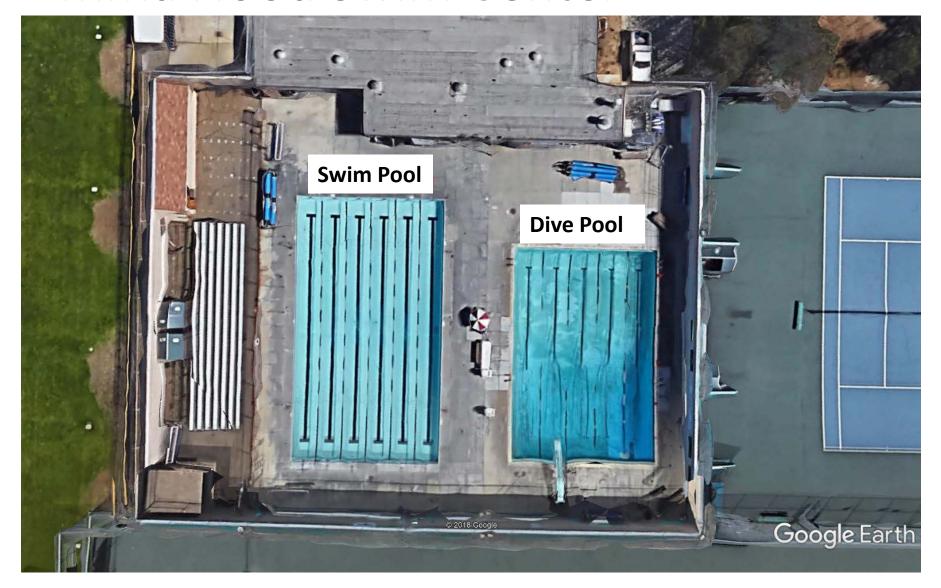
Discussion on Status of Emma **Hood Swim Center at** Alameda High School and Options for the Swim Center or Other Pool Facilities

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Emma Hood Swim Center



Background

- Swim Center is approximately 60 years old. The swim pool was last retrofitted in 1990 and the dive pool was retrofitted in the mid-1980s.
- 2010 Alameda County Environmental Health Dept. issued notice of closure due to public safety and code violation concerns.
- 2011 County Health, AUSD, City, County Supervisor met to address concerns
- 2011 Short term fixes to keep the pools open with a commitment for a long-term solution
- 2013 Mechanical equipment repairs
- 2015 New pool opens at Encinal High School

Background, continued

- Through Joint Use Agreement, AUSD currently operates and maintains pools.
- County Health issued Notice of Health Concerns and informed AUSD that facility will be "red-tagged" in May after school swim season.
- Per this notice, pools must remain closed until repaired, replaced, or removed.
- AUSD/City Subcommittee met on 2/13/19 and asked both agencies to prioritize this issue to discuss with their Board/Council, respectively.

Primary Code Violations

- Two pools co-mingled as single system. Subsequently, it lacks the ability to verify that each pool is meeting the required 6-hour turnover rate.
- Refinish the plaster in both pools.
- Pool deck is a slip and fall safety concern.
- Pool lacks overall ADA access.
- Overall the pools and locker rooms are in poor, outdated condition.

Current Use of Both Pools at AHS and EHS

- School water polo, swim and dive teams
- Community youth swim and water polo teams
- Masters adult swim and water polo teams
- ARPD programs
 - Swim lessons, family and recreation swim, lap swim, senior classes
 - Primarily in the summer with limited swim lessons and lap swim in the spring
 - No use at either pool during the school day

Community Use at Both AHS and EHS Pools

Organization	Participants	% Alameda Residents
AUSD Swim, Water Polo and Dive Teams	307	99%
Community Youth Swim, Water Polo Teams	387	Swim 97% Polo 80%
Adult Masters Swim, Water Polo Drop-in	60	Swim 95% Polo 75%
ARPD Spring & Summer Swim Lessons	607 registered	98%
ARPD Lap Swim and Rec Swim	2,001 drop-ins	97%

^{*} Note: AUSD and youth community team numbers are unduplicated individuals.

ARPD swim lessons and lap/rec swim are duplicated counts based on registrations and drop-ins.

Repair Options and Costs [Based on an assessment report from the AUSD consultant]

• Assumptions include as a school project under DSA regulations and based on EHS new pool size to meet CA Interscholastic Federation (CIF) requirements. Costs include a 20% DSA ADA allowance.

DESCRIPTION		COST ESTIMATE FROM REPORT
Repair Swim Pool and Eliminate Dive Pool	 Provides continued practice facility for community and school teams Does not meet CIF requirements 	\$1.7 M
Repair Both Dive and Swim Pools	 Provides continued practice facility for community and school teams Does not meet CIF requirements 	\$3.6 M
New Replacement Pool	 Meets community needs but requires more design input Meets CIF requirements 	\$5.2 M to \$7 M
Demolish Both Pools OR Close Pools Until Funding is Identified	Does not meet any aquatic community needs	\$250,000 to demo \$125,000/yr to operate in closed condition

Ideas for Short and Long Term Solutions

SHORT-TERM

- Appoint a working subcommittee
- Staff meet with County Health

 further discuss options to keep pools open
- Create specific milestones
 - Work with County Health and if not met, then pools close

LONG-TERM

- Build a City swim center based on community input
- Consider locations. Could include existing site with land deeded to City in exchange for ensuring after school hour priority for school teams
- Funding could include an infrastructure bond in Nov. 2020 or private donors

City Swim Center Opportunities

- Year-round programming
- Ability to add year-round programs for:
 - Tots, seniors, and home-school students
 - Lunch time lap swim
 - Swim lessons
- Expand programming
 - Junior Lifeguard
 - Family Swim
 - Community Events such as "Movies at the Pool"
 - Birthday party rentals
- Add a "splash pad"



Cost Considerations for a City Swim Center

- Initial construction and furnishing
- Ongoing annual operation and maintenance
 - Pools are generally overall expense and do not cost recover due to high operational costs

Discussion and Direction