

# City of Palm Desert Staff Report

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Meeting Date: April 23, 2026

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Department: Development Services

Subject: Update on the status of key projects by the Development Services department

## Recommendation

Receive an update regarding key projects within the Development Services Department.

## Executive Summary

Development Services staff has compiled a list of key department projects to provide City Council with a status update.

## Background

The Development Services Department manages programs and initiatives that support the City's growth, infrastructure, and regulatory responsibilities. These efforts span multiple divisions, including Planning, Building and Safety, Code Compliance, Land Development Engineering, Housing, and the Development Services Center. On January 9, 2025, City Council received an update of key projects at that time. This update focuses on active or proposed, long-range projects that are separate from the day-to-day operations.

## Discussion

The attached presentation provides a detailed overview of nineteen (19) current projects organized by division/program. For each current project, the following information is included:

- Project name, description, and outcome
- Whether the project is being completed by internal staff or supported by a consultant
- Estimated completion timeline

The presentation also provides information on six (6) potential projects that require direction. For each of these projects, key considerations include:

- Timing and prioritization
- Feasibility assessment
- Need for contracted services

Staff continues to evaluate workload, resource allocation, and project timelines to ensure efficient delivery of services and alignment with City Council goals.

**Legal Review**

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

**Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact with this action.

**Attachments**

1. Development Services Key Projects

## Conflict of Interest Awareness Checklist

**Note:** *This checklist is informational only and does not constitute a legal determination. Each Councilmember remains responsible for identifying, disclosing, and evaluating any disqualifying interests under the Political Reform Act and applicable FPPC regulations.*

### 1. Site-Specific Property Interest

Does this item involve a project site or other identifiable real property?

Yes

No

**If yes, identify the project site:**

*Councilmembers should consider whether they own, lease, or hold interests in real property within 1,000 feet of the project site. (Gov. Code § 87103(b); FPPC Reg. 18702.2).*

### 2. SB 1439 / Gov. Code § 84308 Applicability (Campaign Contributions)

Does this item involve a license, permit, other entitlement for use, or a contract or franchise agreement that is not competitively bid, a labor agreement, or a personal employment contract?

Yes

No

**If yes, identify the applicant(s), appellant(s), party, or participant(s):**

*Councilmembers should review campaign contributions received within the prior 12 months from parties or participants to the proceeding and must not accept contributions over \$500 from those parties for 12 months following the final decision. (Gov. Code § 84308).*