



Title: Lincoln Aquatics Center

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As Lincoln grows in population, the need for a bigger, more functional pool increases. A bond has been proposed to fund a new aquatics center at Twelve Bridges High School (TBHS).

The aquatics center is going to include one 35M x 25Y pool and associated pool building that will include restrooms, showers, lockers and mechanical equipment.

To put matters into perspective, McBean pool is 23M x 17M, meaning the new aquatics center will be much bigger. If approved, the new aquatics center would be available to not only all high school students, but to the entire Lincoln community.

According to Mike Adell, the Director of Facilities for Western Placer Unified School District, the aquatic center will be funded by a General Obligation Bond in the amount of twenty-nine million dollars. The bond would also include funding for added athletic facilities, fields and additional parking.

If the bond passes, the funds will be available by the end of 2020. Funds may only be allocated to projects indicated on the specific bond project list. This means that the funds will only be used for the listed bond projects at TBHS.

Lori Stanley, Lincoln High School (LHS) English teacher and one of the swim team coaches, is looking forward to the new pool, as the school has 70 plus athletes on the swim team.

Stanley said, "McBean pool does not satisfy the aquatic needs for a city of 48,000 citizens. It's a nice pool, but is not big enough to provide the teams, swim lessons, or training necessary for a growing city and large student population."

Justin Patterson, LHS math teacher and another LHS swim coach, agrees that they are running out of room at their current location. The two coaches are also hoping to add more teams. Almost all of the schools in the league have water polo and diving teams. In order to stay competitive as a Division II school, LHS has to join them.

With growing interest in a water polo team, many wish to expand the aquatics program. "It'll be a great place to hold meets, and I think it'll open opportunities for new sports like water polo," says Kandice Squibbs, a member of the swim team and senior at LHS.

If our community approves this bond to fund the aquatic center, its estimated completion will be around the same time as the opening of Twelve Bridges High School.