



**Parks & Recreation**



**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

# **ORTEGA PARK MASTER PLAN REVISED POOL DESIGN MEETING**

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Ortega Park Welcome House | Wednesday June 8, 2022

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## Overview

- Housekeeping items and introductions
- Importance of aquatic programming
- Background – Aquatic Feasibility Study
- Santa Barbara (local) Aquatic Facilities
- Santa Barbara/Ventura County Aquatic Facilities
- Key Considerations, Questions and Input



## Importance of Aquatic Programming

- Santa Barbara is a coastal community
  - Highest rate of drowning is children ages 1-4
  - Second leading cause of death ages 1-14
- Building aquatic strength within a community
  - Introduction to aquatic activity, awareness, and safety at an early age
  - Provide safe, structured and progressive activities
  - Encourage recreational, fitness, social, competitive, educational, professional/career opportunities for all ages



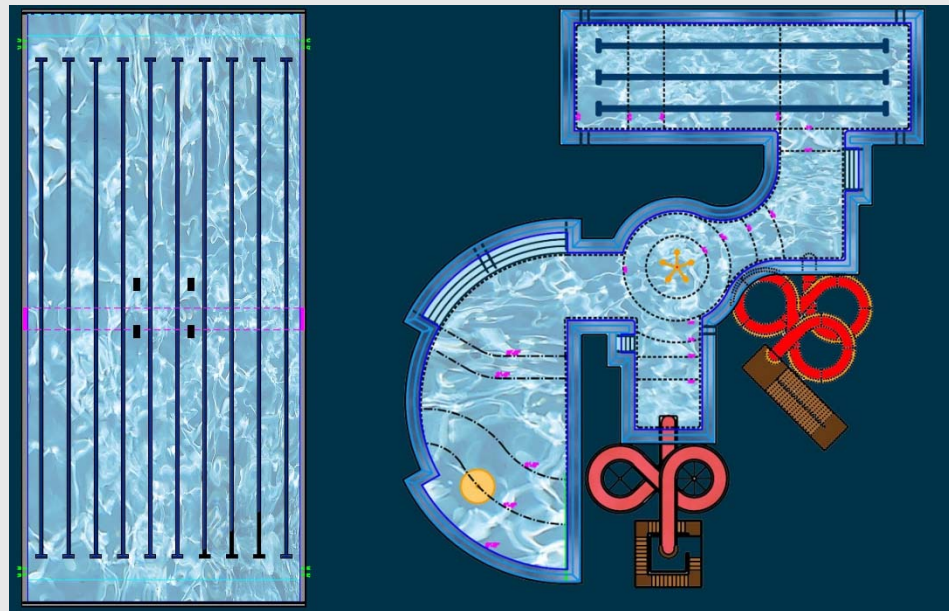
## Background – Aquatic Feasibility Study

- Commissioned in 2001 and completed in 2003
- Determined existing City pools do not meet the needs and interests of the community
  - NRPA recommends 1 pool per 20,000 residents
- Recommended a multi-complex pool facility
  - Required anywhere from 5-9 acres of land
  - Cost estimate was \$8.75M in 2002



## Background – Aquatic Feasibility Study

- 50M x 25YD
- 1&3M Diving Boards
- 20' deck clearance
- Seating for 300
- Zero depth entry
- Lap Lanes
- Waterslides
- Children's play/splash pool





## Background – Aquatic Feasibility Study

- Only 3 suitable locations
  - Elings Park, Hidden Valley and National Guard Armory
- AFS construction costs updated in 2010 (\$18M)
  - Mayor, SBSC and SBCC stakeholders
  - No funding (City or stakeholder) to advance
- Recognition of new operating costs
  - Unfunded and ongoing



## Santa Barbara (local) Aquatic Facilities

- City of Santa Barbara
  - Los Baños “L” shape 50M x 7 lane + 3 x 15M lanes (year-round)
    - *Fully programmed (mostly adult, education, competition)*
  - Ortega Park instructional & Oak Park wading pools (seasonal)
- Santa Barbara Unified School District
  - SBHS – 38M x 25YD
  - SMHS – 25M x 25YD
  - DPHS – 50M x 25YD





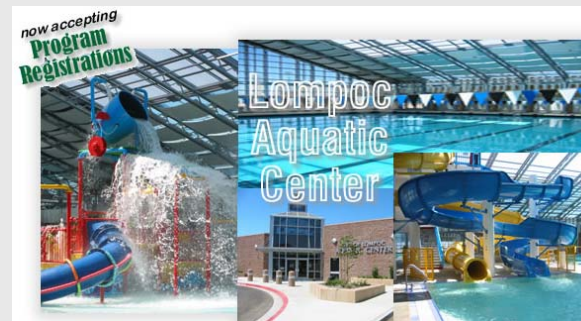
## **Santa Barbara (local) Aquatic Facilities**

- Carpinteria – 25M x 25YD
- UCSB
  - Recreation Center – 50M x 25YD x 30M “L” pool
  - 25YD x 9 lane pool with beach entry and teaching area
  - Campus Pool – 50M x 25YD
- Additional pool resources:
  - Westmont, YMCAs, Vista del Monte, Health/Athletic and Private clubs, Rehabilitation Institute, etc.





# Santa Barbara/Ventura County Aquatic Facilities



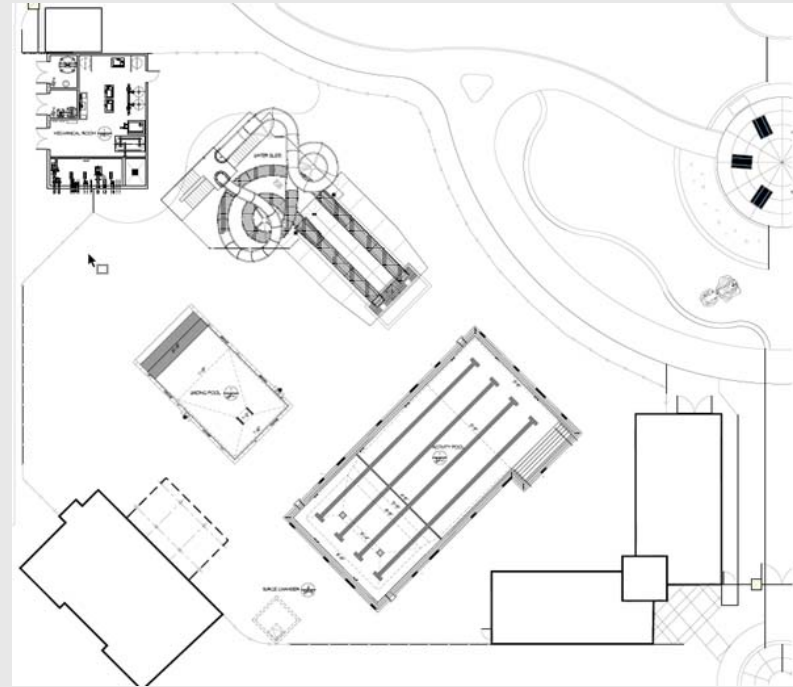


## Santa Barbara/Ventura County Aquatic Facilities

- Santa Maria – Major aquatic complex
- Ventura – Major aquatic complex
  - \$22.7M in 2003
- Lompoc – Major aquatic complex
  - \$13M in 2005
- Oxnard – Major aquatic complex
  - Estimated at \$40M

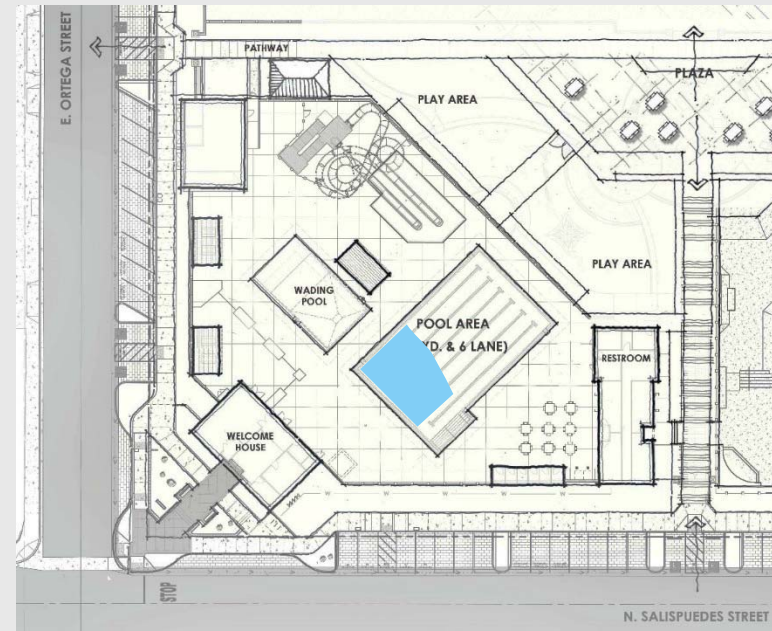
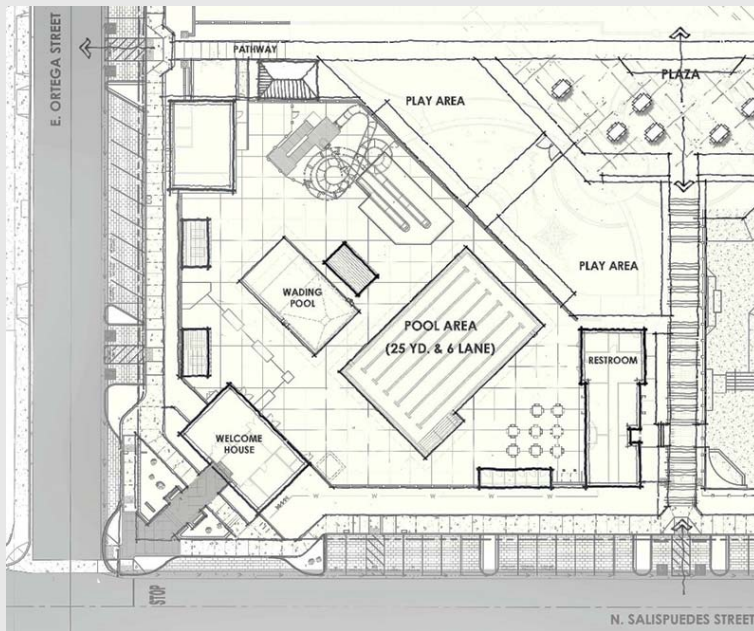


# Initial Ortega Pool Concept 2018

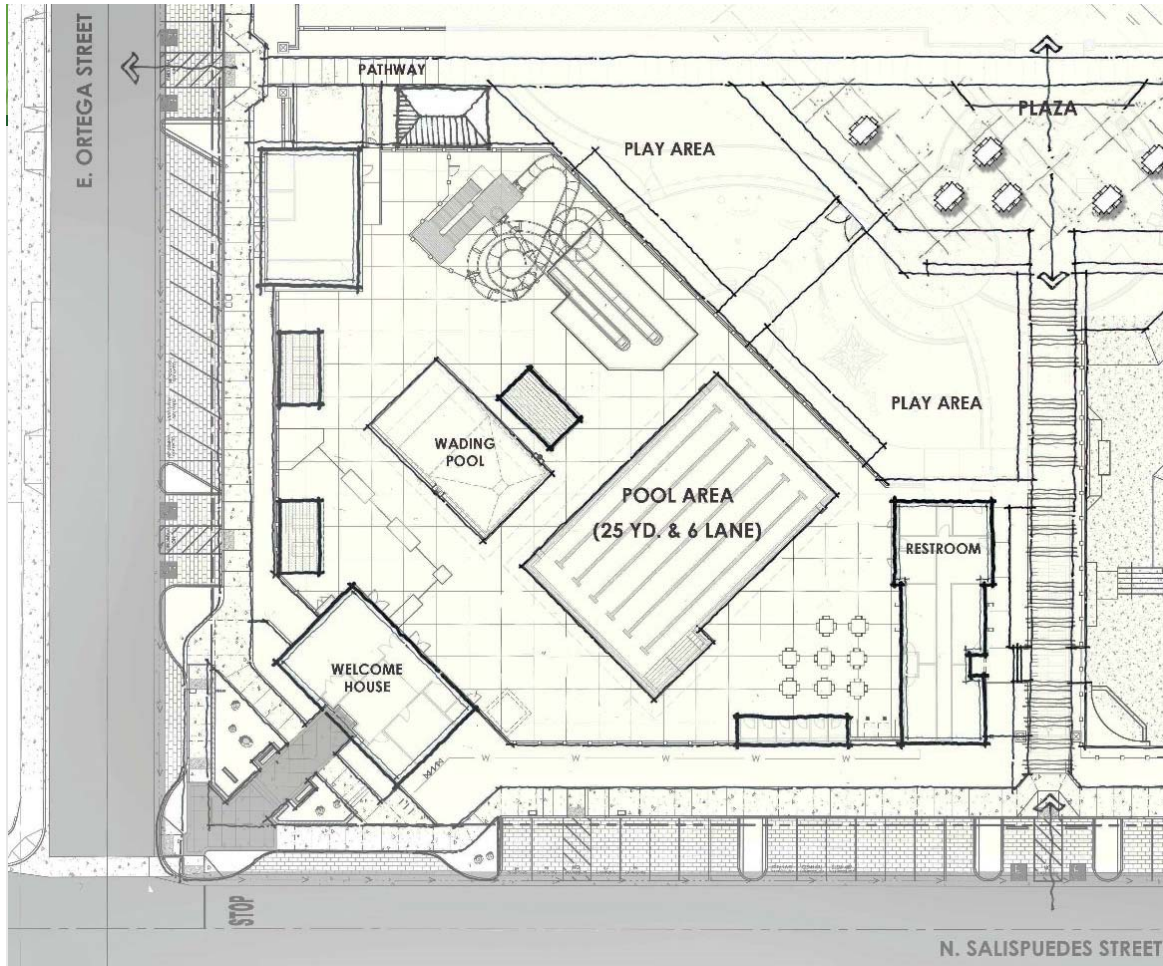




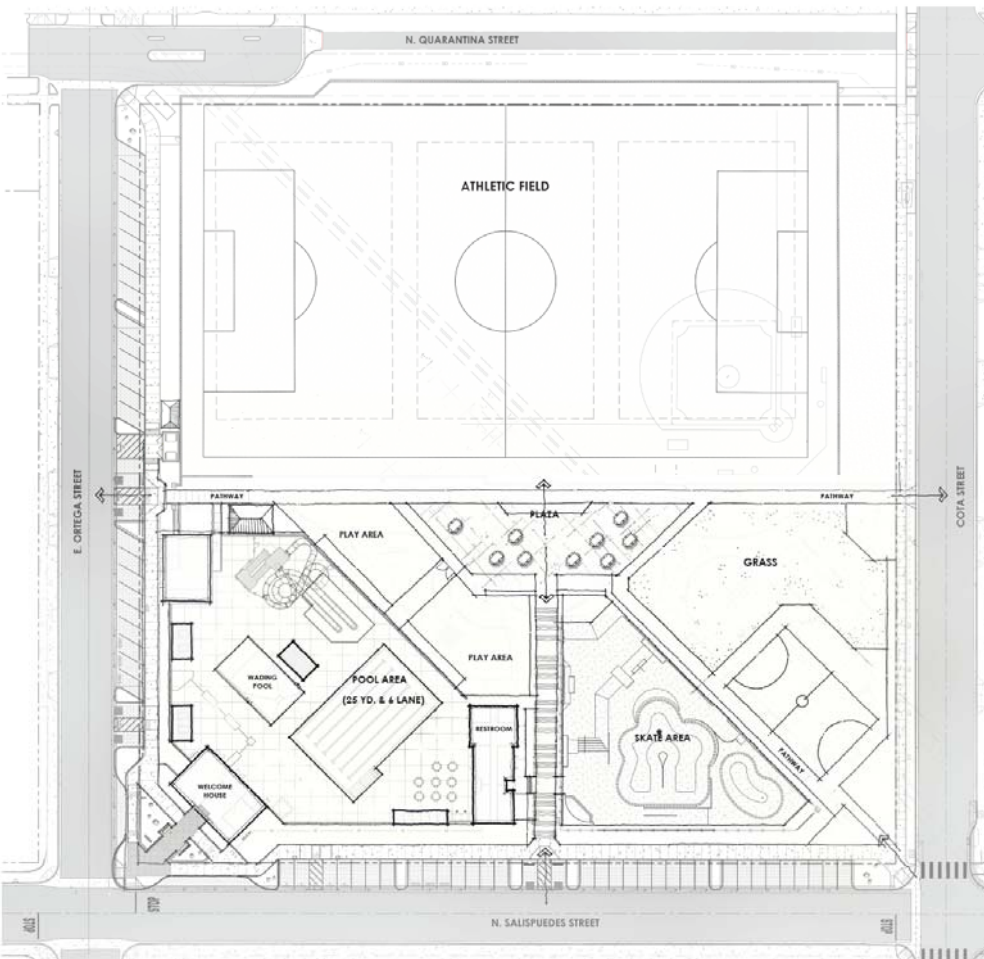
# Revised Ortega Pool Concept







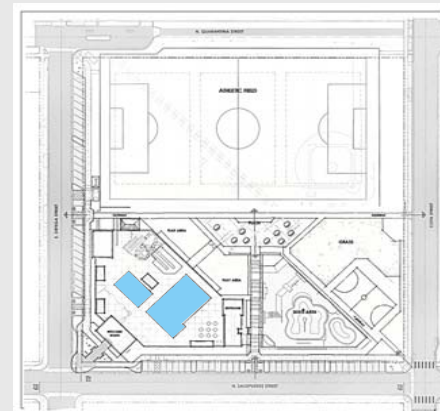
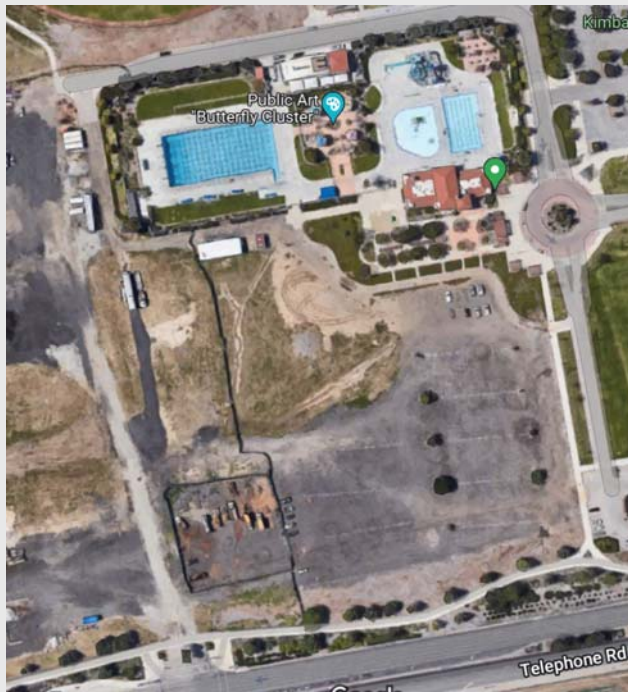
Pool Slide



# Revised Site Plan



# Revised Ortega Pool Concept



Same Scale and Aerial Photo





## Ortega Pool Concept - Programming

- Learn to Swim programming (seasonal/year-round)
- Lap Swimming (year-round)
- Health and Fitness Programs (year-round)
- Children's Water Play (seasonal/year-round)
  - Wading and Splash Pool (with features), Water Slides
- Meeting Room, Birthday Parties, Rentals, etc.
- Competition (USA Swimming Guidelines)



## Key Considerations

- Currently not funded
- Ongoing operational costs
  - Operating aquatic programs and facilities is not cheap
  - City aquatic budget subsidy (pools) = 63%
- Future Programming
  - Ability to ↑ revenue, balancing programming/times
- SB County Parks Recreation Master Plan