



## **City of Fortuna**

Rohner Recreation and Park District Update - Fortuna, CA

Updated Study Completed: November 2022

Study Completed: November 2019

In 2019, Counsilman-Hunsaker worked with the Rohner Recreation and Park District and the City of Fortuna, California, to develop a feasibility study for a community aquatic center. The Rohner Recreation and Park District commissioned Counsilman-Hunsaker to create an aquatic feasibility study to provide research that would assist the District and the City of Fortuna in deciding how best to proceed with an indoor community aquatic center. The study aimed to identify and evaluate current aquatic programming and facilities and establish a needs analysis for new aquatic space and programming to best meets the community's aquatic needs. Options included six-lane and eight-lane 25-yard pools, with two separate options for an indoor, warm water programming pool.

In 2022, RRPD retained Counsilman-Hunsaker to update the study results based on current market costs for construction and operations.

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## **Long Beach, CA**

Standard Operating Procedures Manual: 2022

Counsilman-Hunsaker collaborated with the City of Long Beach to develop a comprehensive Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Manual, meticulously aligned with the Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC), local jurisdictional regulations, and American Red Cross standards. This robust manual serves as a vital resource to ensure consistent, safe, and efficient aquatic facility operations. Key components of the SOP Manual include:

- Aquatic Staff Policies and Procedures: Detailed guidelines for employee recruitment, workplace conduct, and professional expectations.
- Operational Procedures: Clear instructions for opening, daily operations, and closing responsibilities for all staff roles.
- Training and Emergency Preparedness: Frameworks for staff orientations, weekly in-service training, emergency action plans (EAPs), staff evaluations, and thorough documentation protocols.
- Facility Maintenance and Upkeep: Comprehensive maintenance standards, covering daily cleaning schedules, water quality management, and weekly care of pools and associated amenities.

This tailored SOP Manual empowers the City of Long Beach to maintain high operational standards, prioritize safety, and uphold a culture of excellence in aquatic management.

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## **Brentwood, CA**

Lifeguard Evaluation Services: 2018 - Current

Counsilman-Hunsaker has provided the City of Brentwood with Lifeguard Evaluation services since 2018. Counsilman-Hunsaker provides multiple visits to the Brentwood Family Aquatic Complex to evaluate the performance of the lifeguards and lifeguard operations.

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## **El Centro Aquatic Center, CA**

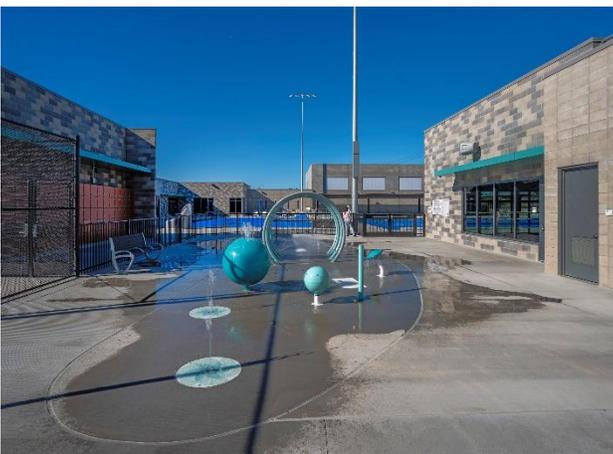
Pre-Opening Services: July 2019

Lifeguard Evaluations Services: 2020

The City of El Centro contracted Counsilman-Hunsaker to provide pre-opening services, including a facility-specific business plan, standard operating procedures manual, and facility-specific training to orient management and staff to daily operations.

In 2020 Counsilman-Hunsaker was commissioned to provide Lifeguard Evaluation Services to the City of El Centro to evaluate the performance of the lifeguards and lifeguard operations.

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Embarking on a transformative journey in September 2021, the City of Chula Vista ushered in a new era by demolishing its aging 40-year-old community center to create an innovative recreation and aquatic center. Emerging as one of the most bustling recreational hubs in Chula Vista, the center now welcomes approximately 2,000 visitors annually.

The three-phase construction project turned the building into a new 20,000 sq. ft. recreation center with a multipurpose gymnasium, hard courts, restrooms, staff offices (including lifeguards), and many rooms designated for crafts, fitness, and games. Its new design follows a larger, open-space concept for outdoor recreation and creates seamless indoor and outdoor connections, such as giving the multipurpose room large sliding doors.

Additionally, the pool was replaced with a 47,175 sq. ft. aquatics area featuring a recreation pool, a separate 50-meter competition pool, a splash pad (water feature), and a classroom/party room. The new recreation pool is ideal for swim lessons and water play, while the competition pool is fully equipped to host swim and water polo competitions and lap swimming. The splash pad is located within a safety fence adjacent to the pool for water play. The classroom/party room has large overhead doors facing the pool area for maximum flexibility and indoor/outdoor functionality.

**FEATURES:**

**13,000 sq. ft. Competition Pool**

- Ten 50-meter lanes
- Twenty-two 25-yard lanes
- Championship water polo course
- Two 1-meter springboards
- Stair entry

**3,100 sq. ft. Instructional Pool**

- Five 25-yard lanes
- Stair entry

**620 sq. ft. Sprayground**

**Awards:**

2024 Best Projects Award -  
Engineering News-Record- ENR California  
Project Cost: \$20,000,000  
Aquatics Cost: \$6,400,000

Start Date: June 2021  
Completed Date: November 2023  
Contract Type: Design/Bid/Build  
Services Provided:  
Aquatic Design & Engineering

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In the aftermath of the devastating 2010 Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) gas pipeline explosion, which destroyed 38 homes, damaged over 70 homes, and killed eight people in San Bruno's Crestmoor neighborhood, the city negotiated a restitution settlement with PG&E in the total amount of \$70 million. The City Council determined that the funds should be used for the long-term, enduring benefit of the entire San Bruno community. In 2013, the City established the independent not-for-profit San Bruno Community Foundation (SBCF) to manage the restitution settlement funds and oversee the funds' use.

In 2015, SBCF sponsored a broad-based Community Listening Campaign to identify the community's priorities for using the restitution settlement funds. The Community Listening Campaign identified the community's highest priorities to be the replacement and/or addition of new community facilities to support the delivery and expansion of community programs and services.



In 2018, Counsilman-Hunsaker was retained to conduct a study that included specific cost estimates for developing a Recreation Center and Aquatics Center within the \$50 million project budget. The report identified the strategic conceptual design, operational analysis, revenue and expense analysis, facility expense budgets, and a public outreach process. Pleased with the results from the study, the same consultant team was retained to design the new recreation center which will include a 3,400 sq. ft. outdoor lap pool and a 3,000 sq. ft. indoor leisure pool.

The study was well-received, and our team was retained as the lead aquatics designer. The project included demolition of the existing Veteran's Memorial Building and San Bruno Park Pool. The construction will consist of a new two-story, 50,000 sq. ft. recreation and aquatic center featuring a community lounge, lobby, gymnasium, indoor pool, walking track, group exercise room, fitness room, community hall, classrooms, conference room, and city staff offices.

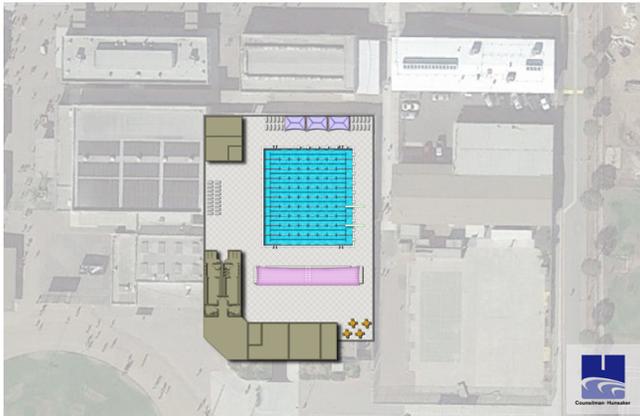


Counsilman-Hunsaker is the lead aquatics designer for the 3,900 sq. ft. indoor leisure pool, a 3,600 sq. ft. outdoor lap pool, and a 1,100 sq. ft. outdoor leisure pool.

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Project Cost: \$50,000,000  
Start Date: July 2018  
Estimated Completion Date: May 2024  
General Contractor: Lathrop Construction Associates, Inc.  
Pool Contractor: Waterworks Industries, Inc.

Services Provided:  
Aquatic Design & Engineering: 2023  
Feasibility Study: 2018



**Option 1: 25-Yard by 25-Meter Pool**

6,100 sq. ft. Competition Pool

- Two 1-meter diving boards
- Spectator seating for 200
- Timing system and scoreboard
- 3 shade structures



**Option 2: 50-Meter Stretch Pool**

14,700 sq. ft. Competition Pool

- Two 4 ft. bulkheads
- Two 1-meter diving boards
- Spectator seating for 400
- Timing system and scoreboard

In 2017, Councilman-Hunsaker was retained by the Sweetwater Union High School District to develop conceptual options and scenarios for a new competition swim venue. The high school district's existing facility is over 50 years old and no longer adequately serves the school and the local community. An audit was conducted by Councilman-Hunsaker, which determined that the pool had many structural and mechanical issues that put it beyond its useful life.

To meet the needs of the local and student population and the multiple swimming and water polo teams, options were explored, including a stretch 50-meter pool and a 25-yard by the 25-meter pool, along with an opinion of probable capital and operating costs for each option. The options were based on two locations on the Mar Vista High School property.

Satisfied with the study's findings, the school district allocated \$14 million to renovate the existing pool complex. Councilman-Hunsaker provided scoping documents for the pool so the school district could solicit a design/build contractor bid. We were also involved in the interview process to help select the winning contractor. The second service/contract we provided was the owner's representative for design/construction oversight and review to assist the school district with the design-build project and the district with selecting the D/B team and design-build process.

Aquatic amenities include:

15,000 sq. ft. 50-meter Stretch Pool

- Twenty-four 25-yard lap lanes
- Two 1-meter diving boards

The new pool and facilities will be built in the exact location as the current pool and will have all new facilities and better access to the pool. There will be a year when students will have to travel to another pool to compete and practice.

The pool has been a big topic in the community as it is on the older side, and Mar Vista High School isn't the only high school to use it. Also using the pool are Southwest High, South Coast Water Polo Club, IB Swim Team, and Mar Vista Water Polo & Swim Teams.

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Audit Completed: April 2017

Study Completed: October 2017

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