

Lompoc City Council Agenda Item

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: November 18, 2008

TO: Gary P. Keefe, City Administrator

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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND PROJECT APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL POOL DEMOLITION ER 08-0027

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the City Council consider the attached Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) prepared for the project, along with any public comments, pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
2. Make any desired changes, and adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration;
3. Approve the proposed Municipal Pool demolition; and
4. Direct Staff to proceed with solicitation of bids for the Municipal Pool demolition.

BACKGROUND:

The existing Municipal Pool Structure was constructed in 1956, with a life expectancy of 25 to 30 years. In 2000, after 44 years, the pool was closed, due to safety issues. Consideration was given to repair, but it was determined that the cost of operating, maintaining and structurally retrofitting the pool was not justified, given its age and the demand for aquatic facilities in the community. The decision was then made to pursue demolition of the structure.

DISCUSSION:

An environmental evaluation of the proposed Municipal Pool demolition has been undertaken, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The following potential environmental factors were identified: Biological Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise and Air Quality. Mitigation measures have been recommended to address asbestos and lead paint removal, dust control, hours of operation and planting of replacement trees. With the proposed mitigation measures, the demolition has been determined not to have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration was duly noticed in the Lompoc Record on August 29, 2008 and was circulated through the State Clearinghouse from September 3, 2008

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to October 02, 2008. The project was assigned State Clearinghouse Number SCH# 2008091011. One comment was received after the close of the notice period, from the California Department of Fish and Game. They identified a concern regarding the timing of the removal of the two to three small trees identified in the proposal and the potential for birds nesting in the trees. The comment has been considered and it is not believed that there will be an adverse impact on nesting birds, as the tree removals are to occur in the fall or early winter of 2008, outside of the nesting period.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends certification of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and direction to staff to proceed with the demolition of the Municipal Pool Structure.

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Attachments:

1. [Resolution 5503 \(08\)](#)
2. [Mitigated Negative Declaration ER 08-0027](#)

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

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