

## **Calistoga City Council FY 25/26 Priorities**

The Calistoga City Council is mindful of the following values, in no order of ranking, as they consider city business and focus on the annual priorities: economic vitality, housing, infrastructure, our environment, professional services, public safety, recreation, & small-town character.

### **1) Infrastructure – Human and Physical**

The Calistoga City Council wishes to maintain a “Human and Physical Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund” based on fiscally responsible principles for the following purposes:

- a) Continue prioritizing planning and investment to allow for increased revenue generation from the RV park.
- b) Following community survey and Fairgrounds committee input, prepare a plan to prioritize other Fairground infrastructure projects that will allow for additional Fairgrounds revenue generation to offset General Fund subsidies to the Fairgrounds.
- c) City facilities
- d) Disaster response or major systems failures including wildfires, flooding, earthquakes, or infrastructure/facility breaks.
- e) Road and transportation system repairs, upgrades, and traffic mitigation efforts.

For the purpose of budgeting, any available monies above the base General Fund needs and General Fund reserve will be directed to this fund.

### **2) Housing**

The Calistoga City Council wishes to increase opportunities for the “missing middle” to live and work in Calistoga including city employees, school employees, and local business owners and employees. Projects this year to include:

- a) Develop the city-owned Earl & Eddy parcels in partnership with the school district’s housing reuse site or as a standalone missing middle housing project.
- b) Explore missing middle development incentives to encourage the development of new missing middle homes and discourage homes from becoming infrequently used second homes.
- c) Implement any direction provided by the City Council following a presentation of the Rural Residential preliminary rezoning analysis designed to encourage more missing middle homes.
- d) Consider establishing a home repair assistance program for residents earning up to 160% of the area median income (AMI).
- e) Continue seeking input from the Housing Advisory Committee on additional ideas related to this priority and ask for their help researching implementation measures.
- f) Consider a new staff member to focus on housing programs, policies, and development.

### **3) Fairgrounds**

- a) Continue prioritizing planning and investment to allow for increased revenue generation from the RV park.
- b) Conduct a citywide assessment of the community wishes for uses of the property prior to the next set of decisions about financial investment, re-openings, and uses.

### **4) Small-town Character**

The Calistoga City Council wishes to respect and maintain Calistoga’s authentic small-town character by being mindful of the following actions:

- a) Review proposals with preference for community values: small-town tradition; friendly, welcoming, unassuming culture; local business; sustainability; volunteerism; simplicity; honest, unpretentious way of life; sense of belonging, connectedness.
- b) With any proposal, consider whether it enhances or diminishes small-town character.
- c) Encourage accessible government representatives.