

March 17, 2016  
Gridley Swimming Pool  
Rehabilitation / Renovation Feasibility Report  
251 East Hazel St. Gridley, CA

## RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM MEETING ON 03/16/16

### 1. Public Comment (PC):

**V.B.3.d "There is no means of ingress/egress for the 25 yard course." False. Ladders are possessed. The ladders are removed to comply with USA Swimming regulation 103.8 which states all ladders must be removed for competition. They are also removed during the off-season along with other equipment such as the lane lines, flags, etc.**

Response: CBC Section 3111B states "One means of entry and exit shall be provided in the shallowest portion of a pool if the vertical distance from the bottom of the pool to the deck is over 1 foot....Where the width of the pool exceeds 30 feet (9144 mm), such means of entry and exit shall be provided at each side, not more than 100 feet (30,480 mm) apart." USA Swimming Regulations Article 103.8 states "All ladders, steps or stairs within the racing course shall be recessed in the pool side walls or shall be removed during competition."

Per CBC regulation, the ladders are to be removed only for competition. During regular operational hours and swimming practice programming the ladders are to be installed and available for users.

### 2. Public Comment (PC):

**VI.B.5 "Water Depth: Minimum water depth for racing starts from starting blocks in any setting from any height of starting blocks or the deck shall be 6'-6". False. USA Swimming regulations 103.2.3 states minimum water depth throughout lane must be 3 ½' deep with 4' minimum for starting blocks at the starting end, to which Gridley is compliant.**

Response: USA Swimming Regulations Article 103.2.2 states "Minimum water depth for teaching racing starts, prior to certification, in any setting from any height starting blocks or the deck shall be 6 feet (1.84 meters) measured for a distance of 3 feet 31/2 inches (1.0 meter) to 16 feet 5 inches (5.0 meters) from the end wall."

Article 103.2.3 states "Minimum water depth for racing starts during practice and competition shall be measured for a distance 3 feet 31/2 inches (1.0 meter) to 16 feet 5 inches (5.0 meters) from the end wall. Starting requirements and height of starting block shall be:

A) In pools with water depth less than 4 feet (1.22 meters) at the starting end, the

swimmer must start from within the water;

B) In pools with water depth 4 feet (1.22 meters) or more at the starting end, starting platforms shall meet the height requirements of 103.13.1.

C) Prior to certification, all racing starts must take place from the water, regardless of pool depth. Subsequent to certification, practicing of racing starts may take place in water depth of four (4) feet (1.22 meters) and deeper."

Article 103.2 also states "Local, state and municipal statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, may have depth limitations in conflict with this section. The LSC and all Member Clubs should check for this at all times"

CBC Ch. 31 Section 3110B.5 states "For pool water depths 6 feet (1830 mm) and shallower no diving markers with the universal symbol of no diving."

Although USA Swimming Regulations allows for races to start from a starting block in water depths 4 feet or more, local code, in this case the CBC, does not allow diving in water depths less than 6 feet. The CBC supersedes USA swimming regulation. Additionally, USA Swimming Regulations require a water depth of 6 feet or more for teaching starts off of starting platforms.

### 3. Public Comment (PC):

VII.A.1.c.3 of the report states USA swimming requirements for lane width are 8'2.5". This is a requirement only for pools where championship meets are held of USA Swimming 103.3.2.A, of which Gridley does not. The required width for a standard competitive pool is 7', to which Gridley meets the standards (103.3.2.B)

Response: USA Swimming Regulations Article 103.3.2 states "/NC/ Eight or ten lanes, minimum width of 2.5 meters (8 feet 21/2 inches), from center line to center line of the lane dividers, with approximately 0.45 meters (1 foot 6 inches) of additional open water outside lanes 1 and 8 (or 10). Program Operations may waive this requirement for National Championships."

With the current lane widths, Gridley pool meets the minimum lane width requirement, but does not meet the preferred lane width requirement.

### 4. Public Comment (PC):

VI.E.2.d "The pool would require chair-type lifts or ramps for persons with disabilities to be able to enter and exit the pool." The Gridley Pool is in possession of such a compliant chair which, in the off-season, is stored. This is mentioned earlier in V.B.4.g, to which the assessment acknowledges Gridley's possession of said chair.

Response: American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Guidelines section 15.8.2 states “At least two accessible means of entry shall be provided for each public use and common use swimming pool. The primary means of entry shall comply with 15.8.5 (Swimming Pool Lifts) or 15.8.6 (Sloped Entries). The secondary means of entry shall comply with one of the following: 15.8.5 (Swimming Pool Lifts), 15.8.6 (Sloped Entries), 15.8.7 (Transfer Walls), 15.8.8 (Transfer Systems), or 15.8.9 (Pool Stairs).”

The existing pool has a perimeter of 487 Linear Feet and is non-compliant with one primary means of entry (the existing ADA lift). It should be noted that the existing ADA lift was not observed at the time of the site visit, and that the lift must comply with the ADAAG requirement including but not limited to a secure anchor point in the deck and be fully functional during the pool’s operational hours. A secondary means of entry (primary or secondary) is necessary for compliance.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thanks,

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