



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**  
**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT**

**AGENDA DATE:** February 28, 2018

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Santa Barbara Swim Club Recognition and Report on Los Baños Del Mar Pool Improvements and Repairs

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission:

- A. Recognize the Santa Barbara Swim Club for its continued support of the aquatic community and \$35,000 donation for a secondary sanitation system at Los Baños del Mar; and
- B. Receive a report on Los Baños del Mar Pool improvements and repairs completed in December 2017.

**DISCUSSION:**

Santa Barbara Swim Club Recognition

The Santa Barbara Swim Club (SBSC) has been an integral part of the aquatic community for over 50 years. During that time SBSC has complemented the Aquatics Section's mission by providing swim instruction, coaching and swim events that enhance and encourage skill development, and promoting swimming as a life-long activity.

In December 2017, the SBSC made a significant commitment to the aquatic community and to the City of Santa Barbara by donating a secondary sanitation system to Los Baños del Mar Pool at a cost of \$35,000. The new system uses a form of advanced oxidation that reduces overall chlorine demand and significantly reduces chlorine disinfection byproducts (total dissolved solids). The reduction of chlorine use will result in less skin and eye irritation for swimmers, decreased costs, and decreased water use as the pool's water will not need to be replaced as frequently.

The Parks and Recreation Department (Department) would like to recognize the Santa Barbara Swim Club for being a strong partner in community aquatics and would like to thank the organization and its members for their generous donation.

### Los Baños Del Mar Pool Improvements and Repairs

The Department closed Los Baños del Mar Pool from December 9, 2017 - January 2, 2018, to complete multiple pool projects and make changes relating to locker room access. Staff chose closure dates that would minimize the impacts to the Santa Barbara City College swim program, allow SBSC the best opportunity to obtain pool time at local high schools, and be a slower time for patrons because of the holiday season. The closure length was longer than past closures due to the extensive list of projects and regulatory requirements associated with the volume of water that can be discharged to the City's wastewater plant.

Improvements to the following areas included:

- **Locker Rooms/ Showers**  
The residential-grade plumbing components previously installed in the showers were breaking down due to significant use. All showerheads and handles were removed and replaced in both locker rooms and all tile damaged as a result of the showerhead and handle replacement was replaced. Private changing and showering areas were installed in each locker room and an HVAC system in both locker rooms was improved to reduce mold buildup.
- **Pump Room**  
The pump room received several repairs. First, staff identified and repaired a filter that was pushing sand into the pool. This repair will help maintain water clarity. A new secondary sanitation system donated by the Santa Barbara Swim Club was also installed in the pump room to complement the existing sanitary system. This addition will reduce chlorine use and by-products which will result in swimmers experiencing less eye and skin irritation.
- **Weight Room**  
The weight room had low-pile carpet that accumulated moisture and was badly stained. While the facility was closed, the carpet was replaced with a new rubber flooring material more suitable for the environment. It will be easier to clean and will hold up much better to the everyday wear and tear of gym use.
- **Staff Office Area**  
The staff offices were painted and renovated to house the Aquatics Supervisor and Administrative Specialist that were relocated to Los Baños from the Cabrillo Pavilion.
- **Pool and Deck Area**  
The pool deck area is the most visible section of the facility. A number of projects completed in this area improved aesthetics and pool safety. Improvements included replacement of the expansion line mastic in the pool, repairs to several in-pool lights, and repainting of interior walls surrounding the pool area. The safety projects included the removal and replacement of the depth marking tiles on the pool deck,

and repair to the cracked portions of the concrete deck. Finally, the pool was filled with new water.

Los Baños del Mar continues to be an indispensable piece of Santa Barbara's aquatic community, and these projects helped renew its aesthetics, safety and functionality. The fresh paint, repaired concrete, new showers, and deck tiles have given the pool a renewed vibrancy. The repaired filter, secondary sanitation system, and mastic line replacement have helped to keep the facility functioning at a high level while also improving the experience of swimmers by reducing chlorine use and byproducts. All of these projects have improved the overall experience of Los Baños del Mar for patrons.

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