between the cul-de-sacs where they are located. Visually blending with adjacent front yards, they are small landscaped areas with trees and lawns, and no amenities. Residents have set up a basketball hoop and court striping in the Estrella cul-de-sac. Calle Valverde (Parcel F) and Serra Lane (Parcel A) Parks are slightly larger pocket parks, and function as retention basins during the wet season. Calle Valverde Park is in the Legacy Homes subdivision. Serra Lane Park is also located in the Legacy Homes subdivision with a pathway that will connect to Gabilan Pond Park. These small parks offer an opportunity for relaxation, as green space within the neighborhoods.

Recommendations

- Maintain detention basin lawn areas for informal play and passive use during the dry season.
- Transition to a more natural, sustainable native, climate adapted and low maintenance planting palette for smaller areas.
- Add seating and picnic tables in the upland areas.
- Add play features such as game tables in the upland areas.
- Consider offering mobile recreation activities at these sites to activate and engage the neighborhood.
- Survey the neighborhoods to determine what amenities and activities they would like.
- Use the pocket parks as anchors for expanding programming into the streets for their use as play streets.



Albert Bill Ramus Park

Vision: Neighborhood and Community Gathering, Farmer's Market Connection, and Downtown Activation

Description: Albert Bill Ramus Park is located near Soledad's downtown and City Hall, adjacent to a City-owned daycare building. This park is a neighborhood and community-serving passive park with a group picnic area that is shaded by large mature trees. Perimeter hedges create enclosure and a paved pathway leads into and across the park, connecting to the central planter and shuffleboard. Residents, workers, and community organizations enjoy the park for picnics, gatherings, and fundraising events. This park is in a central downtown location that allows the opportunity to connect the community and bring people together.

The park will likely be removed in the coming years, as part of the planned Civic Center redevelopment, therefore extensive renovations are not recommended. However, this space can be leveraged in the interim to serve an important community need.

Recommendations

- Provide additional seating.
- Connect to Farmers Market with additional seating areas and potential music, and encourage people to use the park to gather and eat during Farmer's Markets.
- Provide crosswalks across Monterey Street.
- Add art and sustainable native and climate adapted, low maintenance planting.





Aurelio N. Ramirez Park

Vision: Comfortable Neighborhood Park with Activities for All Ages.

Description: Aurelio N. Ramirez Park is a small park tucked into the neighborhood, with street frontage access at the end of the Munras Street cul-de-sac and additional pedestrian access from Vineyard Drive via an unsigned asphalt path. A paved pathway divides a lawn area with minimal amenities. The park is primarily used by neighbors for relaxation, dog walking and informal play. The playground has a bench and picnic table. Surrounding homes' backyard fencing encloses the park. Aurelio N. Ramirez Park is one of the only parks in the southern part of the city.

Recommendations:

- Add a half-basketball or multi-use court.
- Add a sheltered picnic area with BBQ.
- Add amenities including a drinking fountain and trash cans.
- Plant trees around the park perimeter to increase wind protection and overall visual interest.
- Increase seating and shade at the playground and throughout the park.
- Replace the playground's shredded rubber with poured in place surfacing.
- Install park signage at the Vineyard Drive entry point and enhance access point.
- Consult with the neighbors to gather ideas to enhance the park, considering adding fitness stations, multi-use court, art, or other activities to activate and serve a range of interests for this otherwise under-served neighborhood.
- Prioritize this park for updates as the area is older, and there are limited park/open space opportunities.





Joe O. Ledesma Park

Vision: Neighborhood Park with Active Spaces and Nature

Description: Joe O. Ledesma Park is a neighborhood pocket park that was recently upgraded with new play equipment for ages 2-5 and 5-12. The park includes a multi-use lawn with a paved pathway, a low wall for parent seating, and two small picnic areas with barbecues. The edges are lightly landscaped with wood chips and there is a walking path around the park. The park serves a small-lot single family neighborhood and adjacent multi-family affordable housing. The multi-family housing also provides small playlots and a half basketball court for residents' use. This park can offer an escape from tight living spaces, and places to gather.



Recommendations:

- Add shade at the play area and picnic areas, and shaded seating.
- Replace the playground's chips with poured in place surfacing.
- Plant additional trees at the park perimeter for shade and wind protection.
- Add art or sustainable native and climate adapted, low maintenance planting for visual interest.
- Consider a community garden.



Lum Memorial Park/Peverini Park

Vision: Neighborhood Parks as a Robust Community Sports Park

Description: Lum Memorial Park, dedicated to Assistant Fire Chief Donald Lum and all Soledad firefighters, is contiguous to Peverini Park. It has several active recreation areas, including a full basketball court and a multi-use lawn that is used for youth soccer, flag football, and cheer practice. It has a large group picnic area, and a playground. The use areas are connected by a paved pathway. Much of the park is dominated by the adjacent water tanks which are surrounded by a chain link fence topped with barbed wire. With no on-site parking, the heavy use of this neighborhood park can create parking issues.

Peverini Park is contiguous to Lum Memorial Park. Its restroom building serves both parks. It is a well-used and active park, with a multi-use turf area that accommodates youth soccer, flag football and youth baseball. The crushed rock perimeter path around the turf area is lined with multiple benches. Group picnic areas at either end of the park serve families in the neighborhood and those who come for the youth sports. Near the picnic area at the west end is a playground for young children. The park is heavily used for organized youth sports, and without on-site parking, parking in the neighborhood can be difficult.

Lum Memorial and Peverini Park serve as a large community asset, with organized youth sports and the opportunity to foster gathering and multi-generational use.

Recommendations:

- Plan and design the parks as a single park to improve function and use of spaces.
- Add park signage on Terraza Street frontage.
- Upgrade the playground at Lum with new equipment, surfacing, and low fencing.
- Reconfigure the large group picnic area at Lum, adding tables, shade, and a group BBQ.
- Create murals on the water tanks, or screen them with fencing or tall trees.
- Convert the basketball court into a multi-use court, including futsal and basketball.
- Add fitness stations at Peverini for adult exercise.
- Close Peverini lawn as needed for field rest and renovation.
- Add play elements to the small playground at Peverini.
- Add sun and wind protection to the picnic areas.
- Replace the playgrounds' shredded rubber with poured in place surfacing.
- Landscape park perimeters with sustainable native and climate adapted, low maintenance planting.
- Use planting at street frontages to provide buffers from cars.

Lum Memorial Park/ Peverini Park

Shaded Picnic



Street Barrier





Multi-use Court





Add Water Tank Murals

Fitness Stations



Play Elements





San Antonio Park

Vision: Neighborhood Park with Comfortable Spaces to Play and Gather

Description: San Antonio Park is a small neighborhood serving park in northeastern Soledad, with access from both San Antonio and La Colina Streets. The park is primarily a passive park, with a multi-use lawn usable for informal play, relaxation, or peewee soccer practice. There is a paved perimeter walking path, with benches, trash cans and a drinking fountain. There are no picnic tables or play equipment. San Antonio Park can serve as an area for passive recreation and relaxation, and dog walking.

Recommendations:

- Add a picnic area and small footprint play elements.
- Add trees and sustainable native and climate adapted, low maintenance planting around the park's edges.
- Add functional art elements and unique seating spaces.

Sustainable Natural Plantings



Playful & Artful Seating







Santa Barbara Park

Vision: Neighborhood Park that Allows for Play and Relaxation

Description: Santa Barbara Park is a primarily passive-use, neighborhood-serving park. Its central feature is the multi-use turf that is used for informal play and for peewee soccer practice. Walking, relaxing, and dog walking are popular activities. The perimeter walking path is lined with benches and there are two group picnic areas with four and five picnic tables (with some ADA accessible tables) and drinking fountains. Trees along the edge of the park fence provide some shade and enclosure. This park supports passive and informal active recreation, and has room for installation of additional active use amenities.



Play Feature



Recommendations:

- Replace missing trees and add trees and sustainable native and climate adapted, low maintenance plantings at the park's edges.
- Add a small play feature at the park's northeast corner.
- Add fitness equipment stations.



Vintage Estates Subdivision Park (Parcel E)

Vision: Build Community and Activity in this Neighborhood Park

Description: Vintage Estates Subdivision Park (Parcel E) is a new neighborhood park. It will serve the neighborhood well with several picnic areas, a playground with parent seating and cornhole pitch, a lawn for informal play, and a walking path around the park. The park has lighting for evening use and visibility, and the trees are located to provide shade for gathering areas. There is perimeter planting.

Recommendations:

- Continue to maintain the park.
- Add wind shelter to picnic areas if their location adjacent to neighbor fencing does not mitigate the afternoon winds.
- Replace the playground's shredded rubber with poured in place surfacing.
- Add programming and events to bring neighbors together.





Blas Santana Park

Vision: Multi-use Community Park with Dedicated Space for Teens

Description: Blas Santana is a community park adjacent to the High School. Its detention basin is heavily used as a soccer and football field when dry, especially when the Vosti Park fields are resting. Maintaining the field is hampered by the difficulty of fencing it off for rest. There are concrete bleachers set into the basin slope, and there is field lighting. The park offers several additional active areas, including a full basketball court, a sand volleyball court, and a playground. There is a small restroom building. As most of the park lacks shade, users sit on the grass under the trees. The basin provides some wind protection and has been used as an amphitheater at times. There is what appears to be a concrete foundation at the southeast corner of the park, its use is unknown.

Recommendations:

- Redesign and update the northern section of the park to enhance the amenities and activate the park:
  - A teen activity hub should be added to offer hang out and activity space for teens at the adjacent school. Creating a dedicated space can help to direct teen use and limit impacts on other areas of the park.
  - Improve the volleyball court or replace it with challenge equipment such as a climbing wall or other elements to engage teens.
  - Add wind protection surrounding the play area and seating areas, and around the top of the basin area.
  - Consider fencing and converting the basketball court to a multi-use court to accommodate futsal and other activities.
- Improve field maintenance and usability. Temporary perimeter fencing at the top of the basin could allow the field to be rested periodically. Ideally, field rest should be coordinated with the Vosti Park field rest periods to minimize soccer disruption.
- Add a walking trail around the park, with occasional benches for viewing the activity on the field or sitting in the shade.
- Improve pedestrian safety and access to the park from the high school and surrounding neighborhoods.
- Enlarge the restrooms to accommodate the large events, soccer games, and gatherings that occur at this park.
- Add trash cans at gathering areas.
- Replace the playground's shredded rubber with poured in place surfacing.

Blas Santana Park

Multi-use Court



Additional Seating



Potential Teen Space







Walking Path



Chester Aaroe Little League Park

Vision: Multi-generational Active Park with a Range of Activities and Amenities

Description: The primary feature of this park is its Little League game field, with player benches, skinned infield, lighting, scoreboard, bleachers, a Little League concession building, Little League storage. The park also has restrooms and a City concession building. The restroom serves both Chester Aaroe Park and Jesse Gallardo Park across the street, as does the playground. There is a group picnic area with a shade shelter, but no wind protection. Along the Ticino Street frontage are two full basketball courts, a small former skate park and batting cages that are now unused, and a large wedge of unused space at the park's northern corner.

Recommendations:

- Community engagement revealed strong support for replacing the underused skate park and batting cages with a flexible sport court. Consider the space as a teen/adult playground.
- Add welcoming gathering spaces for people to watch and socialize.
- Strong community support was also indicated for converting unused space at the park's corner to a fenced, off-leash dog park which can be used for temporary overflow parking if needed.
- Provide wind shelter at picnic areas.
- Consider lighting and covering the basketball courts.
- Replace the playground's chips with poured in place surfacing.

Chester Aaroe Little League Park

Covered Basketball Court

Outdoor Multi-use Court





Off-leash Dog Park/Parking for Events





Movable Chairs & Seating





Jesse Gallardo Park

Vision: Community Sports Park

Description: Jesse Gallardo Park is primarily an active park. It has been recently renovated with a Little League baseball field and 2 softball fields. The fields are fenced and lighted, with skinned infields, scoreboards, player benches, bullpens and bleachers. Equipment storage containers are on the wide walkway between the softball fields. There are 2 fenced tennis courts, which are sometimes used for futsal. Lawn areas provide space for gathering and informal play, and there is a picnic table in the shaded area near the tennis court. At the northwestern corner of the park, there is a deteriorating mural depicting Soledad's historic women. Gallardo forms a complex with Aaroe Park, which is across the street. Gallardo Park users must cross Andalucia Drive to access restrooms, the playground or concessions.

Recommendations:

- Improve crossing safety to restrooms and playground at Chester Aaroe Little League Park.
- Add shaded and wind-protected picnic areas with BBQ's.
- Provide wi-fi connections to enable wi-fi operation of field entry gates.
- Repair the Soledad history mural.

Jesse Gallardo Park

Repair Mural



Shaded & BBQ Areas





Increase Crossing Safety





Veterans Memorial Park

Vision: Multi-generational Community Park

Description: Veterans Memorial Park is enhanced by views of the surrounding mountains and agricultural fields. The park contains several use areas. An upper soccer field, surrounded by benches, serves younger kids. The upper area of the park has a restroom and drinking fountains, and a large group picnic area with barbecues. Below the picnic area is a playground. The lower level is a dual use detention basin which is used most of the year for youth soccer practice and games. Benches along the sidewalk overlook the lower field. There is a rough perimeter walking path around the park.

Some of the recommended park improvements have been developed and vetted with the community. Funding is currently being sought.

Recommendations:

- Improve the playground with parent seating, shade, low fencing and stroller/ wheelchair ADA access.
- Replace the playground's shredded rubber with poured in place surfacing.
- Provide shade and wind protection for seating and activities. Develop a wind break with trees adjacent to the main road, and additional trees in the park to help reduce wind.
- Landscape the empty planting areas adjacent to the streets with sustainable native and climate adaptive planting.
- Improve the group picnic area with flexible table arrangements and shade.
- Repair/improve park pathways for a walking circuit.
- Add fitness equipment stations.
- Add a Veterans Memorial monument.
- Add park signage.

Veterans Memorial Park



Flexible Seating



ADA Access



Fitness Equipment



Windbreaks





Vosti Park

Vision: Dynamic Soccer and Community Serving Park

Description: Vosti Park is the city's largest park, marked by Soledad's iconic water tower. Previously, it has been used as the location for major community events, such as Fiesta Days. Soccer is the primary use of this park, with 2 lighted turf fields that can accommodate adult games. Street parking is generally sufficient to accommodate the busy game periods. There are two playgrounds for ages 2-5 and 5-12. There is a group picnic area near the larger playground, and one table near the smaller playground. The perimeter walking path around the park is popular. The volleyball court is no longer used. The restrooms are well maintained, although during heavy use periods, there is demand for additional facilities. The park is fully fenced. Restrooms, fences, walls and ball netting have often been subject to vandalism and graffiti.

Recommendations:

- Add fitness equipment. Maintain and enhance the walking track with the addition of an outdoor fitness space near the entrance area. Install signage to indicate length of walk, and ensure that the surface is level and comfortable to walk on.
- Increase activity spaces and amenities for the non-soccer community.
- Replace tables or game spaces that were removed.
- Add more shaded and wind protected gathering spaces.
- Increase shade around picnic and playground areas.
- Replace the playgrounds' shredded rubber with poured in place surfacing.
- Install BBQs at picnic areas
- Repair volleyball court and install netting, or replace with climbing wall, other challenge element, or small footprint games
- Consider open hours when the community can use the fields without a reservation.
- Seek funding for installation of synthetic turf fields to reduce maintenance needs and increase usable playing time.

Game Tables



Mile Signage



Outdoor Volleyball





Fitness Equipment





Orchard Lane Park

Vision: Community Park

Description: Orchard Lane Park is Soledad's newest community park. It exemplifies many of the community goals that guide this PRMP. Designed with community input, it contains a range of features for all ages and abilities. The park includes a skate park, a dog park, a spray park, a playground, fitness equipment, large and small picnic areas and gathering spaces (some with shelter), a multi-use turf area with a stage, and restrooms. There is also green infrastructure for stormwater management, a nature walk, and a butterfly garden. There is on-site parking.

Recommendations:

- Continue to maintain the park.
- Continue to explore a connection to the trail along the Bryant Canyon drainage.
- Coordinate with Hartnell College for joint events at the park.





Cesar Chavez Park

Vision: Downtown Gathering and Community Hub

Description: Cesar Chavez Park is leased from Southern Pacific Railroad. Formerly named Front Street Park, in 2007, the City Council renamed the park in honor of the farmworker organizer, Cesar Chavez. The park, centrally located in downtown Soledad, is visible from Hwy. 101. It is a popular lunch spot in the downtown area. It serves as a community gathering space and location for community events such as the Easter Egg Hunt. It is also a buffer between the downtown and the adjacent railroad tracks. Soledad Gateway Center, including some city offices, is located at the park. Historic and interpretive signage, picnic tables, benches, and an iconic clock are features of the park. Street trees provide shade, and additional shade trees are on a currently undeveloped area of the property. A restroom has recently been installed.

Cesar Chavez Park is adjacent to the site designated for the Container Village, and will be a key part of the planned downtown Community Hub.

Recommendations:

- Activate this park to become an integral part of the Community Hub that engages the area and provides a place for the community to gather.
- Encourage use during the Farmer's Market
- Add wind protection and buffer from the railroad tracks.
- Increase seating and community gathering options, as well as more picnic areas.
- Provide small-footprint games such as bocce ball, cornhole or horseshoes.
- Develop a stage area or gazebo for music and events.

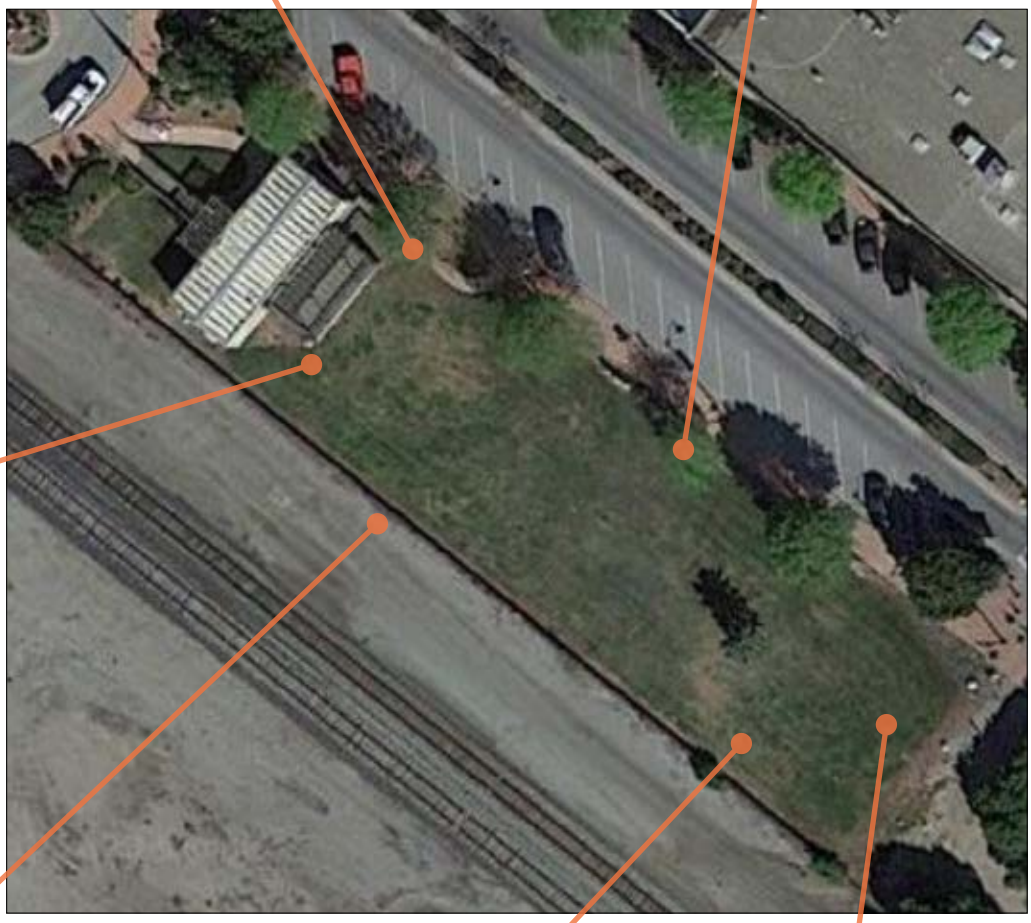
Cesar Chavez Park

Horseshoes, Small Foot-print Games



Movable Seating





Community Gathering Areas





Windbreaks



Community Events in the Park



Music Performance Areas



San Vicente Road PG&E Easement Trail

Vision: Connect to City Trail

Description: A meandering concrete walk runs almost a mile along San Vicente Road in the PG&E easement owned by the City. It is a well-used walking path with views over the valley and to the surrounding mountains. It is an important portion of a future walking circuit around the city.

Recommendation:

- Use the trail as a central link for the city trail mentioned above.
- Replace lawns with sustainable native and climate adapted, low maintenance and drought tolerant landscaping.
- Provide occasional benches or seating areas along the walkway.
- Explore the possibility of adding fitness elements and shade.



Native Plantings



E. Future Sites and Opportunities



Gabilan Pond Park

Vision: Create a Community Park with new and unique amenities to serve the Community.

Description: Former detention basin is slated to be developed with features to serve the community. It connects to the pocket park directly south on Serra Lane. As it is a basin, the topography provides some potential for decent wind protection. A childcare facility may be developed adjacent to the future park site.

A first round of community engagement, an on-line survey, generated 430 responses,. The elements most favored by the respondents were (in order of popularity):

- Walking track
- Outdoor gym
- Disc golf
- Pump track
- Playground
- Picnic tables
- Amphitheater
- Dog park

Other Notable Responses Included:

- Multi-use court
- Basketball
- Volleyball

Accounting for duplication, the results of the banner survey are shown in Figure 18.

Recommendations:

- Continue to engage the community to refine preferred uses and name for the future park.
- Leverage the natural topography to protect future activities from the wind and consider uses that are not available in other locations, and uses that are well suited to the distinctive elements of the site.
- Prepare an RFP for planning, concepts, and final PS&E's for construction of the park.



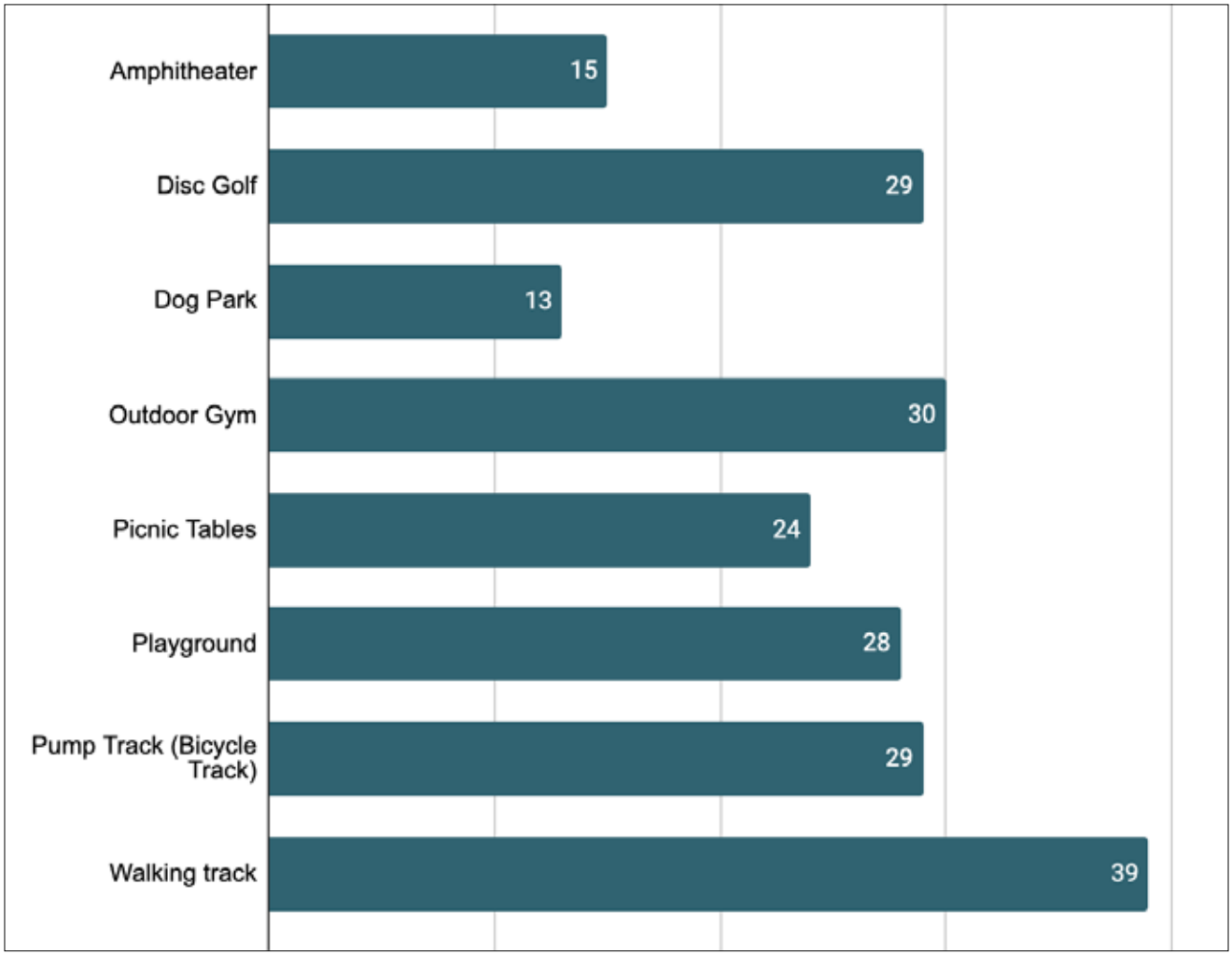


Figure 16. Banner Responses



Los Coches Adobe

Vision: Restore this historic landmark to serve as a community and tourist destination.

Description: The focal point of this site is the Los Coches Adobe, a California Historical Landmark (aka Richardson Adobe), built in 1843, with subsequent additions through the 1860's. The adobe is being protected for future restoration and is not accessible to the public at this time. The lower part of the site includes some mature trees, beautiful views and a sense of access to nature.

Recommendations:

- Continue to proactively protect the historic structures to prevent deterioration and damage.
- Seek federal funding for protection of this historic landmark.
- Pursue funding for a phased Master Plan for the historic structures and immediate grounds. A Master Plan for the historic structures will guide a phased approach to preservation and restoration, and will enable and facilitate fundraising to support the project. Possible future use as an event space could provide community benefit, invite tourists and visitors, and generate income to support operations.
- Provide historic interpretive signage. Consider creating walking paths, picnic areas and wedding and formal rental spots if the grounds are developed into a park. This historic landmark should be designed as a destination park with special spaces and activities that enable a longer stay, if feasible given agricultural buffer requirements.



Landfill Site

Vision: Develop the site for multiple functions, sports uses, and walking and biking trails.

Description: This large former landfill site is a discontinuous parcel in the Gabilan foothills, north of the city core. The site has expansive views in all directions, of the Salinas Valley, the Coastal Range and the Gabilan Range. It has space for walking and/or biking trails. The site's southern portion is relatively flat. Current users include two long distance shooting ranges. The shooting ranges have a 20 year lease, and their use of the property poses potential safety conflicts.



Adult Soccer Fields

Recommendations:

- Explore the potential for active uses along the southern boundary of the site, particularly the development of multiple adult soccer fields.
- Determine what, if any, engineering studies might be required to evaluate suitability for recreation uses.
- Extended city bike routes and walking paths to the site and consider the addition of water stations and bathrooms to provide a good end point if only limited use is possible.
- As recreation use becomes possible, develop hiking and biking trails through the area.



Water Reclamation Facility/Riverwalk

Vision: Create a wetland park for primarily passive recreational uses and enhanced habitat, connected to greater Soledad via a recreational trail along the Salinas River.

Description: The City's wastewater treatment site includes former rapid infiltration basins. These basins have been the subject of a 2022 study evaluating the conversion of the basins to wetlands with associated recreational uses. The study examines two alternatives on approximately 12 acres of the treatment plant site.

The wastewater treatment plant is adjacent to the Salinas River. A preliminary concept for a recreational path with interpretive elements along the river has been proposed by the Western Rivers Conservancy. The path would be accessed from Nestles Road and would run to the treatment plant. The Conservancy proposes to partner with the City for development of this park, including negotiations with the private property owners and the County Agricultural Commissioner. Monterey County has also expressed an interest the possibility of developing a park along the Salinas River going eastward toward Greenfield.

Recommendations:

- Continue to evaluate and consider the proposed alternatives for conversion of a portion of the wastewater treatment plant to wetlands with recreational amenities.
- Continue to explore a partnership with the Western Rivers Conservancy to develop a recreational and interpretive path along the Salinas River. Explore the possibility of partnering with Monterey County to create an extended park/trail that continues eastward along the river.



Miramonte

Vision: Complete an integrated park and trail system that complements and connects with Soledad's existing parks.

Description: The Miramonte Specific Plan identifies seven neighborhood parks, two recreation/sport parks, a community park, a picnic park, linear park, and an open space trail system to serve plan area residents. The Specific Plan provides a variety of passive and active recreational and open space amenities. Development of the Miramonte park system should be coordinated and considered in conjunction with Soledad's existing park system, to ensure that the elements included in Miramonte's parks complement the existing parks and create a balanced and equitable overall system.

Recommendations:

- Work with Miramonte's developers to ensure that elements included in the new parks - particularly the community park and the recreation/sport park - complement and integrate with Soledad's existing parks and facilities for a system with a complete and equitable distribution of features, amenities, and activities.
- Ensure that pedestrian/bicycle connectivity and access to the hillside open space area trail network is integrated and maximized for all of Soledad's residents.





Lions Club Building

Vision: Expand the City's indoor recreation and meeting spaces, either in the existing building, or a new community recreation facility on this or the adjacent City owned site.

Description: This is a City-owned building across the street from Vosti Park, currently leased to the Lions Club. The building has a social hall which could function as an activity, class, or meeting space. It also has a kitchen and large group BBQ's. This location is a potential future housing site but would be replaced with a similar community area.

Recommendations:

- Explore the possibility of partnering with the Lions Club to create a satellite community center or teen center.
- If the site is developed as housing, include a community space to serve as a satellite community center.



Teen Center

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7. Recreation Programming



A. Recreation Programming Recommendations

Overall Programming

With the funding from Measure Y and Measure S, the City has a sustained level of funding to support recreation programming, however it is not enough to fully realize the potential and need identified in this plan. The Department will need to **continue to be strategic, agile, and opportunistic** in its development of services, focusing on the highest and greatest needs. Further, the City and the Department will need to continue to determine the appropriate level fees for programs and what percentage of costs they need to cover to maintain high quality programs.

Unlike facilities planning, program planning is much more **changeable and requires seasonal adjustments**, which in turn allows flexibility and time to adjust to new trends and ideas. The following recommendations are general strategies that the department should employ over time and strive for as it grows and establishes great participation and reach.

Recreation programming is a critical tool to **bolster the usage** of the parks, community buildings as well as **improve safety** by activating otherwise underutilized areas. By thoughtfully developing and operating a diverse range of programs, the City can begin to **address the needs of all residents, enhance overall community wellness and connections** and help the parks function better and be fully utilized. Well-designed programs can be a cost-effective way to serve the community, provide flexible and relevant activities with the potential to become self-sustaining, improve community health and wellbeing and offer a welcoming



Teen Movie and Game Nights



Adult Dance Classes

user experience for residents who may not otherwise go to a park.

According to the 2023 NRPA Agency Performance Review, 94% of park and recreation agencies nationwide provide recreation programming. Of those agencies providing programming, the most prevalent types include special events, social events, team sports and fitness and health programming.

Further recreation programming can be a tool to help engage and serve two critical audiences: seniors and teens. Developing programs for active seniors as well as those who are looking for community and connection is critical. For teens, programs can help redirect their energy to more positive activities, nurture new skills, create stronger ties, and improve their desire to care for parks.

The City began programming in 2021, focused on the Community Center. That experience and ongoing growth is helping to enrich and expand the opportunities within the community. Building the staff, partners, and active participation of the community for future will be essential for the overall success of the Department.

To that end, the City should continue to explore programs and activities at the Community Center and expand its presence in the city's parks to serve and engage the Soledad community.

Programming Focus Areas

Continue to explore a range of programs to serve all of the Soledad community, targeting hard to reach teens and adults. Offer programs on a pilot basis and build on successes. Examples include:

- The community expressed the desire for additional fitness programs, and emphasized teaching kids how to stay active at a young age.
- Expand and enhance health and wellness-focused programming such as gymnastics and tumbling, fitness classes, walking clubs, exercise and dance, to engage and keep residents active.
- Various formats for teen programs, including Friday Night programs, movie nights and events, games, hands on science classes and programs, bike workshops, and dedicated space for arts and music.
- Weekend adult programs including fitness classes, community music, food and cultural events, fitness walks, nature outings, and the like.

- Programs for seniors, including computer education, crafts, dance, exercise, social time, trips, and games.
- Health focused programs such as culinary and healthy eating programs that foster healthy eating habits and decrease food insecurity, as well as affordable fitness, weight training, and yoga.
- Continue to partner with the Monterey County Food Bank to provide fresh produce to the community, and Meals on Wheels to deliver food to homebound residents.
- Both sports and non-sport programming that will engage girls, allowing for socializing with friends and freedom to be creative.
- Consider expanding programming and events that bring community art into public spaces, such as street chalk painting, community mural painting, or similar community art projects.
- Offer childcare to support participation.

Staffing

In order to effectively expand and continue high quality programming, staffing needs to be increased and maintained to meet the demands. Due to the city's location, the availability of experienced professionals is more limited, and the City has focused on increasing the skills of younger people to help build the Department. It will require a number of strategies to address this issue, including:

- Increasing funding to expand staff and maintain parks and facilities at the highest standard, and to meet community expectations.
- Exploring the possibility of developing intern programs with Hartnell College to increase recreation staffing. Reach out to Monterey County Arts Council for potential instructors for arts classes or community mural projects.
- Supporting the development of staff skills and capacity with increased access to professional training related to programming and serving a diverse community.
- Continuing to partner with other providers within the Salinas Valley to offer programs.
- Establishing an economically viable and



Outdoor Classroom Programs

attractive contract services program where individuals or other program specialists who are interested in offering services in Soledad can fill various gaps in programming.

- Exploring the possibility of a volunteer coordinator who could help to manage community volunteers to provide basic support to the Department.
- Creating a formal program with Hartnell College to work with students in arts, theater and other disciplines to provide programs for the City.
- Increasing the budget for the Department in order to provide more attractive salary packages to draw professionals to the Department.

Operations & Awareness

As the Department's role and efforts grow, additional operational elements will need to be addressed and expanded.

- Pursue grants and reach out to businesses and non-profits to support specific programs and improvements, and initiate focused capital campaigns, such as the current campaign for Community Center improvements, to generate funding.
- Continue to develop the Parks and Recreation Department's website as a user friendly and comprehensive website which facilitates the scheduling process.
- Build a consistent network and audience via social media and partners such as the school district, Hartnell Community College and more.
- Conduct regular surveys of users and non-users to adjust and manage program offerings.
- Evaluate expanding reservations for parks and picnic areas.
- Explore and expand coordination with the Soledad-Mission Recreation District to provide aquatic programming during the winter season.
- Prioritize Soledad residents and recreation programs over non-resident rentals and rentals that interfere with the availability of community programs and activities.
- Routinely evaluate classes and programs to ensure they are serving the full range of community members. Programs should be evaluated on a regular basis and should be updated based on trends and community demographics. This may include tailoring programs, fees, and their delivery to best serve community members.
- Strive to make programming that is affordable and accessible to all, considering those on a strict budget.
- Ensure equitable services by providing access to recreation programs throughout the city, utilizing parks and partner facilities.
- Continue to bring recreation to residents through a mobile recreation center that brings games, equipment, and activities to all areas of the city on a rotating schedule.



Community Art Programs



B. Programming in Parks

Recommendations

Currently, the majority of programming is within the community center. As the Department grows and as a strategy to help activate parks, adding a range of programs in the parks will increase overall park use and services to the community. Following are some of the key elements to consider expanding as the Department moves forward:

- Activate parks with programming and enhanced design to ensure they are welcoming and safe for all. Inviting users with engaging programs and unique features brings more eyes on the park.
- Promote picnic and park rentals in Orchard Park and expand rental opportunities to other parks. As sheltered gathering spaces are added to the parks, make them available on a rental basis with a user-friendly reservation system.
- Continue to produce and support community events in the parks, as community engagement revealed this to be a high priority.
- Community engagement indicated that walking paths are also a high priority in Soledad. Support this activity by organizing group walks with staff or volunteer group leaders. Create online and printed walking/biking maps for residents to explore new routes and fun walks around the city.
- Expand summer camps as City staffing allows, or in partnership coordination with Hartnell College.
- Explore new adult recreation programs and classes in parks, such as futsal, yoga, exercise, and volleyball, as well as arts and cultural programs desired by the community.
- Develop a system for outside providers to use city park spaces for activities such as cross-fit, martial arts, or yoga in the parks. Consider options for renting park space for private classes or partnering to co-promote classes on a fee sharing basis.
- Provide additional recreational opportunities at neighborhood parks. Expand the mobile recreation vehicle's schedule to loan equipment and games at various locations, and schedule play days with recreation staff in various neighborhoods. Where parks are limited, such as in the southeast part of Soledad, consider temporary block closures to create play spaces.
- Explore collaboration with a school or interested organization for an opportunity to plant and maintain community fruit trees or a community garden.

Park Programming Conceptual Ideas



Park Party Rentals



Community Events in the Park



Youth Activities



Rent-able Sheltered Picnic Areas



Walking Groups



Fitness Programs in the Park



C. Programming Cost Recovery & Fees

The programs and services of Soledad's Parks and Recreation Department are provided at varying levels of subsidy and cost recovery. The fees and costs for programs and services should be evaluated through the lenses of core community values and the extent and level of community benefit provided. Further, cost recovery objectives should be reviewed in the context of affordability and inclusion.

Following is a framework based on the Cost Recovery Pyramid shown below, from which to assess program offerings and to help determine where the City should focus resources.

This framework is also a tool to prioritize allocation of subsidies and resources, and to determine programs and services that should recover full costs or be provided in partnership with or by the private sector. Creating a balance of programs along the pyramid can help serve a range of audiences but also create a means to increase overall funds to offset some community benefit programs.

A key element is the assessment of who benefits from the programs and services - those with the widest community benefits form the foundation of the Department's core services, and more specialized services should be considered as resources allow. By categorizing each program and service according to how it relates to community values and departmental mission, and how widespread is the benefit, allocation of public funds can be rationally determined.

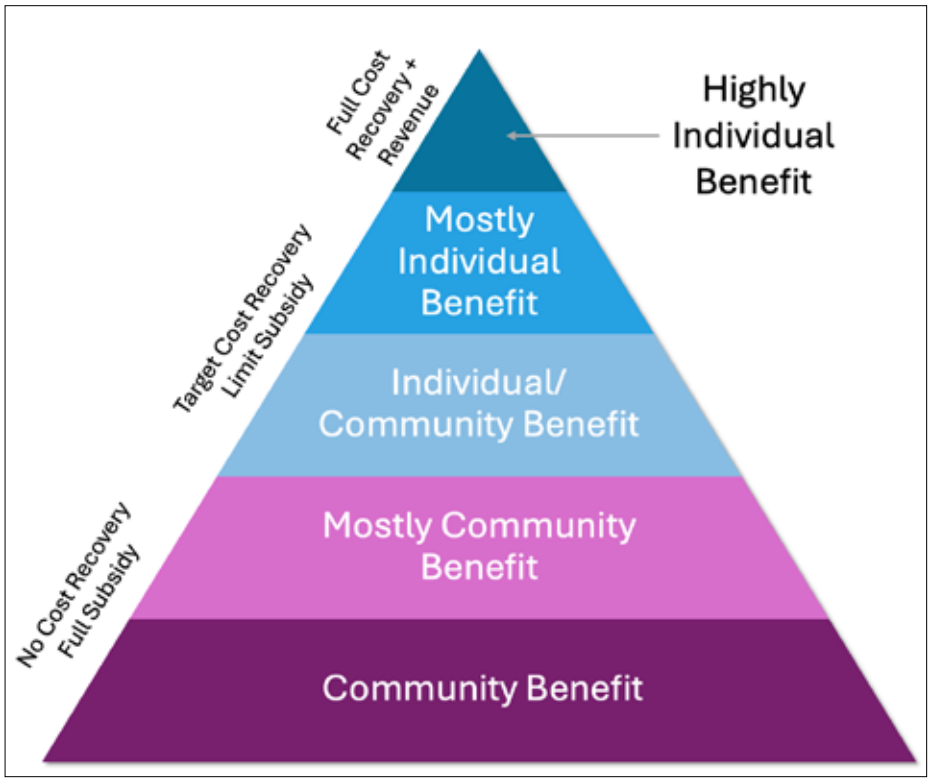


Figure 17. Recreation Fees Pyramid

Community Benefit

Services which carry out multiple aspects of the Department's mission and mostly benefit the community as a whole are core services. Core programs and services should generally be offered at no or minimal cost to the community. These might include:

- Continuing to provide parks in accordance with Soledad's acreage and access standards, as the city grows
- Expanding the scholarship program to reach more low-income children, youth and seniors, as well as adults
- Sponsoring community-wide events at the City's parks
- Expanding outreach to broaden participation in recreation programs
- Expanding the mobile recreation unit program to bring resources to the entire community
- Providing public art or cultural activities
- Meeting the needs of Soledad's underserved population

Mostly Community Benefit

Services which address multiple aspects of the Department's mission through opportunities for individual participation and basic skill development form the next level of services. Costs may be at least partially offset by participant fees, but the community benefit justifies significant subsidy. These might include:

- Classes and activities for seniors
- Early childhood programs
- Health and wellness classes
- Community gardens
- Beginning dance or music classes for children and youth

Individual/Community Benefit

While these services do carry out elements of the Department's mission and provide community benefit, there is a higher level of individual benefit, as the focus is more specialized. Fees for these programs should recover a higher percentage of the costs than those in the previous categories. These might include:

- Camps and excursions
- Youth and adult sports leagues

Mostly Individual Benefit

Specialized services appealing to a narrower group of participants should cover a high percentage, if not all, of direct and indirect costs. These might include:

- Activities requiring specialized equipment or supplies (e.g. ceramics)
- Adult enrichment classes
- Adult fitness classes, yoga, Pilates
- Specialized youth classes such as martial arts

Highly Individual Benefit

These are services which the Department is able to provide, but either fall outside the Department's mission, are also provided by private entities, or can generate revenue to support other programs and services. These might include:

- Facility rentals for private events
- Weddings, Quinceañeras

After determining where on the pyramid specific programs and services may be

classified, a cost recovery plan should be developed to support the City's delivery of programs and services.

Fees should be set at a rate that encourages repeat, on-going use with consideration given to the users ability to pay. Specific cost recovery goals and user fees should be continually monitored. A cost recovery plan will identify opportunities to offset maintenance and operations costs with user fees. The Department should prepare a plan that identifies appropriate user fees taking the following into consideration:

- Comparative analysis of fees of local private, non-profit and public providers of similar facilities
- Actual costs of operations and maintenance of facilities.



8. Implementation

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Prioritization

With limited funding and resources, the City of Soledad's Parks and Recreation Department must allocate their resources based on their mission and core values and on the needs of the community. The recommendations within this plan are designed to inform the City's efforts for next 20-years and this section for implementation helps to indicate the relative importance for each recommendation. The "Implementation Level" graphic on the following page details how to understand various recommendations and how important or urgent they may be.

Tables 5 - 7 on the following pages indicate Priorities of projects recommended in this PRMP, based on current needs, opportunities, resources and circumstances. Some key projects have emerged that should be implemented sooner than others, but a majority will be implemented over time based on how they meet the Vision and Goals of this plan. Additional future projects may arise from unforeseen opportunities or changing circumstances, and should be considered on their merits, alignment with the Vision and Goals, and funding and/or staffing availability. This plan provides an overarching framework for these decisions using the following categories to categorize each project.

Capital & Maintenance Projects

Within the overall park system, prioritization of individual projects is critical to achieving an integrated, high-quality park system. Resources, expenditures, and benefits must be carefully weighed, and the overall value of each project must be analyzed within the context of the City's Vision and Goals. Potential projects must also be evaluated based on available funding, resources and partnerships. Prioritization must consider the need, positive impacts on the community, and implications for maintenance and operations budgets and staffing, which all must be balanced with other critical City priorities.

The PRMP Goals provide the basis for prioritization and with the use of a simple checklist on the following page, the city can assess and evaluate proposed projects. By assigning a value to each element, a "+" for a benefit, "0" for neutral, or "-" for negative, the staff can assess how well a project may align with the plans goals. This criteria may evolve overtime.

Criteria		Benefit (+)	Neutral (0)	Negative (-)
1. Health and Wellness				
	Contributes to the health and wellness of all ages and abilities			
	Creates awareness and recognition of health benefits			
	Corrects conditions that are safety hazards or code violations (e.g. unsafe equipment, seismic upgrade)			
	Provides safety and security for the users and property (e.g. visibility, lighting, gate, etc.)			
2. Connectivity and Access				
	Improves park access in an underserved community (e.g. new park, partnership agreement)			
	Corrects ADA deficiencies			
	Improves connectivity to other parks or destinations			
	Serves the entire community			
	Improves parks located on accessible pedestrian / bicycle corridors			
	Adds new amenity to expand programming or events			
	Increases access via bike or walking			
3. Inclusive and Equitable				
	Improves or expands facilities for an underserved neighborhood			
	Significant community input has expressed the need for the project			
	Improves potential for programs and service for at-risk youth			
	Supports a park that is currently well used			
	Increases or supports affordable recreation opportunities			
	Improves the aesthetic and/or environmental quality of the city or neighborhood			
	Preserves, improves or enhances cultural, historical or natural resources			
4. Sustainable, Resilient and Well-Maintained				
	Preserves the integrity of the city's existing infrastructure			
	Provides major or minor repairs/renovations to an existing facility			
	Improves maintenance efficiencies or reduces ongoing maintenance costs			
	Generates revenues for offsets costs			
	Reduces wind, provides shade, or supports climate-friendly addition			
	Replaces less sustainable amenity or feature (i.e., native plantings for turf)			
	Preserves natural or historic settings, and educates			
5. Expand Resources and Partnerships				
	Funding is available			
	Provides opportunities for engagement or volunteerism			
	Leverages funding from another city project/initiative and/or with private or public entity			
	Joint use or collaboration is possible with outside public agencies (e.g. Hartnell College, Soledad-Mission Recreation Department)			
	Provides collaborative opportunities with non-profit organizations (e.g. Western Rivers Conservancy, Blue Zones)			
	Overall Benefit?			

Figure 18. Park Improvement Criteria Evaluation Checklist

Implementation Levels

The PRMP's recommendations span a 20-year timeframe, enabling the city to prioritize the most necessary improvements for today and plan for future needs as funding and demand changes. Recommendations are identified as:



Critical Need: *0-2 years*

Representing an immediate need, safety improvement or opportunity that should be acted upon within the next 2 years



General Need: *0-5 years*

Not required immediately, but important to complete within the next 5 years



Ongoing Maintenance & Operations: *Ongoing*

Requiring ongoing maintenance and or change in policy or operation practices



Adds Community Benefit: *When possible*

Not time sensitive, but should be done if funds and resources allow



Meeting the Vision: *5-20 years*

Not an immediate need, but aiming to achieve the vision in the timeline of this plan

The Soledad Parks and Recreation Master Plan is a living document. The Plan's Guidelines and Implementation criteria are designed to allow the City the flexibility to respond to changing circumstances and needs, such as opportunities that are unforeseen at the time of this document, and to provide nimble responses to unforeseen challenges that may arise.

Priorities & Phasing

The following tables prioritize identified projects that the City should undertake. On each of the following tables, projects identified by the City as highest priority are noted with the symbol **.

The planning level costs for the capital projects are based on recent Soledad project costs and the current Soledad CIP, as well as the consultants' experience with recent built projects. It should be noted that the costs do not include contingencies (typically estimated at 20%) or "soft costs" including project administration (typically estimated as 30% of base project costs). They are current costs, subject to inflation, which has averaged between 3% and 5% annually since 2011, with the exception of 2021 and 2022 when it rose to 8-12%. The table's costs should be adjusted on a regular basis.



Table 5. Capital Improvement Priorities

Capital Improvement Priorities		
**** Indicates projects identified by City as highest priorities**	**Description**	**Cost**
Critical (within 2 years)		
** Initiate Development of Gabilan Pond Park	Prepare RFP and hire consultant for development of concepts and PS&E's for construction of the park, with features desired by the community.	$170,000
** Chester Aaroe Little League Park Renovations	Transition the area with the basketball courts, former skate park, and dirt lot into a viable recreational opportunity by working with the community to determine their priorities. Prepare plans and undertake construction.	$1,025,000
** Vosti Park Improvements	Improve the park's walking path and add fitness/ exercise equipment. Improve playground areas, including using poured in place surfacing.	$730,000
** Aurelio N. Ramirez Park	Improve the playground, including using poured in place surfacing, add fitness stations.	$610,000
** Jesse Gallardo Park	Resurface tennis courts.	$15,000
** Blas Santana Park Improvement Plans	Initiate planning for improvements and upgrades, including removal of concrete structure, improved field maintenance, enlarged restrooms, and features desired by the community such as hangout spaces and challenge elements to create a teen hub.	$75,000
Los Coches Adobe	Apply for federal funding to proactively protect the historic structures to prevent deterioration and damage.	$500,000

Table 5. Capital Improvement Priorities (continued)

Capital Improvement Priorities		
**** Indicates projects identified by City as highest priorities**	**Description**	**Cost**
Additional Community Center improvements	Introduce phased renovations to the Community Center to improve and expand use areas, and developing the Center as a resilience hub.	$1,370,000
Community Center outdoor spaces and lobby areas	Add furniture and welcoming amenities to lobby areas, improve outdoor spaces with wind protection for additional programs space.	$300,000
Systemwide Basic Improvements	Ensure that parks have BBQs, picnic tables, benches, drinking fountain, bike racks, doggie bag stations, and trash and recycling receptacles.	$135,000 annually
Trees and Wind Protection	Replace missing and dying trees for wind protection, shade, cooling and aesthetics. Plant windbreak trees or construct wind shelters at park gathering areas.	Varies by site
General (within 5 year as funding allows)		
** Construct Gabilan Pond Park	Construct park per PS&E's previously prepared.	$4,158,000
** Blas Santana Park Improvements	Prepare PS&E's for improvements and upgrades, including removal of concrete structure, improved field maintenance, enlarged restrooms, and features desired by the community such as hangout spaces and challenge elements to create a teen hub.	$1,310,000
Aurelio N. Ramirez Park	Upgrade, and add features to expand use, such as a half basketball or multi-use court, and a sheltered picnic area with BBQ.	$650,000
Veterans Memorial Park	Update and improve access throughout the park by repairing and improving the park pathways, making the playground ADA accessible and adding fitness equipment and a Veterans' Memorial.	$730,000
Community Hub/Cesar Chavez Park	Create a community hub in Soledad's downtown. Enhance Cesar Chavez Park with additional seating and gathering options, small footprint games, and an area for small performances and events.	$500,000
Path and Trail Network	Continue to develop and expand safe routes around and through Soledad, and provide amenities to support trails as recreational assets.	TBD

Table 5. Capital Improvement Priorities (continued)

Capital Improvement Priorities		
**** Indicates projects identified by City as highest priorities**	**Description**	**Cost**
Adds Community Benefit (5+ years as funding allows)		
Joe O. Ledesma Park	Re-surface play area with poured in place	$200,000
Vintage Estates Subdivision Park (Parcel E)	Re-surface play area with poured in place	$50,000
Orchard Lane Park	No changes necessary	$0
Lum Memorial Park/ Peverini Park	Upgrade, including recommended improvements such as improving large group picnic area, converting basketball to multi-use court, adding fitness equipment and creating murals on the adjacent water tanks.	$1,050,000
San Antonio Park	Enhance park with small picnic area and small footprint play features.	$100,000
Santa Barbara Park	Enhance with amenities such as a small playground and fitness stations.	$100,000
Meeting the Vision (20-year time horizon)		
Additional Indoor Community Space	Identify an additional location for recreation programming and rentals, such as the Lions Club Building, or similar space within a new development.	TBD
Los Coches Adobe	Obtain funding and initiate a master planning process for phased restoration and improvements to the Los Coches buildings and property.	$100,000
Water Reclamation Facility	Pursue funding for a recreational trail along the Salinas River, and conversion of water treatment ponds to recreational use.	TBD
Miramonte	Work with Miramonte's developers to ensure that elements included in the new parks - particularly the community park and the recreation/sport park - complement Soledad's existing parks.	TBD
Landfill Site	Initiate planning for future recreational uses.	$170,000
Path and Trail Network	Complete a loop trail around the city, with a network of safe routes around and through Soledad, and amenities to support trails as recreational assets.	TBD

Table 6. Recreation Priorities

Recreation Priorities (** Indicated by the City as highest priorities)	
Critical (Initiate within 2 years)	
** Programming Partners	Continue to seek partnership opportunities to expand program capacities and offerings.
** Facility Use	Prioritize facility use capacities to ensure maximization of program offerings in available space and bandwidth.
** Programming Policies	Establish policies that ensure consistency, safety, and efficiency: emergency response, risk management, financial, etc.
** Programming Access	Continue to explore ways to provide recreational opportunities to the community at large, not just those that can access the Community Center
Reach Underserved Areas	Explore opportunities to add parks, play streets, or play spaces in the areas of the city lacking park access (See 10 minute walk map)
Increase Program Staffing and/or Contract Staff	Explore funding mechanisms and partnerships to help fund additional program staff.
General (within 5 year as funding allows)	
Cost Recovery and Fee Plan	As detailed in Program Recommendations, develop formal cost recovery and fee program to increase revenues and align mission and services.

Table 7. Maintenance Priorities

Maintenance Priorities (** Indicated by the City as highest priorities)	
Ongoing	
** Vosti Park Maintenance	Focus additional maintenance efforts to keep up with the use level of this popular park.
** Address Irrigation Issues	Prioritize staff focus on needed irrigation repairs.
Operations and Maintenance	Conduct baseline maintenance for all parks to address critical and functional issues.
Playgrounds	Develop lifecycle replacement schedules for upgrading play equipment. As playgrounds are renovated, replace shredded rubber surfacing with poured in place surfacing
Maintenance and Operations	Increase staffing funding to maintain parks and facilities at a high level.

Capital Improvement Program & Estimated Improvement Costs

The following costs are estimates based on current construction costs and should be used for order-of-magnitude, planning purposes only.

Table 8. Planning Level Improvement Costs

Improvement /Project	Description/Assumptions	Qty	Approx. Construction Costs	Construction + Contingency (20%)	Construction + Contingency + "soft costs" (30%)
Basic Park Improvements	Grading, drainage, utility connections, walkways, turf, trees, irrigation, lighting, benches, trash receptacles, bike rack	1 acre	$1,100,000	$1,320,000	$1,716,000
Basic Improvements (per acre) - Large Parks	Grading, drainage, utility connections, walkways, turf, trees, irrigation, lighting, benches, trash receptacles, bike rack	1 acre	$1,200,000	$1,440,000	$1,872,000
Play Area - basic	Grading, play equipment (2-5 years and 5-12 years), poured in place surfacing, seating, shade, trash receptacles	5,000 s.f.	$850,000	$1,020,000	$1,326,000
Play Area - premium all abilities	Top of the line, completely accessible play area with accessible restroom	5,000 s.f.	$3,500,000	$4,200,000	$5,460,000
Restroom - small	Prefabricated ADA restroom with 2 toilets and sinks, concrete foundation, storage, photo-sensor locks, drinking fountain, trash receptacles, planting	500 s.f.	$500,000	$600,000	$780,000
Restroom/ Concession	!,700 s.f. ADA restroom/ concession/office, concrete foundation, 6 toilets, sinks, drinking fountain, trash receptacles, planting	2,000 s.f.	$1,050,000	$1,260,000	$1,638,000
Gathering Space	Entry feature/signage, 4,000 sf gathering plaza, shade structure, enhanced planting	6,000 s.f.	$400,000	$480,000	$624,000
Multi-Use Turf	Grading, natural turf, irrigation, drainage	1 acre	$750,000	$900,000	$1,170,000

Table 8. Planning Level Improvement Costs (continued)

Improvement /Project	Description/Assumptions	Qty	Approx. Construction Costs	Construction + Contingency (20%)	Construction + Contingency + "soft costs" (30%)
Picnic Area - Small	Picnic tables (2), BBQ grills, 800 sf concrete paving, drinking fountain with spigot, trash receptacle, trees or structure for shade	3,000 s.f.	$200,000	$240,000	$312,000
Group Picnic Area - Medium	Picnic tables (6), BBQ grills, 1,600 sf concrete paving, drinking fountain with spigot, trash receptacle, trees or structure for shade/wind	6,000 s.f.	$350,000	$420,000	$546,000
Pump Track - Dirt	Dirt, fenced	9,000 s.f.	$325,000	$390,000	$507,000
Pump Track - Asphalt	Asphalt, fenced	9,000 s.f.	$425,000	$510,000	$663,000
Dog Park	Perimeter fencing for 0.5 acre park, water faucet, decomposed granite area, trash/doggy station, shade, signage	0.5 acre	$650,000	$780,000	$1,014,000
Basketball Court - basic, lighted	Court paving, court surface and striping, basketball standards, trash receptacles, misc concrete paving, court lighting	8,000 s.f.	$450,000	$540,000	$702,000
Fitness Stations	Exercise equipment installed in a group, or along a path	6 fitness stations	$100,000	$120,000	$156,000
Natural Park/ Trail (per acre)	Grading, soil prep, hydroseed, decomposed granite paths, bench, trash receptacles, trees	1 acre	$650,000	$780,000	$1,014,000
Poured in place rubber surfacing	Ag base, rubber mix, installation	1,000 s.f.	$50,000	$60,000	$78,000
Trail/Walking Path	New 5' wide, natural materials	1 mile	$100,000	$120,000	$156,000



A. Funding Mechanisms

City Funding Sources

Soledad receives the majority of its stable funding stream for parks and recreation from property taxes and sales taxes. Measure Y, a temporary measure passed in 2012 and extended through 2032, created an emergency 1% sales tax to preserve City services. About 7% of the funds it generates has supported parks and recreation through the General Fund. Measure S, a permanent half percent sales tax to fund quality of life services for the community, became effective in 2021, and allowed the City to create its own Recreation Department. As new development occurs, the City receives Park Development Impact Fees as well.

As Soledad continues to grow, the City could consider adopting an ordinance pursuant to California Government Code Section 66477, generally known as the Quimby Act. A Quimby Act ordinance would require the dedication of land or impose a requirement of the payment of fees in lieu thereof, or a combination of both, for park or recreational purposes as a condition to the approval of a tentative map or parcel map for new subdivision, if a number of specific requirements are met, as detailed in the Government Code. The Act's purpose is to ensure that new development will provide its share of at least 3 acres of park per 1,000 residents of the new subdivision.

In addition to the maintenance of parks funded by the City's General Fund, a number of parks are maintained by Special Maintenance and Benefit Assessment Districts. The City can create new special assessment districts, wherein property owners are assessed an annual amount dedicated to the upkeep of their parks and streetscapes. This type of

Benefits of parks & recreation:

- Improved physical health and mental health
- Places to relax and socialize
- Well maintained parks increase property values
- Attract non-residents to the area who spend money on local businesses
- Safe and interesting places to hang out and quality recreation programming positively impact youth and reduce delinquency
- Historic, artistic, and natural features can function as outdoor classrooms and provide inspiration
- Mitigate extreme heat and wind impacts
- Mitigate stormwater and flooding



Blue Zones

assessment must be approved by vote of the impacted property owners, which is a significant challenge. To successfully establish an assessment district, the City must actively involve its citizens and communicate the many and varied benefits they enjoy from their parks. The City must outreach to property owners and present a clear case for the benefits that the park system provides them, and the need for the requested funding.

Government & Foundation Grant Funding

Governmental grants have historically provided a substantial source of capital for park and recreation agencies. A number of private foundations and non-profit organizations also provide capital grants for park and recreation projects. Most grant programs have become extremely competitive. A strong grant-writing and grants management program is critical to identifying, making applications, and securing grant funding. With limited staff, the Department should be strategic about the grants it pursues.

While there are various grants available specifically for park and recreation projects, grant programs with other focus areas may also support park and recreation projects that provide multiple benefits, such as environmental resilience and sustainability, health and wellness, habitat preservation or development, and open space protection. Recent federal legislation is allocating significant funding for projects that plan and design improved trail and greenways, use nature-based solutions to address stormwater management, create climate-smart rural communities, conserve public lands and restore ecosystems, and plant trees. Many potential Department projects can fulfill these goals and be competitive for funding. A number of governmental grants, such as Land and Water Conservation Fund grants, are administered through the State of California and include weighted criteria that consider whether a proposed project benefits a disadvantaged community. At the time of this report, the State's Community FactFinder website indicates that most of Soledad's parks are within a half mile of an identified disadvantaged community and/or a severely disadvantaged community, thus increasing the possibility of grant funding for projects at the City's parks and facilities.

Leverage Resources

Many grants have matching fund requirements. Leveraging resources made available through private fund raising or other sources will increase grant revenues that



Community Volunteers

would otherwise be unavailable. Examples of resource leveraging include public/private partnerships, and volunteerism. Phasing projects and making them manageable sometimes increases the opportunity to leverage resources. Development of a connected trail system around the city, or renovation of the Los Coches Adobe are examples of projects that could be phased to provide significant community benefit.

Volunteer Community Leadership

Volunteers may be engaged for park maintenance and operations. Although they cannot come close to compensating for the funds needed to provide professional park services, volunteer efforts can help to stretch existing revenues. Nonprofit clubs and organizations can provide further volunteer resources. An example of an active organization in the city is the Soledad Little League, which helps to maintain the Chester Aaroe Park ballfield.

A further benefit of involving the public in park stewardship is a strengthening of sense of community, and an increased awareness of the need for funds to maintain and operate parks. This can help to build the public support necessary to enact an assessment or other revenue measure for park operations, as discussed above. A successful individual donor campaign typically requires strong, visible community leaders who will both "give and get." These individuals can, with proper support, provide endorsement, access to wealth, and a sense of enthusiasm in an otherwise crowded fundraising marketplace.

Naming, Sponsorships, & Adopt-a-Park Programs

Another method of securing private funding is through sponsorship. Many events, facilities and programs lend themselves to business sponsorships that provide visibility and generate good will for the businesses concerned. The Department's events such as the Easter event at Cesar Chavez Park, as well as other community-wide events are prime examples of sponsorship opportunities.

The City should create opportunities for residents to provide targeted funding for the maintenance, improvement, or addition to a specific park. This can be formalized by working with a Friends of the Parks group or establishing an adopt-a-park program. Programs whereby citizens may donate funds for installation of a bench, tree or other park improvement in recognition and commemoration of a person, event, group,



Commemoration Benches

or organization can enhance and inspire. These programs may not generate substantial funding but can provide a positive tool for engagement, stewardship of parks, and a sense of community. A "Friends of the Parks" organization can also provide the department with additional fundraising capacity for specific targeted projects, or for general support, whether by memberships, hosting fundraising events, or being a conduit for soliciting donations of funds, in-kind materials or equipment, or services.

Legacy giving is the number one form of giving in the U.S. Such a program may be an additional source of funding for the Recreation and Parks Department. Funds may be designated for operations as well as for capital projects.

Environmental Efficiencies & Rebates

The emphasis on energy-efficient systems and buildings with cost effective design is a major factor in the long-term sustainability of costs. However, these systems typically have greater initial costs and savings are leveraged over the life of the building and its systems. The City should continue to use cost-effective designs in all park and facility designs and renovations, and a LEED policy should be established. There are local (such as PG&E), state, and federal rebates that are sometimes available to offset these costs. The City should take advantage of these opportunities as they are available.

Public & Private Partnerships

Partnership with private and public organizations, including users, and even some vendors, can generate resources for facility operations and improvements. The Department should expand and enhance partnerships with government entities, the county, agencies, non-profits, and other providers (and facility owners) to assist with offering programs, sharing maintenance efforts, or sharing facilities. Partners may include the Soledad Unified School District, Hartnell College, Blue Zones Project, the Soledad Historical Society, the Lions Club, Pinnacles National Park, the Pinnacles Gateway Partners Association, Monterey County Arts Council, and others. The City could explore income generating leases such as cell towers or wind turbine placement in appropriate park locations. Adding a concrete pad with power and water hookups could be a source of rental income from vendors who could set up to sell food or other goods and services at park facilities.



Mobile Health Clinics

Private Nonprofit Hospital Funding

Health and wellness is a primary focus of the Parks and Recreation Department. Private nonprofit hospitals within California must provide charitable care and other benefits to their communities in order to maintain tax exempt status. To fulfill this requirement, hospitals must work with public health agencies and other members of the community to create a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and develop a plan for addressing those needs. In 2022, the Monterey County Health Needs Collaborative was formed to create an overall assessment on behalf of all county hospitals, the County Health Department and United Way Monterey County. Soledad participants in the most recent CHNA included Soledad Chamber of Commerce, Soledad Community Health Care District, Soledad Medical Clinic, and Soledad School District.

Individual hospitals create their own implementation strategies. If expenditures on park infrastructure and recreational programming are needed to advance the health of the community, those expenditures can qualify as community benefit activities. For example, George L. Mee Memorial Hospital in King City states that it will address diabetes in the county by holding community workshops and cooking demos to promote healthy eating habits, developing a local walking map to encourage community exercise, and partnering with local farmers and or local gymnasiums to promote the benefits of healthy eating and exercise. The City should explore working with local public health agencies, school district and community organizations to ensure that the hospitals such as Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital and George L. Mee Memorial Hospital are aware of the critical importance of recreational facilities and the community benefit of supporting those facilities, and work to include those under the umbrella of their community benefit obligations pursuant to state and federal requirements.

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9. Appendices

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A. Soledad Parks Tree List

The Soledad Parks Tree List identifies a variety of trees that meet certain basic criteria which make them appropriate for consideration in Soledad's Parks. The trees on the list are suitable for Soledad's climate zone (Sunset Zone 15). They are species that have been identified as being good windbreak trees or having a high wind tolerance, are medium or low water use, and that tolerate salinity in water - an indicator of their tolerance for recycled irrigation water. Exceptions are noted in the Comments column.

The "Planting Area" column indicates species that will grow in constrained areas such as parking strips, with minimal root damage. In this column, "Park" indicates that the species need a minimum of 7 to 10 feet of root space to avoid potential root damage. Care should be taken keep these trees at a suitable distance from pathways and paved areas. Sight lines into parks should be maintained by careful placement of trees, and by limbing low branches where they obstruct views.

Table 9. Soledad Parks Tree List

Botanical Name	Common Name	Deciduous or Evergreen	Maximum Height	Spread	Water	Planting Area	Inches Per Year	Comments
Large Trees								
Acer macrophyllum	Big Leaf Maple	D	80’	30’-50’	M	Park	36	High root damage potential
Broussonetia papyrifera	Paper Mulberry	D	50’	40’	L	5’-10’	24	Wet fruit litter - avoid planting near walkways
Calodedrus decurrens	Incense Cedar	E	90’	10’-15’	VL	5’-10’	12”-24	Slow growing at first, low salt tolerance
Celtis australis	European Hackberry	D	70’	30’-50’	M	Park	24-36	Low salt tolerance
Chamaecyperis lawsoniana	Port Orford Cedar	E	120’	15’-18’	M	Park	24	
Cinnamomum camphora	Camphor Tree	E	70’	50’-60’	M	Park	24	High root damage potential, avoid near walkways and garden beds
Cupressocyparis leylandii	Leyland Cypress	E	50’	15’-25’	L	Park	36	
Cupressus sempervirens	Italian Cypress	E	70’	10’-20’	M	Park	36	
Eucalyptus polyanthemos	Silver Dollar Eucalyptus	E	80’	15’-45’	L	Park	36	
Eucalyptus sideroxylon ‘Rosea’	Red Ironbark Eucalyptus	E	90’	30’-60’	L	Park	36	High root damage potential, avoid near walkways
Fraxinus ‘Fan West’	Fan West Ash	D	50’	30’-40’	M	Park	36	
Fraxinus oxycarpa ‘Raywood’	Raywood Ash	D	50’	20’- 30’	M	Park	24	Wind tolerance not noted
Fraxinus velutino ‘Rio Grande’	Fan-Tex Ash	D	50	30 to 40	M	Park	36	Salt tolerance unknown

Table 9. Soledad Parks Tree List (continued)

Botanical Name	Common Name	Deciduous or Evergreen	Maximum Height	Spread	Water	Planting Area	Inches Per Year	Comments
Ginkgo biloba	Maidenhair Tree	D	70’	25’	M	Park	12”-24	Male trees only - female has foul smelling fruit litter
Lagunaria patersonia	Primrose Tree	E	50’	20’	M	5’-10’	36	Can be irritant - fine hairs in seed capsules
Liquidambar styraciflua	American Sweet Gum	D	80’	40’	M	Park	24-36	Low salt tolerance; high root damage potential; wind tolerance not noted
Populus nigra ‘Italica’	Lombardy Poplar	D	100’	15’-30’	M	Park	36	Good windbreak, but somewhat weak branching strength and high root damage potential - plant away from walkways
Pseudotsuga menziesii	Douglas Fir	E	200’	20’-30’	M	Park	24	
Quercus agrifolia	Coast Live Oak	E	70’	30’-70’	VL	Park	24	
Quercus chrysolepis	Canyon Live Oak	E	70’	30’	VL	Park	24	

Table 9. Soledad Parks Tree List (continued)

Botanical Name	Common Name	Deciduous or Evergreen	Maximum Height	Spread	Water	Planting Area	Inches Per Year	Comments
Schinus molle	California Pepper Tree	E	50’	25’-40’	L	Park	36	Good windbreak, but somewhat weak branching strength and high root damage potential - plant away from walkways
Sequoia sempervirens ‘Los Altos’	Los Altos Coast Redwood	E	100’	15’-30’	M	Park	36	
MEDIUM TREES								
Acacia saligna	Blue-Leaf Wattle	E	30’	15’-20’	L	5’-10’	36	Good screen; multi-trunk tree or large shrub
Acer campestre	Hedge Maple	D	30’	30’	M	5’-10’	12	Slow growing, salt tolerance unknown
Arbutus ‘Marina’	Marina Madrone	E	40’	30’	M	2’ -4’	12”-24	Wet fruit litter - avoid planting near walkways
Casuarina stricta	Mountain She-Oak, Beefwood	E	35’	20’-35’	L	5’-10’	24-36	
Melaleuca quinquenervia	Cajeput Tree	E	40’	15’-25’	L	5’-10’	24	Low maintenance, but can be invasive
Nyssa silvatica	Tupelo; Sour Gum	D	50’	20’-30’	M	Park	12’-24	

Table 9. Soledad Parks Tree List (continued)

Botanical Name	Common Name	Deciduous or Evergreen	Maximum Height	Spread	Water	Planting Area	Inches Per Year	Comments
Olea europaea 'Swan Hill'	Swan Hill Olive	E	30'	25'-30'	L	5'-10'	12'-24	Moderate maintenance - suckers, pruning; 'Swan Hill' is a fruitless variety
Pistacia chinensis	Chinese Pistache	D	40'	25'-35'	L	5'-10'	24	Excellent fall color
Tamarix aphylla	Tamarisk (Athel Tree)	D	50'	25'-50'	L	Park	24	Invasive roots

Large Trees



Acer macrophyllum



Broussonetia papyrifera



Calocedrus decurrens



Celtis australis



Chamaecyparis lawsoniana



Cinnamomum camphora



Cupressocyparis leylandii



Cupressus sempervirens



Eucalyptus polyanthemos



Eucalyptus sideroxylon



Fraxinus Fan West



Fraxinus oxycarpa "Raywood"



Fraxinus velutina "Rio Grande"



Ginkgo biloba



Lagunaria patersonia



Liquidambar styraciflua



Populus nigra "Italica"



Pseudotsuga menziesii



Quercus agrifolia



Quercus chrysolepis



Schinus molle



Sequoia sempervirens "Los Altos"

Medium Trees



Acacia saligna



Acer campestre



Arbutus marina



Casuarina stricta



Melaleuca quinquenervia



Nyssa sylvatica



Olea europaea "Swan Hill"



Pistacia chinensis



Tamarix aphylla



B. Park Inventory

Calle Valverde Park (Parcel F)







Calle Valverde at Tomasini Street

1. Pocket Park **.36** Acres

Neighborhood or pocket park in Legacy Homes subdivision. Pathway connects to Rotary Park and Soledad Community Center. Opportunity to make more interesting - use of moveable furnture, games, or other activities.

Add picnic tables, or other elements of interest.

Park Inventory

Calle Valverde Park (Parcel F)

Feature	
Passive Lawn Excellent	Focus of the park area. During the wet season, it serves as a stormwater treatment area.
Paths and Walkways Excellent	Connects to Rotary Park and Community Center.

Estrella Landscape Area







Between cul-de-sacs on Estrella Street and San Gabriel

1. Pocket Park **.22** Acres

Small open space with lawn and trees providing pedestrian connection between cul-de-sacs. Basketball hoop has been set up with court striping on the Estrella cul-de-sac.

Continue to maintain as green neighborhood connection.

Park Inventory

Estrella Landscape Area

Feature	
Basketball Court Fair	Informal half court area with a hoop.
Court - other Fair	Informal basketball standard with half-court striping on the street adjacent to the parklet.
Passive lawn Good	Obvious edge provided by trees, basketball court lines have been drawn in the street next to the park
Passive Lawn Excellent	Lawn area providing green pedestrian access between cul-de-sacs.
Passive Lawn Good	Focus of the park area
Paths and Walkways Good	Connects to housing

Santa Ynez Landscape Area



Between cul-de-sacs on San Miguel and Santa Ynez

1. Pocket Park **.22** Acres

Small open space with lawn and trees providing pedestrian connection between cul-de-sacs, and emergency access.

Continue to maintain as green neighborhood connection.

Park Inventory

Santa Ynez Landscape Area

Feature	
Passive Lawn Excellent	
Passive Lawn Excellent	Focus of the park area
Paths and Walkways Good	Connects housing area

Serra Lane Park (Parcel A)







Serra Lane at Camino Arroyo

1. Pocket Park **.36** Acres

Neighborhood or pocket park in Legacy Homes subdivision. Pathway connects to Toledo Basin future park. Currently there is a wall blocking access. It is a dual use stormwater treatment area.

Complete connection and add furnishings. Picnic areas and amenities should be added.

Park Inventory

Serra Lane Park (Parcel A)

Feature	
Passive Lawn Excellent	Open space available for informal ball games, picnics and play. A major part of the lawn is a stormwater treatment area during the wet season.
Paths and Walkways Excellent	Designed to connect through to Toledo Basin Park.

Albert Bill Ramus Park











Corner of Monterey and Soledad Streets

2. Neighborhood Park **0.4** Acres

Near Soledad's downtown and City Hall, this park is a neighborhood and community-serving passive park. Residents and workers enjoy the park for picnics and gatherings. Community organizations use this park for fundraising events. The group picnic area is shaded by large mature trees. Perimeter hedges create enclosure, and paved pathways lead into and across the park, connecting to the central planter and shuffleboard court. A City-owned daycare building is adjacent to park.

Plans to expand the City's Civic Center will possibly eliminate Ramus Park within the time horizon of this Parks and Recreation Master Plan. If the park is closed, an alternative site should be identified, or the park's functions should be relocated to Cesar Chavez Park. Opportunity to connect to the City's Farmer's Market.

Park Inventory

Albert Bill Ramus Park

Feature	
Landscaping/Trees Excellent	Several large mature oak and eucalyptus trees, as well as the perimeter hedge, help to filter some wind. A central planter provides a focal point.
Path/Walkway Excellent	Paved walking paths converge in the center of the park, where there is a planter. The paths allow people to cut the corner of the block by walking through the park. Within the park, paths connect to picnic area and shuffleboard court.
Picnic Area Excellent	Group area with 6 large wooden picnic tables shaded by large mature trees. There is a large group BBQ, and multiple trash cans.
Shuffleboard Court Good	Concrete pad for shuffleboard.

Aurelio N. Ramirez Park













End of Munras Street cul-de-sac

2. Neighborhood Park **1.2** Acres

This is a small park tucked into the neighborhood, with street frontage access at the end of the Munras Street cul-de-sac and additional pedestrian access from Vineyard Drive via an unsigned ashpalt path. A paved pathway divides the lawn area. The park, with minimal amenities, is primarily used by neighbors for relaxation, dog walking and informal play. The playground has a bench and a picnic table, but lacks a BBQ, drinking fountain or permanent trash receptacle. Surrounding homes' backyard fencing encloses the park, some deteriorating and water-damaged, apparently from irrigation overspray/wind. The park generally lacks wind protection and shade.

Additional tree planting around the perimeter of the park would provide more interest, shade, and wind protection. This could be a pilot location for edible landscaping/fruit trees. Additional picnic tables would create a place for small neighborhood or family gatherings, especially with the addition of a barbecue, drinking fountain and shade.

Park Inventory

Aurelio N. Ramirez Park

Feature	
Lighting Fair	Two streetlight-style light standards, one at pedestrian entry path, the other mid-park at perimeter.
Multi-Use Turf Fair	Open park space on each side of the walking path, continuing behind play area. Turf is in good condition but there is no shade or wind protection.
Path/Walkway Fair	Paved path cuts across the lawn area through middle of park, connecting the Munras Street cul-de-sac and the Vineyard Drive pedestrian access.
Picnic Area Fair	One picnic table, no shade, wind protection, BBQ, water, or permanent trash receptacle.
Playground Fair	For ages 5-12, the play equipment appears functional but is generally worn. Swings are in relatively good condition. Surfacing is shredded rubber. There is one bench for parent seating, lacking shade.
Shade/Wind Protection Very Poor	There are backyard fences along the houses, some with tarps as windbreaks for the homes. The park has no wind breaks or shade along path or near play area, and generally lacks shade.
Signage Fair	Wooden park signage at cul-de sac, lacks signage at pedestrian path entry.
Site Amenities Poor /Fair	Temporary plastic trash receptacle chained to a pole. Dog bag dispenser at entry. No bike racks.

Joe O. Ledesma Park













Market Street between Murietta and Amador Streets

2. Neighborhood Park **0.6** Acres

This neighborhood pocket park was recently upgraded with new play equipment for ages 2 -5 and 5-12, and has a low wall for parent seating. The park includes a multi-use lawn with a paved pathway. There are two small picnic areas with barbeques. The park serves a small lot single family neighborhood and adjacent multi-family affordable housing. The multi-family housing also provides small playlots and a half basketball court for residents' use.

Additional planting could provide wind protection as well as shade and visual interest. This could potentially be a location for a pilot fruit tree project, if desired by the Assessment District residents.

Park Inventory

Joe O. Ledesma Park

Feature	
Landscaping/Trees Poor	Perimeter planting areas are primarily wood chips, barren of planting. Perimeter trees have been removed and not replaced. The few remaining trees do not provide wind protection or shade, and the occasional severely pruned shrubs provide no shade and minimal interest.
Lighting Fair	One streetlight at sidewalk.
Multi-Use Turf Fair	Lawn area in center of park is big enough for pick-up games but there is no barrier to the street.
Path/Walkway Excellent	Paved walking path around the perimeter of the park, connects with neighborhood sidewalk.
Picnic Areas Fair	Two picnic areas, each with two tables, one BBQ, and a trash can. Metal tables have been damaged by hot objects sitting on their surface.
Playground Good	Unique play structure elements, including a rope climbing structure and spinners. There is a ramp into play area from picnic area. Surfacing is wood chips. A seat wall provides seating around play area, and there is a drinking fountain. Some graffiti on play area, and spinner poles are damaged.
Shade/Wind Protection Very Poor	Very little shade or wind protection. There are only a few sizable trees around park perimeter, and no shade on play area or adjacent picnic area.
Signage Excellent	New park sign, highly visible and legible.
Site Amenities Good	Has drinking fountain and doggie bags. Lacks bike racks.

Lum Memorial Park

Terraza Street, adjacent to Peverini Park

2. Neighborhood Park **2.6** Acres











Lum Memorial Park, dedicated to Assistant Fire Chief Donald Lum and all Soledad firefighters, is contiguous to Peverini Park. It has several active recreation areas, including a full basketball court and a multi-use lawn that is used for youth soccer, flag football, and cheer practice. It has a large group picnic area, and a playground. The use areas are connected by a paved pathway. Much of the park is dominated by the adjacent water tanks which are surrounded by a chain link fence topped with barbed wire. With no on-site parking, the heavy use of this neighborhood park can create parking issues.

The picnic area could better serve families and groups coming to Lum and Peverini Parks for sports, by adding a group BBQ, reconfiguring with new picnic tables, and adding a drinking fountain. Painting the adjacent water tanks and/or screening the fence would give the park a more inviting feel.

Park Inventory

Lum Memorial Park

Feature	
Basketball Court Good	Fulll basketball court. Some cracks but otherwise even surface. Lines are a little hard to see due to low contrast but generally good condition.
Multi-Use Turf Good	Large, flat grassy field is in good condition. It is used for youth soccer, flag football and cheer practice.
Path/Walkway Good	Paved pathways connecting use areas and concrete pads make the areas accessible.
Picnic Area Poor	Group picnic area has two long picnic tables on concrete paving, near the basketball court. The tables are in need of repair or replacement, but the benches are intact. There are 3 small BBQs and damaged trashcan mounts.
Playground Poor	Shredded rubber surfacing is bounded by a paved pathway. The paved access is a potential hazard due to its the location in relation to the play structure's stairs. The ground level concrete tube invites graffiti and vandalism. There are benches for parent seating and a drinking fountain, but no shade.
Signage Fair	Memorial sign dedicated to Asst. Chief Donald Lum and all Soledad firefighters is worn and beginning to deteriorate. There is no park identification signage at the street.
Wind Protection Very Poor	Trees are too sparse to act as an effective wind break or shade, and are only found on the boundaries with Peverini Park and the water tanks.

Peverini Park

Between Terraza Street and Vida Street

2. Neighborhood Park **2.9** Acres



Peverini Park is contiguous to Lum Memorial Park. Its restroom building serves both parks. It is a well used and active park, with a multi-use turf area that accommodates youth soccer, flag football and youth baseball. The crushed rock perimeter path around the turf area is lined with multiple benches. Group picnic areas at either end of the park serve families in the neighborhood and those who come for the youth sports. Near the picnic area at the west end is a playground for young children. The park is heavily used for organized youth sports, and without on-site parking, parking in the neighborhood can be difficult.









There is space within the playground to add more play elements. Fitness equipment could be added along the wider parts of the perimeter pathway or near the playground. As there is no on-site parking, the heavy weekend use of the park can create parking issues in the neighborhood. If the City had more fields that could accommodate youth soccer games, this could be somewhat alleviated, and more space in the park could be dedicated to passive relaxation.

Park Inventory

Peverini Park

Feature	
Benches Good	The metal benches lining the walking path and at the playground are in very good condition.
Landscaping/Trees Poor/Fair	Planting at the park perimeter is sparse and although there are trees throughout the park, most planting areas are bare ground covered with wood chips and there are multiple empty tree wells. Some trees provide partial shading for the picnic areas and playground.
Multi-Use Turf Good	This large turf space is well kept, and used for youth soccer, flag football (Pop Warner), and youth baseball/softball. Portable goals are used for soccer, and chain link backstops at either end serve youth baseball. There is no skinned infield.
Path/Walkway Fair	Crushed rock path is uneven in places, and may pose an accessibility issue.
Picnic Areas Fair	One picnic area is near the restrooms, one is near the playground. The picnic areas each contain 4 metal picnic tables on concrete pads, in good condition. There are small BBQs in both areas, and nearby drinking fountains. There is limited landscaping nearby, very little shade.
Playground Fair	Playground for ages 2-5. The large space bordered by a concrete curb is surfaced with shredded rubber, and could accommodate additional equipment pieces. One bench is nearby for parent seating.
Restrooms Good	Restrooms are clean and in good condition. Large enough to accommodate heavy use periods in both Lum and Peverini parks. Mirrors lacking in men's restrooms.
Signage Excellent	The park's monument sign is in excellent shape and very legible.
Wind Protection Fair	A large fence at the top of slope to adjacent back yards may provide some protection from southeasterly winds. The trees in other areas of the park do not provide much wind protection.

San Antonio Park









On San Antonio and La Colina Streets, between Toledo Street and Orchard Lane

2. Neighborhood Park **0.4** Acres

San Antonio Park is a small neighborhood serving park in northeastern Soledad, with access from both San Antonio and La Colina Streets. The park is primarily a passive park, with a multi-use lawn usable for informal play, relaxation, or peewee soccer practice. There is a paved perimeter walking path, with benches, trash cans and a drinking fountain. There are no picnic tables or play equipment.

The addition of picnic tables would support more small gatherings. Consider art, murals or other elements that increase connection to neighborhood. Additional planting at the park perimeter would provide interest.

Park Inventory

San Antonio Park

Feature	
Landscaping/Trees Fair	Young trees lining the perimeter of the park provide shade for the benches. There are two trees near the edge of the grassy area, but most of the open space is not shaded. There are wood chips but no ground level landscaping in the planting areas.
Lighting Fair	One street light at each end of the park.
Multi-Use Turf Good	Oval lawn is central feature of the park.
Path/Walkway Good	Paved pathway around the central lawn, connecting to the sidewalks.
Site Furnishings Good	Six benches line the perimeter pathway, along with a drinking fountain and trash receptacles.

Santa Barbara Park











Santa Barbara Street, Between Vista Ave and Orchard Ln.

2. Neighborhood Park **1.0** Acres

This is a primarily passive use, neighborhood serving park. Its central feature is the multi-use turf that is used for informal play and for peewee soccer practice. Walking, relaxing, and dog walking are popular activities. The perimeter walking path is lined with benches. There are two group picnic areas with four and five picnic tables (with some ADA accessible tables), and drinking fountains. Trees along the edge of the wall provide some shade and enclosure.

Add BBQ's and trash receptables at the picnic areas. The large, empty crushed rock area in a corner of the park could accommodate an additional picnic area, a small play area, or fitness equipment. Many of the trees in the perimeter planting areas have been removed and should be replaced. New planting in the bare landscape areas would provide interest.

Park Inventory

Santa Barbara Park

Feature	
Benches Good	14 benches in the park, along the walking path.
Landscaping/Trees Poor	Around much of the perimeter planting areas, trees have been removed and have not been replaced, leaving empty tree planting wells. Aside from the sparse remaining trees, there is bare ground or weed cloth.
Multi-use Turf Good	The central lawn is the primary park feature, and is well kept. Trees planted at the lawn edges provide some shade. There is significant overspray from lawn irrigation.
Path/Walkway Poor	The perimeter path is partially paved and partially crushed rock. Additional rock and leveling are needed in some areas. There is a larger crushed rock area in the back corner that is part of the path; seems to be underutilized space.
Picnic Area Fair	Two picnic areas, one with four tables, one with five. Tables are on concrete pads and each has ADA accessible tables. Areas are in good condition but oddly placed in relation to the rest of the park. There are drinking fountains but no BBQs. Trash cans are located away from picnic areas.
Shade/Wind Protection Poor	There is very little to shade the park. A few trees trees remain around the lawn perimeter, and near the path.
Signage Good	Well kept and legible park signage.
Site Amenities Good	There are trash receptacles and a dog bag dispenser near the park entry.

Village Estates Subdivision Park















Tomasini St and Camino Arroyo

2. Neighborhood Park **.5** Acres

This new park contains several picnic areas, a playground, an open lawn area, lighting, and perimeter landscaping.

Continue to maintain the park.

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Blas Santana Memorial Park















Gabilan Drive at Prado Drive

3. Community Park **4.2** Acres

Blas Santana is a community park adjacent to the High School. Its detention basin is heavily used as a soccer and football field when dry, especially when the Vosti Park fields are resting. Maintaining the basin field is hampered by the difficulty of fencing it off for rest. There are concrete bleachers set into the basin slope, and field lighting is being installed. The park offers several additional active areas, including a full basketball court, a sand volleyball court, and a playground. There is a small restroom building. As most of the park lacks shade, users sit on the grass under the trees. The basin provides some wind protection, and has been used as an amphitheater at times. There is what appears to be a concrete foundation at the southeast corner of the park, use unknown.

Temporary perimeter fencing could allow the soccer field to be rested and better maintained. Additional tree planting around the top of the basin would improve wind protection. Maintenance of the volleyball court would make it usable. Shaded picnic spots, seating, or planting could be added along the Mirada Street frontage, to provide teens from the High School with places to relax and socialize. A group picnic area or fitness equipment could be added near the basketball court or at the southeastern corner of the park where the concrete foundation is now.

Park Inventory

Blas Santana Memorial Park

Feature	
Basketball Court Good	The surface is even. Striping is low contrast to the concrete but not faded. The court is not fenced.
Bleachers Good	Concrete bleachers built into side of bowl next to the soccer field. Some shade, but sparse. Wind protection from hill.
Landscaping/Trees Poor	Lawns are maintained, but there are large bare areas surrounding the use areas along the Mirada Street side of the park. There are some mature trees at the top of the basin and west end of the basketball court.
Lighting	Field lighting.
Other Concrete Structure Poor	Concrete structure partially built into the ground above the soccer field. Not sure of original use.
Playground Fair	Playground is enclosed by fencing and has parent seating. There are two areas with shredded rubber surfacing, one with swings and one with a 5-12 play structure. The play areas are bordered by a concrete path, with lawn. The entire area lacks shade, and equipment and fencing has been damaged.
Restrooms Fair	Restroom, in good condition, has only one stall each for men and women. Undersized for level of park use.
Soccer Field Good	Although slightly undersized, the field is used for adult as well as youth games. Lighting is being installed. The heavily used field is worn, and difficult to fence for field rest. The field is in a bowl, providing some wind protection.
Volleyball Court Poor	The sand volleyball court has no nets, no shade, no wind protection.

Chester Aaroe Park (Little League















North Street and Andalucia Drive

3. Community Park **2.8** Acres

The primary feature of this park is its Little League game field, with player benches, skinned infield, lighting, scoreboard, bleachers, a Little League concession bldg, Little League storage. The park also has restrooms and a City concession building. The restroom serves both Chester Aaroe Park and Jesse Gallardo Park across the street, as does the playground. There is a group picnic area with a shade shelter. Along the Ticino Street frontage are two full basketball courts, a small skate park, batting cages that are now unused, and a large wedge of unused space at the park's northern corner.

At the northern portion of the park which contains the batting cages, skate park, and undeveloped land, there is an opportunity to remove unused features and incorporate new uses such as an off leash dog area, a multi-use court for futsal, pickleball, or other activities, or a teen hangout area that is sheltered from the wind. Adding wind protection at the picnic shelter and shade at the playground would allow for increased use.

Park Inventory

Chester Aaroe Park (Little League Park)

Feature	
Baseball Field Good	Well maintained, fully fenced Little League field with chain link backstop, skinned infield and 250' foul line. It has sheltered players benches, and metal bleachers. Field lighting is coin operated.
Basketball Court Fair	Two full sized basketball courts with perimeter fencing. Courts are unlit. Surfacing is in good shape, with some cracking, but fencing and nets are damaged.
Batting Cages Poor	Batting cages are currently unused.
Concession Stands Good	Little League operates the newer concession stand near the restrooms. The older City concession stand is not currently used for concessions, but is used for storage.
Parking Good	There is a 10-car parking lot on site, in addition to street parking on three sides of the park.
Path/Walkway Good	A concrete walking path connects most use areas.
Picnic Areas Fair	Several picnic tables are on a concrete pad, under a shade structure. Users improvise wind protection attaching tarps to the shelter posts. An additional nearby picnic table on a separate concrete pad has a BBQ.
Playground Good	Play structures for ages 2-5 and 5-12 on wood chip surfacing, generally in good shape. Structures include artificial rocks for climbing. There are three benches for parent seating, no shade.
Restrooms Good	The restrooms serve both Chester Aaroe and Jesse Gallardo parks. They are well kept and have multiple stalls.
Shade/Wind Protection Fair/Poor	A tall wooden wall provides some wind protection to the infield and bleachers. Mature trees provide some shade along North Street, and the picnic area has a shade structure which does not address the wind issues. Wind protection is still poor throughout most of the park.
Skatepark Poor	Underused skate park has portable ramps and elements that are worn and damaged. It will likely be unused once Orchard Lane Park skate area is opened.
Storage Container Fair	A storage container holds the Little League's equipment and supplies.
Undeveloped Land Poor	An undeveloped area at the northwest corner of the park is an opportunity site.

Jesse Gallardo Park

Metz Road and Andalucia Drive

3. Community Park **4** Acres















This is primarily an active park. It has been recently renovated with a Little League baseball field and 2 softball fields. The fields are fenced and lighted, with skinned infields, scoreboards, player benches, bullpens and bleachers. Equipment storage containers are on the wide walkway between the softball fields. There are 2 fenced tennis courts, which are sometimes used for futsal. Lawn areas provide space for gathering and informal play, and there is a picnic table in the shaded area near the tennis court. At the northwestern corner of the park, there is a mural depicting Soledad's historic women. Gallardo forms a complex with Chester Aaroe Park, which is across the street - Gallardo Park users must cross Andalucia Drive to access restrooms, playground or concessions.

- Install wi-fi operated gates to prevent unauthorized use of the fields, when wi-fi connections are provided.
- Additional measures should be added to improve crossing safety between Gallardo and Aaroe parks.
- The open lawn between the fields and the tennis courts could accommodate more picnic areas with shade and wind protection.
- The interpretive signage for the mural needs renovation as it is worn and illegible.

Park Inventory

Jesse Gallardo Park

Feature	
Landscape Areas / Trees Fair	There are some well maintained lawn areas, and a tree shading the picnic table, but the perimeter landscape areas are sparsely planted.
Mural Excellent	Very beautiful mural of influential women, but the interpretive signage is worn and illegible.
Path/Walkway Good	Crushed rock pathways throughout the park are in fine condition, as are the paved concrete access paths. The asphalt path along the northern boundary has some cracking and tripping hazards.
Pedestrian Access Poor	Connectivity to shared facilities in Aaroe Park (restrooms, playground, concessions) is across a busy street. Although it is marked by a crosswalk, additional safety measures should be installed.
Picnic Area Poor	Only one picnic table in the grass area between fields and tennis courts. Only a couple of trees- very little shade or wind protection.
Softball / Baseball Fields Excellent	The 1 youth baseball and 2 softball fields are fenced, lighted, and well maintained. They have skinned infields, scoreboards, player benches, bullpens and bleachers. Equipment storage containers are in the broad walkway between fields.
Tennis Courts Fair	Tennis courts with backboard for hitting / wind protection. Court surfacing shows significant wear, and is sometimes used for futsal.

Orchard Lane Park

Orchard Lane Street near Metz Road

3. Community Park **3.5** Acres









Recently constructed, Orchard Lane Park includes multiple active and passive features as desired by the community and developed with community input. Features include an inclusive playground with universal access, off-leash dog area, a skate park, accessible pathways, a sprayground play area, multiple picnic areas, fitness stations, restroom, a nature walk and butterfly garden, and a large central multi-use lawn with an amphitheater stage, for gathering and events. There is on-site parking as well as pedestrian connections to the adjacent negihborhoods and Hartnell College Education Center.

Continue to maintain the park.

Park Inventory

Orchard Lane Park

Feature	
Dog Park Excellent	Off-leash dog park with separated areas for small and large dogs.
Fitness Equipment Excellent	Multiple fitness stations.
Landscape Areas / Trees Excellent	A nature walk, butterfly garden, and bioswales.
Multi-use Turf Excellent	Central feature, with an amphitheater stage for gathering and events.
Parking Excellent	Onsite parking.
Paths and Walkways Excellent	Nice walking pathways throughout park, and connecting to the adjacent neighborhoods and Hartnell College.
Picnic Areas Excellent	Multiple picnic and gathering spaces.
Playground Excellent	All abilities playground with innovative elements.
Restroom Excellent	
Skatepark Excellent	Skatepark with bowls, rails, and other features.
Spray Park Excellent	Water play feature.

Veterans Memorial Park

Gabilan Drive, at San Vicente Road

3. Community Park **4** Acres















Veterans Memorial Park is enhanced by views of the surrounding mountains and agricultural fields. The park contains several use areas. An upper soccer field, surrounded by benches, serves younger kids. The upper area of the park has a restroom and drinking fountains, and a large group picnic area with barbecues. Below the picnic area is a playground. The lower level is a dual use detention basin which is used most of the year for youth soccer practice and games. Benches along the sidewalk overlook the lower field. There is a rough perimeter walking path around the park.

Additional trees around the park's perimeter could improve wind protection especially along the San Vicente Road edge. Shade and wind protection would make the picnic area more comfortable. Picnic tables could be re-configured to provide more flexible groupings. The playground should be improved with adequate access, shade, and parent seating. There is room to add fitness equipment along the path. The City is in the process of seeking funding for a Veterans Memorial, fitness equipment, and improvements to walking path – community meetings are scheduled. Joint use potential with adjacent Frank Ledesma Elementary School.

Park Inventory

Veterans Memorial Park

Feature	
Benches Mixed	Benches are in good condition. Multiple benches serve spectators on the upper field. Lower level field benches are far from field on the street side of the walking path at the top of the basin. There are two concrete pads with benches in the basin, and an additional pad that lacks a bench.
Landscape Areas / Trees Fair	Perimeter planting provides some enclosure and wind protection for the upper field. There are a few mature trees around the upper levels of the detention basin. There are several bare planting areas around the perimeter of the park and along the sidewalks.
Multi-Use Turf Good	The upper field has concrete mow band perimeter and round concrete pads that serve as a retaining wall and separate the field from the picnic area. The lower field is also a detention basin, so usability is limited during the wet season. Both serve as soccer practice fields, and youth soccer game fields.
Path/Walkway Fair	The perimeter walking path is crushed rock at the park's interior, and concrete walkways and sidewalks along the street edges. The unpaved portions are uneven and surface tree roots create tripping hazards. The walking path down to the field is in worse condition, narrower and with drops and potholes.
Picnic Areas Fair	The large group picnic area has nine metal picnic tables on concrete pads set in crushed rock, in good condition. There are several small BBQ's. There is no shade or wind protection.
Playground Fair	Colorful play equipment is in good shape, but tree roots create tripping hazards in the shredded rubber surfacing. A barrier is lacking between the play area and busy San Vicente Road. Access is inadequate for mobility challenged or strollers, and there is no parent seating or shade.
Restrooms Fair	Clean and functional. Mirrors and hand dryers could be added.

Vosti Park

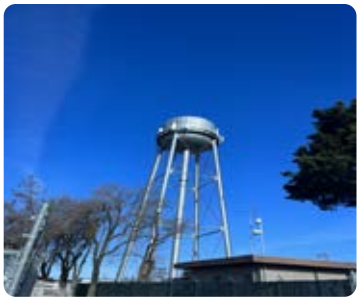
Park and Monterey Streets

3. Community Park **6.4** Acres















Vosti Park is the city's largest park, marked by the city's iconic water tower. Previously, it has been used as the location for major community events, such as Fiesta Days. Soccer is the primary use of this park, with 2 lighted turf fields that can accommodate adult games. Street parking is generally sufficient to accommodate the busy game periods. There are two playgrounds for ages 2-5 and 5 -12. There is a group picnic area near the larger playground, and one table near the smaller playground. The perimeter walking path around the park is popular. The volleyball court is no longer used. The restrooms are well maintained, although during heavy use periods, there is demand for additional facilities. The park is fully fenced. Graffiti and vandalism have been continuing issues with the restrooms, fences, walls and ball netting.

Increasing gathering spaces while maintaining clear views into the park would allow for wider use. Shade around picnic areas and playgrounds would increase comfort. The perimeter walking path is popular, and fitness equipment could be added.

Park Inventory

Vosti Park

Feature	
Benches Good	Occasional benches throughout the park, in good shape.
Bleachers Good	Four sets of bleachers around the fields, generally in good condition.
Fencing Fair	Low fencing along the streets has been damaged and has holes. Field fencing is in better shape.
Field Lighting Good	Coin operated.
Landscape Areas / Trees Good/Fair	A tree grove shades a small portion of the park. Severely leaning trees have been removed. Street trees provide shade at the park edges, and there is some shade on the perimeter walking path.
Parking Good	Diagonal street parking is generally adequate for park usage.
Path/Walkway Good	Popular walking path around park perimeter. The path is concrete on the street sides, and dirt along the interior edges. The path is mostly shaded, and in good shape. Concrete paths provide access to picnic tables.
Picnic Areas Fair	The group picnic area near the larger playground has three picnic tables on concrete pads. They are worn and somewhat damaged but functional. A picnic table in the grove of trees on the north edge of the park was removed due to loitering issues. There are no BBQs.
Playground Fair	The playground for ages 2-5, on the north side of the park, has wood chip surfacing. There are two benches for parent seating. Trees provide some occasional shade.
Playground Good	The larger play area for ages 5-12 is on the eastern side of the park, with shredded rubber surfacing and five benches for parent seating. Benches and equipment are in fairly good shape, with minor damage. Lacks shade.
Restrooms Good	Well maintained. On heavy use days, more restrooms would be useful. Graffiti has to be cleaned regularly during summer.
Soccer Fields Good	Two adult size lighted turf fields. The fields, heavily every used Saturday and Sunday from April to November, are well maintained and rested during the winter.
Utility Lights Building Good	Coin operated field lights control building is functional and in ok condition.
Volleyball Court Poor	The once popular sand volleyball court is no longer used. There are benches at the court, but weeds are growing in the court surface and there is no net.
Water Tower Good	Soledad Landmark.
Wind Protection Fair	Coaches attach windscreens to fencing during soccer season. There is little wind protection for other use areas.

Cesar Chavez Park

Front Street between Main and Soledad Streets

4. Special Use **0.4** Acres











Cesar Chavez Park is leased from Southern Pacific Railroad. Formerly named Front Street Park, in 2007, the City Council renamed the park in honor of the farmworker organizer, Cesar Chavez. The park, centrally located in downtown Soledad, is visible from Hwy. 101. It is a popular lunch spot in the downtown area. It serves as a community gathering space and location for community events such as the Easter Egg Hunt. It is also a buffer between the downtown and the adjacent railroad tracks. The park is located between the Soledad Gateway Center building and Soledad Street, Historic and interpretive plaques, picnic tables, and a restroom are features of the park. Street trees provide shade.

The City is exploring the possibility of developing a container park on a part of the property adjacent to the existing park. Small scale features such as checkerboard tables or fitness stations could be added to further enliven the park and the underused lawn area.

Park Inventory

Cesar Chavez Park

Feature	
Landscaping/Trees Good	Street trees have decorative lighting, and provide shade along eastern edge of park. The lawn is not shaded. New planting has been added along the street frontage. New planting along the boundary fencing will help buffer the park from the adjacent the railroad tracks.
Lighting Good	Decorative street lighting.
Parking Excellent	Diagonal street parking along Front Street frontage is augmented by an adjacent public parking lot serving the Gateway Center and downtown.
Picnic Areas Excellent	Concrete pads have recently been added for six picnic tables. Picnic tables have been a popular feature, heavily used during lunchtimes.
Planter Boxes Poor	Several wooden planter boxes along fence are unused and are not maintained.
Restroom Good	.A new restroom has been installed.
Signage Good	Historic plaques and monument park identification sign are in good condition.
Site Amenities Fair	There are ample trash cans along the street frontage.
Site Amenities Fair	There are dog bags, benches and a couple of bike racks along the street. There is a large storage container in the park that contains City files.

San Vicente Road PG&E Easement







San Vicente Rd between Market Street and north City limits

4. Special Use ***3** Acres

Easement along the east side of San Vicente Road with a popular meandering concrete walking path and lawn.

Continue to maintain path and lawn/landscape areas. Would benefit from additional landscaping and shade where possible. Add occasional benches.

Park Inventory

San Vicente Road PG&E Easement

Feature	
Landscape Areas / Trees Fair	Lawn areas along portions of the path. Would benefit from additional landsaping and shade.
Paths and Walkways Good	Meandering concrete walkway along the western edge of the City. Approximately 0.85 mile in length. Lacks shade.

Landfill Site







San Vicente Road

5. Potential Site ***12** Acres

This large former landfill site is in the Gabilan foothills, north of the City proper. Current users include two long distance shooting ranges. The site has expansive views in all directions, of the Salinas Valley, the Coastal Range and the Gabilan Range. It has space for walking and/or biking trails, and potential additional recreational uses on its southern end. The shooting ranges have a 20 year lease, and their use of the property poses potential safety conflicts.

Explore potential uses in the southern portion of the site. To help fill the need for tree replacements and windbreak creation, the site could be a location for a city tree nursery. Explore potential for additional sports fields and bike routes to the site.

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Los Coches Adobe















Arroyo Seco Road at Hwy 101

5. Potential Site **9** Acres

This focal point of this site is the Los Coches Adobe, a California Historical Landmark (aka Richardson Adobe), built in 1843, with subsequent additions through the 1860's. The adobe is being protected for future restoration, and is not accessible to the public at this time. The lower part of the site includes some mature trees, beautiful views and a sense of access to nature.

Pursue funding for master planning and renovation of the historic buildings and immediate grounds. Include historic interpretive signage. Enhance protection of the adobe to maximize its preservation and support restoration particularly in the immediate area surrounding the Adobe. There is also an opportunity to create walking paths, picnic areas and wedding and formal rental spots if made into a park. Should be designed as a destination park with special spaces and activities that enable a longer stay due to access to the park.

Park Inventory

Los Coches Adobe

Feature	
Building Poor	Historic adobe
Building Poor	Multiple outbuildings that are in disrepair and likely need to be torn down.

Rotary Park











Walker Drive behind Soledad-Mission Recreation Center

5. Potential Site **4** Acres

Rotary Park is owned and operated by the Soledad-Mission Recreation District. The 4 acres listed as park includes the District's offices and Aquatic Center. The park portion is approximately 1.5 acres, and consists of a lawn, a walking path, and picnic tables. It is primarily a passive use park. Lighting is available by reservation.

Explore opportunities for partnerships or integration with the Soledad-Mission Recreation District to coordinate or consolidate recreation operations.

Park Inventory

Rotary Park

Feature	
Lighting Fair	Lighting is supplied on a reservation basis.
Multi-Use Turf Good	Multi-use lawn is the central feature of the park.
Path/Walkway Fair	Crushed rock pathway around the lawn.
Picnic Areas Fair	Multiple picnic tables.

Salinas River Park

Nestles Road to Wastewater Treatment Plant

5. Potential Site **TB** Acres

A preliminary concept for a recreational path with interpretive elements along the river has been proposed by the Western Rivers Conservancy. The path would be accessed from Nestles Road and would run to the treatment plant. The Conservancy proposes to partner with the city for development of this park, including negotiations with the private property owners and the County Agricultural Commissioner.

Continue to explore a partnership with the Western Rivers Conservancy to develop a recreational and interpretive path along the Salinas River.

Water Treatment Facility Wetlands











34520 Morisoli Road

5. Potential Site ***12** Acres

Former rapid infiltration basins at the City's wastewater treatment site, adjacent to the Salinas River. The site has been the subject of a 2022 study proposing two alternatives on approximately 12 acres of the site.

Continue to evaluate and consider the proposed alternatives for conversion of this site to wetlands with recreational amenities.

Gabilan Pond Park

Gabilan Drive at Toledo Street

5. Potential Site **3.7** Acres







Former detention basin is to be developed with features to serve the community. It connects to neighborhood park directly south on Serra Lane. As a basin, the topography provides some potential for decent wind protection.

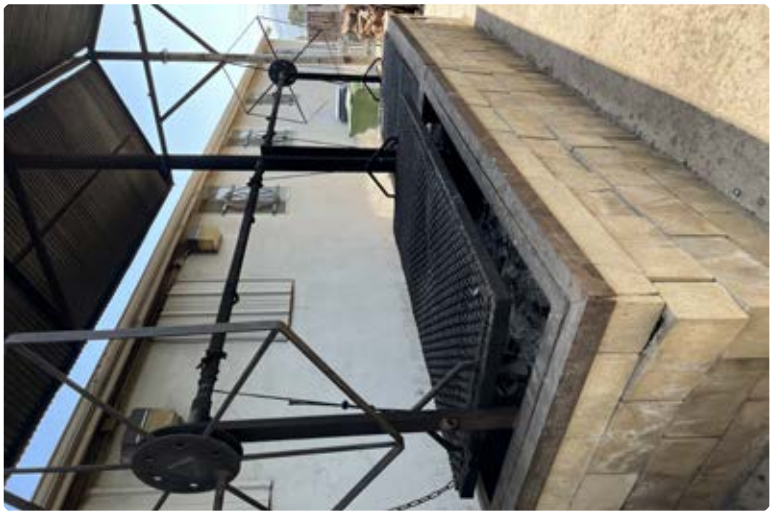
Engage the community to determine preferred uses for the future park. Enhance wind protection.

Park Inventory

Gabilan Pond Park

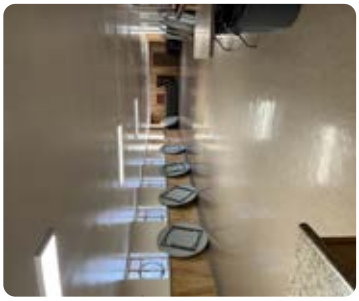
Feature	
Undeveloped Good	Potential for: dog park, bike pump track, walking spiral path

Lions Club Building











161 Park Street

Building Acres

City-owned building currently leased to the Lions Club.Building has a social hall, kitchen, and large group BBQ's.

Explore possibilities of either terminating the lease or entering into an agreement with the Lions Club for joint use of the building.

Park Inventory

Lions Club Building

Feature	
Kitchen Fair	Not evaluated.
Large BBQ's Good	Large outdoor group BBQ's, no associated outdoor eating space. Used for event/benefit food prep.
Multi-purpose room Good	Large room suitable for social gatherings, events, classes or meetings.

Soledad Community Center

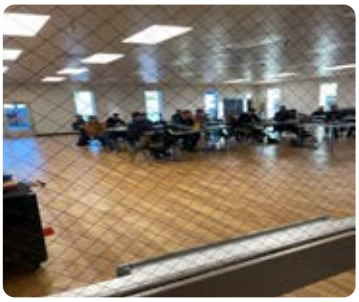














560 Walker Drive

Building Acres

Built 1993 as a YMCA, the Community Center was renovated and opened as City facility in 2021.The Center has multiple rentable spaces ranging from a small meeting room to a large gym. The gym contains full court basketball, volleyball, a concession window, and new bleachers. It has a shallow stage, which is not ideal for theatrical performances due to undersized backstage facilities, and poorly positioned lighting tracks. The gym space is frequently rented out for large gatherings and events, such as quincineras, weddings, and baptisms. The facility also contains large and small multipurpose rooms, a small meeting room or possible computer lab, and a weight room with exercise equipment. The kitchen will be remodeled to expand usable space, and allow for programs for smaller kids. The outdoor areas are mostly paved, with a large group barbeque on the west side. Wind and access issues have limited outdoor use, due to fire access requirements and lack of access control for rental events.

Increase opportunities for use of outdoor spaces by addressing wind protection and access issues. Pursue funding for kitchen improvements and computer room.

Park Inventory

Soledad Community Center

Feature	
Basketball Court Good	Indoor basketball gym with bleachers, and a stage.
Computer Room Good	Newly developed computer room with multiple stations for use by community members.
Kitchen Fair	Large commercial kitchen that is planned for a remodel.
Multipurpose Room Good	Two classroom/multipurpose spaces function for a variety of programs and rentals.
Offices Good	
Outdoor Patio Poor	Large outdoor area with a grill that is not well used.
Restroom Good	One set includes shower facilities.
Weight Room Fair	Weight room with a variety of weight machines and some treadmills and similar exercise machines. The room is small for the equipment, and the space gets crowded.
Wood Floor Fitness Room Good	Fitness room used mostly for rentals and some classes.

4.0

PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE

The specific plan provides several open space and recreational opportunities, including various parks, paved trails, and unimproved open space trails. The park and open space areas are arranged within the plan area to connect neighborhoods and to protect the hillside area from development.

Section 4.0 is organized into the following subsections:

4.1 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Goals and Policies

4.2 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Concept

4.3 Description of Park and Open Space Improvements

4.1 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Goals and Policies

Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Goals

P – 1 Ensure that the provision of adequate park, open space, and recreational facilities meets the varied needs of the plan area residents.

P – 2 Protect the visual and natural resource values of the hillside open space lands.

P – 3 Utilize park lands to link neighborhoods.

Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Policies

P – A Provide a variety of semi-active and passive recreational features that meet the needs of residents' abilities and interests.

P – B Provide enough parkland during each phase of development to meet the needs of project residents in that phase or neighborhood being constructed. The developer shall be responsible for construction of park improvements including landscaping, turf, paths, parking areas, sports facilities, playgrounds, restrooms, benches, trash receptacles, drinking fountains, and special community facilities such as a community center building. Park maintenance shall be funded thorough a Community Facilities District or other similar funding source.

P – C Parkland minimum requirements shall be determined at five acres per 1,000 residents.

P – D Design and landscape parks for easy maintenance, water efficiency, wind protection, and shade. Utilize native plants when suitable selections are available.

P – E Interconnect parks, open space, schools, commercial areas, and the neighborhoods with sidewalks and/or trails.

P – F Include multi-functional spaces and facilities in the parks.

P – G Parks, open spaces, and recreation facilities should be designed to eliminate or avoid hidden and difficult-access areas where security problems would be likely to occur.

P – H Each of the neighborhood parks will include a small children's play area (tot-lot).

P – I Children's play areas and other appropriate park areas should have adequate shade, seating, and wind protection provided through landscaping and/or constructed elements, and if located near collector streets, a three- to four-foot tall fence to separate the play area from the street.

P – J The storm water basin will be a dual-purpose area with sport and recreation fields.

P – K Parks should be located and designed to minimize noise and activity conflicts with residential areas.

P – L A 100-foot-wide low growing and low fuel vegetated buffer should be provided between residential lots and the larger hillside open space area. This 100-foot buffer will be located within the open space area, and will be maintained to keep fuel load low. Maintenance will be funded through a Community Facilities District or other similar funding source.

P – M Landscaping in the open space area, if needed to supplement existing vegetation, should utilize native plant materials that are both fire resistant and non-invasive.

P – N All dedicated park and open space acreage (excepting neighborhood pocket parks and connecting pathways) shall include the design, financing, and construction of public parking within the park space, at the time the park is constructed, to eliminate the use of neighborhood streets as parking locations for residents and visitors who choose to visit the park and/or open space areas. Parking for the hillside picnic park and hillside open space shall be provided within the linear park.

4.2 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Concept

The specific plan envisions a network of parks and pathways that form a comprehensive and thoroughly interconnected system. This system will provide recreational opportunities near each home in the plan area, and a system for non-motorized circulation within the plan area. A range of recreational options will be provided, including soccer, baseball, or other sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and trails. The park areas will provide space for large trees that can provide shade and reduce winds.



MIRAMONTE SPECIFIC PLAN AREA

PROJECT UPDATE
REVIEW AND ACCEPT FIRE STATION/POLICE SUBSTATION STANDARDS AND PARKS AND LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN

City of Soledad
Planning Division
October 7, 2026

OVERVIEW

- Important Terms and Definitions
- Project Background
- Review and Accept
  - Fire Station/Police Substation Requirements & Standards
  - Parks and Landscape Master Plan (PLMP)

These are technical implementation documents to be incorporated into the future Miramonte Development Agreement

IMPORTANT TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

- Specific Plan: Provides a framework to guide development in a geographic area.
- Implementation: Defines regulations and financing methods to turn policy document into reality.
- LAFCO: Agency that oversees City boundary and annexation matters.
- Annexation: Bringing the Miramonte area into the City's jurisdiction.

IMPORTANT TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

- Mitigation Measures: Any measure to avoid, reduce or rectify an adverse environmental impact.
- Master Plans: Detailed plans for specific project components, such as parks and public safety.
- Comprehensive Financing Plan: Identifies, prioritizes, and funds infrastructure needed to support development.
- Development Agreement: Sets the rules and timelines for a specific project. Protects the project from future changes in laws.

COUNCIL ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council of the City of Soledad

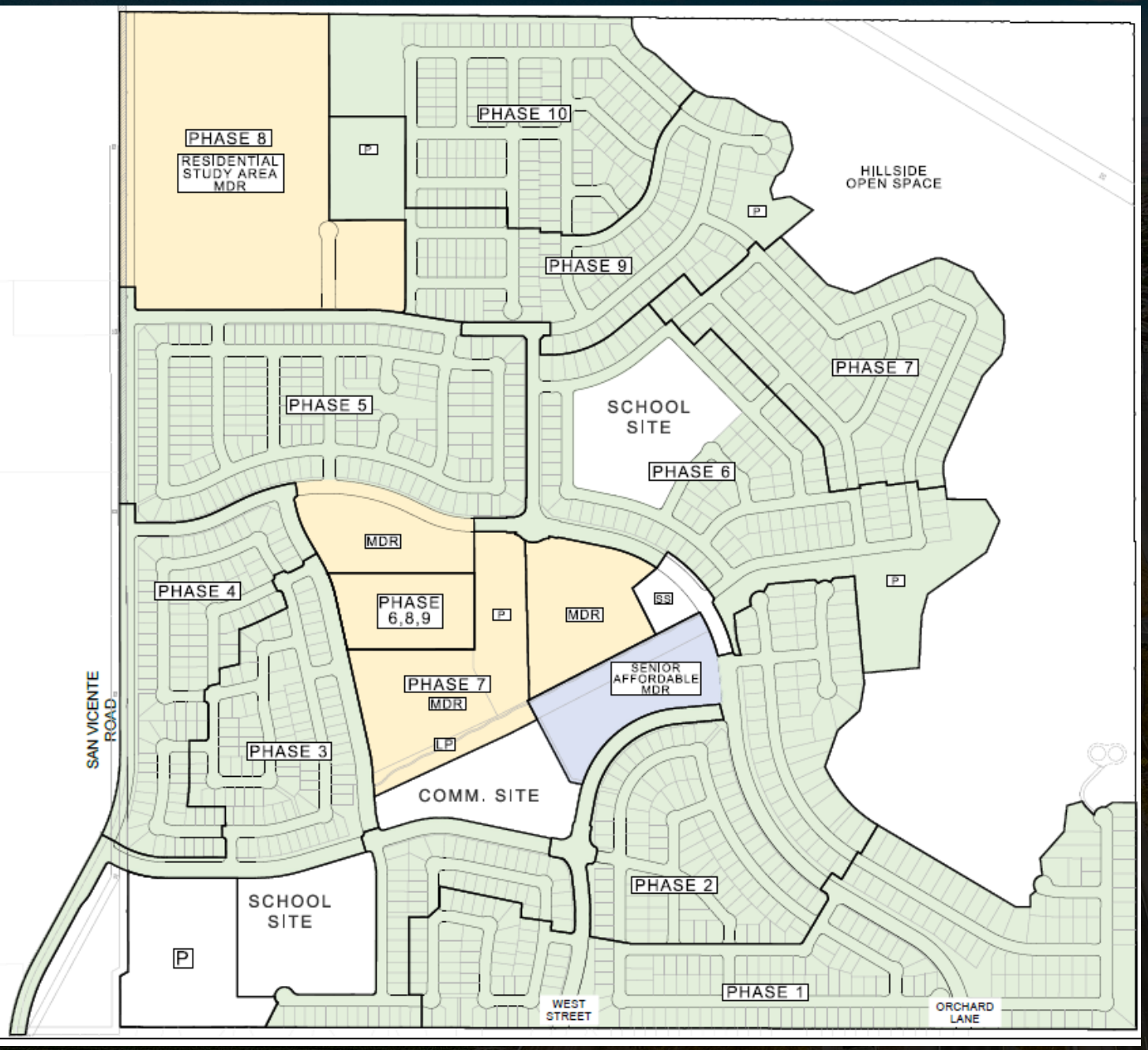
- Receive the Miramonte Specific Plan Area Project Update
- Approve Resolution No. 6431
  - Review and Accept the Fire Station/Police Substation Requirements & Standards
- Approve Resolution No. 6432
  - Review and Accept the Parks and Landscape Master Plan

MIRAMONTE SPECIFIC PLAN AREA



Plan Area Boundary
City Limits
Single Family
Multi-Family
Public Facilities/ Water Tank
Park/Drainage Facility
Village Commercial
Open Space

MIRAMONTE SPECIFIC PLAN AREA



NOTES AND LEGEND

P	COMMUNITY PARK SITE
SS	POLICE/FIRE SUB STATION
LP	LINEAR PARK
LDR	LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL
MDR	MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL
SAMDR	SENIOR AFFORDABLE MDR

WHERE WE STARTED

November 2018 – The Specific Plan was Approved

City Council Actions

- Specific Plan Approved
- Environmental Document Certified
- Mitigation Monitoring Program Adopted
- General Plan Amended
- Prezone Approved
- Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map Approved
- LAFCO Process initiated

The 2018 approvals established the overall vision, land use framework, and requirements for Miramonte

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE SPECIFIC PLAN IS APPROVED?

1

Specific Plan

Approved in 2018

2

Implementation Plans

- Infrastructure
- Housing
- Circulation
- Public Facilities

3

Cost & Timing Responsibilities

- Addressed per Implementation Plan

4

Financing + DA

- Subject to Council review and Approval

5

Final Map

- Subject to Planning Commission Recommendation and City Council Review and Approval

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Development

- Subject to Master Development Plans and Applicable COA's & MMRP

MULTIPLE COMPONENTS, ONE PROJECT



Each plan addresses a different piece, but they ultimately come together

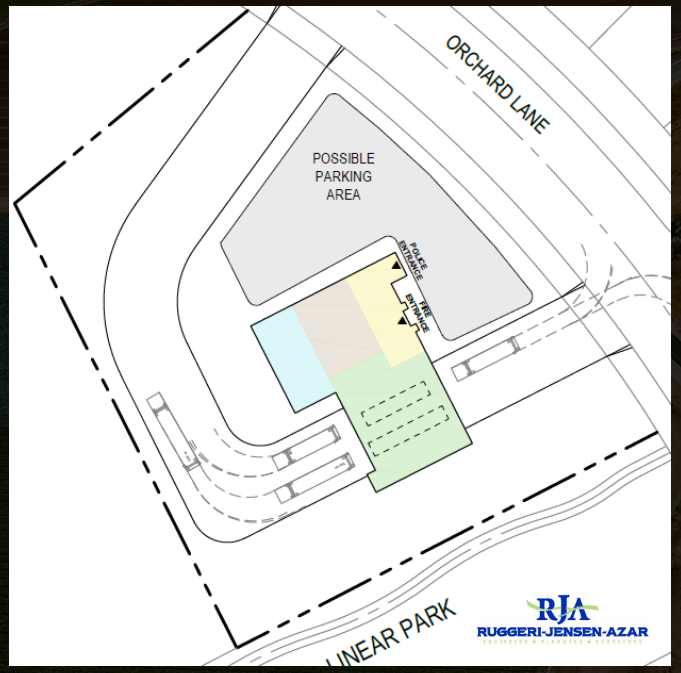
MIRAMONTE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

Component	Status
Specific Plan	Approved - 2018
LAFCO/Annexation	Conditionally Approved/Extension Being Pursued
Infrastructure Plans	Approved Water Master Plan – April 2024 Approved Storm Drain Master Plan – May 2024 Approved Sanitary Sewer Master Plan – September 2021
Affordable Housing Agreement (AHA)	Received Direction from Miramonte Ad-Hoc Committee on May 20, 2026 – awaiting a draft housing agreement to be presented to the Ad-Hoc
Parks & Landscape Master Plan	Plan is being presented to the Council
Fire Station & Police Substation	Plan is being presented to the Council
Comprehensive Financing Plan (CFP)	Requires Completion & Acceptance of Infrastructure Improvement Plans, Parks and Landscape Master Plan, and Fire Station/Police Substation Requirements and Standards
Development Agreement (DA)	Requires Completion of CFP and AHA

PHASE 1 OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Fire Station/Police Substation Standards and Parks and Landscape Master Plan

Exhibit A - Fire Station/Police Substation Standards



Dedicated Parcel – 1.5 acres
7,520 sq. ft. Building

Exhibit B – Parks and Landscape Masterplan



Dedicated Parcels – 196.4 acres
Providing 5 acres per 1,000 residents

FIRE STATION/POLICE SUBSTATION STANDARDS

Proposed Public Safety Facility

FIRE STATION

- Fully Operational Fire Station
- Space and Amenities for Fire Operations

POLICE SUBSTATION

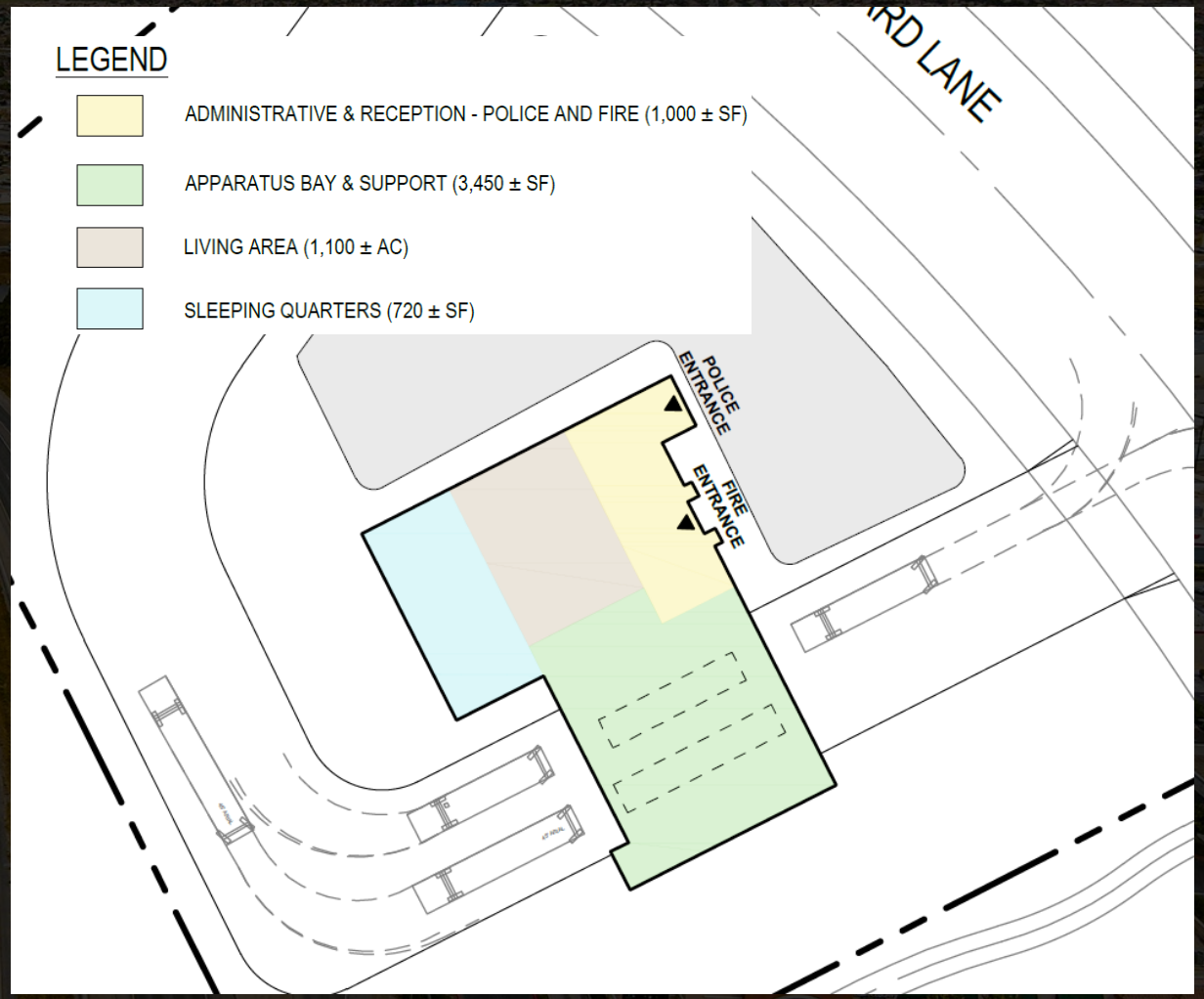
- Local Check-In/Support Location
- Dedicated Police Presence within Miramonte
- Not Intended to function as a Second Police Station

PURPOSE

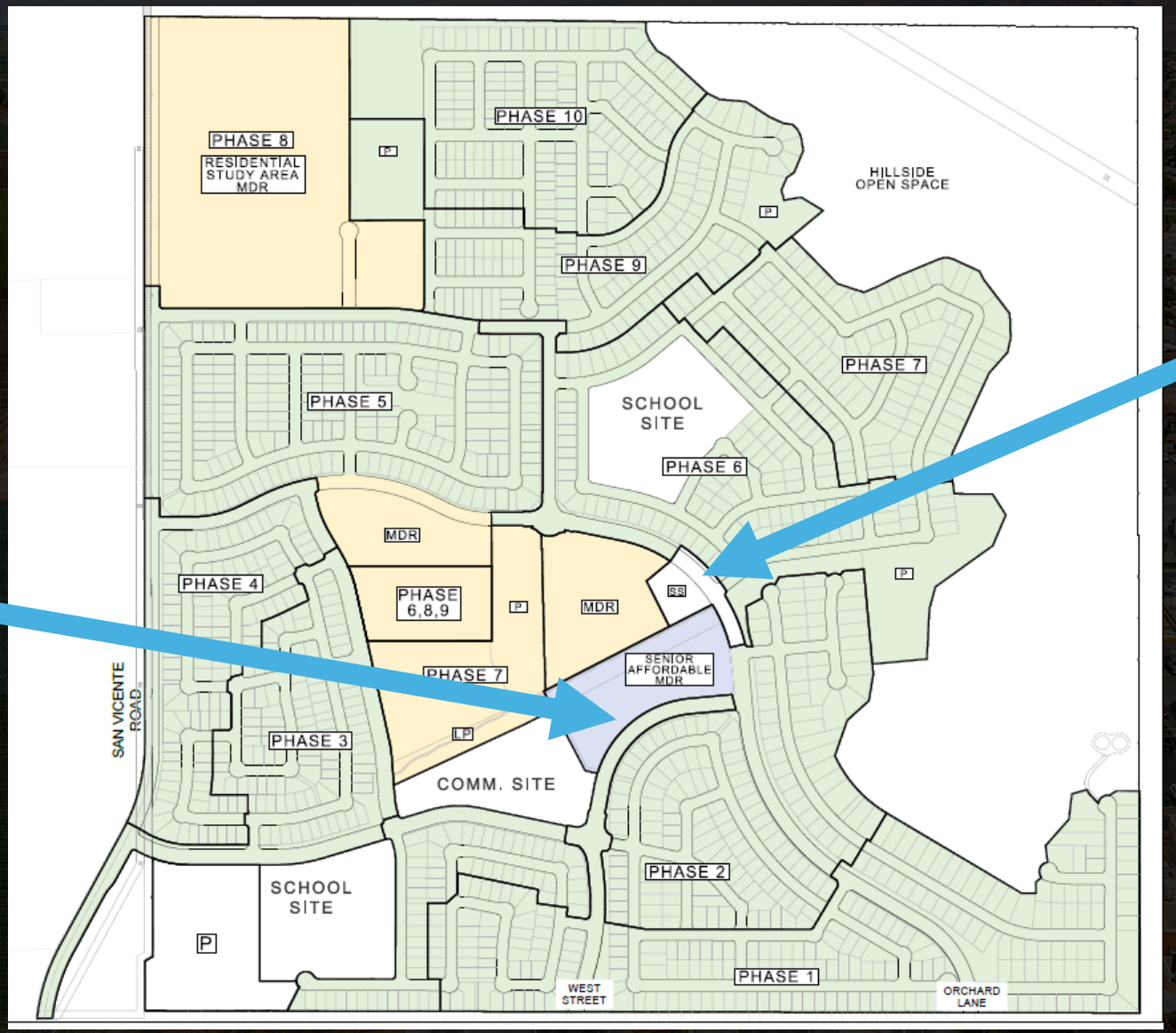
Establish the Public Safety Facilities Needed to Serve the Future Miramonte Community

FIRE STATION/POLICE SUBSTATION STANDARDS

- Architectural Design will be Approved by the City
- Design to comply with City, County, State and Regulatory Agencies requirements
- Temporary facility required



FIRE STATION AND POLICE SUBSTATION STANDARDS



Fire Station & Police Substation Location

Senior Housing Site

PARKS & LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN

MIRAMONTE PARK & LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES

1. Establish a palette of plants, materials, signage, and outdoor furniture to create a consistent, agrarian design aesthetic that unifies the community.
2. Preserve the scenic hills as natural open space for passive recreational use, with unpaved trails, rustic trail signage, and limited rural-style fencing.
3. Establish a roadway landscape character that reinforces the hierarchy of streets.
4. Use landscaping elements to assist in way finding and orientation.
5. Enhance sidewalks and trails with shade, comfortable walking surfaces, respites, and lighting.
6. Use Low Impact Development design features and native and drought tolerant plants to support the agrarian community character of the area.
7. Provide a range of recreational amenities that meet the needs of plan area residents and are economically beneficial to the City of Soledad.

PARKS & LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN

- P-1 – Ensure that the provision of adequate park, open space, and recreational facilities meets the varied needs of the plan area residents.
- P-2 – Protect the visual and natural resource values of the hillside open space lands.
- P-3 – Utilize park lands to link neighborhoods

Table 4-1 Specific Plan Parkland

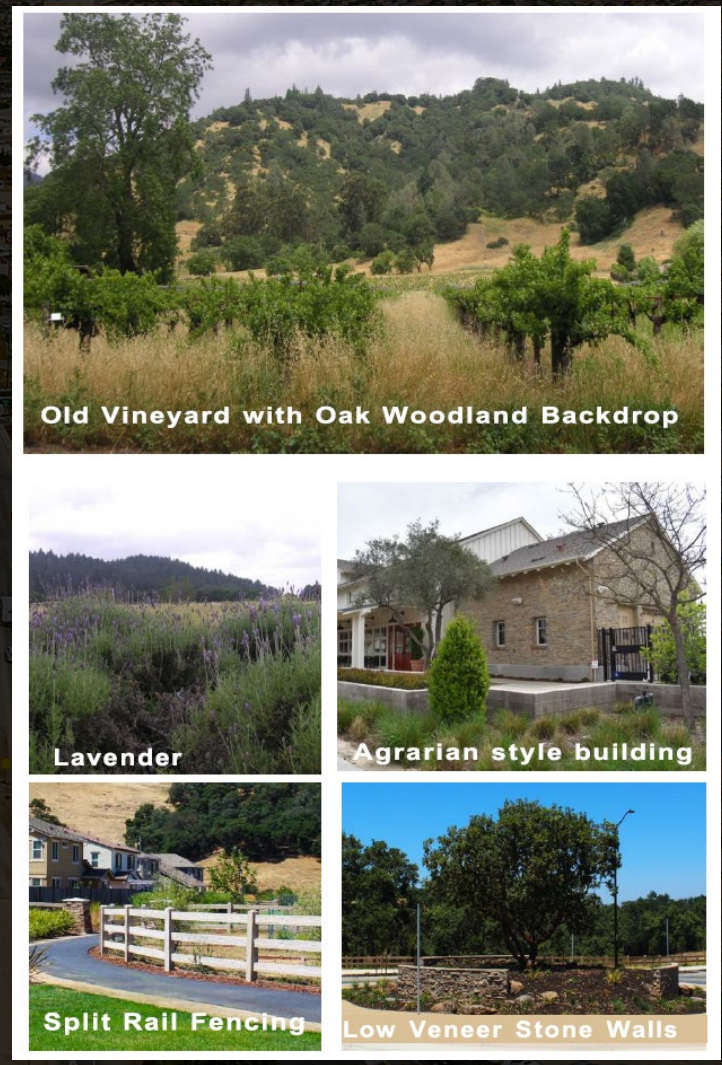
Active Use Park	Acres Provided
Village Park	6.1 acres
Detention Basin/Recreation Area	11.9 acres[1]
Soccer/Sports Park	14.2 acres
Linear Park	8.4 acres
Hillside Picnic Park	7.2 acres
Neighborhood Parks	6.9 acres
Neighborhood Connection Trails	1.3 acres
Active Use Park Total	**56.0 acres**
Passive Use Open Space	**Acres Provided**
Hillside Open Space	140.4 acres
Passive Use Open Space Total	**140.4 acres**
Total Park and Open Space	**196.4 acres**

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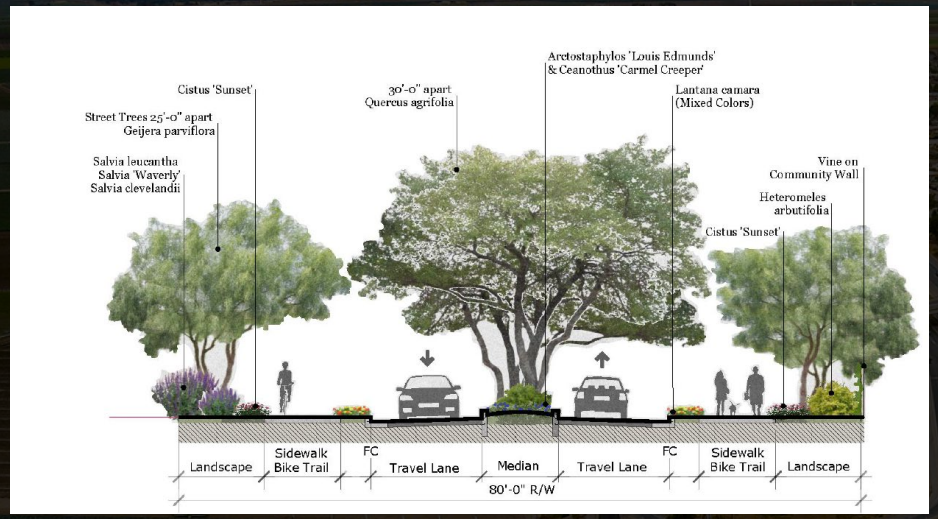
1. This is for dual use, storm water retention and recreational park space. This area includes excess park space that is connected to the retention basin area.

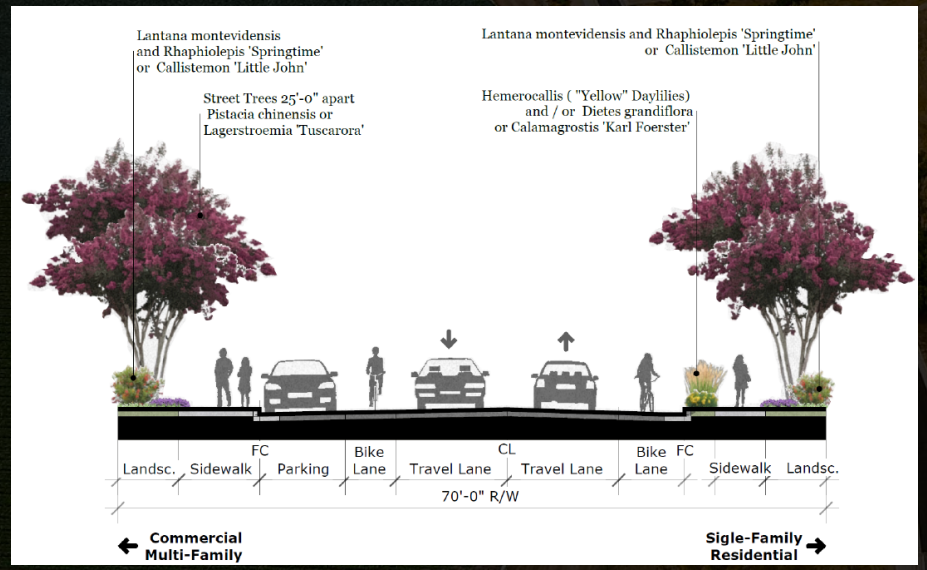
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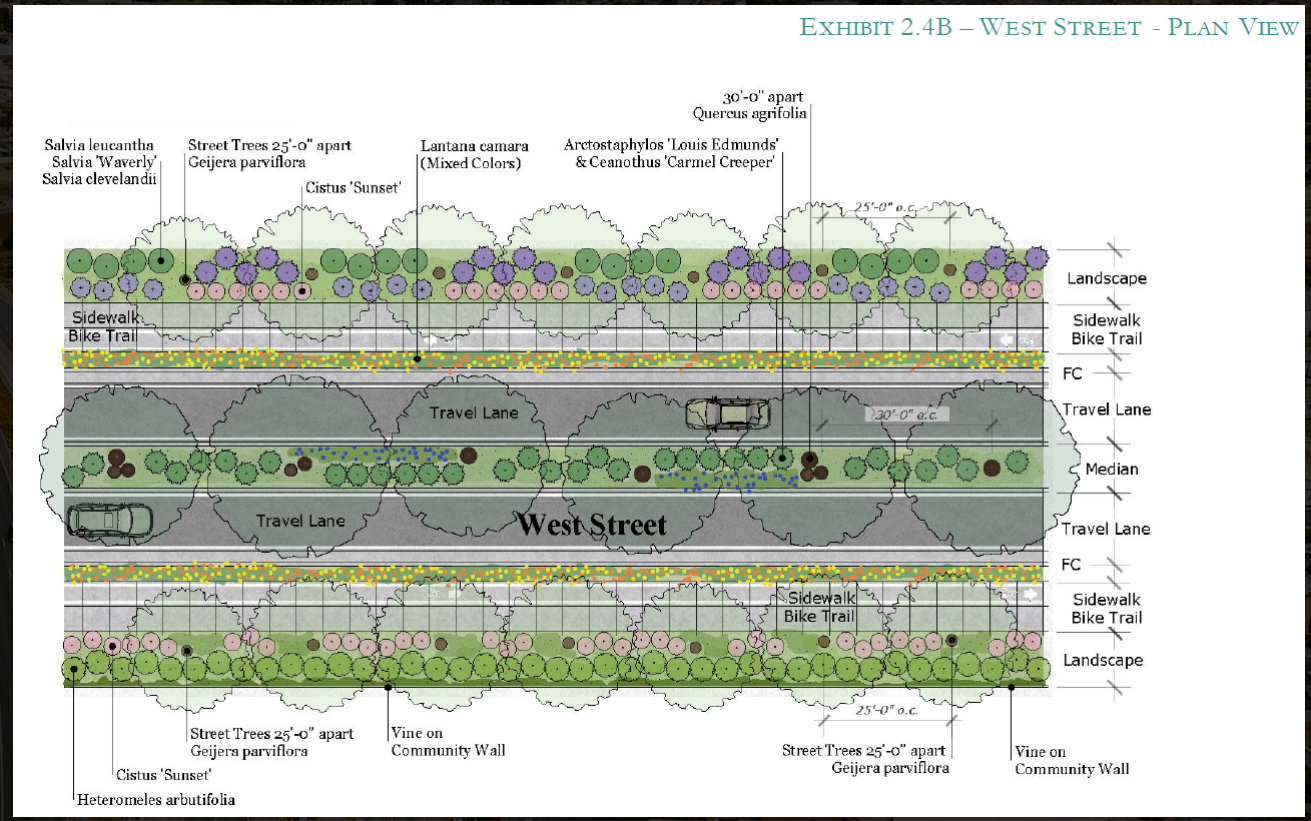
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ROADWAYS & PARKING







GATEWAYS & ENTRIES

EXHIBIT 2.7A - POTENTIAL PRIMARY ENTRY MONUMENT DESIGN – CONCEPT 1

FRONT VIEW / SIDE VIEW (N.T.S.)



ISOMETRIC VIEW (N.T.S.)



NOTE: FOR ILLUSTRATION ONLY. DESIGN MAY VARY AT FINAL - PLEASE REFER TO SECTION 6.0 IMPLEMENTATION.

EXHIBIT 2.7B - POTENTIAL PRIMARY ENTRY MONUMENT DESIGN – CONCEPT 2

FRONT VIEW / SIDE VIEW (N.T.S.)



ISOMETRIC VIEW (N.T.S.)



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OPEN SPACE TRAILS & PUBLIC SPACES











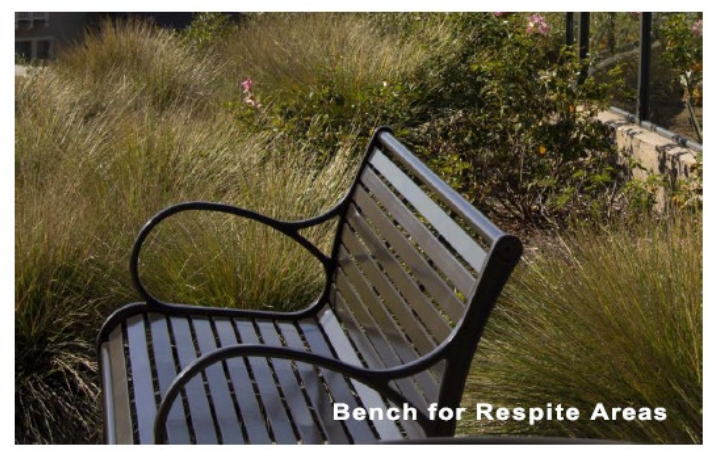




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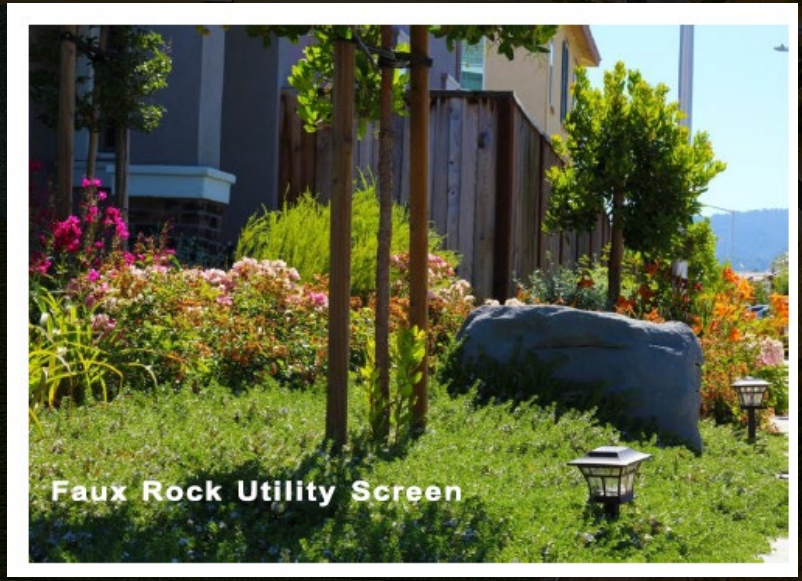
1. Natural Hillside Open Space
2. Village Park
3. Hillside Picnic Park
4. Sports Park with Dual Use Stormwater Basins and stormwater treatment areas
5. Neighborhood Parks & Paseos
6. Linear Park with drainage channel and stormwater treatment areas
7. Basin Park with dual use Stormwater Basin and stormwater treatment areas

THEMATIC ELEMENTS

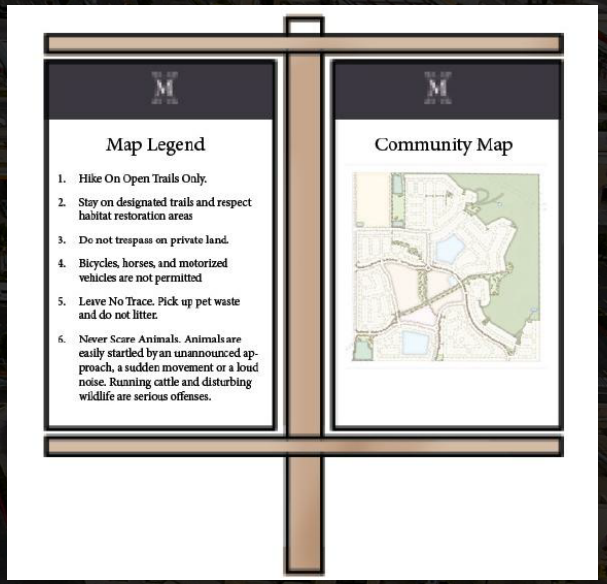












PLANT PALETTES



Rhaphiolepis indica 'Springtime'





Heteromeles arbutifolia



Lantana camera 'Radiation'



Salvia 'Waverly'



Salvia develandii



Koelreuteria paniculata



Achillea millefolium



Baccharis pilularis



Pistacia chinensis



Rosa californica



Juncus effusus

PARKS & LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN

PARKS + OPEN SPACE

- Village Park
- Hillside Picnic Park
- Sports Park
- Neighborhood Parks
- Pocket Parks
- Linear Park
- Basin Park

CONNECTIVITY + AMENITIES

- Trails
- Open Space
- Public Spaces
- Landscaping
- Recreational Amenities

IMPLEMENTATION

- Phasing
- Funding
- Maintenance
- Developer Responsibilities

Open Space & Park Design is consistent with the City's Adopted 2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

PARKS & LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN

The Parks and Landscape Master Plan provides the framework for how planned parks, open space, trails, and landscaping will be implemented throughout Miramonte





Specific Plan → Master Plan → Community Input → Detailed Design → Implementation

HOW TODAY'S PLANS MOVE THE PROJECT FORWARD

- Would establish the project -level framework for
  - Parks, open space, trails, landscaping, and recreational amenities
  - Fire Station
  - Police Substation
- Consistent with the Specific Plan requirements, Conditions of Approval, and applicable City plans
- These improvements would be incorporated into the Comprehensive Financing Plan and subsequently into the DA as appendices, for future consideration by the City Council.

ACCEPTANCE OF PLANS

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

- Reimbursement Agreement and Account Established
- 100% Developer Funded
- Action of plan acceptance will not affect the General Fund

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

- Acceptance of Plans supports Goal 2.2.2 – Negotiate a DA for Miramonte
- Helps establish the details for public facilities and improvements

CEQA

- FEIR certified in 2010
- Addendum in 2018
- No proposed changes to the project (§15183)
- Plans are consistent with Miramonte Specific Plan

MIRAMONTE SPECIFIC PLAN AREA

ACCEPTANCE OF FIRE STATION/ POLICE SUBSTATION PLAN AND PARKS AND LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN

Questions & Discussion

October 7, 2026

CITY OF SOLEDAD
STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: **Consideration of Positions on Proposition 1, Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026, and Proposition 43 Titled Limits Voters' Ability to Raise Revenues for Local Government Services, Legislative Constitutional Amendment**

TO: **Honorable Mayor Velazquez and City Council**

FROM: **Megan Hunter, City Manager**

THROUGH:

MEETING DATE: **October 7, 2026**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council of the City of Soledad discuss and consider adopting two resolutions establishing positions on the statewide ballot consistent with the City's adopted 2025–2026 Legislative Platform:

1. Resolution No. 6433, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Supporting Proposition 1, the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026; and
2. Resolution No. 6434, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Opposing Proposition 43 Titled Limits Voters' Ability to Raise Revenues for Local Government Services, Legislative Constitutional Amendment.

Executive Summary

Two measures appearing on the November 3, 2026, statewide ballot have potential implications for the City of Soledad and priorities identified in the City's adopted Legislative Platform. Proposition 1 would authorize $11.25 billion in state general obligation bonds for affordable housing, homeownership, housing infrastructure, farmworker and other targeted housing programs, and veterans' home loans. Proposition 43 would increase the approval threshold for voter-proposed local special taxes from a majority to two-thirds beginning January 1, 2027. Consistent with the City's legislative priorities and positions taken by the League of California Cities, staff is presenting resolutions supporting Proposition 1 and opposing Proposition 43 for City Council consideration.

Background

Since 2022, the City of Soledad has worked with a legislative advocacy firm to monitor state legislation, evaluate proposals that may affect City operations and services, and advocate for the City's interests in Sacramento.

In February 2026, the City Council adopted its 2025–2026 Legislative Platform to establish policy priorities and provide direction regarding legislation and other state and federal actions affecting the City. The platform allows the City to more proactively engage on issues that affect local government operations, fiscal sustainability, housing, infrastructure, economic development, and the delivery of essential municipal services.

As part of this effort, staff has identified two measures on the November 3, 2026, statewide ballot that have particular relevance to the City of Soledad: Proposition 1 and Proposition 43.

Councilmember Fernando Cabrera requested that the City Council consider formally supporting Proposition 1. In addition, the League of California Cities has encouraged cities to consider taking positions on both measures. Cal Cities has encouraged cities to support Proposition 1 and oppose Proposition 43 and has made sample resolutions available to its member cities.

Based on the potential impacts to Soledad, the City's adopted Legislative Platform, the request from Councilmember Cabrera, and the positions of Cal Cities, staff has prepared two resolutions for Council consideration.

Review & Analysis

Proposition 1 – Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026

Proposition 1 was placed on the ballot by the State Legislature through Senate Bill 417 and would authorize the State of California to issue $11.25 billion in general obligation bonds for housing affordability programs. Of this amount, $10 billion would support state housing programs and $1.25 billion would support the CalVet Home Loan Program.

The $10 billion housing allocation includes funding for affordable multifamily rental housing, acquisition and preservation of existing affordable housing, supportive housing, homeownership and downpayment assistance, farmworker housing, tribal housing, student housing, infrastructure supporting affordable housing development, and local housing programs. The $1.25 billion CalVet allocation would provide additional home loan assistance to eligible California veterans.

Proposition 1 is particularly relevant to Soledad because housing affordability and availability continue to be significant local challenges. Approximately 34 percent of occupied households in Soledad—about 1,260 households—were overpaying for housing, while approximately 53 percent of lower-income households experienced a housing cost burden. Approximately 25 percent of Soledad households were overcrowded in 2020, compared with approximately 14 percent countywide.

The City has actively pursued opportunities to expand the local housing supply and increase affordable housing opportunities. These efforts include the City's acquisition of approximately 4.6 acres on Gabilan Drive for future affordable housing development, as well as ongoing work to facilitate new residential development and expand homeownership opportunities.

Proposition 1 could provide additional state resources that may assist the City, affordable housing developers, nonprofit organizations, and other partners in advancing projects in Soledad. Funding for affordable multifamily housing, farmworker housing, homeownership assistance, and infrastructure is particularly relevant given Soledad's housing needs and agricultural workforce.

The measure would not impose a direct debt obligation on the City. The State would repay the $10

billion housing portion of the bond from the State General Fund, while participating veterans would repay the bonds associated with the CalVet Home Loan Program through their loan payments. The Legislative Analyst estimates that repayment of the housing portion would cost the State approximately $500 million to $600 million annually for about 25 years.

The League of California Cities supports Proposition 1 and has encouraged cities to consider adopting resolutions of support. Cal Cities has noted that the measure could provide cities with additional resources for affordable housing production, preservation, infrastructure, and innovative local housing programs.

Based on the City's identified housing needs and adopted legislative priorities, staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution supporting Proposition 1.

Proposition 43 – Limits Voters' Ability to Raise Revenues for Local Government Services, Legislative Constitutional Amendment

Proposition 43 was placed on the ballot by the State Legislature through Assembly Constitutional Amendment 22. The measure addresses the voter-approval requirement for certain local special taxes.

Under current law, a special tax placed on the ballot by a local government requires approval by two-thirds of voters. Following court decisions interpreting the California Constitution, however, a local special tax proposed through the citizens' initiative process may currently be approved by a majority of voters.

Beginning January 1, 2027, Proposition 43 would require voter-proposed local special taxes to receive two-thirds voter approval. As a result, the same two-thirds threshold would apply regardless of whether a special tax is proposed by a local governing body or through the voter initiative process.

Proposition 43 follows the withdrawal of an earlier proposed initiative backed by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association and other organizations. That proposal contained broader restrictions affecting local taxation, including provisions related to real property transfer taxes and existing local taxes. Proposition 43 does not contain those broader provisions and is focused on the approval threshold for voter-proposed local special taxes.

The measure nevertheless has potential implications for cities because it would make it more difficult to approve future voter-initiated revenue measures dedicated to specific purposes. Under the proposed two-thirds requirement, a special tax could receive support from a majority of voters but still fail to obtain the votes necessary for approval.

This issue is particularly relevant to Soledad because the City has a limited number of locally controlled revenue sources and relies on voter-approved Measures S and Y to support essential City services, particularly public safety. Although Proposition 43 would not invalidate those existing measures, the higher threshold could affect the ability of voters to approve certain voter-initiated special taxes in the future.

Information provided in connection with Proposition 43 estimates that local measures generating nearly $3 billion annually would not have received sufficient votes for approval had the proposed two-thirds threshold applied when those measures were considered. Those revenues support services that include fire and emergency response, childcare, homelessness programs, street repairs, parks, libraries, and other locally determined priorities.

The State Legislative Analyst has concluded that Proposition 43 could result in local government tax revenues being lower in the future than they otherwise would be, although the actual fiscal impact cannot be determined because it would depend on future measures and voter decisions.

Proponents of Proposition 43 argue that taxes dedicated to a specific purpose should require broad voter consensus and that the measure restores the two-thirds threshold traditionally associated with local special taxes. Opponents, including the League of California Cities and other local government organizations, argue that the measure would limit the ability of local voters to approve funding for locally determined priorities.

The League of California Cities opposes Proposition 43 and has encouraged cities to consider adopting resolutions of opposition. Based on the City's Legislative Platform emphasizing local control and fiscal sustainability, and the potential effect of the measure on future locally controlled revenue options, staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution opposing Proposition 43.

Consistency with the City's Legislative Platform

The proposed positions are consistent with the City's 2025–2026 Legislative Platform.

Support for Proposition 1 is consistent with the City's priorities related to increasing housing production and affordability, supporting housing opportunities for working families and farmworkers, expanding homeownership, and pursuing state resources to assist local housing and infrastructure needs.

Opposition to Proposition 43 is consistent with the City's priorities related to preserving local control, maintaining fiscal sustainability, protecting locally controlled revenues, and ensuring that cities have sufficient tools and resources to provide essential municipal services.

Financial Considerations

Adopting the proposed resolutions would have no direct fiscal impact on the City.

Proposition 1 would authorize state general obligation bonds and would not create a direct debt obligation for the City of Soledad. If approved by voters, the City and its housing partners could potentially benefit from future competitive or formula-based funding opportunities supported by the measure.

Proposition 43 would not affect the validity of the City's existing Measures S and Y. However, if approved, Proposition 43 would increase the voter-approval threshold for future voter-proposed local special taxes from a majority to two-thirds, potentially limiting the City's future options for generating locally controlled revenue to address community priorities.

Strategic Plan Alignment

This action is consistent with **Goal 10.2.3 – Strengthen Legislative Advocacy and Policy Influence** of the City's Strategic Plan by advancing the City's interests on statewide measures that could directly affect local priorities, services, and fiscal sustainability.

Support for Proposition 1 is consistent with several of the Strategic Plan's housing objectives, particularly **Goal 2.1 – Promote, Support, and Expand the Development of Diverse and Affordable**

Housing to Meet Community Needs. Proposition 1 would provide additional state funding for affordable housing production, preservation, homeownership assistance, and supporting infrastructure, providing potential resources to advance the City's housing priorities.

Opposition to Proposition 43 is consistent with **Goal 10.5 – Promote Fiscal Responsibility and Grow Grant Funding Capacity**. The City relies on locally approved revenues, including Measure Y, to maintain essential public safety services. There is uncertainty on whether passage of this proposition would make it more difficult to renew Measure Y, which expires in 2032. The loss of revenue from Measure Y would be devastating to the City's budget and could result in deep cuts to public safety.

Alternatives

- Adopt both or either of the resolutions as presented; or
- Modify both or either of the resolutions; or
- Reject both or either of the resolutions and take no further action.

Planning/CEQA

Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378, consideration and adoption of positions on statewide ballot measures does not constitute a "project" for purposes of CEQA because the action does not have the potential to result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

Public Notice Requirements

Not required.

Attachment(s):
Resolution No. 6433 - Proposition 1
Resolution No. 6434 - Proposition 43

RESOLUTION NO. 6433

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 1, THE VETERANS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND ACT OF 2026

WHEREAS, California continues to face a significant shortage of affordable housing, across all income levels affecting working families, veterans, farmworkers, seniors, students, and other residents throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, many households struggle to keep pace with rising rents and are considered cost-burdened when housing costs exceed 30% of their income, with families disproportionately affected; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Soledad, approximately 34 percent of occupied households—about 1,260 households—overpaid for housing, while approximately 53 percent of lower-income households experienced a housing cost burden; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, approximately 25 percent of Soledad households were overcrowded, compared with approximately 14 percent countywide, reflecting the particular housing challenges faced by residents who shared housing to reduce costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Soledad recognizes that expanding the supply of housing across a range of affordability levels is essential to addressing California's housing crisis and has worked actively to facilitate new development and increase local affordable housing opportunities, including purchasing a 4.6-acre site on Gabilan for affordable housing construction; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 417 (Chapter 16, Statutes of 2026), known as the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026, placed Proposition 1 before California voters at the November 3, 2026, statewide general election; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1 would authorize the State of California to issue $11.25 billion in general obligation bonds to support housing affordability programs, including the construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable housing; supportive housing; homeownership and downpayment assistance; housing infrastructure; and housing for farmworkers, tribal communities, students, and veterans; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1 would provide $10 billion for state housing programs, including $7.2 billion for affordable multifamily rental housing programs, $1.1 billion for homeownership and downpayment assistance, $1 billion for farmworker, tribal, and student housing, $500 million for housing infrastructure, and $200 million to support local housing programs; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1 would provide an additional $1.25 billion for California's veterans home loan program to assist eligible veterans with opportunities to purchase homes; and

WHEREAS, state investment in affordable housing programs can provide local governments, nonprofit organizations, affordable housing developers, and community partners with additional resources to advance housing projects that may otherwise be difficult to finance using local resources alone; and

WHEREAS, these resources could assist communities such as Soledad in addressing local housing needs, supporting affordable housing production and preservation, expanding homeownership opportunities, and providing housing opportunities for farmworkers and other working families; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that continued state investment in housing programs is important to complement local efforts to increase housing opportunities and address the housing affordability challenges facing Soledad residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Soledad, California, as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby declares its support for Proposition 1, the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026, appearing on the November 3, 2026, statewide general election ballot.

SECTION 2. The City Council authorizes the City Manager, City staff, and City representatives, consistent with applicable law, to communicate the City Council's adopted position regarding Proposition 1 to the League of California Cities, state legislators, regional partners, and the public.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to the League of California Cities and other appropriate organizations and agencies.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Soledad at a regular meeting duly held on the 7th day of October 2026, by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers:

NOES, Councilmembers:

ABSENT, Councilmembers:

ABSTAIN, Councilmembers:

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ANNA M. VELAZQUEZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

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MEGAN HUNTER, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 6434

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD OPPOSING PROPOSITION 43, TITLED LIMITS VOTERS' ABILITY TO RAISE REVENUES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES, A LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, California cities rely on locally generated revenues to provide essential municipal services and address community priorities, including police and fire protection, emergency response, streets and infrastructure, parks and recreation, housing, and other public services; and

WHEREAS, local ballot measures provide residents with an opportunity to determine whether additional local revenues should be raised and dedicated to specific services and priorities within their communities; and

WHEREAS, under existing law, local special taxes placed on the ballot by a local government require approval by two-thirds of voters, while voter-proposed local special taxes may be approved by a majority of voters; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 43, appearing on the November 3, 2026, statewide general election ballot, would amend the California Constitution to require voter-proposed local special taxes to receive approval from two-thirds of voters rather than a majority, beginning January 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, increasing the voter-approval threshold from a majority to two-thirds would allow more than one-third (33.4%) of voters to prevent approval of a voter-proposed special tax even when the measure receives support from a majority of voters; and

WHEREAS, if the voter-approval threshold proposed by Proposition 43 had previously been in effect, California communities would not have been able to approve local measures generating nearly $3 billion annually for locally determined priorities, including fire and emergency response, childcare, homelessness programs, street repairs, parks, libraries, and other community services; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislative Analyst's Office has determined that Proposition 43 could result in lower local government tax revenues in the future than would otherwise occur, with the actual fiscal impact dependent upon future decisions by local governments and voters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Soledad depends on a limited number of locally controlled revenue sources, including voter-approved Measures S and Y, to fund essential municipal services and community priorities, particularly public safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that decisions regarding local revenues and the services they support should remain responsive to the needs and priorities of individual communities and their voters; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is concerned that Proposition 43 would make it more difficult for local voters to approve revenues dedicated to locally identified needs, potentially limiting the ability of communities to respond to changing public safety, infrastructure, and service needs; and

WHEREAS, preserving the ability of local voters to make decisions regarding revenues for their own communities is important to maintaining local fiscal flexibility and local control.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Soledad, California, as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby declares its opposition to Proposition 43, "Limits Voters' Ability to Raise Revenues for Local Government Services. Legislative Constitutional Amendment," appearing on the November 3, 2026, statewide general election ballot.

SECTION 2. The City Council finds that increasing the voter-approval threshold for voter-proposed local special taxes would reduce the ability of local voters to determine how best to fund services and priorities within their own communities.

SECTION 3. The City Council authorizes the City Manager, City staff, and City representatives, consistent with applicable law, to communicate the City Council's adopted position regarding Proposition 43 to the League of California Cities, state legislators, regional partners, and the public.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to the League of California Cities and other appropriate organizations and agencies.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Soledad at a regular meeting duly held on the 7th day of October 2026, by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers:

NOES, Councilmembers:

ABSENT, Councilmembers:

ABSTAIN, Councilmembers:

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ANNA M. VELAZQUEZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

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MEGAN HUNTER, City Clerk