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MARYSVILLE OFFICIALS BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH PECOS LEAGUE BASEBALL

MARYSVILLE, CA — The Marysville City Council will hold a special meeting next week to begin negotiations to keep a baseball team fielded in Marysville. City officials were saddened to hear that Gold Sox Baseball would not be supporting a team at Marysville’s Bryant Field for the 2023 season.

“The City is forever grateful for the investment and the efforts of the ownership group of the Gold Sox for their many years of commitment to keeping baseball alive in Marysville,” said Marysville Council Member Dominique Belza.

Just prior to discovering the news about the Gold Sox, the city was contacted by PECOS League baseball LLC, an independent professional league, about bringing a new team to Marysville. Council members and staff are set to meet with PECOS League officials in the coming week to begin negotiating the terms of a potential contract.

“With the recent news of the Marysville Goldsox taking a hiatus, myself along with the Rec Development Committee are thrilled that we may be able to save baseball in Marysville,” said Marysville Vice Mayor Bruce Buttacavoli.

PECOS started as a regional league with teams in New Mexico and West Texas and has since grown into the largest independent league in the United States. Since 2017 the Pecos league has had 14 teams in six states and three time zones. In 2022 the Pecos league grew to 16 teams. Despite moving to much larger markets like Bakersfield, Tucson and Monterey in 2022 the Pecos league still remains strong in smaller markets. In 2017 the league expanded into California, fielding teams in Martinez and San Rafael in 2021. In 2022 they added a team in Santa Rosa. “After learning the history of Bryant Field in Marysville, we feel it will be a great fit to our league and our geography,” said Andrew Dunn of the PECOS League. “Marysville has a great baseball history and will fit seamlessly into our California Division with Santa Rosa, San Rafael, Martinez, Bakersfield, Monterey and Santa Cruz,” said Dunn.

Marysville officials strive to provide the highest level of baseball it can host for Yuba and Sutter counties and the Pecos League would be the highest level without MIL B affiliated baseball in Marysville.

The City expressed their excitement at the possibility of hosting a new baseball team that is part of the PECOS League.

“Having a team in the PECOS League will undoubtedly have positive impacts on economic development as we continue working diligently to make Marysville a destination for new businesses and tourism,” said Community Development Director Dan Flores. “Marysville has a long history with baseball and keeping a strong baseball team at Bryant Field is a priority for the City Council,” finished Flores.