



# NEWPORT BEACH

## PB&R Commission Staff Report

Item: VII-A  
March 3, 2026

**TO:** Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

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**TITLE:** Bonita Creek Park Synthetic Turf Replacement and LED Lighting Retrofit Project

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission review and provide feedback for the proposed synthetic turf replacement, LED lighting retrofit and park upgrades at Bonita Creek Park.

### FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

Sufficient funds in the amount of \$3,146,000 are available in FY 2025-26 CIP in the following accounts for design and construction:

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	01201929-980000-26P11	\$	500,000
Neighborhood Enhancement Fund	53601-980000-26P11	\$	500,000
Facilities Financial Plan (FFP)		\$	2,091,000
Park Maintenance Master Plan (PMMP)		\$	55,000
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,146,000</b>

### DISCUSSION:

In 2015, the City of Newport Beach installed its first athletic synthetic turf at Bonita Creek Park on the football/soccer field and the outfield of softball field #2. Over the last 11 years, the synthetic turf fields have successfully accommodated the increasing demand for year-round fields from youth sports organizations, minimized field closures after rain events and reduced irrigation, maintenance and field lining expenses. With the high intensity and frequent use, the synthetic turf rug has exceeded its 10-year life cycle.

A conceptual design for the synthetic turf replacement and LED light retrofit at Bonita Creek Park was developed by Verde Design, with input from City staff and Youth Sports

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Commission (YSC) organizations. The proposed project will remove and replace the synthetic turf, convert the softball infield to synthetic turf and make improvements to the existing drainage. The proposed project will also retrofit the existing light poles with energy efficient LED lights and replace the backstops fencing on the softball fields.

**NOTICING:**

All residents within 300 feet of Bonita Creek Park were noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Bonita Creek Park Conceptual Design Plans