



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
February 24, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager
 Submitted by: Terrance Davis, Director, Public Works
 Subject: Purchase Order: Turf Star Incorporated for one 2026 Model Toro Groundskeeper 31699 Triple Deck Sports Field Mower

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase order with Turf Star Incorporated for one 2026 Toro Groundskeeper 31699 Triple Deck Sports Field Mower, in an amount not to exceed \$184,181.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The FY26 Adopted Public Works Department Equipment Replacement (Fund 671) budget includes funding for the replacement of this equipment.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Public Works Department routinely reviews rolling stock assets utilized in the day-to-day operation of the city operations and prioritizes the replacement of assets at the end of their useful life. The City's competitive bidding requirements for this purchase have been satisfied through the utilization of Sourcewell Contract NO. 112624-TTC.

This replacement mower is needed by the Parks, Recreation, & Waterfront Department to provide routine and timely turf care of athletic fields. This purchase order is aligned with the City's Strategic Plan Priorities, advancing our goal to provide state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities.

BACKGROUND

The City Charter allows the City to purchase goods without undergoing a competitive bid process if the City utilizes pricing obtained by another entity through a competitive process. On October 8, 2024, Sourcewell released request for proposal 112624 for Grounds Maintenance Equipment and Related Attachments. The solicitation was released for approximately 50 days, and 55 proposals were submitted. Upon review of proposals, the Sourcewell Proposal Evaluation Committee selected The Toro Company as the best, most responsive proposer to meet the specifications thusly awarding Contract No. 112624-TTC.

The Toro Company partners with regional distributors to manage sales through the Sourcewell contract. Within the City, Turf Starr Incorporated represents the Toro brand.

Public Works purchases vehicles and equipment via cooperative contracts to ensure competitive pricing. These vehicles are specialized and require specialized equipment and installation. Once the new mower has arrived, the replaced mower will be sent to auction. Auction proceeds are returned to the Equipment Maintenance Fund to support future vehicle purchases and administrative costs.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

The City prioritizes procuring the most environmentally clean, most efficient vehicles available and will continue transitioning from diesel to renewable fuels toward an all-electric fleet, where technically feasible. These proposed new trucks will be fueled by renewable diesel and will be replaced at the end of their life with electric vehicles if available at that time.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The current triple deck sports field mower Equipment #3861 is 10 years old and has outlived its expected life. Additionally, the mower is fully amortized in the fleet fund for replacement. Replacing this unit now will ensure continuity of service and limit repairs associated with aging equipment.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Delaying the purchase of this replacement mower was considered, but that action would increase the preventative maintenance and repair costs associated with the existing mower. Increased downtime would also result in comprising the inability to provide timely maintenance services.

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Attachment:
1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

PURCHASE ORDER: TURF STAR FOR ONE 2026 MODEL TORO GROUNDSMASTER
31699 TRIPLE DECK SPORTS FIELD MOWER

WHEREAS, a new sports field mower is needed by the Parks, Recreation, & Waterfront Department; and

WHEREAS, vehicles must be replaced on a reasonable schedule to allow City employees to carry out their duties in a safe and effective manner; and

WHEREAS, Unit Number 3861 is a 2015 model sports field mower and is due for replacement and has reached the end of its useful life; and

WHEREAS, On October 8, 2024, Sourcewell released request for proposal 112624 for Grounds Maintenance Equipment and Related Attachments. The solicitation was released for approximately fifty days, and fifty-five proposals were submitted. Upon review of proposals, the Sourcewell Proposal Evaluation Committee selected The Toro Company as the best most responsive proposer to meet the specifications thusly awarding Contract No. 112624-TTC; and

WHEREAS, The Toro Company partners with regional distributors to effectuate sales through the Sourcewell contract. Within the City of Berkeley, Turf Starr Incorporated represents the Toro brand; and

WHEREAS, the Sourcewell contract bid procedures satisfy the procurement requirements of the City; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$184,181 are available in the adopted FY 2026 budget in the Equipment Replacement Fund (671).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a purchase order with Turf Star Incorporated for one 2026 Toro Groundsmaster 31699 Triple Deck Sports Field Mower, in an amount not to exceed \$184,181.

