



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: Ralph Wright, Parks and Recreation Director

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MEETING DATE: November 19, 2025

SUBJECT: Feasibility of Extended Aquatic Hours Outside of the Summer Season

RECOMMENDATION:

Parks and Recreation Commission review and discuss the feasibility of extending the Repplier Park Aquatic Center season.

BACKGROUND:

The Repplier Park Aquatic Center is open seasonally from Memorial Day Weekend through early to late August when children return to school.

At the October 15, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting the commission requested a feasibility item to discuss the possibility of extending the Aquatic Center season.

Staff has prepared a PowerPoint presentation breaking down the aquatic season revenue and expenditures for the months of May through August as well as ongoing non-summer month costs. During the non summer months there is a Aquatic Center operational cost averaging around \$2,350.00. These costs are lower than during the season due to not heating the pool and lower chemical, water, and electric costs from no bather load. As part of the utility costs, there are ongoing water and electric costs to irrigate the turf year-round and pump, chemical costs to maintain the water quality to avoid pool damage and increased repairs and maintenance costs each season.

During the summer months the pool is heated but outside temperatures are substantially higher than the non-summer months, water must be replaced, and more chemicals and electricity are used due the bather load and activities in the facility. The table below shows the revenue vs expenditures for the summer months as well as monthly facility visits. The revenue decreases as the summer progresses due to lower participation in aquatic programming. In the month of August, kids go back to school and our open swim sessions transition from multiple daytime sessions, to only evenings or weekends, we have been unable to offer swim lessons consistently and participation in classes and lap swim drop significantly resulting in significant increases in operational costs based on participation.

	May	June	July	August
Revenue	\$624	\$30,317	\$26,002	\$10,102
Expenditures	-\$13,049	-\$37,495	-\$40,340	-\$30,025
Total	-\$12,425	-\$7,178	-\$14,338	-\$19,923

Total Monthly visits	1,838	6,226	8,968	2,526
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Staff believes the operational costs and lower participation in the months when school is in session do not warrant extension of the pool season.

Some cost notes:

*** During the months of June and July - Open swim averages over one hundred attendees per session. In August that number drops below 50 and sometimes below 30. The staffing costs do not decrease in our pool due to the operation of the water slides.

*** The costs of heating the pool in the non-summer months significantly increases as the outside temperatures decrease.

*** Aquatic Center staff are often high school or college students and staffing availability becomes uncertain in non-summer months.

FISCAL IMPACT:

To extend the Aquatic Season will significantly impact the department budget as costs increase as temperatures drop and corresponding participation drops as well. While lap swimmers have requested an extension to the season, the increased costs are not warranted.

ALTERNATIVES:

None Provided.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Pool Revenue Vs Expenditures 2025 updated.pdf](#)