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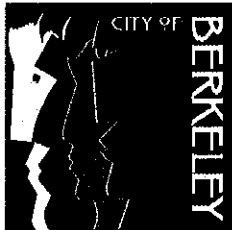
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Item Description: Warm Water Pool at the Berkeley High School Milvia Street Site

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ACTION CALENDAR
January 15, 2008

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From:  Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: Lisa Caronna, Deputy City Manager

Subject: Warm Water Pool at the Berkeley High School Milvia Street Site

RECOMMENDATION

That this matter be referred to staff for possible ballot measure discussion for the November 2008 General Municipal Election.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the recently completed Warm Water Pool Study, construction of a new warm water pool will be approximately \$15 million. A bond measure of this size would cost property owners an average \$5.59 per \$100,000 assessed value over a 30-year term.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Commission on Disability is recommending that Council place a bond measure on the November 2008 ballot for the construction of a new warm water pool and hire all necessary consultants to insure passage of the bond.

Council is currently considering a ballot measure to fund the cost of the construction of the Warm Water Pool. A follow up discussion on all ballot measures will occur over the new few months. Additionally, a Special Council meeting to discuss infrastructure projects is scheduled for March 11, 2008 and Council can consider inclusion of the warm water pool construction as a possible future ballot measure at that time.

BACKGROUND

On November 6, 2007, Council was provided information on potential City issued ballot measures and funding options for the November 4, 2008 General Municipal General Municipal, which included a possible bond measure for construction of a warm water pool.

A bond measure could authorize the issuance of \$15 million of general obligation bonds for land acquisition and construction of a Warm Water Pool facility, including a pool for diverse needs, restrooms, changing rooms, showers, and mechanical equipment. This measure would replace the voter approved \$3.25 million

Staff also provided Council the timelines for preparation of ballot measure materials with careful consideration and integrity in a timeframe that adheres to agenda deadlines and allows for the best possible out come.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

A ballot measure for the Warm Water Pool is currently being considered by Council and will be discussed at future meetings.

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