



## City of Colusa California

### STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** May 5, 2026  
**TO:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**FROM:** Jesse Cain, City Manager

**AGENDA ITEM:** Land Exchange for Triple Crown Project and Future Development of City Sports Complex

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive and file this report regarding the City of Colusa's land exchange associated with the Triple Crown Project and provide direction regarding the planning and public outreach process for the proposed sports complex and community center project.

#### **BACKGROUND ANALYSIS:**

The City of Colusa has recently completed a land exchange associated with the Triple Crown Project, resulting in the city acquiring ownership of approximately 84 acres located on East Clay Street. The exchange involved the city swapping 84 acres for 84 acres, allowing the city to consolidate land ownership in an area better suited for future community recreational development.

For several years, the city has discussed the need for expanded recreational facilities to serve residents of Colusa and the surrounding region. The newly acquired property on East Clay Street provides an ideal location for the development of a regional sports complex and community recreation area.

The city has been planning for the development of a multi-use sports complex on the 84-acre site. Preliminary concepts for the facility include:

- Multiple baseball fields
- Multiple softball fields
- Soccer fields
- Open recreational space
- Parking and supporting infrastructure
- A community center capable of hosting recreation programs, meetings, and community events

This project is intended to expand recreational opportunities for residents, support youth and adult sports programs, and create a destination facility capable of hosting tournaments and regional events that could benefit local businesses and the overall community.

City staff are currently preparing to pursue a State Parks Grant in the amount of approximately \$8.5 million to assist with funding the development of the sports complex.

State grant programs typically require significant community engagement and public input as part of the application process. These funds could significantly reduce the financial burden on the City while allowing the community to develop a high-quality recreational facility.

Over the next several months, the city will hold multiple public meetings and community workshops to gather feedback from residents, youth sports organizations, and other stakeholders. These meetings will help shape the final design and priorities for the project.

Public input will also be an important component of the grant application process, demonstrating community support and ensuring that the project reflects the needs and interests of Colusa residents.

#### Next Steps

1. Begin public outreach and community meetings.
2. Develop preliminary conceptual plans for the sports complex.
3. Prepare and submit the State Parks Grant application.
4. Return to City Council with project updates and potential funding strategies.

Staff will continue working on the planning process and will return to the City Council with updates as the project progresses.

The acquisition of the 84 acres on East Clay Street represents an important opportunity for the City of Colusa to invest in long-term recreational infrastructure. Development of a sports complex and community center could provide lasting benefits to residents while enhancing quality of life and supporting local economic activity

#### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

The land exchange itself does not create an immediate fiscal impact beyond administrative costs associated with the transaction.

If awarded, the \$8.5 million State Parks Grant would provide a substantial funding source for the project. Additional funding strategies may include future grants, partnerships, and phased construction approaches.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Provide staff with directions on public outreach