



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 23, 2008
TO: Park and Recreation Commission
FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Los Baños Deep End Wall Replacement and Re-Plastering Project

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receives a presentation on the Los Baños deep end pool wall replacement and re-plastering capital project scheduled for summer 2008.

DISCUSSION:

Project Description

The primary purpose of the Los Baños Deep End Wall Repair and Re-Plastering project is to remove and replace the leaking deep end wall of the Los Baños Del Mar Swimming Pool. The deep end pool wall has had a leak for the past ten years. Over the years, five different methods applied to seal the area have failed. In 2006 the City contracted with Rowley International Inc. to provide a design to address the leaking wall. Rowley determined that in order to resolve the leaking issue and provide structural integrity to the pool, the entire pool wall needs to be replaced. This work requires that the pool be emptied of water for up to eight weeks.

Since the pool will be empty for up to eight weeks, the re-plastering project scheduled for 2009 will be completed concurrent with the replacement of the deep end wall. As a result the pool will only need to be closed once to complete both projects. Other repairs such as renovation of the pool ladders and the painting and re-grouting of tiles in the locker rooms will also be completed during the closure.

Pool Programming

Due to the popularity of aquatics programs, there is never a good time to close Los Baños Pool. The Department determined that a summer closure would have the least impact on public pool users. The West Beach Wading Pool will also be closed since Los Baños restroom and shower facilities will not be open. During the summer, other local City pools are open, School District pools are available for programming, and local beaches have daily lifeguard service.

The Department has taken a number of steps to continue aquatic programming while the pool is closed for the repairs. Two City pools, the Oak Park Wading Pool and the Ortega Park Swimming pool, will be open as usual during the summer. Through its Joint Use Agreement with the Santa Barbara School Districts, the Department has scheduled time at Santa Barbara High School pool and secured the Dos Pueblos High School pool for the Santa Barbara Swim Club's Semana Nautica swim meet. The Department is seeking to secure more pool time at Dos Pueblos High School to assist the Santa Barbara Swim Club with its summer programming, and is actively working with other recreation providers to secure reduced swim rates for the summer.

Extensive outreach is underway to inform the public including information in the Parks and Recreation Spring Activity Guide, distribution of a bilingual Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet with closure information and alternating schedules, and some initial media coverage about the pending closure

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The estimated total cost of the project is \$511,000. General Funds available for the project to date total approximately \$394,000. An additional \$117,000 is being transferred to completely fund the project, award the purchase order and ensure that construction can be complete in summer 2008. The transfer of the remaining \$117,000 is comprised of an account balance of \$100,000 for the Oak Park Bridge Replacement Project due to the acquisition of grant funds, and \$17,000 remaining from the replacement of the Ortega Park Playground.

ATTACHMENT: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet

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