



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 31, 2026

PRESENTER: Theresa Johnson, Community Services Director

SUBJECT: Presentation by ELS Architecture and Urban Design regarding the preferred concept and design of the Kerman Area Multi-Generational Resiliency Center (TJ)

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Commission receive the presentation and provide feedback or direction to staff and ELS to support next steps.

DISCUSSION:

On November 12, 2025, at the City Council meeting, ELS Architecture and Urban Design was awarded the architectural design services agreement for the Kerman Area Multi-Generational Resiliency Center located at 15101 W. Kearney Blvd. Following execution of the agreement, City staff and the ELS team began meeting weekly to plan a series of three Community Engagement Meetings and to develop preliminary design concepts. The meetings were held on the third Wednesday of each month, beginning on January 21, and followed an open-house, gallery-walk format. Each subsequent meeting included a presentation by ELS, a visioning session, and table report-outs. Survey links were provided after each engagement meeting to gather additional feedback. These links were shared with partner organizations, staff, and elected officials, posted on the City website, and distributed across the City's social media platforms.

On Wednesday, March 18, the preferred concept was presented at the final engagement meeting, where attendees participated in the concluding visioning session. On Friday, March 20, City staff and ELS presented the preferred concept to the project's grant funder, the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

None