



Office of the City Manager

Date: May 14, 2019
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: *DWR* Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Subject: Update on Berkeley Tuolumne Camp Project Design

This memorandum is to update Council on the design development and budget for the rebuilding of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp, an activity-rich and affordable summer escape for generations of Berkeley families since 1922.

This \$62 million project will require \$3 million in city funds, thanks to nearly six years of detailed work with several local, state and federal agencies as well as multiple insurance carriers. The primary source of funding for the Project is insurance coverage and the City's public assistance disaster recovery grant from the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). On April 4, 2017, the City Council funded the estimated shortfall of \$3.3 million not covered by Insurance, FEMA and CalOES by using the City's Catastrophic Reserve Fund.

Staff also presented this information at the Friends of Berkeley Tuolumne camp annual meeting on May 13, 2019, at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre at 7pm, as noted in my March 4, 2019¹ memorandum. A prior update including a discussion of Project status, schedule, stakeholders and permit requirements was provided on October 5, 2018².

Project Design

Detailed design began in 2017, and is at the 30% development level. Project elements include:

- 62 new tent cabins;
- 20 staff housing cabins;
- 4 restroom/laundry buildings;
- Water intake, pumping, treatment, storage and distribution;
- Wastewater intake, pumping, treatment and disposal;
- Dining Hall, including commercial kitchen;
- Recreation Hall and Maintenance Shop;
- Pedestrian bridges and accessible pathways;

¹ https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Clerk/Level_3_-_General/Tuolumne%20Camp%20Update%2003419.pdf

² https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Clerk/Level_3_-_General/Berkeley%20Tuolumne%20Camp%20100518.pdf

- Numerous recreational and operations facilities, including Nature Center, First Aide, Sauna, Amphitheater, Sports Court, Registration Office & Store, and seasonal weirs.

Figures depicting the Project layout of these facilities and renderings for the Dining Hall and Recreation Hall follow.

Berkeley Tuolumne Camp Background

Prior to August, 2013, the City of Berkeley's Tuolumne Camp (BTC or Camp) was in continuous operations since 1922. Situated on the banks of the South Fork Tuolumne River in close proximity to the gates of Yosemite Valley, BTC provided generations of Berkeley residents with a family friendly escape from the City. BTC is located within the Stanislaus National Forest, and operated by the City of Berkeley (City) under a Special Use Permit (SUP). Prior to the fire, BTC included over 115 structures, an amphitheater, a nature center, recreation hall and dining hall, and a variety of recreation features: archery, swimming in the river, sports courts, trails and beaches. In addition to these buildings and recreation facility, the Camp included significant infrastructure, including its own water intake, water treatment, and wastewater disposal system.

Prior to the fire, BTC served about 4,000 campers per year. Primarily operated as a family camp, BTC also offered programs for teen leadership, special needs populations, seniors and private group rental opportunities. Berkeley Tuolumne Camp was the largest source of revenue for the City's Camps Fund (Fund 330), which funds all Berkeley camp programming. In the past, BTC revenues partially supported the operation, maintenance, capital improvements and scholarships for Echo Lake Youth Camp, Cazadero Arts Camp, and Berkeley Day Camp.

In August, 2013, the California Rim Fire destroyed Berkeley Tuolumne Family Camp (BTC). Only 19 structures remain: a single restroom and 18 family tent cabins, several of which are fire-damaged. Since the Rim Fire in 2013, the City has been working closely with the United States Forest Service (USFS) and FEMA to determine the scope and environmental clearances required for the Project. The USFS accepted the City's conceptual plan for reconstruction in March, 2015. It is anticipated that construction will begin in early 2020 and be finished in 2022, in time to allow for Camp opening in the summer of 2022.

Attachments: BTC Renderings (5 pages)

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NORTH SITE PLAN

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 SOUTH SITE PLAN
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Figure ES-8. Dining Hall Rendering



Figure ES-9. Recreation Hall Rendering



Figure ES-10. Camp View Rendering

