

The County of Yuba

Community Development and Services Agency



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Community Development and Services Agency
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SUBJECT: (10 minute estimate) Receive Update on West Linda Community Needs Assessment Project, and provide direction to staff.

DATE: September 12, 2023

NUMBER: 466/2023

Background:

The County acquired approximately 10 vacant acres in West Linda a number of years ago, as an ideal site for a future affordable housing project, as it was close to services, transportation, and a large underutilized property in a residential neighborhood.

As development plans evolved, the County deeded the majority of land over to the Regional Housing Authority, who partnered with the Pacific West Companies, to design and construct the now 149 unit complex, featuring 108 units of income qualified housing and 41 units of permanent supportive housing.

During this process, the County retained 1 acre on the North West corner, with the intention of developing a much needed community service hub for the community of West Linda.

As many partner agencies, nonprofits and civic groups excitedly raised their hands, expressing interest in potentially developing or collaborating on the site, the County wanted to first understand what was lacking in the community, what residents are looking for, and what would serve them best.

In 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved a consultant contract with Housing Tools, to manage the outreach, engagement and an analysis of current services, then ultimately draft a project concept for implementation based on this study.

The study was based on four pillars: **Human Services, Recreation, Transportation and Facilities.**

Through a variety of community meetings, online surveys, interviews with service providers and community based organizations, and even a stand-alone project webpage (all of which were translated in

three languages: English, Spanish and Hmong) staff worked the consultants from November until June 2023, to dig deep into what the community felt was the highest and best use of this site.

Attached is the Needs Assessment Project Concept and Implementation Plan.

Discussion:

Staff is seeking input and direction from your Board on the attached study. With Board direction, staff will prepare and return to your Board seeking authorization to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for site development and operations.

Fiscal Impact: *No funding commitment at this time.*

Budget:

General Fund - None

Non-General Fund- None

Attachments:

West Linda Community Needs Assessment