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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members In Session:

**SUBJECT:** *Extension of Swimming Pool Days*

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** City wide

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize, by resolution, additional funding for the City Aquatic's Budget for FY 1998-99 in the amount of \$50,000 for the following:

1. Extension of the public recreational swimming season for two weeks (August 24 - September 7) at three city swimming pools (Clunie Pool is already budgeted to stay open until September 7<sup>th</sup>); and
2. Extension of the "Cool in the Pool" program at these four pools during anticipated 101 degree plus days through September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**CONTACT:** Helen Harper, Recreation Superintendent, 264-6149

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** August 18, 1998

**SUMMARY**

In June of this year, the City Council provided additional funding in the amount of \$50,000 to enable all city operated swimming pools to remain open in the evening when the temperature reached 101 degrees. This report is in response to a recent request from a council member to continue the evening program through Labor Day as well as continue operation of city pools through Labor Day (September 7<sup>th</sup>) which would otherwise close operations for the season on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION: None**

**BACKGROUND**

The City of Sacramento operates 14 pools for recreational swimming during the 10 week season beginning in mid-June and closing near the end of August. Traditionally, Clunie swimming pool (the largest pool and highest attended) remains open an additional two weeks through the Labor Day weekend. Total annual attendance at all pools is 150,000 guests.

During the 1998 swimming season, the City Council supported the "Cool in the Pool" program which enabled pools to remain open for evening swim (generally from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.) on days when the temperature reached 101 degrees or greater. The cost for that program was \$50,000 based on an estimate of 15 days of 101 degree temperature. Although off to a "cool" start of the swimming season, the hot weather kicked in and as of Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, the 15 days of the "Cool in the Pool" program had been reached.

Over 15,000 guests have enjoyed the "Cool in the Pool" program; and the hot weather continues. Staff is requesting that the "Cool" program continue for an additional three weeks until September 7<sup>th</sup> at four city swimming pools as well as continued daytime operation of those four pools through Labor Day. As the extreme hot weather continues, it is important to give children and families positive activities to enjoy. The Sacramento City Unified School District classes do not begin until September 8<sup>th</sup>. Without the opportunity for swimming on hot days and evenings, vandalism at "closed" pools and throughout neighborhood may increase.

Staff recommends that four pools remain open through September 7<sup>th</sup>: one in each Neighborhood Services Area. The four pools recommended are those pools which traditionally have the highest attendance and are geographically spread out in the city. They are: Clunie Pool in Area 1, Cabrillo Pool in Area 2, Sim Pool in Area 3 and Johnston Pool in Area 4. The number of pools recommended for the extended days is limited to four because the certified swimming pool safety staff are not available in sufficient numbers to operate any more pools. Aquatics supervisors have polled their existing staff and found that approximately 90 percent of them are students who return to school prior to August 31<sup>st</sup>. Fifty percent of the current swimming pool safety staff are students at Los Rios Community College District schools and they begin classes on August 17<sup>th</sup>. An additional 25 percent of the staff attend California State University campuses which begin classes on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Ten percent of the current staff attend Sacramento City Unified School District which begins on September 8<sup>th</sup> and they can continue on at the four pool sites remaining open. Therefore, four pools is the maximum number of pools that can be operated through September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Staff estimates that the costs for providing two additional weeks of recreational swimming and three additional weeks of evening "Cool in the Pool" hours to be as follows:

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| 1. Operation of three city swimming pools for 15 additional days:  | \$36,000        |
| 2. "Cool in the Pool" evenings (at 12 city pools for the week of 8/17 and at 4 city pools for weeks 8/24 and 8/31) -- a total of 50 "Cool" evenings: | 14,000          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$50,000</b> |

It is recommended that funding for the additional swimming pool days come from the City's administrative contingency account. If the weather should turn cooler and all of the evening swim hours are not used, the additional "Cool in the Pool" funds will be utilized during next year's swimming season.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

This program is in keeping with the City Council's desire to provide positive activities for youth and families throughout Sacramento.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

**MBE/WBE:** No goods or services are being purchased as a result of this report.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Michael Hanamura, Area Director  
Neighborhoods, Planning & Development

Recommendation Approved:



WILLIAM H. EDGAR  
CITY MANAGER

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**RESOLUTION NO. 98-416**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION AUGMENTING THE  
COMMUNITY RECREATION AQUATICS SECTION  
BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR FY 1998-99**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:**

The City Council amend the FY 1998-99 Budget to reflect the addition of \$50,000 to the Community Recreation, Aquatics Section Budget (4734) as follows:

101-450-4734-4129	\$36,000
101-450-4734-4139	\$14,000

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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DATE ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_