

CSA 34 Gridley Pool Community Meeting

Location: Butte Hall – Fairgrounds

Date/Time: March 5, 2015 6:00 pm

During the CSA 34 Gridley Pool Community Meeting, the County Administrator approved of soliciting the services of firms qualified to repair commercial grade pools in the hopes that the life of the pool can be extended. Staff will begin the process and will coordinate the activity with Art Cota. In addition to the Presentation Material, there were some questions asked that could not be answered at the time

Questions / Comments:

Question: Can you provide a breakdown of the Pool's expenses?

Comment: Yes. The financials will be provided.

Question: How far do you go for the repair? It could be as little as replacing the plumbing to removing the entire thing. Who makes that decision?

Comment: This will depend on the proposals that are received. The General Services Director, as the CSA Administrator, will develop recommendations and if the recommendations exceed the available financial resources, it will ultimately be the Property Owners that decide through the voting process.

Question: How do you increase the gate fees?

Comment: Gate fees are determined by the Manager of the pool. It appears that the gate fees are very similar to other swimming venues and even a large increase in gates fees will not substantially improve the financial condition of the County Service Area.

Question: Where would the money for an election to raise the assessment for CSA 34 come from?

Comment: Any expenses for operations and an election comes from the CSA 34 fund. However, not being part of a Primary, Special or General election, costs are considerably less.

Question: Prior to the pool being built there was no assessment. How was the pool built?

Comment: Staff will review the originating records that are available in an effort to determine the original source of funds.

Question: If there was private funding, how would that merge with public funds?

Comment: The Board could accept a donation of funds that would be placed into the CSA 34 fund for management by the CSA 34 Administrator.

Question: What is the typical warranty offered by contractors on work like this?

Comment: Warranties span various years based on construction site, infrastructure, pool design and the materials and methods of construction as well as the requirement of the owner; the longer the warranty period, the higher the price of the warranty will be. It is unlikely that any pool warranty would span the 47 years that the existing pool has been in use.

Question: How were the boundaries of CSA 34 chosen and how do we change them?
Comment: Property Owners may request that the Butte Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) adjust the boundaries. The costs to do that would be borne by the CSA.

Question: How “wide” do you go when you solicit for this type of work?
Comment: It is the County’s intent to request proposals from any and all sources that may be able to help. By soliciting through the Butte County Website, the request will be published nationwide. In addition, staff will seek to develop a complete and comprehensive list of firms that may be qualified to propose solutions and plan to extend into the Bay Area.

It is important to note that if contractors receive any information outside of the formal solicitation process used and managed by staff regarding any aspect of the current condition of the pool or the intent to solicit for repair proposals, that contractor may be precluded from participating in the project.

Question: Is there a way to limit the amount a person who owns multiple parcels within the CSA boundaries has to pay?
Comment: There are no provisions within the CSA structure that allow the wavier of fees for owners that own multiple parcels.

Next Steps:

Staff will be developing a solicitation from firms qualified to propose solutions to repair the pool. Staff will be working with Art Cota and it is anticipated that this effort will take approximately 90 days.

In addition, the Butte County General Services web site will contain any updates as they occur and as things develop, additional Community Meetings will be held.