




**Expanded Scope of Work  
with the International  
Swim Center (ISC)  
Project**

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## Background



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## **Background (continued)**

- Since 1999, the ISC discussion have included: Master Plan, site expansion, improvements and reconfiguration
- 2018 Kitchell Report: Park Facilities Condition Assessment
- 2023 LPA, Inc. hired to conduct ISC facility assessment
- 2024 results of assessment led to the facility's closure

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## **Background (continued)**

- June 2024 Council approved \$1.86M to address facility access/safety issues and replaster the training and racing pools
- July 2024 issued Request for Bids for replastering and fencing
- October 2024 Council awarded contracts
- December 2024 County permits obtained to begin work
- January 2025 maintenance project began

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## Not Included in Temporary Reopening

- Boiler
- ADA
- Health and safety – unique bodies of water
- Dive well and tower
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Structural issues (e.g., locker room, office space, mechanical room, etc.)

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## Structural Issues Discovered


- In week #3 of the project, contractor discovered damage to pool gutter and apron infrastructure








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## Council Consideration

- Prior Council action
  - Option A: maintenance for temporary reopening
- Current Council consideration
  - Option B: expanded scope of work

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## Option A - Temporary Reopening Project

- Perform minor repairs to the main drain
- Replace missing/broken tiles
- Reset ladders into the pool deck
- Reset interior pool steps to be ADA compliant
- Replaster the racing and training pools

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## Option A

Pros	Cons
Addresses safety improvements to fencing (exterior perimeter)	Doesn't address full needs of Artistic and Dive Team(s)
Includes safety improvements to training pool drain	Maximum capacity of 200 persons. In turn, capacity limits programming and events
Meets current ADA requirements for in-wall steps	Doesn't address on-going boilers or maintenance issues resulting in added staff time and resources
Replastering of training and racing pools	Replastering has the potential to identify the need for unanticipated repairs (e.g., gutter)
Soonest available option to partial ISC opening (race and training pools only)	Substantial cost to remediate fraction of deficiencies
	Still need to proceed with added work at a later date

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## Option B - Expanded Scope

- Everything in Option A, plus
- Dive well and tower
- Mechanical equipment to support pools, including exclusive boilers for each body of water
- Plumbing throughout the facility
- Electrical upgrades
- Address ADA inside pool and throughout the facility
- Increase racing pool depth

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## Option B

Pros	Cons
Complete restoration begins/ends sooner. Extends facility life 25-30+ years	Timeline extended for limited/temporary facility access
Serves all three Aquatics User Groups and City programming	Delayed License Agreement execution
Maximizes capacity allowing more flexibility in programming/events	
Addresses plumbing and boiler. Overall operation days will increase immediately, once back on-line	
Work can be supported by Measure I Bond funds for the ISC and other existing pools/facilities in the City	
Staff time and resources reduced to conduct on-going maintenance	
Expanded scope of work	

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## Option B

Description	Estimated Costs
Field estimate with new gutters and dive tower	\$4 – 5 M
Increased depth to racing pool	Unknown
Updated dive tower replacement estimate	\$2 M
Contingency (25%)	\$1.75 M
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8.75 – 10 M</b>

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## Option B – Phase 2

- Bleacher canopy
- Administration building
  - Locker rooms with shower and restroom facilities
  - Parks & Recreation staff offices and storage spaces
  - Lifeguard space and restrooms
  - Meeting room(s)
  - Optional partner space (e.g., office, meeting, storage, etc.)

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## Community Impacts

- 2022 City served 20,000+ participants
- 2024 City served less than 1,000 participants
- Financial
- Logistics
- Inconvenient
- Security

Combined, the impact has had short-term and long-term impacts on the success and viability of the organizations

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## Declaration of Urgency

- The City utilizes two distinct procurement processes: one for general services and another for public works contracts, as follows:
  - General services contracts, which include maintenance and repair work, are procured under Chapter 2.105 of the City's Purchasing Code.
  - Public works contracts, which involve the construction or improvement of public buildings, works, streets, drains, sewers, utilities, parks and playgrounds, are governed by Section 1310 of the City Charter (contracts on public works).

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## **Recommendation**

1. Determine that the proposed action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of Title 14 of California Code of Regulations;
2. Approve an Expanded Scope of Work (Option B - Phase 1) with the International Swim Center (ISC) Project, Including the Rehabilitation of the Facility at the Current Location;
3. Adopt a resolution declaring an urgency in accordance with City Charter Section 1310 (Attachment 7) to allow for the award of the Contract for the Expanded Scope without a readvertisement for bids;

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## **Recommendation (continued)**

4. Award the Public Works Contract for the expanded scope to Adams Pool Solutions on the terms presented and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute all necessary documents associated with and necessary for the award, completion, and acceptance of this Project, in final forms approved by the City Attorney, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$10 million, subject to appropriation of funds, and in forms approved by the City Attorney, to accomplish the expanded scope of work for the three swimming pools and their associated operational needs, and Authorize the City Manager to execute all change orders for the Project.

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## **Recommendation (continued)**

5. Approve the following FY 2024/25 budget amendments:
  - A. In the Parks and Recreation Capital Fund, recognize transfers of \$8,137,931 from the General Fund Land Sale Reserve and \$500,000 from the General Fund Reserve for Programmed Capital Projects and increase the Planning and Construction of Temporary and/or Permanent ISC Replacement Facility project by \$8,637,931; and,
  - B. In the General Fund, establish transfers to the Parks and Recreation Capital Fund of \$8,137,931 from the Land Sale Reserve and \$500,000 from the Reserve for Programmed Capital Projects and decrease the Land Sale Reserve by \$8,137,931 and the Reserve for Programmed Capital Projects by \$500,000.

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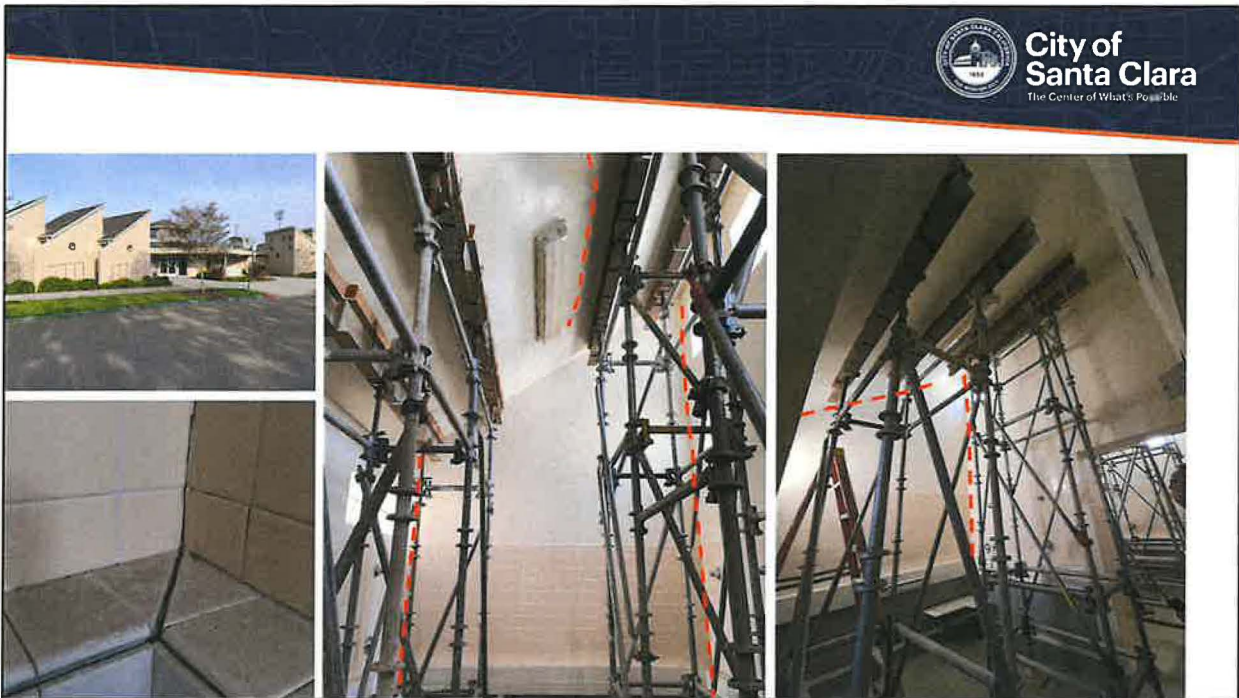


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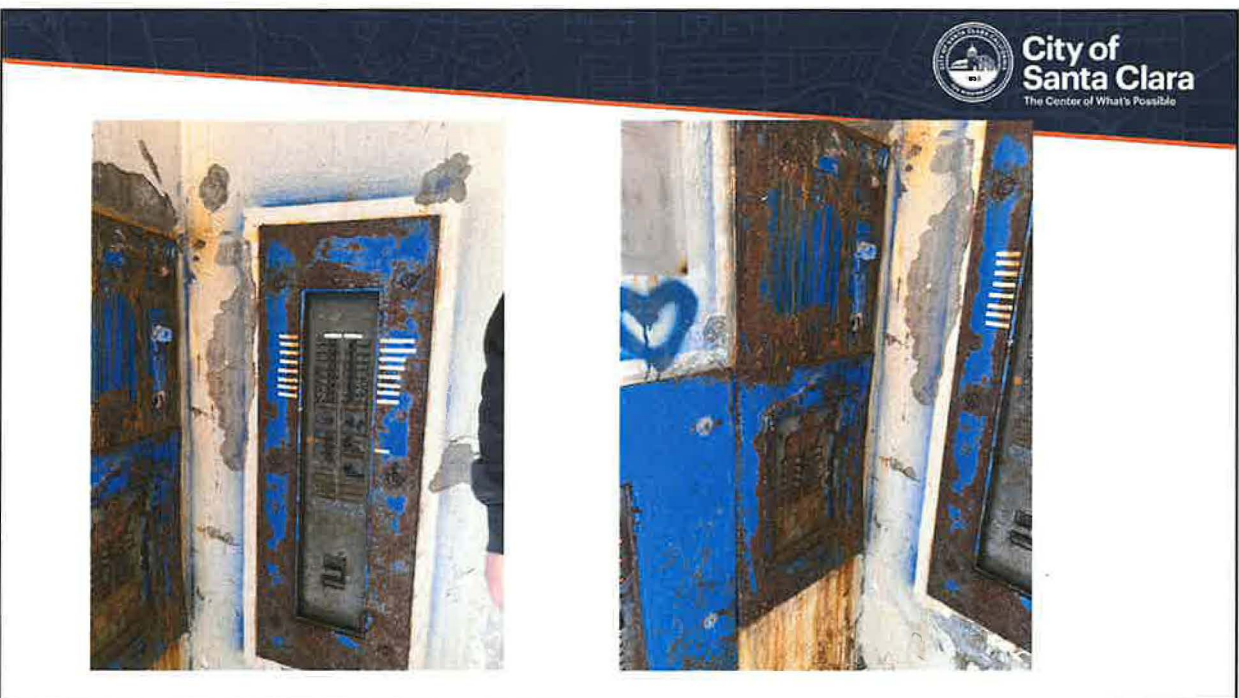
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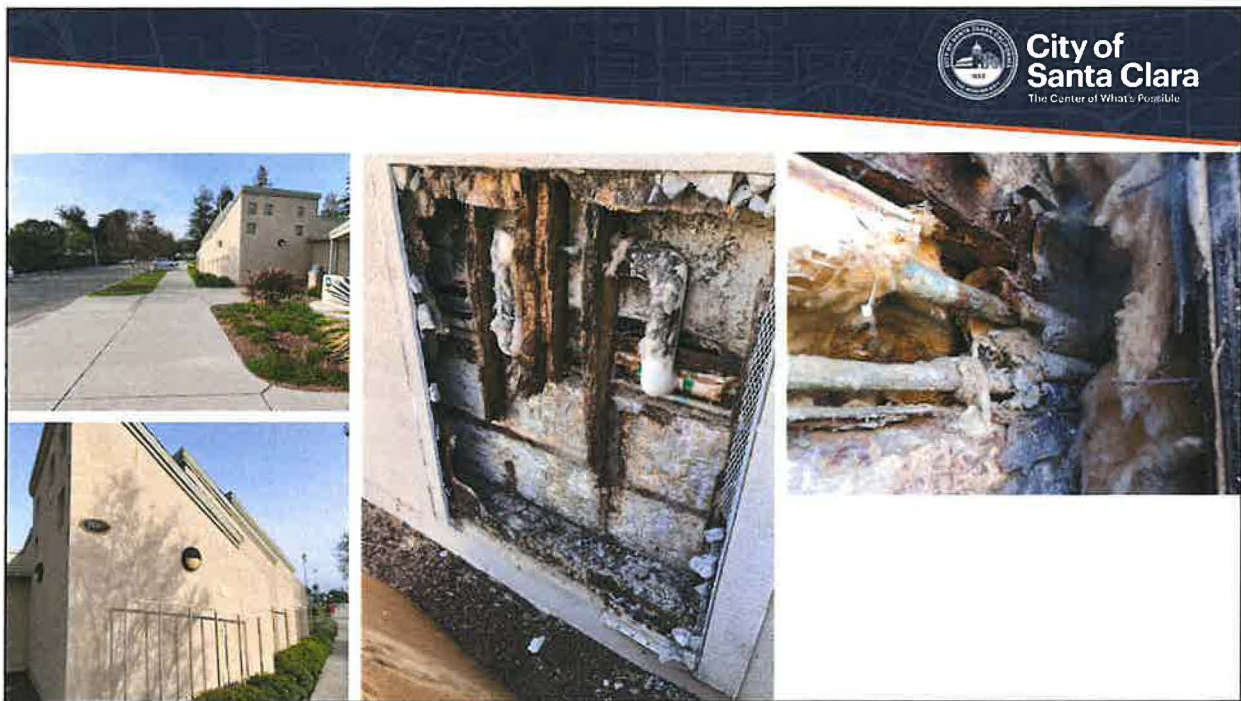


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Item 7



03/28/2025

Mayor Gillmor  
City Council Members  
City of Santa Clara  
1500 Warburton Avenue  
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Dear Mayor Gillmor, Council Members, and City Staff,

On behalf of USA Diving, I am writing to express our enthusiasm and support for the City of Santa Clara's initiative to rebuild the International Swim Center. This project represents an extraordinary opportunity to not only restore the legacy of a historic aquatic venue but to provide a world-class facility that serves the local community, athletes and competitive teams at the highest levels.

Diving is a sport that fosters character, courage, mental toughness, and discipline—qualities that prepare young athletes for success in and out of the pool. Many young divers go on to universities such as Stanford, Cal, UCLA, Harvard, and MIT, among others. Additionally, diving is often one of the most enjoyable aspects of an aquatic facility, especially for young swimmers, helping to encourage water safety skills while inspiring a lifelong appreciation for the sport.

Public facilities that support aquatic sports, particularly diving, are in extremely high demand for regional, national, and international competitions. Santa Clara's International Swim Center is in a prime location for hosting major events, training camps, and developmental programs, presenting economic opportunities related to sports tourism.

We at USA Diving would be honored to assist in any way possible throughout this process. Whether through guidance on facility design, programming recommendations, or event coordination, we are eager to contribute to a venue that will generate community engagement, attract top-tier competitions, and serve as a lasting source of pride for Santa Clara.

Thank you for your leadership and vision in advancing this project. We look forward to a promising future with a world-class aquatic facility that benefits residents, athletes, and the broader aquatic community.

Sincerely,  
Lee Michaud  
President, USA Diving

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