



City of Colusa California

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 3, 2026
TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Jesse Cain, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Partnership with the Colusa Rotary Club for construction of Pickleball Courts at Sankey-Elmwood Park.

RECOMMENDATION: Council to adopt the Resolution for the City Council to approve a partnership with the Colusa Rotary Club for the development of four (4) pickleball courts at Sankey-Elmwood Park, authorize a commitment of up to \$60,000 from the Parks Impact Fee Fund to the Rotary Club for this project, and find that no General Fund monies will be used for the construction of the pickleball courts.

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS: Pickleball has become one of the fastest-growing recreational activities in California and across the nation, attracting residents of all ages and skill levels. The City of Colusa has experienced increasing public interest in pickleball facilities as a low-impact, accessible recreational amenity that promotes health, wellness, and community interaction.

In 2025, the Parks, Recreation, and Tree Commission reviewed and approved the proposed pickleball court project and location. The project received unanimous support from all Commission members and was well supported by public comments, reflecting strong community interest and demand.

The City has entered into discussions with the Colusa Rotary Club to partner on the development of these courts. The Rotary Club has a long-standing and successful history in Colusa, having constructed or significantly contributed to most of the City's existing playgrounds over the past 30 years. Their continued investment in public recreational amenities has consistently been met with strong public support and appreciation.

The proposed project includes the construction of four (4) pickleball courts at Sankey-Elmwood Park. At this time, the project will be built in phases. Phase One will include the full installation of concrete slabs, fencing foundations, and light pole bases for all four courts. However, only two (2) of the four (4) courts will be fully built out and made operational during this initial phase.

This phased approach allows the City to meet current demand while planning for future completion of the remaining two courts as additional funding becomes available, without requiring future rework of major infrastructure.

Once completed, the pickleball courts are anticipated to be a significant recreational amenity and a regional draw, attracting residents and visitors to Colusa and supporting community vitality and local economic activity.

The City of Colusa Rotary Club has a long-standing presence and proven track record in building playgrounds and recreational facilities over the past three decades that further reinforces public confidence in the success of this project. The Colusa Rotary Club continued commitment to enhancing public amenities in Colusa.

The proposed partnership between the City of Colusa and the Colusa Rotary Club represents a fiscally responsible and community-supported investment in recreational infrastructure. The project will expand recreational opportunities, enhance the Sankey-Elmwood Park, and serve as a positive draw for residents and visitors alike, all while utilizing Parks Impact Fees and avoiding the use of General Fund resources.

The proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and/or 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), as the project involves the improvement of existing park facilities and minor new recreational structures with no expansion of use beyond what currently exists at Sankey-Elmwood Park.

The (\$60,000) sixty thousand dollars being asked to spend is in line with the purchasing policy. Under section IX A in the City's purchasing policy it States that the city has elected to be compliant with the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (UPCCAA). UPCCAA allows local agencies to perform public project work up to \$75,000 or less with its own work force or by negotiated contract, or by purchase order.

BUDGET IMPACT: The City will commit up to \$60,000 from the Parks Impact Fee Fund to support the construction of the pickleball courts. No General Fund monies will be used for this project.

The proposed expenditure is consistent with and in full compliance with the City's adopted spending and fiscal policies, including policies governing the appropriate use of restricted funds. Parks Impact Fees are an appropriate funding source for this project, as the courts will directly serve current and future residents by expanding recreational opportunities within the community.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a resolution 26

ATTACHMENT: Resolution