



STAFF REPORT
7/20/2021

TO: Parks and Recreation Chair and Commissioners

FROM: Maritza Martinez, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Recommend Facility Use Permits and Community Field Use Program be extended through October 10, 2021 for Bagdouma Park soccer fields 1,2,5,6 and Rancho Las Flores Park soccer fields 2 and 3.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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BACKGROUND:

Since 2007, the City has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the local nonprofit sports leagues for use of park facilities. The MOU identifies the following per league use information pertaining to Bagdouma Park and Rancho Las Flores Park: league season (months of the year available), days of use during the identified league season and area of the park available to the league use during their identified season.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The identified soccer season is November 1 – July 31. Both soccer leagues have requested the soccer season be extended this year due to COVID-19 impacts that resulted in the soccer fields being unavailable from November 2020 – February 2021. The annual closure of soccer fields identified in the MOU for the months of August, September and October allow for the following maintenance work to be completed for the city's soccer fields: aeration (to improve oxygen levels of root system), new sod installation to address wear pattern areas (mid field and goalie areas), scalping and overseeding (winter seed application).

Staff has evaluated this request and due to the unprecedented circumstances has discussed a minimal closure of three weeks to allow for overseeding between October 11 – October 31, opening all soccer fields on November 1st. Staff would recommend continuing to allow facility use permits and Community Field Use Program between August 1st and October 10th. This option has been presented to both leagues and both have agreed to this closure period. During this closure period CYSA-S will use its leased Armetc fields and CVSL will use Field 4 at Bagdouma Park(per

the city's existing facility use permit process). Staff will evaluate if additional closures are needed to sustain good field conditions February/March 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The recommended action will not have a fiscal impact.