



COUNCIL AGENDA: 5/13/2025
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ITEM: 8.1

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Cohen

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: May 13, 2025

Date: 5/12/2025

Approved: *David Cohen*

SUBJECT: Berryessa Flea Market Status Report

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Request that staff complete an assessment and report back to the council on the potential timeline to release an RFP for affordable housing on the Singleton site in accordance with the Surplus Land Act.

BACKGROUND

State law requires that any public land that is no longer needed for government uses be made available for housing development once the land is determined to be surplus. The Singleton site is 90 acres and while there may be some interest from affordable housing developers in building there, it is unlikely that proposals would utilize more than a small fraction of the site given current economic conditions and the remediation needs of the property. In the meantime, the specter of the Surplus Land Act requirements hangs over our head and prevent us from pursuing other beneficial use of the property. We should release an RFP soon so that we can look into economic development on the property, including working with a potential developer to relocate the Berryessa Flea Market there. It would be of great benefit to understand the process and timeline for completing this process to create more certainty for the Flea Market relocation work.