

*“Placerville, a Unique Historical Past Forging into a Golden Future”*



**April 21, 2021, Recreation and Parks Commission**

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**Subject:** Support Staff’s Recommendation Approving the Program Schedule for the Placerville Aquatics Center, effective June 5, 2021.

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**Purpose:** To adjust the summer aquatics program schedule to accommodate COVID-19 guidelines and current low staff levels.

**Background:** As Placerville Aquatic Center (PAC) continues to work toward safely reopening during the COVID-19 pandemic, significant changes need to be made to the program calendar for Aquatics. The COVID-19 guidelines from the State specify that our pool capacity be decreased coinciding with continually changing State guidelines. In addition, our ability to hire staff has been seriously hampered due to cancelled Aquatics programming during the summer of 2020. The overall schedule of programs for the 2021 summer season needed to be revised, and is outlined in “Attachment A”. This schedule may be altered slightly, based on a possible future increase in staffing levels and potential changes to statewide programming guidelines.

**Discussion:** Staff is proposing overall programmatic and schedule changes to accommodate COVID-19 guidelines. With the ongoing pandemic, programs and facilities have slowly been allowed to reopen to participants under ever-changing California guidelines. Staff has surveyed similar aquatics agencies to assure that the proposed programming is reasonably comparable.

**Public Swim**

Except for the summer of 2020, historically the PAC was open daily for Public Swimming during the summer season. Staff is recommending an adjustment to the Public Swim 2021 schedule which would provide public swim in the afternoon seven days per week but limit it to 1.5 hours/weekdays and 2 hours/weekend blocks (less than previous years) with adjusted capacity. This will provide staff the time and resources to effectively follow COVID-19 guidelines. Online pre-registration will be made available to participants to guarantee their spot ahead of time and to decrease crowding at the PAC’s main entrance. If participants do not arrive within 15 minutes of the start time their spots will be given away to those waiting in line on a first come first served basis. Any unreserved/open spaces within Public Swim blocks will be made available for our walk-in swimmers. Based on surveying of nearby communities, this schedule will ensure Placerville is offering comparable programming to the greatest extent possible. As COVID-19 guidelines change our capacity will increase or decrease, respectively.

**Public Swim Capacity Comparison**

	<b>PAC (pre COVID-19)</b>	<b>Proposed PAC</b>	<b>Cameron Park CSD</b>	<b>City of Folsom</b>	<b>El Dorado Hills CSD</b>
<b>Capacity</b>	270	67 (25%)	100-150	100-150	100-150
<b>Times (weekdays)</b>	12:15 pm-4:15 pm & 6:30 pm-8:30 pm	1:00 pm-2:30 pm & 2:45 pm-4:15 pm	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Not set	12:00 pm-4:00pm & 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

### **Inflatable Obstacle Course**

The PAC has long been a community hub for families and residents to spend their summer days. In 2019, staff increased the ability to engage in our community's needs and enjoyment by adding the inflatable obstacle course with help from Marshall Medical Center. The inflatable obstacle course will be available to the public during Public Swim hours on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

### **Waterslide**

Similar to the inflatable obstacle course, the waterslide will be open to the public on opposite days of the obstacle course during the week due to limited staffing. On weekends both the obstacle course and the waterslide will be open. The waterslide will be available to the public during Public Swim on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

### **Snack Bar**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions the snack bar will be closed for the 2021 season.

### **Swimming Lessons**

In previous years, there were 12-15 sessions of group swim lessons offered in the mornings and evenings for all levels of swimmers, including competitive swim clinics. Due to our limited staffing and social distancing guidelines, group lessons which normally had 5-6 participants have been decreased to 3-4 participants. Group swim lessons will be offered in the mornings Monday through Thursday. As COVID-19 guidelines change our group lesson capacity may increase or decrease accordingly. Swim clinics and private lessons will be offered in the evenings. When staffing permits, additional private lessons may be offered in the mornings.

### **Lap Swim**

Lap swim for participants, ages 15 and older, will be offered every morning at the PAC. Time slots will be available for participants to pre-register. Participants can reserve a 1 hour time slot per day. This process will allow for social distancing between lanes.

### **Activity Pool Play**

Concurrent to morning swim lessons and the evening water exercise, the Activity Pool will remain open to the public for participants paying a drop-in fee. Participants will be able to reserve a 1 hour time slot per day. Activity Pool may not be open during Public Swim due to current staffing shortage.

### **Rentals**

PAC will be available for Facility Rentals during off-peak times on weekends only. All rentals require City staff on duty to lifeguard and manage the facility. In the past participants were able to rent portions of the facility separately, allowing for multiple rentals and other activities to take place simultaneously. Due to the State's Covid-19 guidelines our facility rentals will be limited to a max of 50 participants and only one facility rental at a time. We will also be eliminating party rentals during our Public Swim time for the 2021 season.

### **Other Aquatics Programs**

A variety of other aquatics programs are offered and vary from year to year depending upon regional and local trends, teacher availability and pool space. These are often partnerships where fees are negotiated with an instructor who is paid a percentage of total registration fees. These

programs might include but are not limited to; Water Exercise, Lifeguard Certification Classes, and Junior Lifeguard Camp.

**Options:**

1. Approve Staff's recommendations.
2. Direct Staff to consider adjusting the 2021 program schedule.

**Cost:** The implementation of the COVID-19 guidelines along with our minimal staffing will decrease our program size and the frequency of programs at PAC. Our overall costs will decrease due to the limited program scheduling so we will remain within our existing budget.

**Budget Impact:** The implementation of the COVID-19 guidelines along with our minimal staffing will decrease our overall revenue and expenses.

**Recommendation:**

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Attachment A—Proposed Program Schedule

Attachment B—Program Schedule Comparison 2020 and 2021

## Placerville Aquatic Center 2021 Proposed Program Schedule (Subject to Change)

### June 1 – June 4 Staff Training

### June 5 – September 6

#### Sunday and Labor Day

8:25 am-10:30 am	Lap Swimming
1:00 pm-3:00 pm	Recreation Swimming
3:15 pm-5:15pm	Recreation Swimming
5:30 pm-7:30 pm	Facility Rentals

#### Saturdays

8:25 am-10:30 am	Lap Swimming
10:45 am-12:45 pm	Recreation Swimming
1:00 pm-3:00 pm	Recreation Swimming
3:15 pm-7:30 pm	Facility Rentals

### June 7 – August 6

#### Monday-Friday

7:10 am-9:15 am	Lap Swimming
9:30 am-12:45 pm	Swimming Lessons (Mon-Thurs, start June 7 <sup>th</sup> )
9:30 am-11:45 am	Staff Training (Fridays)
10:00 am-11:00 am	Activity Pool Play (Mon-Thurs)
1:00 pm-2:30 pm	Recreation Swimming
2:45 pm-4:15 pm	Recreation Swimming
4:30 pm-5:30 pm	Swim Clinic Only & Private Lessons (Mon-Thurs)
5:45 pm-6:45 pm	Water Exercise (Mon-Thurs)
5:45 pm-6:45 pm	Activity Pool (Mon-Thurs)

### August 9 – September 6

#### Sunday and Labor Day

8:25 am-10:30 am	Lap Swimming
1:00 pm-3:00 pm	Recreation Swimming
3:15 pm-5:15 pm	Recreation Swimming
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#### Monday/Wednesday/Fridays

5:30 pm-6:30 pm	Water Exercise (Mon/Wed/Fri)
6:45 pm-8:15 pm	Evening Public Swim (Mon/Wed/Fri)

**Placerville Aquatic Center  
Program Schedule Comparison  
2020 Proposed and 2021 Proposed**

	<b>2020 Proposed</b>	<b>2021 Proposed</b>
<b>Public Swim</b>	<p><b>May 30-August 9</b> Sun/Holidays 1:00 pm-5:15 pm Sat 11:00 am-3:15 pm Mon-Fri 12:15 pm-4:15 pm M/W/F 6:30 pm-8:30 pm</p> <p><b>August 15-September 7</b> Sun/Holidays 1:00 pm-5:15 pm Sat 11:00 am-3:15pm</p>	<p><b>June 5 – August 6</b> Sun 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Sun 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Sat 10:45 am-12:45 pm Sat 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Mon-Fri 1:00 pm-2:30 pm Mon-Fri 2:45 pm-4:15 pm</p> <p><b>August 7-September 6</b> Sun/Holiday 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Sun/Holiday 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Sat 10:45 am-12:45 pm Sat 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Mon/Wed/Fri 6:45 pm-8:15pm</p>
<b>Group Swim Lessons</b>	<p><b>June 8-August 6</b> Mon-Thurs 9:40 am-12:00 pm</p> <p><b>June 1- August 14</b> Mon-Fri 4:25 pm-6:25 pm</p>	<p><b>June 7-August 6</b> Mon-Thurs 9:30 am-12:45 pm</p>
<b>Private Swim Lessons/Clinics</b>	<p><b>June 8-August 6</b> Mon-Thurs 9:40 am-12:00 pm</p> <p><b>June 1- August 14</b> Mon-Fri 4:25 pm-6:25 pm</p>	<p><b>June 7-August 6</b> Mon-Thurs 4:30 pm-5:30 pm</p>
<b>Activity Pool Play Time</b>	<p><b>June 8-August 6</b> Mon-Thurs 10:00 am-12:00 pm</p> <p><b>June 8-August 14</b> Mon-Fri 4:30 pm-6:15 pm</p>	<p><b>June 7-August 6</b> Mon-Thurs 10:00 am-11:00 am Mon-Thurs 5:45 pm-6:45pm</p>
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<b>Rentals</b>	<p><b>May 30-September 7</b> Sun 10:45 am – 12:45 pm Sat 8:45-10:45 am Sat 3:30 pm-5:30 pm</p>	<p><b>June 5- September 6</b> Sat 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Sat 5:30 pm-7:30 pm Sun 5:30 pm-7:30pm</p>
<b>Water Exercise</b>	<p><b>June 1-August 14</b> Mon-Th 8:35 am-9:35 am Tu/Th 5:30 pm-6:25pm</p> <p><b>August 15-September 7</b> Mon-Thurs 9:05 am-10:05 am</p>	<p><b>June 7 – August 6</b> Mon-Thurs 5:45 pm-6:45 pm</p> <p><b>August 9 – September 6</b> Mon-Thurs 5:30 pm-6:30pm</p>