

INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

November 3, 2022



To: City Council
From: Indian Wells Golf Resort
Prepared by: Kevin McCarthy, City Finance Director
Subject: **Approval to Restructure the Golf Resort's Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Improvement Plan**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Council **APPROVES** restructuring the Golf Resort's Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Improvement Plan without the need for additional funding.

DISCUSSION:

The City is installing multiple solar structures at the Indian Wells Golf Resort (IWGR), including the driving range. In September 2022, the City Council authorized funding to upgrade the IWGR driving range to install the Toptracer technology into 17 new hitting bays to be used on the driving range and for Shots in the Night.

When the new solar structure was designed, the City had yet to consider the development of the Toptracer improvement to the driving range. Now that the solar structure has been installed and the City is moving forward with Toptracer as part of Shots in the Night, the pony wall under the solar structure needs to be removed.

A robust food and beverage program is a significant component of the upgraded Shots in the Night. The pony wall runs the entire length of the driving range. It creates an unnecessary barrier that prevents safe and efficient ingress and egress of guests and IWGR staff serving food and beverages into the individual hitting bays during Shots in the Night.

IWGR staff is not requesting a supplemental appropriation to the Golf Resort's Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Improvement Plan to remove the pony wall. IWGR staff requests the Council reallocate the budgeted \$50,000 funding to construct the stairs outside the Pro Shop for the removal of the pony wall.

The Golf Resort is preparing for the annual Resident Welcome Back Celebration scheduled for November 14, 2022, and the Winterfest Event immediately following. Implementing the new Toptracer program is an essential part of the upcoming events. The existence of the pony wall has created a timing of the essence issue to complete the Toptracer program before the Resident Welcome Back Celebration.

As of the writing of this staff report, the City's Public Works staff intends to use City equipment to determine if the pony wall can be removed using staff or if an outside contract needs to be awarded. If the test site is successful, Public Works will move forward with removing the wall at a fraction of the cost of an outside vendor.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact and no additional funding are requested. The total Golf Resort capital budget remains at \$776,000. As proposed, the \$50,000 allocated for the stairs outside the Pro Shop would be relocated to remove the pony wall under the solar structure at the driving range.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Adopted Golf Resort Capital Budget