

# Bennett Valley Golf Course Operational Study Scope of Work

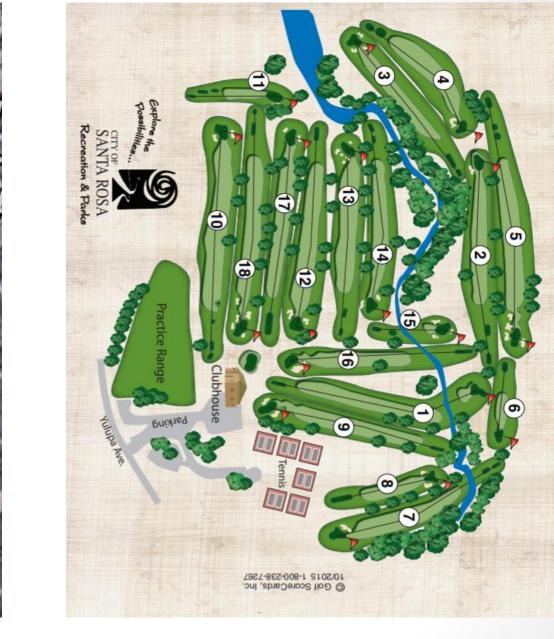
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### Background

- Golf Course
  - 18 Hole, Par 72, 6,500-yard
  - Unlit driving range w/ multiple tee boxes and natural turf and artificial pads
- Pro Shop: 2,232 square feet
- Restaurant: 14,146 square feet
  - 2,107 square feet of rentable event space
  - Commercial kitchen sized to serve restaurant and event simultaneously



#### Galvin Dog Park

Bennett Valley Golf Course

Galvin Park

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### Background (cont.)

- Pro Shop and Restaurant constructed with bond issuance in 2004
- Restaurant contract first issued in 2005; expires June 30, 2022
  - Legends requested early contract termination
  - Council terminated Legends contract in December 2020
- Golf Course contract first issued in 2005; expires June 30, 2022
  - Mr. Borowitz will not be requesting a contract extension
- Bond Debt of \$4.6 million; matures in 2030

### Capital Investment Needs

- Irrigation system replacement \$2-\$4 million
  - Sustainable source
  - Improved water management and control
  - Reserve resources
- Restaurant building improvements \$200,000
  - Exterior siding and dry rot repairs
  - HVAC modernization
  - Interior repairs
- Golf Course improvements No current estimate
  - Bridge repair/replacement
  - ADA improvements
  - Drainage improvements

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#### **Process Timeline**

- February 2, 2021 Council Study Session regarding real estate options
- March 2, 2021 Mayor Rogers creates BVGC Ad Hoc Committee
- March 9, 2021 Ad Hoc Committee recommends a comprehensive operational study without any real estate considerations
- March 31, 2021 Ad Hoc Committee discusses bond debt
- April 6, 2021 Ad Hoc Committee is provided update on SBVGC Steering Committee communication and conversations with multiple golf consultants
- April 13, 2021 Ad Hoc Committee update to Council
- June 1, 2021 Ad Hoc Committee receives presentation from SBVGC Steering Committee
- July 15, 2021 BVGC Ad Hoc Committee reviews and approves study scope of work as well as the review and selection committee composition

### Scope of Work

- Analysis in report form of the future of golf both in California and nationwide.
  - Specific focus on trends in Marin, Sonoma and Napa counties.
- Identification of comparable municipal golf course operations
  - Contract conditions
  - Restaurant and banquet/event area operations
  - Capital investment strategy
- Detailed evaluation and audit of both the existing golf course, restaurant, and banquet/event area operations.
  - Trends and conclusions
  - Maintenance operations and capital investments
  - Comparison of existing operations to comparable facilities and industry best practice

## Scope of Work (cont.)

- Recommendations for future solicitation:
  - Single versus multiple operator contracts
  - Operational contract best practices
  - Capital investment strategy
  - Municipal and public oversight
  - Additional, optional study recommendations

### Solicitation, Review & Selection

- Direction for Open Solicitation
  - Directed by Mayor on March 2, 2021
  - Recommended by Ad Hoc Committee on March 9 and confirmed on July 15, 2021
- Selection Committee Composition
  - Standard City Process
    - 3-5 City staff
    - 1 Councilmember (rotational)
  - Ad Hoc Recommends Adding
    - 1 Ad Hoc Committee member
    - 1 Member of the public (at large) through open solicitation

#### Recommendation

It is recommended by the Bennett Valley Golf Course Ad Hoc Committee and Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by motion: 1) approve a scope of work for the Bennett Valley Golf Course operational evaluation; 2) authorize releasing an RFP to conduct a comprehensive operational evaluation; 3) approve the review and selection committee composition; and 4) delegate authority to the City Manager or his/her designee to further modify the Scope of Work and/or Operational Evaluation Process provided such changes are consistent with or do not otherwise conflict with Council direction.