



STAFF REPORT

CITY of YORBA LINDA

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: APPROVE A RESOLUTION DECLARING PROPERTY ALONG EL CAJON TRAIL SURPLUS

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution No. 2026-5981 declaring a portion of City-owned property along El Cajon Trail, near 18001 Yorba Linda Boulevard (APN: 334-403-27) surplus land.

SUMMARY

State law requires that the City declare property it is considering for sale/transfer surplus land, meaning it is no longer necessary for the City's use. The process involves City notifying the California Department of Housing and Community and housing developers of the City's intent and affording good faith consideration to any proposals received. Given the nature of this property, it is unlikely the City will receive proposals.

DISCUSSION

The City owns property along El Cajon Trail near 18001 Yorba Linda Boulevard (Attachments 1 and 3). The portion recommended to be declared as surplus land is a 7,003-square-foot landscaped area next to the trail that does not serve a public function. If this portion is no longer maintained by the City, the City could reduce ongoing maintenance costs.

Resolution No. 2026-5981 declares the property as surplus land, which is the first step in the process required by the Surplus Land Act. As part of the surplus land process and potential transfer of the property, the Planning Commission also will determine that the process is consistent with the General Plan. The City will then notify the California Department of Housing and Community and housing developers that the property is surplus. Upon receiving the State-required notice, interested entities have 60 days to respond to the City. Given the property's Public Semi-Public (PS) zoning and small size it seems unlikely the City will receive any proposals. However, the City must negotiate in good faith regarding proposals received, but is not required to reach an agreement nor sell the property to any particular entity.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ALTERNATIVES

Do not approve the recommended action and provide alternative direction.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – SLA Project Vicinity Map

Attachment 2 – Resolution No. 2026-5981 Surplus City Property El Cajon trail

Attachment 3 – Surplus Land El Cajon Trail Plat and Legal Description
