

City of Calistoga

Staff Report

TO: Community Resources Commission
FROM: Mary Cahill, Community Resource Director
DATE: September 17, 2008
SUBJECT: Community Pool Project Update

1 **ISSUE:** Preparation for the opening of the Calistoga Community Pool in 2009.
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3 **RECOMMENDATION:** Review the update report and provide comments.
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5 **BACKGROUND:** The Calistoga Community Pool Project has been a community effort
6 for a long time. Construction of the pool started this year and this project will soon
7 become a reality. The aquatic facility features two pools: a Swimming Pool which is a 6
8 lane, 25 yard pool with a one meter diving board and the other is a Recreation Pool
9 which features two fun water features and is a shallow pool with a 1.6 – 3.6 depth
10 range. The facility is designed for a future water slide. Currently there is no concession
11 stand; however, food services can be addressed at a later date.
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13 The aquatics facility is scheduled to open in May of 2009. This new facility is anticipated
14 to bring community, visitor and regional participation. However, it will be important to
15 understand the needs of a safe and diverse operation and at the same time meet the
16 challenges of staff recruitment and retention, training and establishing a high degree of
17 customer service so that support for the facility continues into the future.
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19 **DISCUSSION:** The pool operations are the responsibility of two departments. The
20 Community Resources Department is responsible for programming components and the
21 daily opening and closing of the pool. The Public Works Department is responsible for
22 pool maintenance (keeping the chemical ratios in balance and providing a quick
23 response to pool related issues), pool operational systems maintenance (pump room
24 and equipment maintenance), pool facility maintenance (landscaping, facility upkeep
25 and ongoing facility needs).
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27 In anticipation of this new facility, staff provided estimates based on anticipated needs.
28 Programming is designed for broad based community interest and includes such
29 activities as swim lessons, lap swim, recreation swim, exercise classes, water safety
30 classes, Jr. Lifeguard Training, special events, school use and more. Additionally,
31 during the program times, space has been set aside for activities such as birthday party
32 rentals which includes a shade structure, table and chairs.

33 Efforts to make the pool operations most effective will require aggressive and creative
34 marketing, partnerships, grants, and a unique approach to maximizing this facility as an
35 attractive community based center. Quality customer service, facility cleanliness, the
36 ability to provide flexible programming and creative marketing strategies can make this
37 facility vibrant and address a myriad of potential individual and user group interests.

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39 **FISCAL IMPACT:** As discussed above, the budget for the community pool project was
40 established by the Community Resources and Public Works Departments. The two year
41 budget cycle summary page is provided in attachment B.

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43 **ATTACHMENTS:**

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45 A. Budget Narrative; Community Resources – Aquatic Services, pages 4-9
46 Pool Operations and Maintenance, Public Works

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48 B. Community Pool Programming, Operations & Maintenance Budget Summary Page