



AGENDA

Regular Board of Directors Meetings are held
Third Wednesday of the Month

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Cameron Park Community Center – Gymnasium

2502 Country Club Drive, Cameron Park, CA 95682

TELECONFERENCE TEAMS MEETING

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Board Members

Sidney Bazett	President
Monique Scobey	Vice President
Eric Aiston	Board Member
Dawn Wolfson	Board Member
Tim Israel	Board Member

CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
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Public testimony will be received on each agenda item as it is called. Principal party on each side of an issue is allocated 10 minutes to speak, individual comments are limited to 3 minutes except with the consent of the Board; individuals shall be allowed to speak on an item only once. Members of the audience are asked to volunteer their name before addressing the Board. The Board reserves the right to waive said rules by a majority vote.

All demonstrations, including cheering, yelling, whistling, handclapping, and foot stomping which disrupts, disturbs or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the Board meeting are prohibited.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Board will make any necessary additions, deletions, or corrections to the Agenda and motion to adopt the Agenda.

1. Adopt the Agenda
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RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

The Board of Directors expresses appreciation to members of the community, District staff, or the Board for extra efforts as volunteers, committee members or community-minded citizens. The Board of Directors is prohibited from discussing issues not on the agenda brought to them at this time. According to State Law (the Brown Act), items must first be noticed on the agenda before any discussion or action.

OPEN FORUM FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Members of the public may speak on any item not on the agenda that falls within the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors.

GENERAL BUSINESS

For purposes of the Brown Act §54954.2 (a), items below provide a brief description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed. Recommendations of the staff, as shown, do not prevent the Board from taking other action.

Each item has an estimated time that staff believes will be required, at minimum, for that item to be introduced, discussed, time for public comment, and action on that item. It is possible the item will take less time or more time. The estimated time is merely a management tool for the Board during its meetings and not intended in any way to limit public debate or input.

AGENDA

2. **RECEIVE, DISCUSS, AND DIRECT** – Pickle Ball at Cameron park Lake (est. 45 minutes)
 3. **RECEIVE AND DISCUSS** – Splash Pad at Cameron Park Lake (est. 45 minutes)
 4. **RECEIVE AND FILE** - Cameron Park Lake culvert/roadway repair project update (5 minutes)
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ADJOURNMENT

Please contact the District office at (530) 677-2231 or admin@cameronpark.org if you require public documents in alternate formats or accommodation during public meetings. For the public's information, we are taking email requests at admin@cameronpark.org for future notification of Cameron Park Community Services District meetings.



Agenda Transmittal

DATE: March 28, 2023

FROM: André Pichly, General Manager
Mike Grassle, Parks & Facilities Superintendent

AGENDA ITEM #2: Pickle Ball at Cameron Park Lake

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive, Discuss, and Direct

Introduction and Background

Since mid-January of 2022 the GM and Parks and Recreation Committee have heard from a resident, whose home backs-up to Cameron Park Lake on the north end of the park, regarding noise generated by pickle ball play. In February of 2022, staff paid a visit to the homeowner's backyard and heard first-hand what the family experiences on a regular basis.

In May of 2022, staff requested that the Parks and Recreation Committee discuss and comment on possible solutions for addressing the complaint of noise generated by pickleball play at Cameron Park Lake. Staff recommended the formation of a Task Force and the Committee agreed. The Task Force met on site to discuss solutions, anticipated costs, and feasibility. After several meetings, it was determined the best initial course of action was to hire an acoustical engineer, who could take sound measurements to determine a baseline from which mitigation could be developed, and consequently identify potential measures to bring the courts into compliance with county noise standards. The Acoustics and Vibration Group, Inc., represented by Steve Pettyjohn, a certified noise control engineer, was retained by the District and performed the sound measurements and all the calculations. A report summarizing the process and results of the sound measurements and mitigation recommendations was prepared and issued to the District and task force around the end of August.

Discussion

Open Gym - Following the final report of the Task Force, staff began working on options for the pickle ball locations. In January, staff began open gym pickle ball at the Community Center gymnasium. The timing for starting open gym pickle ball was ideal as inclement weather make the courts at Cameron Park Lake unplayable and the morning temperatures in the midst of winter may discourage some players from participating. The temporary closure of the main entrance due to the road closer in the park did not allow for parking and players would have to walk the mile trail around the lake in order to access the courts (not to mention the mile walk back). In addition, the regular restroom facilities are without water and closed to the public (port-a-potties are on site)

The gym can hold 3 courts, which is 5 fewer than are available at Cameron Park Lake. Since the gym has been open for pickle ball since January 23rd. On average, we are seeing 15-20 people playing every day. Based on the numbers we are seeing, most participation is early in the week on Monday's and Tuesday's, with Wednesday's receiving the least amount of participation. On Friday, February 24th we received the most participation with over 40 people playing. There is ample parking in the Community Center parking lot and two sets of restrooms are on-site. Hours for open gym pickle ball are from 9 am – 12 noon, Monday through Friday. Users can play for free with their annual pass, or must pay a daily drop-in fee or purchase a punch pass. The downside of this venue is the lack of courts.

School Venue - On Thursday, March 2nd, the GM, Parks & Facilities Superintendent, and Recreation Coordinator met with Buckeye Union School District's (BUSD) Superintendent and Lead Custodial Staff at Camerado School's blacktop to discuss CPCSD's use of Camerado's 11 pickleball courts. The school representatives were receptive to the idea of opening the pickle ball courts to the public during non-school hours, and the GM was asked to submit a facility use request to get the process of using the courts started. After requesting the forms, the GM received emails from the Director of Facilities that BUSD is not renting out their pickle ball courts and are not in a position to enter into a joint use agreement for the courts. A follow-up inquiry by the GM asking if there was something that the CPCSD could do that might change their minds, like participate financially in court maintenance, improvements, or if there a need that BUSD

has that the CPCSD could help with, the response from BUSD was that there really wasn't anything that could be done to change BUSD's position.

Administrative Permit - The Parks and Facilities Superintendent met with El Dorado County Building Department on Thursday March 16th to submit an Administrative Waiver form for the tennis and pickle ball courts at Cameron Park Lake. The Administrative Waiver is submitted to the County in order to obtain a permit after a structure and or amenity has been constructed (apparently one was never submitted). Also submitted was a sight plan along with a description of the tennis courts/pickle ball courts and their intended use. The County along with various agencies review the waiver and grant or deny a use permit. The District expects to be notified of the permit status by El Dorado County within 4-6 weeks. The cost to file an administrative waiver was \$140.

Noise and County Code - El Dorado County was already aware of the noise issue associated with pickle ball at Cameron Park Lake. The County provided the Parks and Facilities Superintendent with a copy of the noise ordinance code above and stated the park is exempt from the El Dorado County noise ordinance and specifically mentioned that noise was not going to be a determining factor.

[El Dorado County Article 3 – Site Planning and Project Design Standards](#)

[Chapter 17.37 – Noise Standards](#)

Sec. 130.37.010 – Purpose and Intent

This purpose of this is to supplement County Code Chapter 9.16 (Noise) by establishing maximum noise levels and standards to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. The intent is to provide standards for use in evaluating potential noise impacts to protect persons from excessive noise levels that can interfere with sleep, communication, relaxation, and full enjoyment of one's property; can contribute to physiological stress and hearing impairment; can adversely affect the value of real property.

Section 130.37.020 - Exemptions.

The following noise sources shall be exempt from the standards of this Chapter:

- A. Activities conducted in public parks, public playgrounds, and public or private school grounds, including but not limited to school athletic and school

entertainment events, providing an amplified sound system is not required or used.

Section 17.37.030 Applicability

Subject to the exemptions in Section 17.37.020 above, noise standards established in this Chapter shall apply to all noise generating uses requiring discretionary review or ministerial permits, with the exception of existing and new single-unit residential dwellings on legal lots of record that are not within areas governed by an Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan. (General Plan Policy 6.5.1.4)

Ongoing Efforts

Staff continue to work on strategies to help reduce the negative impact pickle ball has on the neighbors at the north end of Cameron Park Lake, which includes limiting access to the Cameron Park Lake courts to authorized hours only, encouraging players to use softer balls and pads that result in less “clacking” noise during play, and continuing the availability of open gym access at the Community Center.

Options

- Suspend pickle ball play at Cameron Park Lake until an alternate venue with adequate courts can be found or built and available for public use. This would require the removal of permanent poles/nets and possible painting over of pickle ball court lines.
- Continue to allow pickle ball play at Cameron Park Lake.

Recommended Actions

- **Staff recommends that the District continue to look for locations that could accommodate pickle ball play** or that could be developed as a dedicated pickle ball facility. Pickle ball is a growing sport, and as our population ages the sport of pickle ball may increase in popularity. A new Cameron Park pickle ball venue that includes a greater number of courts and quality amenities, such as benches and lighting, would meet the needs of the pickle ball playing community. Should a suitable location be identified, the District should begin developing a financing plan for design, land acquisition (if not on CPCSD property), construction, and maintenance.

Until an alternate facility can be developed . . .

- **Continue/adjust defined hours for pickle ball play at Cameron Park Lake.** This would mean engaging the pickle ball community further in adherence to those posted hours, which would also comply.

- **In a timely manner, phase in the required use of softer pickle balls and paddles for all play at Cameron Park Lake.** A collaborative agreement between the District and pickle ball community could help facilitate this transition.
- **Continue open gym access for pickle ball play.**

Staff does not recommend the suspension of pickle ball play at Cameron Park Lake – to do so would negatively impact on the playing community which greatly benefits from the physical activity and positive social interaction the participants enjoy.



Agenda Transmittal

DATE: March 28, 2022

FROM: André Pichly, General Manager
Mike Grassle, Parks & Facilities Superintendent
Christina Greek, Finance Officer

AGENDA ITEM 3: SPLASH PAD AT CAMERON PARK LAKE

RECOMMENDED ACTION: DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF

Introduction and Background

In November of 2020, the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2020-26, by a vote of 4-1, to request park development impact fees to fund improvements at Cameron Park Lake, including up to 75% of the cost of a new splash and spray playground at Cameron Park Lake and expand park services to residents. In December of 2020, the Board of Directors approved an agreement between the District and Callander Associates for landscape architecture services to further implement elements of the District's Park Improvement Plan, especially the Cameron Park Lake Splash Pad.

In October of 2022, staff provided a report reviewing the history of the project and making a recommendation for moving the project forward. At the time of the report the District was still awaiting final approval from El Dorado County, which was received in December 2022. Front End Specifications were provided by Callander Associates and reviewed by staff and Counsel.

At the February 15, 2023, Board meeting staff requested that the Board of Directors consider directing staff to issue a Request for Bids package and bring back to a future Board meeting a bid proposal for approval so as to proceed with construction. The Board declined and asked the General Manager to bring the topic of the splash pad back to the Board for an in depth discussion and hear comments from residents during public.

While the project received permit approval in December 2022, the permit itself has not been issued – something the project Contractor would obtain. The plan check for this

project will expire on May 3, 2023, so the District will want to ensure that the permit is issued before this date. Given that the District will not have a Contractor on board before May 3rd, the District will need to make an upfront payment of \$12,898.50 (already a budgeted expense) soon after the April 19th Board meeting should the Board decide to proceed with the project. Once a permit is issued, the 2-year timeline begins, the project must be bid out, awarded, and the splash pad constructed – all before the permit expires. Once the plan check has expired (May 3, 2023) the plan check process would begin again, and all processing fees would again be required.

Fiscal Impact

Total project cost was estimated at \$ 1,358,987.00. Staff recommends a budget of \$1,600,000.00 due to increases in the costs of construction and materials. The District would use Prop 68 funds in the amount of \$128,182 and the remainder would come from Park Impact Fees to cover the cost of construction and any additional consultation fees. As approved Resolution 2020-26 stated that the request was for 75% of the cost of a new splash pad to be paid using park development impact fees, additional funding (if needed) would need to be identified and allocated to cover the full cost of the project.

Estimated Cost of Operating the Splash Pad

- \$16,000.00 annual estimated operational costs based on 120 operational days (early April through late October). This estimate by the Parks & Facilities Superintendent includes 1-2 hours of maintenance service, utilities and chemicals.
- \$1,000.00 in annual repairs (but would be under warranty for a period of time)

Discussion

The Board and Staff have put a lot of time and effort into this project. To date the District has spent over \$105,000 on landscape architect services and fees. Should the Board decide not to proceed with this project none of the costs would be reimbursable. Design work, specific to the construction of the splash pad, could not be used for an alternate project at the lagoon site.

In discussions with staff the General Manager found support for the project, there are also some concerns about building a facility that, given its current design and scope, would use all or exceed available park impact fee funds (as of February 2023 the fund has \$1,581,200.91). In a discussion with the landscape architect, it became clear that reducing the number of spray elements or spray ground size would not significantly reduce costs.

Recommendation

Given that Resolution 2020-26 was approved to “use park development impact fees to fund improvements at Cameron Park Lake, including up to 75% of the cost of a new splash and spray playground”, the General Manager supports this project moving forward if:

- a. the project does not exceed funds available in park impact fees and Prop 68 grant funds.
- b. that a viable solution to fund the additional portion be identified and secured through additional park impact fees and/or other appropriate funding sources.

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors direct the General Manager to do one of the following:

- Approve General Manager to move forward with issuing a Request for Bids to solicit qualified contractors to build the splash pad and make a payment of \$12,898.50 to the County of El Dorado so that the approved permit can be issued before May 3, 2023.
- Bring to the April 19th Board meeting a resolution to rescind Resolution 2020-26 approved use of park impact fees to fund the splash pad project, and thereby cancel the project.

ATTACHMENTS

3.a – Resolution No. 2020-26

3.b – Resolution No. 2020-30

3.c – October 2022 splash pad staff report

RESOLUTION No. 2020-26
of the Board of Directors
of the Cameron Park Community Services District
November 18, 2020

**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST PARK DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES TO FUND
IMPROVEMENTS AT CAMERON PARK LAKE**

WHEREAS, Cameron Park Community Services District (District) Board of Directors approved the Park Improvement Plan (Plan) which expands park services District-wide; and

WHEREAS, this Plan proposes the construction of a Splash & Spray Playground at the old Swimming Lagoon at Cameron Park Lake; and

WHEREAS, this project meets the purpose of Park Development Impact Fees by expanding park services because the Splash and Spray Playground: 1) is accessible for children and adults of all abilities, which meets and exceeds Americans with Disabilities Act requirements; 2) operates for more months of the year and more hours during the day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Cameron Park Community Services District request use of the Park Development Impact Fees to fund up to 75% of the cost for a new Splash and Spray Playground at Cameron Park Lake to expand park services to residents of Cameron Park.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Cameron Park Community Services District, at a regularly scheduled meeting, held on the 18th day of November 2020, by the following vote of said Board:

AYES: MS, EA, FC, EW

NOES: HM

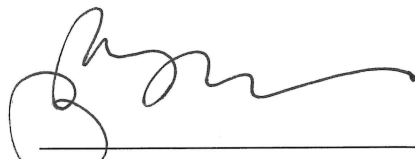
ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:



Director Monique Scobey, President
Board of Directors



Jill Ritzman, General Manager
Secretary to the Board

RESOLUTION No. 2020-30
of the Board of Directors
of the Cameron Park Community Services District
December 16, 2020

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON PARK
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AND CALLANDER ASSOCIATES LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTS FOR THE CAMERON PARK LAKE SPLASH PAD**

WHEREAS, Cameron Park Community Services District (District) is seeking landscape architecture services to further implement elements of the District's Park Improvement Plan, specially the Cameron Park Lake Splash Pad; and

WHEREAS, Policy 3100 - Purchasing/Expense Authorization provides a provision for contracts involving acquisition of professional or specialized services, such as landscape architects that does not require a competitive bid process; and

WHEREAS, Callander Associates Landscape Architects developed the approved Park Improvement Plan and is available to expeditiously support the District's efforts in developing competitive grant applications which are due March 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Cameron Park Community Services District approves and authorizes the General Manager to execute the Agreement between Cameron Park Community Services District and Callander Associates.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Cameron Park Community Services District, at a regular scheduled meeting, held on the 16th day of December 2020, by the following vote of said Board:

AYES: MS, EA, SB, FC, EW

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST: None

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Monique Scobey, President
Board of Directors



Jill Ritzman, General Manager
Secretary to the Board



Agenda Transmittal

DATE: October 19, 2022

FROM: André Pichly, General Manager
Mike Grassle, Parks & Facilities Superintendent
Christina Greek, Finance & Human Resources Officer

AGENDA ITEM 10: **Splash Pad at Cameron Park Lake Discussion**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss Cameron Park Splash Pad project

This report will address the following:

- Our Splash Pad design
- The Park Improvement Process flow chart
- Timeline of events from June 2019 through Spring of 2023
- Project Manager
- Results from public surveys
- Expenses to date for this project
- Estimated cost of operating the splash pad vs. Lagoon
- Water usage comparison
- Additional water usage information
- Implications for canceling this project
- Staff recommendation
- Splash Pads in action: what you'd be getting for you money

This report also include three (3) attachments:

- 10.a – March 2021 Survey Comments
- 10.b – CALA Splash pad and Park Improvement Plan Update slides from January 4, 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting
- 10.c - Director Scobey slideshow presentation

SPLASH PAD DESIGN

Concept Plan

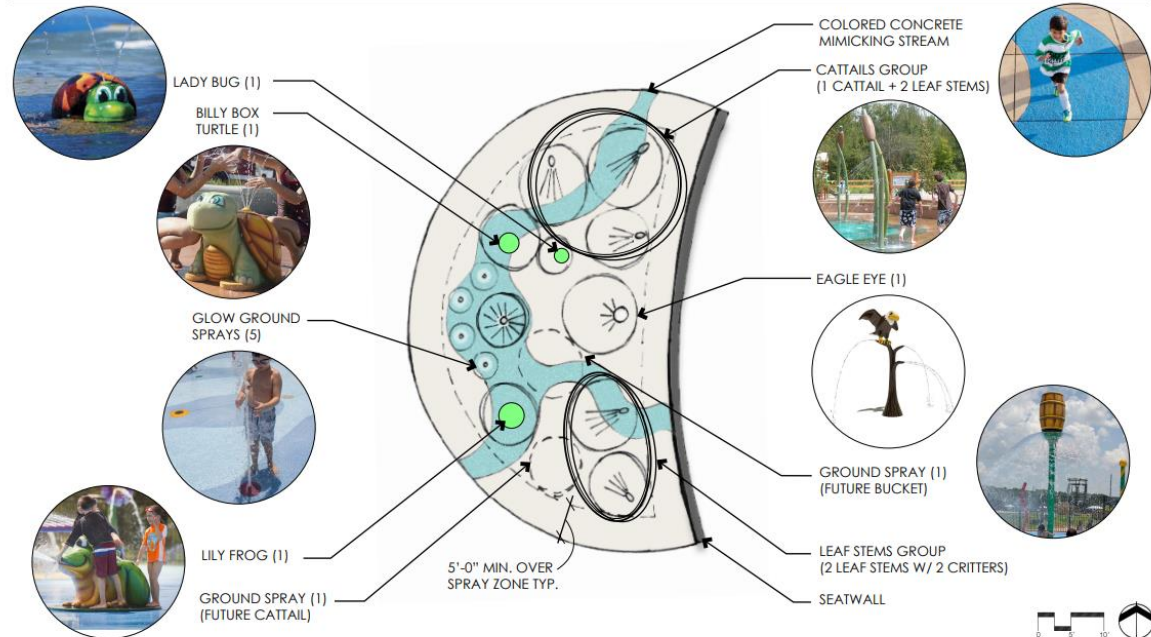
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CONCEPT PLAN



NOVEMBER 19, 2021

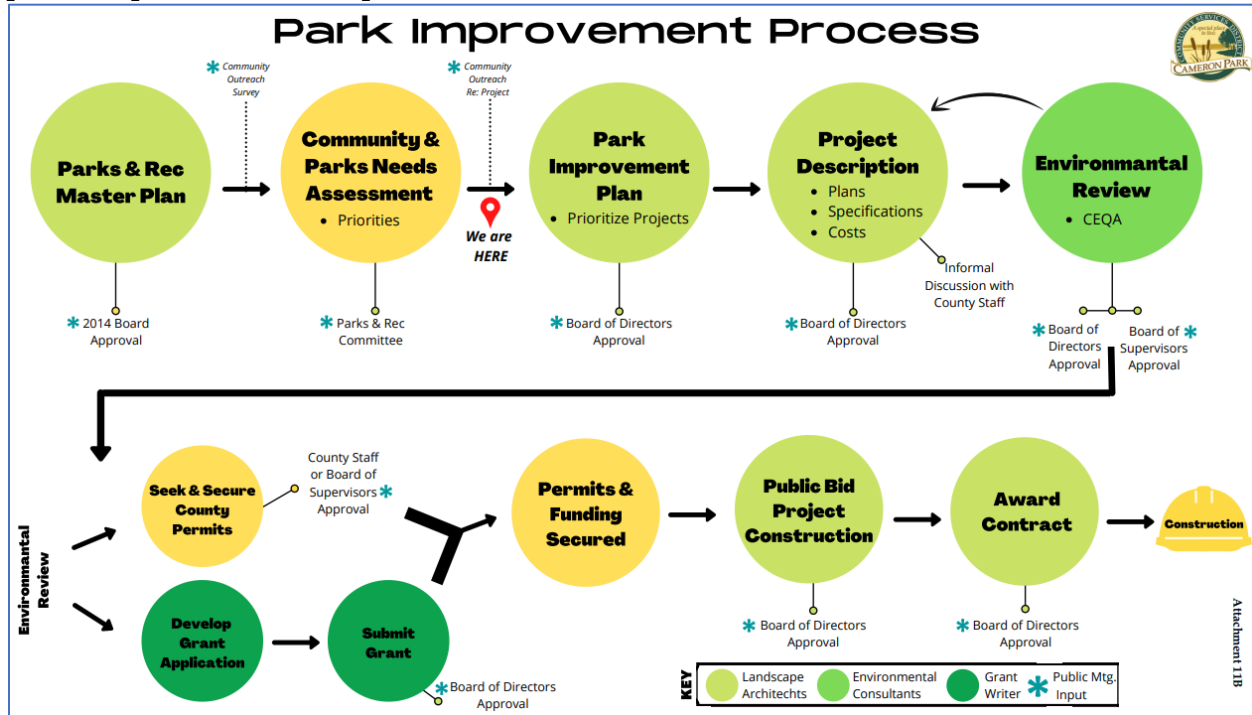
CAMERON PARK LAKE SPLASH PAD

PLAY FEATURES



PARK IMPROVEMENT PROCESS FLOW CHART

This is the Park Improvement Process flow chart. It describes the various phases or steps along the path of the process, responsibility during that phase or step, and when public input should take place (indicated with *).



TIMELINE OF EVENTS FROM JUNE 2019 THROUGH SPRING 2023

*** Public Comment would have taken place during this public meeting**

June 2019 – The idea of installing a splash pad in place of the Lagoon was first presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee*.

July 2019 – Parks & Facilities Superintendent began meeting with splash pad manufacturers and installers. The goal of these meetings was to get concepts and project cost estimates.

February 2020 - Landscape Architect Request for Qualifications (RFQ) – Outcomes & Next Steps (oral report and handouts; J. Ritzman, M. Grassle) provided to the Parks and Recreation Committee*.

May 2020 – Presentation: Draft Park Improvement Plan provided by Callander Associates (CALA) provided to the Parks and Recreation Committee*.

May 2020- The Parks Master Plan survey was released online to the public.

July 2020- Report Back: Park Improvement Plan, Survey Results, and Funding Strategies (J. Ritzman, CALA) presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee*.

August 2020 - Park Improvement Plan: Strategies and Prioritizing (J. Ritzman, M. Grassle, CALA) presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee*.

November 2020 - Park Development Impact Fees to fund Cameron Park Lake Splash and Spray Playground Project. CALA Scope of Services and Estimated Fees for Cameron Park Lake Splash and Spray Playground Project (M. Grassle, CALA). Both reports were provided to the Parks and Recreation Committee*.

December 2020 – Resolution 2020-30: Approving the Agreement between Cameron Park Community Services District and CALA for the Cameron Park Lake Splash Pad FOR \$122,077.00 (M. Grassle) was presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee in December*. Item was presented during the Board of Directors Meeting. The Resolution was approved 5-0 at the January 20th Board of Directors meeting*.

January 2021 - APPROVE Resolution 2021-04 Authorizing State Park Program (Proposition 68 Competitive) Grant Application to construct the splash pad. Presented during the Board of Directors Meeting*.

January 2021 - Kick Off meeting with district staff and CALA and Associates

February 2021- Review and Finalize Work Plan 2021 (J. Ritzman). Parks and Recreation Committee approved the work plan which included developing the splash pad*.

March 2021 - Geotech Report Completed

March 2021 - Splash Pad survey results completed

March 2021 – WORKSHOP: Design Discussions for Improvements at Cameron Park Lake (CALA) Workshop was held during the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting*.

May 2021 - APPROVED: Resolution 2021-15 to Approve the First Amendment to the Agreement between Cameron Park Community Services District and CALA. Resolution went before the Board of Directors. Passed 5-0 during the May 2021 Board of Directors meeting*.

May 2021 - 35% plans submitted to El Dorado County by CALA to the district

August 2021 - 75% plans submitted to El Dorado County by CALA to the district

October 2021 – Presentation: Cameron Park Lake Splash & Spray Playground 75% Completed Plans (M. Grassle, B. Woodside, I. Anwar), and the Splash & Spray Playground Funding Strategy (J. Ritzman). Both items were presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee*.

November 2021 - Categorical Exemption: Cameron Park Lake Splash Pad Project (J. Ritzman) Ad Hoc Committee for Splash Playground Fundraising (J. Ritzman, discussion). Both items were presented at the Parks and Recreation Committee*.

December 2021 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant (J. Ritzman). Splash Pad Fundraising Ad Hoc Committee (J. Ritzman). Final Design for Splash Pad – Information Item (J. Ritzman). All three items were on the Parks and Recreation Committee agenda*.

January 2022 - Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Application and Resolution (A. Pichly). Item was discussed during the January Parks and Recreation Committee*.

June 2022 - DISCUSSION – LWCF grant update: Splash Pad Project (A. Pichly) – Information only / not an action item. Discussion during the Board of Directors meeting*.

August 2022 - Anticipate final plan comments from El Dorado County

September 2022 - Approved plans, with the exception of the WDID number.

NEXT STEPS

October 2022 - Fees paid for TSD Engineering to prepare and submit Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and Notice of intent (NOI) to El Dorado County. This is needed to be issued the WDID number and is the last task to be completed to obtain project approval from the County of El Dorado.

Fall/Winter 2022 - Bid Plans

Spring 2023 - Construction. This would allow enough time for the contractor to secure the Splash Pad equipment due to long lead times (CALA will confirm the length once they hear from the manufacturer).

PROJECT MANAGER: MIKE GRASSLE

Mike and I have discussed the management of this project moving forward and have agreed that his serving as the Project Manager makes the most sense since he's been engaged with this process since its inception, has years of experience with capital projects and working with contractors, and has an office that is physically located at the project site.

RESULTS FROM PUBLIC SURVEY

A Cameron Park Splash Pad survey was available to all community members online in March 2021. The questions and responses are as follows:

Question 1: Any questions, comments or concerns regarding the splash pad concept? 146 responses, 107 said NO, 39 answered YES. A follow up question to answering YES was, "please tell us a little more about your concerns", to which there were 39 comments (see Attachment 11.a).

Question 2: Which theme for the splash pad play area do you prefer? Please select one.

Nature - 68 (46.90%)

Nautical – 57 (39.91%)

Urban – 20 (13.79%)

Question 3: The District is applying for a state grant. If the grant is awarded to the District, improvements will expand to include a playground. Which theme for the playground do you prefer? Please select one.

Nature - 89 (60.96%)
 Nautical – 39 (26.71%)
 Urban – 18 (12.33%)

Question 3: The District is applying for a state grant. If the grant is awarded to the District, improvements will expand to include interpretive signage along the lake. Which theme for the interpretive signage do you prefer? Please select one.

Nature - 103 (71.03%)
 Nautical – 29 (20.00%)
 Urban – 13 (8.97%)

EXPENSES TO DATE FOR THIS PROJECT

Expenses from June 2019 through October 14, 2022:

- \$97,556.72 – Callander Associates design costs (includes CEQA exemption memo preparation)
- \$300.00 – map production
- \$13,234.50 - Fees paid to El Dorado County
- \$4,000.00 – Fees paid for TSD Engineering to prepare and submit Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and Notice of intent (NOI) to El Dorado County

Total \$115,091.22 (\$62,379 has been reimbursed by Park Impact Fees)

PROP 68 PER CAPITA GRANT

The District was awarded \$177,952.00 from the State of California’s Prop 68 Per Capita Grant. Of that amount, \$128,182.00 was identified for the splash pad project. The balance (\$49,907.00) was used for the turf project at Christa McAuliffe Park. Expenses for both projects will be reimbursed by the State when invoices are submitted for payment. Per the grant contract, if the scope of the splash pad project were to change, the District must notify the State in writing for approval or risk losing the funds. If the District Should the Board of Directors votes to cancel the splash pad project, the District could submit an alternate project via a new application for the balance of the grant award. The funds could be awarded if the project application is approved. Regardless of the decision of the Board, the funds for the turf project at Christa McAuliffe Park would not be forfeited.

LWCF GRANT APPLICATION NOT ACCEPTED

On December 16, 2021, the Board of Directors directed staff to complete and submit an application for LWCF to fund 50% of the planning and construction costs for Cameron Park Lake’s Swimming Lagoon Renovation to a Splash Pad. A Board of Directors Resolution to apply for the grant was passed and the grant application was submitted

in January 2022. On July 14, 2022, the General Manager received a letter from the State Office of Grants and Local Services indicating that the application was not selected for this project. If the grant had been awarded to the District for the Splash Pad project it would have covered 50% of the project costs, or \$679,493.50 of the \$1,358,987 budgeted.

ESTIMATED COST OF OPERATING THE SPLASH PAD vs. LAGOON

Splash Pad

- \$12,000.00 annual estimated operational costs based on 120 operational days (early April through late October). This estimate includes 1-hour of maintenance service, utilities and chemicals.
- \$1,000.00 in annual repairs (but would be under warranty for a period of time)
- The benefits of a water featured playground include significantly lower operational costs, lifeguards are not required, and the facility can have expanded hours and days of operation during warm months (spring through fall).

Lagoon

- \$40,000.00+ annual operational costs (includes lifeguards, Park Maintenance, utilities and chemicals)
- \$10,000.00 in annual repairs annually

Other Lagoon facts:

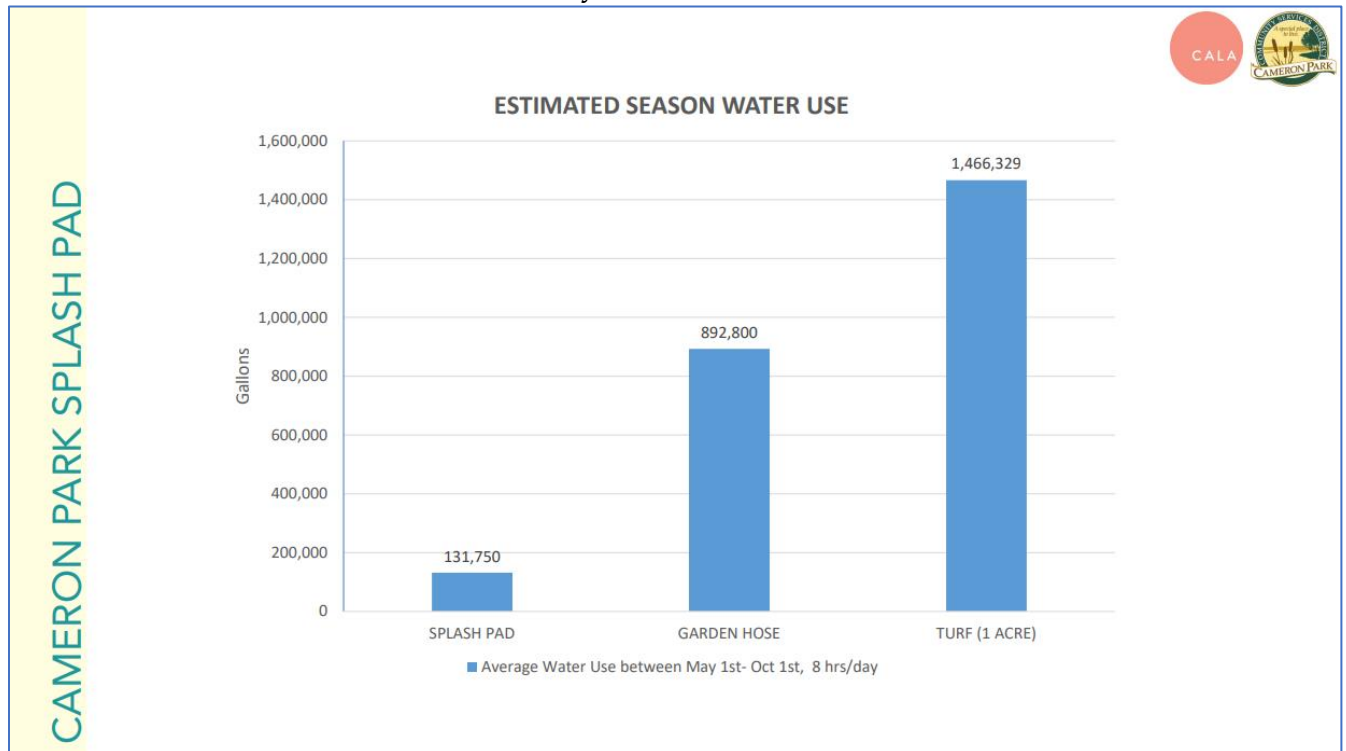
- The Cameron Park Lake Swimming Lagoon was constructed 25+ years ago. Over the years, the District allocated funds to improve the facility, but much of the mechanical systems were aging and in need of repairs.
- To save costs, hours of operations were reduced in recent years to a few hours each day
- The facility holds up to 1.5 million gallons of water that was pumped and chlorinated daily May through August.
- Water clarity was acknowledged as a safety issue for lifeguards and swimmers
- Entry fees and season passes did not offset the full cost of operating the Lagoon
- The District recognized that the Swimming Lagoon was an iconic and loved amenity at Cameron Park Lake, especially for families with young children.
- Facility was not ADA accessible, did not have the facility improvements to necessary to accommodate people with disabilities.

Decommissioned Lagoon today



WATER USAGE COMPARISON

Provided by CALA for average water usage for our splash pad, a residential garden hose, and 1-acre of turf area between May 1st and October 1st.



ADDITIONAL WATER USGAE INFORMATION FROM CALLANDER ASSOCIATES (CALA)

- A garden hose runs about 12 gallons per minute (GPM) and in 8 hours would consume up to 6,000 gallons of water per day. In comparison, the 700 to 1000 gallon of water use for the splash pad is very low. By not having these facilities, homeowners with children might choose to run homemade splash pads (sprinklers, slip-n-slides, etc.) that waste lots of water in their backyards. If the Board of Directors would like to see major water savings they can shut down irrigated turf not being used for sports which would be in line with EID's action recommendations. To compare, a turf irrigation system can use over 15,000 gallons per day fairly easily in a park setting.
- There is language in the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) action that recommends avoiding construction of new pools, but not splash pads.
- EID's action for stage 1 water alert please note the following excerpts:
 - The regulation includes a prohibition against the irrigation of non-functional turf with potable water in the commercial, industrial, and institutional sector.

- The California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) proposed emergency regulation that requires water suppliers to implement demand reduction actions for a shortage level of ten to twenty percent (Level 2). Given the District's favorable local water supply conditions, staff is proposing to maintain the existing Stage 1 water Alter, implementing the voluntary conservation actions identified in the Drought Action Plan for Stage 1 to achieve 15% conservation. "The District has sufficient water supplies, and thanks to late spring precipitation in 2022 could meet unrestricted demand during 2022 if necessary. Maintaining a Stage 1 Water Alert is prudent to guard against additional dry years and our current drought stage is consistent with the requirements of the proposed emergency regulation."
- Below are the key voluntary conservation measures included in Stage 1 that remain in effect. Staff will also continue to communicate other general guidelines and water efficiency practices that our customers can implement to help achieve additional water savings.

Voluntary:

- a) Apply irrigation water during evening and early morning hours only (7 PM to 10 AM);
- b) Inspect irrigation system for leaks and then repair or replace;
- c) Adjust sprinkler run times to avoid runoff; and
- d) Avoid pursuing construction of new swimming pools or rehabilitation that would require filling with potable water
- Other General Guidelines:
 - Adjust sprinklers to prevent overspray.
 - Stress your lawn and save your trees.
 - Reduce the number of days of outside irrigation and/or reduce sprinkler cycle run times. By reducing your watering times by two minutes across the board you can achieve an instant savings of 20 percent (for every 10 minutes that your sprinklers are currently scheduled).
 - Ensure ponds, waterway, decorative basins and swimming pools are equipped with water recirculation devices.
 - Do not hose off sidewalks, driveways and other impervious hardscapes, except where necessary to address an immediate health and safety need or to comply with a term or condition in a permit issued by a state or federal agency.
 - Use hoses equipped with a control nozzle capable of completely shutting off the flow of water.
 - Turn off irrigation during or within 48 hours of measurable precipitation.

IMPLICATIONS FOR CANCELING THE CAMERON PARK SPASH PAD PROJECT

The Board of Directors should be realistic about the implications of reversing this process. Staff believes these implications include, but are not limited to:

- Amount of district funds spent on design services and permits with no product
- The District has a contract with Callander Associates for \$122,077.00 for splash pad design development; construction documents; preparation of plans, specifications and estimates; bidding and construction review; environmental assistance, and requested additional services (if any). The District has paid Callander Associates \$97,556.72 to date. As sometimes happens with local government, projects are canceled or go through modifications for any number of reasons, but regardless of that reason the agency runs the risk of having spent funds on a project that may be seen as “wasted” if no project is built.
- Number of hour’s staff have spent in internal meetings, meetings with vendors and consultants, and working on reports. While I can find no tracking for all staff hours, consideration for time spent on this project should be acknowledged.
- Criticism from the public should be expected for changing course on a publicly supported and Board of Directors approved project. There are members of the public who have supported this project. While we know that recent support for not moving forward with this project has been voiced at public meetings, those who previously supported the project were not present.
- Should the project be canceled the District will need to address the future of the lagoon and its fiscal impact. Options could include:
 - Leave it as is
 - Fill in the lagoon with earth and find another use for that space
 - Open up the levee dividing the lake from the lagoon in one of two spots so both bodies of water are connected.
 - Tunnel(s) with a metal or concrete liner could be installed
 - Remove a section or two of the levee. An option here would be use a bridge(s) that would allow the levee to continue to be used for walkers/joggers/runners
 - Remove the entire levee

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Staff believes that this project should move forward. The Board of Directors held several meetings where the public had opportunities to provide comment on this project, a budget was created for the project, and a contract was executed for the design and development of this project.

- I believe a project like this will be a benefit to the community and, once operational, will become a popular amenity in Cameron Park. We can still celebrate the history of the Lagoon with a historical marker/sign of some sort, while introducing a new water play feature in the community.
- As a water feature it is designed to be very water efficient, as compared to other water features here and in other communities. We understand the need to be aware of public perception, but from what I can see the District and CALA have worked together to provide a design that will meet the needs of park visitors of all ages and will be a source of entertainment and joy for the parents and grandparents who bring their children to the splash pad, but who may not actually use the splash pad themselves.
- While some residents may not see this as a good use of District funds, it has been my experience that older residents tend to underestimate the cost of nearly all new park amenities, and most residents have no idea how much it costs to design, purchase, build, and maintain recreation and park facilities. This splash pad will be an investment in our park infrastructure and will add value to Cameron Park Lake as a community park. There will always be other needs within our District's park system, but an amenity like the splash pad is a project whose time has come.

SPLASH PADS IN ACTION: WHAT YOU'D BE GETTING FOR

I believe that reminding the Board and public of what they would be getting from this project is important. Below is a link to a YouTube video showing some splash pads in action that illustrate the benefits for both kids and adults, and the impact a unique recreational amenity like this could have on the community. Press Ctrl and Click on the picture to start the video.



ATTACHMENTS

10.a – March 2021 Survey Comments

10.b – CALA Splash pad and Park Improvement Plan Update slides from January 4, 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting

10.c - Director Scobey slideshow presentation

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Community Services District*



Agenda Transmittal

DATE: March 28, 2023

FROM: André Pichly, General Manager

AGENDA ITEM #4: CAMERON PARK LAKE CULVERT/ROADWAY REPAIR PROJECT

RECOMMENDED ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

The General Manager and Parks & Facilities Superintendent will provide a verbal update on the repair project for the washed-out culvert/roadway at Cameron Park Lake, including the discussion between the representative of Doug Veerkamp Engineering, Inc., two Board members and the Parks & Facilities Superintendent regarding the concerns about the like-for-like repair.