



Office of the City Manager

June 2, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Subject: West Campus and King Pools Renovation Update

The West Campus and King Pools renovations are nearly complete. This project replaces the tile and plaster at both pools and was expected to be completed by Monday, June 6, the start of summer program. However, the limited availability of plaster installers, the unexpected discovery of rust damage to the rebar at West Campus and the delivery delay of hand rails for King Pool has pushed back our reopening by 2-3 weeks.

West Campus Pool is now scheduled to reopen on June 21, 2022, and King Pool is tentatively scheduled for June 27, 2022. More information on the King Pool reopening date will be available by the second week of June. All affected participants will be contacted by staff and closure updates are posted at the pools and on the City website.

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. Per the Agreement, the City is responsible for maintenance at both these sites. It has been 13 years since King and 12 years since West Campus Pools have received this maintenance.

Most of the funding (\$350,000 Measure T1, \$660,000 General Fund) for these projects was allocated as part of the FY22 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. Construction began on April 18, 2022. We look forward to welcoming swimmers back to the pools soon.

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