



# Colusa Pool Enhancement Goals

Presented By  
**Board of Directors,  
Colusa Swim Team**

August 2021



# Report Outline

**PART 1**

Introduction & Context

---

**PART 2**

Priority Enhancement Goals

---

**PART 3**

Enhancement Goals Project List

---

**PART 4**

Next Steps & Conclusion

---



Colusa Swim  
Team, BOD

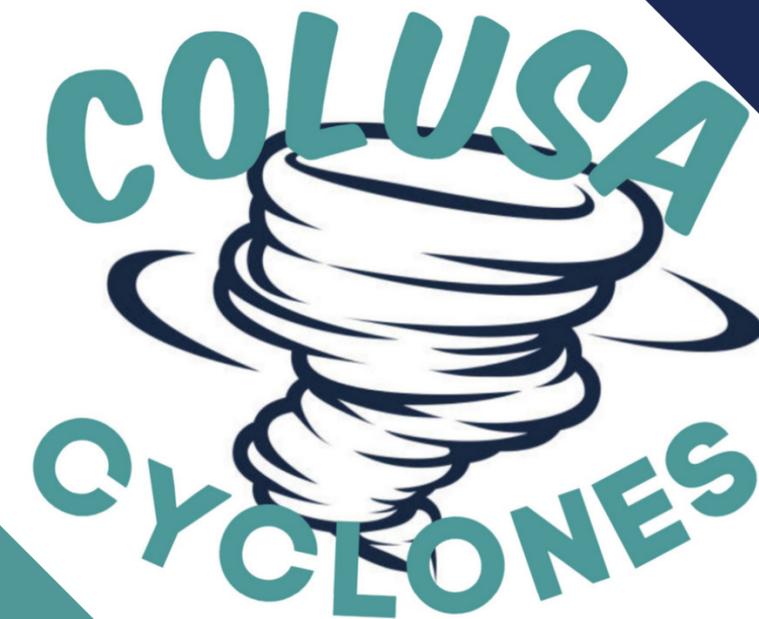
## Introduction

In 2019, a group of alumni swimmers and parents came together to bring back the Colusa Swim Team. The 2021 team served 91 swimmers, 15 of which were on full scholarships.

Although bringing the team back to life was the first milestone, our goal goes beyond a youth sports organization. Specifically, we'd like to make the pool a more welcoming environment overall and we'd like to help the city realize more utilization of the pool - an important community asset.

With this broader goal in mind, we've been talking and thinking about enhancements to the Colusa City pool that could create a more inviting environment for swim lessons, recreation swim, lifeguards, swim team, and private party rentals.

As a hands-on board, we spend many hours at the pool every week. We talk to many parents and community members who share our passion for water and water-safety. The enclosed list of "Enhancement Goals" is a rough draft of ideas we we'd like to pursue together. In partnership with city staff and city council, we would like to create a plan, budget, and timeline. Our expectation is that most of the enhancements would be funded by the swim team in partnership with other nonprofits in town. **Thanks in advance for your input and guidance!**

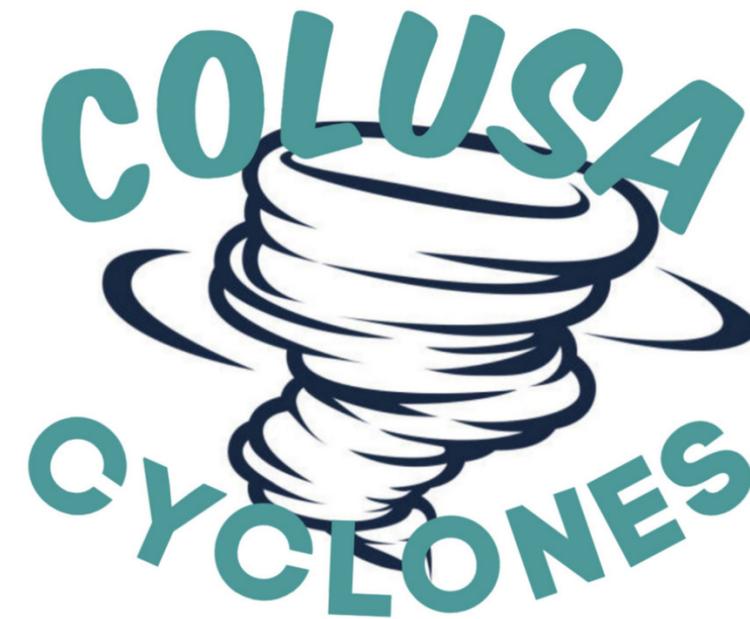


[COLUSASWIMTEAM.COM](http://COLUSASWIMTEAM.COM)

# CONTEXT

Our goal is to capitalize on the momentum that has been created for swim programs in Colusa. For context, here are some of the great things that have been happening over the past couple years related to aquatics in Colusa:

- Jr. Lifeguard Program initiated by city staff
- Local artists add a beautiful mural to the pool entry
- Colusa Swim Team returns!
- Adult Lap Swim in the mornings
- \$15,000 Pool Cover donated to improve pool temp & efficiency
- Evening Swim Lessons added at the request of working parents
- Kids Water Polo Clinic



[COLUSASWIMTEAM.COM](http://COLUSASWIMTEAM.COM)

# Priority Enhancement Goals

We are presenting our ideas in three main buckets. While all ideas are interrelated, some may be more relevant to the swim team than others. However, we feel all ideas presented in the following pages allow for mutual benefit between the team and the public..



## **SMALL**

Small enhancement goals are targets that have a lower cost, faster turn around time, and could easily be in place for the 2022 summer season.



## **MEDIUM**

Medium enhancement goals are targets that have a mid-range to higher cost, and will require a longer turn around time, including approval process. We anticipate that these targets can be completed before the 2023 summer season.



## **LARGE**

Large Enhancement Goals are our "Big Fish" goals. They will be an investment into the property that will bring a new life and energy. We see these as longer-term goals, but with proper planning and funding, easily obtainable in the next 3-4 years.



# SMALL Enhancement Goal Project List

Our EG Project List is a combination of structural, maintenance, and beautification projects for the Colusa Pool, with the intention of serving the community, increasing utilization, and generating revenue for the city.

EG TARGET	DETAIL & MOTIVATION	ESTIMATED COST
 Purchase and Mount Clocks	install 2 large clocks for pool staff and guests - this would alleviate lifeguard temptation to glance at/play on their phones, improve safety for swimmers, and reduce liability for the city	\$400
 Purchase sound system, including wireless microphones	music and announcements during recreation swim, more appealing for party rental, and allow spectators to clearly hear announcements during team events, vs borrowing insufficient equipment for each event	\$2,000 - \$3,000
 Shade	lack of shade is the #1 complaint by recreation swimmers - adding a few poles and sun shade sails to the pool deck would be a high-value, low-cost solution to this issue	\$1,500
 Purchase and install diving board	reinstall the two diving boards the city pool had for years with one new diving board - because diving boards are FUN (and Williams has one)	\$1,500
 Purchase & install skylights in dark areas	add natural light to several high-use areas that are DARK (restrooms, lifeguard room, team storage room) in addition to functionality, this would likely alleviate the peeing in the women's changing rooms that often occurs (gross!)	\$700-1,000 each



# MEDIUM Enhancement Goal Projects

EG TARGET	DETAIL & MOTIVATION	ESTIMATED COST
 Install a structure to protect pool equipment & support solar heaters	\$7,500 worth of solar heaters were donated this summer - installing these heaters would double as shade for the pool equipment that is being damaged by UV exposure	\$4,000
 Purchase seating!	"it's too hot. there's nowhere to sit and no shade" the lack of pool loungers, tables, and umbrellas are a frequently cited reason visitors don't utilize pool facilities	\$2,000
 Purchase & install lighting on pool deck	improves safety & utility for early morning and after-hours functions	\$3,000
 Purchase and install Chemcontroller	explore some level of automation for monitoring and controlling chemicals proactively (specific request from pool manager Jeremy)	\$2,000-5,000
 Purchase & install in-pool lighting	improves safety & utility for early morning and after-hours functions	\$3,000



# LARGE Enhancement Goal Projects

EG TARGET	DETAIL & MOTIVATION	ESTIMATED COST
 Fiberglass work & painting pool	regular maintenance item mentioned by City Staff	\$50,000
 New fencing & expanded pool deck to the west	create a more inviting space for daily pool visitors, create rentable spaces for private parties <u>during regular hours</u> - potentially includes wrought iron fence, seating, stem wall, & concrete work	\$30,000
 Scout Cabin Integration	for those of you who enjoyed the Racket Club in it's hay day, this was the inspiration for the Scout Cabin integration goal - picture french doors opening from the west side of the Scout Cabin onto the pool deck, a well-stocked snack bar inside that operates during normal pool hours (run by the high school FBLA group or a combination of local nonprofits), and the ability to rent out the combined properties for events	\$4,000

# Next Steps

This Colusa Pool Enhancement Goals list is to be used as a first draft to gather feedback in community discussions, plans, and fundraising goals

## STEP 1

Gain community feedback then present to City of Colusa for input

## STEP 2

Prioritize list of approved Enhancement Goals

## STEP 3

Seek funding via Swim Team funding, grants, and/or city budget

# Conclusion

The projects included in this report have one goal - serving the community at large. In a city as small as Colusa, participation and inclusion of residents is paramount for any project or facility to thrive.

We believe that with the right communication and realistic information, we can create a public pool that not only offers relief on hot days, but welcomes community engagement and pride in a beautiful environment.



## HIGHLIGHT 1

### Community Interest

- Swim Team raised \$12K in the 2021 season for pool improvements



## HIGHLIGHT 2

### Elevating Our Environment

- Minimal updates have been made since original construction
- We'd like to move beyond upkeep and maintenance



## HIGHLIGHT 3

### Partnership & Support

- Our BOD wants to work with city to make improvements in a smart, manageable way