



Item Number: 19

City Council / Board of Directors

Written Communications

Meeting of: May 6, 2025

Submitted By:

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Subject:

Community Swim Park Update

Recommendation:

Any action is at the discretion of the Honorable City Council.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Strategic Plan Goal:

A Swim Park aligns with Strategic Goal E, Invest in Infrastructure, and Strategic Goal F, Communication and Outreach. Exploring the feasibility to offer more aquatic amenities could result in additional infrastructure, activities, and opportunities for positive interaction within the community.

Background:

At the City Council meeting of June 4, 2024, it was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Harriman and unanimously approved to visit the feasibility of adding a community swimming pool on the south side of the City.

On July 16, 2024, staff presented a Preliminary Feasibility Assessment for a Community Swimming Pool for the south side of the City. Staff reported that two (2) to four (4) acres is needed for a community pool and that only two parks, Eagle Ranch and Sunset Ridge, have minimal infill opportunity for a pool; however, it is important to note this infill opportunity may not support the space needed for the related amenities and parking. Furthermore, the Development Impact Fee and Capacity Fee Capital Improvement Plan adopted by the City Council on December 17, 2024, identifies a splash pad at Sunset Ridge, which would remove Sunset Ridge from consideration as a park with infill opportunity. The splash pad is identified as a mid-term project with an estimated completion time of four to seven years. Additionally, at the meeting of July 16, 2024, the

City Council approved placing an item on a future agenda for discussion for the possibility of purchasing property for the City of Victorville to build a swim park.

Discussion:

In June 2024, staff began discussions with the Victor Valley Union High School District (VVUHSD) to explore the option of using the pool at Silverado High School, located in the south side of the City. Unfortunately, staff from the Community Services Department have recently been informed that the pool at Silverado High School will not be available this year. The VVUHSD will be undertaking capital improvements to the pool, which means it will be under construction during the summer. Staff will communicate with the VVUHSD in early 2026 to discuss the possibility of revisiting the joint use opportunity for the following summer.

The Parks & Recreation section of the City's approved Development Impact Fee and Capacity Fee Capital Improvement Plan (Attachment A) lists the current priorities from the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Those priorities include the addition of a splash pad at Sunset Ridge, a sports complex (currently identified as the Old Jr. High property), and a pool complex and dog park on the west side of the city.

To accomplish a swim park on the south side of the city, the City would need to acquire land in the designated area. Since land acquisition is not currently included in the budget, an amendment to the budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25 would be required to appropriate necessary funds. Additionally, the Capital Improvement Plan would require review and possible amendment.

Staff remains available for any questions or comments.

Attachments: A. Parks & Recreation Section of the Development Impact Fee and Capacity Fee Capital Improvement Plan