



Office of the City Manager

March 23, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: *DWR* Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Subject: West Campus and King Pool Closures in Spring of 2022

The Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Department has scheduled major maintenance at West Campus and King Pools from mid-April to mid-May. This work, which will replace the tile and plaster at King Pool and the tile, plaster, and filters at West Campus Pool, will result in the closures of both pools at the same time from four to six weeks. While it is recommended that tile and plaster is replaced every seven to ten years, it has been 13 years since King Pool and 12 years since West Campus Pool have received this maintenance. Additionally, the filters at West Campus were last replaced in 1998 and are now nearing failure.

Most of the funding (\$350,000 Measure T1, \$660,000 General Fund) was allocated as part of the FY 22 Annual Appropriations Ordinance 1 on December 14, 2021. The Request for Proposal (RFP) was authorized by Council at that same meeting. On January 6, 2022, the RFP for the project was released. Bids were returned on January 27, 2022. Western Water Features was awarded the contract at the March 8, 2022, Council meeting. Staff is finalizing the contract and intends to issue the notice to proceed in early April with construction commencing soon after. Both pools have been noticed with potential closure dates.

In order to complete both projects before the start of the summer swim lessons and aquatic programs on Monday, June 13, 2022, and to maximize cost efficiencies, both pools will undergo construction at the same time. We will provide closure dates as soon as we finalize the construction schedule with the contractor.

### **Background**

King and West Campus Pools are Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) property. On December 15, 2020, the City of Berkeley and BUSD finalized a Joint Use Agreement for BUSD playgrounds, pools and buildings and City park facilities. This Agreement specified a 30-year term for King Pool and a five-year term with an additional five-year option for West Campus Pool. Per the Agreement, the City is responsible for maintenance and capital at both these sites.

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