

RESOLUTION CC 2025-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINA, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THAT THE CALFIRE GRANT FUNDING PLANNING ACTIVITIES FOR THE “ROYAL OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL GREENING AND FORESTRY PLAN” IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

WHEREAS, the City of Covina is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing pursuant to the Constitution of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2022, the City of Covina and Charter Oak Unified School District (COUSD) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the joint application of competitive grant funding to be used towards enhancements at the Royal Oak Middle School District Field located at 303 S. Glendora; and

WHEREAS, Charter Oak Unified and the City of Covina jointly applied for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (“CalFIRE”) competitive Community Forestry Grant Program for community engagement activities, planning, and conceptual design work to develop a greening and forestry plan for the property; and

WHEREAS, the City was awarded a competitive grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (“CalFIRE”) to develop a concept-to-construction plan for the Royal Oak Middle School opens spaces to include, concept designs, community and public outreach, environmental clearance, meetings with the Department of Education’s Division of the State Architect, Preliminary Engineering, cost estimating, and project specifications; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of a grant award, CalFIRE requires that the City of Covina provide the granting agency with CEQA Clearance for the project; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2025, the COUSD Board adopted Resolution #06-24-25, finding the planning activities exempt from CEQA and subsequently filed a notice of exemption, as lead agency with the California State Clearinghouse; and

WHEREAS, said City Council, being fully advised in the premises, does hereby proceed as follows.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINA, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein and made a part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The City Council approves this resolution and hereby finds and determines that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act or “CEQA” and qualifies for the following exemptions.

1. Finding of Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3)

The Royal Oak Middle School Greening and Forestry Plan is covered by the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment. The project consists of community outreach, concept design, and the preparation of a conceptual design package for consideration of potential future action only subject to additional community outreach and design for sports-related facilities. Additional CEQA review will be conducted at that time.

2. Finding of Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15262

The eligible activities under the Community Forestry Grant Program are only of Planning Activities, including but not limited to Community Engagement and Concept Development, and the Development of a Conceptual Design package. This action does not involve the adoption of a “project”.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify as to the adoption of this resolution and shall enter the same in the Book of Original Resolutions.

APPROVED and PASSED this 6th day of June, 2025.

City of Covina, California

BY: _____
VICTOR LINARES, Mayor

ATTEST:

FABIAN VELEZ, Chief Deputy City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Fabian Velez, Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Covina, do hereby certify that Resolution CC 2025-41 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Covina at a regular meeting held on the 6th day of June, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Dated:

FABIAN VELEZ, Chief Deputy City Clerk