City of Calistoga Staff Report

TO: Community Pool Advisory Committee

FROM: Olivia Lemen, Aquatic and Recreation Manager

DATE: March 17, 2009

SUBJECT: Update on Lifeguard Training

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Through the Auction Napa Valley, funds were granted in part to the Calistoga Community Pool Project non-profit group (CCPP) and the City of Calistoga, to provide Lifeguard Training to local Calistoga young adults. Over the last 45 days, 14 teens and young adults have been transported up to 4 times a week over to Santa Rosa to attend lifeguard training at the Finley Aquatic Center. On March 12th, the last group will finish their training and receive their lifeguard certification through the American Red Cross.

The Grant to the Auction Napa Valley was filed in August of 2008. In it, it allocated the funds to provide the lifeguard training to local young adults who met the lifeguard qualifications. City staff recruited candidates to attend the training and have provided 100% of the transportation to the training courses in Santa Rosa. At the completion of the second course on March 12^{th} , 14 students will receive their certificate. The first course was from February $5^{th} - 19^{th}$.

It is recommended that members of City Council and CCPP recognize the hard work and success of these 14 young community members as our first official lifeguards of the Calistoga Community Pool at the April 7, 2009, City Council meeting. The lifeguards can be presented with their certifications at this time.