## City of Calistoga Staff Report

**TO:** Community Pool Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Lorie Goldbeck, Administrative Secretary

**DATE:** February 23, 2009

 **SUBJECT:** Preliminary list of Pool Programs

**ISSUE:** To discuss preliminary pool schedule and activity list.

**RECOMMENDATION**: Receive presentation on preliminary program list and discuss program offerings based on community needs.

## **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

In preparation of the Calistoga Community Pool opening, wide spread program research was conducted of comparable aquatic programs. Through this process, a range of programs was determined and used to develop a proposed budget for the first year of operation. It is now time to refine this list and begin the recruitment and promotion process. Calistoga's facility has a lot of flexibility as to what types of programs it can offer based on community needs. The major considerations:

- Instructors/Staffing We are currently working on training lifeguards and, out of that group, we will also be able to recruit and train swim instructors. Another challenge will be staffing the specialty programs such as water exercise, water therapy and swim teams.
- <u>Usage and participation</u> Any staffed program (i.e. swim team) has an additional cost to it other than a lifeguard and a pool. To make sure we maximize the budget, it is recommended that we do modest programming at the beginning, while maintaining a suggestion and interest list for additional programs in the future.
- <u>Participation</u> Pools are large and expensive to operate. A continued dialog needs to occur about what programs meet the needs of the community and at a scheduled time so that utilization is maximized.

 Agreements – As part of the agreement between the City of Calistoga and the Calistoga Joint Unified School District, time needs to be set aside to accommodate pool usage for swim instruction through PE programs and end of year-of-year parties.

These proposed programs are a good baseline for opening day and give us lots of room to schedule additional programs immediately when the need arises. Upon consensus by CPAC of this preliminary program offerings list, an additional meeting will be requested of CCC, the Concerned Citizens of Calistoga, to share these ideas and gain additional input.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

Proposed Aquatic Programs