

AQUATICS WORKING GROUP
MEETING NOTES
February 4, 2025

Location: Belle Haven Pool

The Feb. 4 session focused on the same topics as the Jan. 13 session but was held at Belle Haven Pool.

Participants offered feedback on:

- The phrasing of survey questions
- Questions and discussion about the potential causes of the comparatively lower attendance at Belle Haven Pool relative to attendance at Burgess Pool, such as
 - the geographical barrier presented by the US-101 freeway
 - past history of limited access to swim centers
 - mechanical issues during the new Belle Haven Pool's opening summer
 - seasonal fluctuations driven by weather patterns and school calendars
- Ideas for promoting the pool to community members through various channels like local schools and through door-to-door and word-of-mouth outreach
- Suggestions for building a community of year-round repeat swimmers through youth swim lessons, teams and exercise programs
- Consensus that some modest fee increases are appropriate due to increasing costs
- Discussion about balancing competing demands for pool space in a way that ensures access and availability to hyperlocal residents.