

APPENDIX C

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Whittier Narrows Splash Pad – Section 106 Consultation
Dated 04/22/24



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April 22, 2024

VIA EMAIL

In reply refer to: COE_2024_0102_001

Jodi L. Clifford, Chief
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Los Angeles District, Planning Division
915 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1109
Los Angeles, CA 90017-3409

Subject: Section 106 Consultation for the Whittier Narrows Splash Pad Project, Los Angeles County, California

Dear Ms. Clifford:

The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) is in receipt of a consultation letter dated May 26, 2024, from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for the above referenced undertaking. USACE is continuing consultation with the SHPO to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) and its implementing regulation at 36 CFR 800.

USACE initiated consultation for this undertaking on January 2, 2024, requesting expedited consultation and seeking SHPO review and comment on the delineation of the Area of Potential Effects (APE), historic property identification efforts, and finding of *no historic properties affected*. The SHPO responded on January 31, 2024, stating that expedited consultation is not appropriate at this time as consulting parties have not yet had an adequate opportunity to express their views on the undertaking. The SHPO also commented with no objection to the delineation of the APE and recommended that USACE continue consultation after consulting with interested Native American Tribes, specifically the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation. USACE has continued their consultation with Native American Tribes and has provided this information to the SHPO for this review.

The proposed undertaking involves the construction of a new splash pad to provide interactive water play features and activities within the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area (WNRA). The project includes accessibility improvements consisting of a new prefabricated restroom and storage building, surrounding pathways, enhancements to the existing parking lot, parking ticket booth, and fencing for the new splash pad area. The modern Restroom No. 12 will be kept in its current condition. Ground-disturbing activities are planned for the construction of the splash pad facility and related mechanical, electrical, and plumbing utilities. These new construction elements will be

located within the existing footprint that currently includes a non-native grass lawn and non-native tress, asphalt walkways, concrete picnic tables on pads, and subsurface irrigation, electrical, and sewer lines. Therefore, there will be little to no new construction conducted within non-disturbed, native soils.

The APE for this undertaking includes the area where historic properties may be directly or indirectly affected by project-related activities and encompasses approximately 4.5 acres of the WNRA. The horizontal APE measures approximately 376 feet north/south by 757 feet east/west and has been previously developed into a park-like setting. The vertical APE ranges from an estimated maximum depth of 10 feet below ground surface for the installation of the water tank to approximately 12 feet above ground surface for newly installed structures. The proposed project area is within a federal facility under the jurisdiction of the USACE and is operated and maintained by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR).

Efforts to identify historic properties included a search of the South Central Coastal Information Center (SCCIC) at the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS), an intensive pedestrian survey of the APE, a search of the Sacred Lands File (SLF) at the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), and Native American consultation. No cultural resources were identified within the APE as a result of the records searches and pedestrian survey.

USACE received the results of the SLF search from the NAHC on August 14, 2023, which yielded positive results and identified the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation to contact for additional information. The NAHC also provided a list of tribal contacts who may have knowledge of cultural resources in the study area. USACE initiated consultation with the groups on the NAHC contact list on January 2, 2024.

A meeting was held with representatives of the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation on February 27, 2024. During the meeting, the tribe explained that they have an ancestral connection to the location of the project and expressed concerns that tribal cultural resources could be significantly impacted during ground disturbing activities, due to the project area being located within and around a sacred Gabrieleno community (*Isantcangna*), and adjacent to sacred water courses and major traditional trade routes. The tribe also inquired about the history of the subsurface soils in the project area, specifically whether the original soils have been removed and replaced by new soils, or if the original soils have been excavated, placed onsite and then backfilled into the same location in any prior projects. In the absence of documentation, or if it is known that the original soils are still present within the project footprint, the tribe requested protective measures for USACE to consider. The tribe plans to provide specific language to include in the project conditions in regard to unanticipated discoveries; however, USACE has yet to receive this language. USACE will notify the SHPO when received and will take their requests into consideration.

No other responses have been received to date. If the USACE receives responses from any of the tribes, the USACE will continue its consultation efforts accordingly and will notify the SHPO if any such outreach would result in a change to their Section 106 consultation.

The APE has been heavily disturbed by the construction of the WNRA and on-going public use and is located in a well-documented flood plain. Due to the geology and prior flooding of the APE, as well as the heavy surface and subsurface disturbances caused by the construction and on-going use of the WNRA, there is a low potential for encountering intact subsurface archaeological resources during construction activities.

No historic properties were identified within the APE for this undertaking. The only structure identified within the APE is Restroom No. 12. This structure is less than 50 years old, and does not meet the age threshold for National Register consideration. The APE has been heavily disturbed by the construction of the WNRA and on-going public use and is situated within a well-documented flood plain. Due to the geology and prior flooding of the APE, as well as the heavy surface and subsurface disturbances caused by the WNRA, there is a low potential for encountering subsurface archaeological resources during construction activities.

Therefore, USACE is presenting a finding of *no historic properties affected* pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4(d)(1).

USACE is requesting SHPO review and comment on the adequacy of their historic property identification efforts and finding of effect. The SHPO had previously commented on the APE with no objection. Following review of the submittal, I offer the following comments:

- Pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4(b)(1), I find the efforts to identify historic properties to be reasonable and in good faith;
- Pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4(b)(1), **I do not object** to a finding of *no historic properties affected*, and I have no further comments.

Be advised that under certain circumstances, such as unanticipated discovery or a change in project description, USACE may have additional future responsibilities for this undertaking under 36 CFR 800. If you require further information, please contact Robert Fitzgerald, Associate State Archaeologist, at (916) 894-5496 or Robert.Fitzgerald@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Whittier Narrows Splash Pad – Letter of No Objection
Dated 08/21/25



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
915 WILSHIRE BLVD, SUITE 1109
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90017-3409

August 21, 2025

Office of the Deputy Chief
Real Estate Division

SUBJECT: Splash Pad Project within the Whittier Narrows Flood Control Basin, Los Angeles County, California

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Robert Nava
Planning and Development Agency – Capital Projects Group
Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
1000 S. Fremont Ave., Unit #40
Alhambra, CA 91803

Dear Mr. Nava:

This response is regarding your request to construct a play splash pad (10,000 square feet). The play splash pad will consist of renovating an existing parking lot to accommodate accessible parking, installing a prefabricated restroom and storage building, installing shade sails and seating, creating paved/unpaved pathways, installing a prefabricated ticket booth, installing lighting equipment, installing irrigation, performing landscaping and placing 6-foot perimeter fencing, within the Whittier Narrows Flood Control Basin, Los Angeles County, California under Lease DACW09-1-86-43.

The review of your request has been completed, and we have no objection to the project proposed in your request within the Whittier Narrows Flood Control Basin, Los Angeles County, California.

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Nguyen at (213) 220-5591 or by email at eric.l.nguyen@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cheryl L. Connett".

Cheryl L. Connett
Chief, Real Estate Division
Real Estate Contracting Officer

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Whittier Narrows Splash Pad – Geologic and Geotechnical Engineering Review Sheet
Dated 10/23/25

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PCA GMGR / GMGP
EPIC LA ESTU2025000250
Telephone: (626) 458-4925
Email: GMEDSubmittals@dpw.lacounty.gov

Los Angeles County Public Works
Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division
GEOLOGIC AND GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING REVIEW SHEET
900 S. Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA 91803

Tract / Parcel Map _____	Lot(s) _____	Parent Tract _____
Site Address <u>750 S Santa Anita Avenue</u>	Location <u>South El Monte</u>	APN <u>8119002902/81 19005908</u>
Geologist _____	Developer/Owner <u>LA County</u>	
Soils Engineer <u>Geotechnical Professionals Inc.</u>	Engineer/Arch. <u>Hall</u>	

Review of:

Grading P.C. No.: GRAD250314000129 For: Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Splash Pad Project – 1,443 CY, LID
Submittal Received by GMED: 10/23/2025

Geologic Report(s) Dated: _____
Soils Engineering Report(s) Dated: 10/23/2025, 7/10/2025, 12/8/2023, 4/1/2022
Geotechnical Report(s) Dated: _____
References: _____

Action: Plan is recommended for approval from a geotechnical standpoint, subject to the following conditions.

1. All recommendations of the geotechnical consultant(s) must be followed.
2. Foundation and/or wall excavations must be inspected and approved by the consulting soils engineer prior to the placing of steel or concrete.
3. Rough grading must be approved by a final geotechnical report. An As-Built Geotechnical Map must be included in the final report. The final report(s) must be submitted to the Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division for review and approval.
4. In accordance with Section J105.12 of the County of Los Angeles Building Code, final reports on rough grading shall contain a finding regarding the safety of the completed grading AND any proposed structures against hazard from future landslides, settlement, or slippage and a finding regarding the effect that the completed grading will have on the geologic stability of property outside of the building site. The geotechnical consultant(s) shall also include a certification that indicates to the best their knowledge, the work within their area of responsibility is in accordance with their report(s) and applicable provisions of the County of Los Angeles Building Code.
5. Please submit documents in response to this review to the EPIC-LA plan case: ESTU2025000250 using the EPIC-LA system at the following URL: <https://epicla.lacounty.gov/SelfService#/home>. Contact GMED at GMEDSubmittals@dpw.lacounty.gov or call (626) 458-4925 if documents cannot be uploaded to the plan case.

NOTE(S) TO THE PLAN CHECKER/BUILDING AND SAFETY DISTRICT ENGINEER:

- A. ONLY THE SOILS/FOUNDATION RECOMMENDATIONS DEPICTED ON THE PLANS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.
- B. ON-SITE SOILS ARE CORROSIVE TO FERROUS METALS.
- C. THIS REVIEW DOES NOT ADDRESS TEMPORARY SHORING.

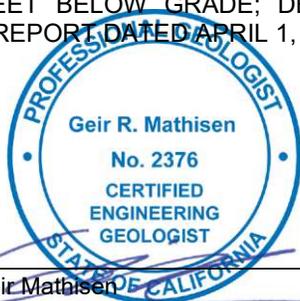
PER THE SOILS ENGINEER:

- D. PROPOSED DRYWELLS WILL EXTEND APPROXIMATELY 10 FEET BELOW THE PLANNED GROUND SURFACE. INFILTRATION TESTING WAS PERFORMED AT DEPTHS OF 9 AND 12 FEET BELOW GRADE; DESIGN INFILTRATION RATES RANGE FROM 1.02 TO 0.73 INCHES PER HOUR PER GPI REPORT DATED APRIL 1, 2022.

Prepared by


Karen Mendez
Geotechnical Section




Geir Mathisen
Engineering Geology Section

Date 10/30/2025

Appendix C

Whittier Narrows Splash Pad – Official Plan Review Report
Dated 11/04/25



OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW REPORT

DATE	11/04/2025	EHS	DEONDRAE EVANS
PLAN CHECK NUMBER	SR0411739		
PROGRAM ELEMENT	3733 - POOL - NEW <3,000SQ & 40FT WIDE		
OWNER / REQUESTER	LA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS - COURTNEY TOSSOUNIAN, TBD		
DBA	WHITTIER NARROWS RECREATION AREA SPLASH PAD		
ADDRESS	750 S SANTA ANITA AVE, SOUTH EL MONTE, CA 91803		

REVISED PLAN REVIEW STATUS: APPROVED

POOL SPECIFICATIONS	
POOL TYPE: SPLASH PAD	
DIMENSIONS: IRREGULAR	AREA: 1,994
DEPTHS S-B-D: N/A	VOLUME: 4,800
FILTER: PENTAIR TRITON TR140C3	FILTRATION RATE: 160 MIN / 238 MAX (FIELD 210 PER PLAN)
PUMP: PENTAIR WHISPERFLO XFVS 022035- 5HP	BOOSTER PUMP: PENTAIR WHISPERFLO XFVS - 5HP (ZONE 1 AN
CHLORINATOR: BLUE WHITE INC- FLEX FLO A-IN20X-4T	CHEMICAL CONTROLLER: BECSYS-RCM
CHEMICAL FEEDER (PH): BLUE WHITE INC- FLEX FLO A-IN20X-4T	FLOWMETER: SIGNET 51530-PX
SEPARATION TANK: N/A	SVRS: N/A
DECK / FINISH MATERIAL: N/A	SKIMMER: N/A
DRAIN COVERS: SS 0010-4133	

FACILITY SPECIFICATIONS		
MEN'S TOILET: 1	MEN'S URINAL: 1	WOMEN'S LAVATORY: 1
MEN'S SHOWER: 2	WOMEN'S TOILET: 2	DRINKING FOUNTAIN: 1
MEN'S LAVATORY: 1	WOMEN'S SHOWER: 2	

SOLAR SPECIFICATIONS	
PUMP AT 60 FT HEAD: N/A	MAX FLOW THROUGH FILTER SUCTION PIPING: N/A
SOLAR PANEL: N/A	MAX FLOW THROUGH FILTER RETURN PIPING: N/A
MINIMUM FILTRATION RATE: N/A	

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REVISED PLAN REVIEW STATUS: APPROVED

CORRECTIONS COMPLETED		
CORRECTION CATEGORY	DATE IDENTIFIED	DATE CORRECTED
DECK/ COPING	10/16/2025	10/30/2025
DECK/ COPING	10/30/2025	11/04/2025
POOL ENCLOSURE	10/16/2025	10/30/2025
EQUIPMENT	10/16/2025	10/30/2025
EQUIPMENT	10/30/2025	11/04/2025
EQUIPMENT ROOM	10/16/2025	10/30/2025
PLUMBING	10/16/2025	10/30/2025
RESTROOMS/ SHOWER/ DRESSING ROOMS	10/16/2025	10/30/2025
RESTROOMS/ SHOWER/ DRESSING ROOMS	10/30/2025	11/04/2025
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS, LARGE POOLS	10/16/2025	10/30/2025
PLAN SUBMITTAL	10/16/2025	10/30/2025
PLAN SUBMITTAL	10/30/2025	11/04/2025

COMMENTS
CONTACT D EVANS AT 213 494 2047 AT LEAST 5 WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO REQUESTED INSPECTION.



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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

SAFETY SIGNS AND EQUIPMENT

Provide all safety equipment and signs required for your pool. Refer to the State Pool Code or consult with your inspector. Some of the signs below may not apply to your pool.

- No lifeguard sign.
- CPR/ artificial respiration sign.
- Pool/spa occupancy sign.
- Emergency sign with pool address and nearest emergency services location.
- Keep closed sign(s) on exterior of gates and doors.
- Diarrhea warning sign.
- No diving sign (when required).
- Warning sign for spas.
- Emergency shut-off sign for spa emergency shut-off switch.
- Life ring attached to a rope with a length of at least the width of the pool.
- Body hook on at least a 12 ft. pole.

ENCLOSURE/FENCING/GATE(S)

The pool shall be enclosed by one or a combination of the following: a fence; portion of a building; wall; or other approved durable enclosure. Doors, openable windows, gates of living units or associated private premises shall not be permitted as part of the pool enclosure. The enclosure, doors and gates shall meet all of the following specifications:

1. The enclosure shall have a minimum effective perpendicular height of 5 feet as measured from the outside.
2. Openings, holes or gaps in the enclosure, doors and/or gates shall not allow the passage of a 4-inch diameter sphere. The enclosure shall be constructed over a hard and permanent material equivalent to concrete.
3. The enclosure shall be designed and constructed so that it cannot be readily climbed by small children. Horizontal and diagonal member designs which might serve as a ladder for small children are prohibited. Horizontal members shall be spaced at least 48 inches apart. No planters or other structures that can be climbed shall be permitted within 5 feet of the outside of the pool enclosure or within a 5 foot arc. The area 5 feet outside of the pool enclosure shall be a common area open to the public.
4. Chain link may be used provided that the openings are not greater than 1¾ inches measured horizontally.

Gates and doors opening into the pool enclosure also shall meet the following specifications:

1. Gates and doors shall be equipped with self closing and self latching devices. The self latching device shall keep the gate or door securely closed. Gates and doors shall open outwardly away from the pool except where otherwise prohibited by law. Hand activated door or gate opening hardware shall be located at a height no lower than 42 inches but no higher than 44 inches above the deck or walkway;
2. Gates and doors shall be capable of being locked during times when the pool is closed. Exit doors which comply with Chapter 10, Title 24, California Code of Regulations shall be considered as meeting these requirements.
3. The pool enclosure shall have at least one means of egress without a key for emergency purposes. Unless all gates or doors are so equipped, those gates and/or doors which will allow egress without a key shall have a sign in letters at least 4 inches high stating EMERGENCY EXIT.
4. The enclosure shall be constructed so that all persons will be required to pass through common pool enclosure gates or doors in order to gain access to the pool area. All gates and doors exiting the pool area shall open into a public area or a walkway accessible by all patrons of the pool.

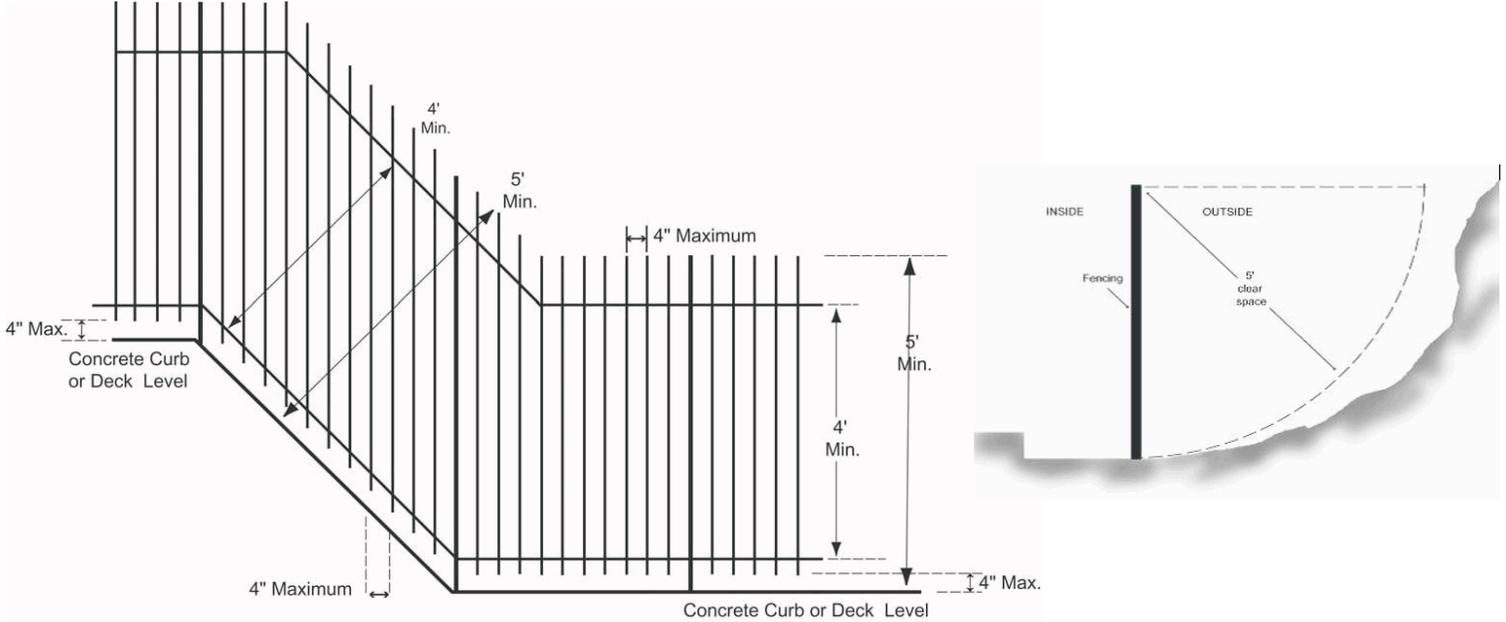
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APPROVED FENCING CONFIGURATION

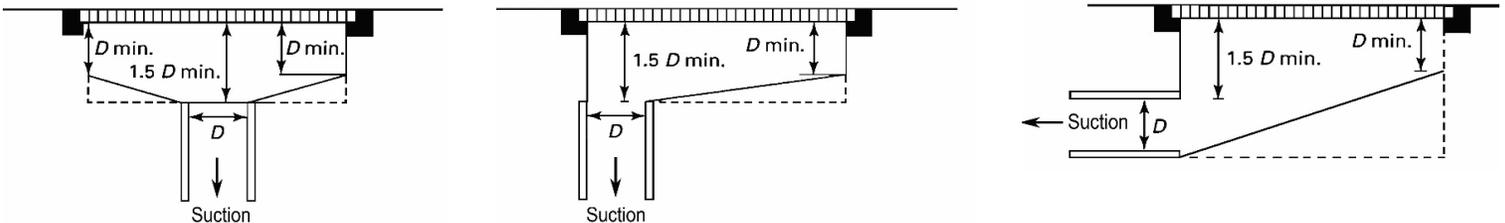


SUMPS FOR ALL SUCTION DRAINS

The sumps of all suction drain outlets on all types of pools must conform to one of the following; (use of pre-manufactured sumps are encouraged on new construction)



An approved manufactured sump and drain cover as illustrated
Or a field-built sump with dimensions of one of the diagrams below.



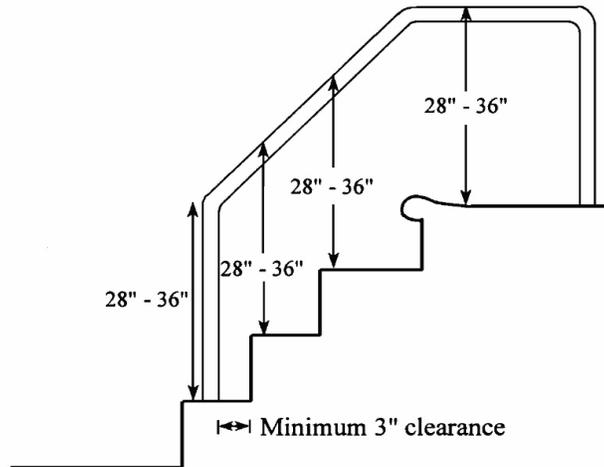
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APPROVED HANDRAIL CONFIGURATION



DISCLOSURES

- All existing appurtenances (handrails, grab rails, coping, decks, etc.) must be in good repair.
- Three field inspections are covered under each plan check fee. A charge will be assessed for each subsequent field construction review.
- No pool shall be placed in operation without prior written approval from this Department.
- Any alteration to pool construction plans or substitution of equipment shall be approved by this Department.
- The plan approval is valid for a period of two (2) years from the date they are stamped. Any changes may require a new fee.
- All equipment shall be installed per manufacturer's instructions.
- One set of stamped plans shall be kept at the job site.
- After obtaining approval from this Department and prior to commencing work, plans must be submitted to your local building department or other appropriate agency when required.
- **NOTE TO POOL CONTRACTOR:** It is your responsibility to relay any corrections on this plan approval relating to fencing, decking, bathroom facilities or other auxiliary construction to the appropriate individual such as the subcontractor, architect, landscaper or owner/builder.
- Any future renovation, alteration, construction, repair or change of equipment will require plans to be submitted to the DPH-EH Recreational Waters Program.

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- **THREE FIELD INSPECTIONS ARE REQUIRED BY THIS DEPARTMENT FOR COMPLETION OF THIS POOL PLAN. The pool owner, contractor or architect shall notify this Department for an inspection:**
 1. **During Exposure plumbing and prior to guniting or applying pneumatically placed concrete.**
 2. **Prior to plastering or applying the final surface to the pool shell.**
 3. **At the completion of construction and when the pool is operational.**
- This plan approval does not authorize the violation of any law, ordinance, or regulation and final approval is subject to field inspection and evaluation.
- Three field inspections are covered under each plan check fee. A charge will be assessed for each subsequent field construction review.
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- Before the pool is placed into operation a separate annual Public Health License fee will be issued by Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division (DPH-EH) Recreational Waters Program or the District Surveillance and Enforcement Program. If this is a pool located at an apartment house, the license fee will be part of the property tax bill.
- Any future renovation, alteration, construction, repair or change of equipment will require plans to be submitted to the DPH-EH Recreational Waters Program.

It is improper and illegal for any County officer, employee or inspector to solicit bribes, gifts or gratuities in connection with performing their official duties. Improper solicitations include requests for anything of value such as cash, discounts, free services, paid travel or entertainment, or tangible items such as food or beverages. Any attempt by a County employee to solicit bribes, gifts or gratuities for any reason should be reported immediately to either the County manager responsible for supervising the employee or the Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861 or www.lacountyfraud.org. **YOU MAY REMAIN ANONYMOUS.**



EHS Signature