


**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

DATE	September 4, 2024
TITLE	Contra Loma Swim Lagoon Update
DIVISION	Acquisition, Stewardship, and Development
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APPROVED	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board Executive Committee authorize taking this presentation to the full Board of Directors for discussion.

BACKGROUND

The Contra Loma Swim Lagoon is an important recreational facility for the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) and the residents of East Contra Costa County. Its current closure has displaced public recreational swimming activities.

Due to the closure of the Lagoon, Public Safety, Lifeguard Services staff worked to identify partnerships with the City of Pittsburg to maintain swim lessons and recreational swimming in Bay Point. This partnership has proven successful, but the question remains as to how to resolve the issues at Contra Loma Swim Lagoon.

The lagoon was constructed by the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) in the early 2000's to provide recreational swimming opportunities when it was determined that swimming would not be allowed to continue in the Contra Loma reservoir. Historically swimming had been allowed in the reservoir and provided a nice beach setting. The lagoon was designed to have a sand entry edge to mimic the experience of swimming in the reservoir. The Park District took over maintenance and operations after the lagoon's construction.

The sand edge has been an operational challenge from the beginning as the sand exacerbates wear on both the lagoons shell waterproofing and the mechanical filtration system, and it contributes to reduced visibility for Lifeguard Services due to the turbidity of the sand being churned up on busy swim days. In 2020, the District finalized the Contra Loma Lagoon Needs Assessment which identified ADA compliance issues and recommended potential solutions for the sand removal at the lagoon.

Most recently, Staff has worked with a consultant to provide two plan options based on the needs assessment that will provide preliminary detailing and costs for the removal of the sand from the lagoon, reconfiguring the lagoon shell to accommodate zero entry after the sand is removed, updating the mechanical filtration system, updating access to current ADA code, and addressing operational

concerns regarding restroom access and shade on site.

Ren Bates will present background on the lagoon, the two design solution options and how they address known issues, and the costs associated with these preliminary plans. These will be provided as background and context to determine funding and priority for the lagoon repairs.

FISCAL IMPACT

There currently is no funding for the repair of the Contra Loma Lagoon. Project funding would need to be designated to move this project forward.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A. Contra Loma Swim Lagoon Location Map

Attachment B. Contra Loma Swim Lagoon Repair