



Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: Monday, May 3, 2021

TO: PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: IMELDA NEGRETE, RECREATION SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: REPORT ON WATSONVILLE'S RETURN TO PLAY

STATEMENT OF ISSUES:

Watsonville's Return to Play! Report.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive the report on Watsonville's Return to Play!

DISCUSSION:

The global pandemic has underscored that recreation programs and close-to-home parks are crucial to a community's quality of life. During this crisis, people have turned to their parks like never before—for fresh air, exercise, meditation, and a sense of peace and community.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all in person special events and programming including our sports programs have been canceled since mid-March 2020. With the news that the State is aiming to fully reopen on June 15 and the County moving into orange tier, more guidance has been released as to what we are able to offer to the community.

The Watsonville's Return to Play! chart outlines the programs and facilities that are allowed to open in each tier, with applicable social distancing restrictions and other State and local guidelines. There has been an overwhelming positive response to the programs we are currently offering, with some garnering wait lists at full capacity. All programs being offered have COVID-19 protocols set in place for the safety and well-being of all.

Programs Currently Being Offered

Program	Scheduled Start Date
Itty Bitty Sports	April 9 th
Karate	May 3 rd
Recreational Youth Soccer	May 8 th

Adult Men's Softball	May 10 th
Quicksilver Competitive Swim Lessons	June 7 th
Camp WOW Summer Camp	June 14 th
Aquatics	June 14 th
Facility Rentals	June 15 th
PAL Programming	June 21 st

Our Virtual Recreation Center (<https://www.cityofwatsonville.org/1916/VIRTUAL-RECREATION-CENTER>) was a huge success during the pandemic as it served as a place for fun, education and resources. We continue to be committed to ensure that our community has the resources to maintain healthy lives, grow meaningful relationships and have extraordinary experiences and though we are opening many of our programs, our goal is to continue to bring programs and resources right to the families that cannot participate in person.

If the State does reopen on June 15th as announced, our facility rental program will start taking facility reservations and our in person special events will take place.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenses for our programs allowed under the Watsonville's Return to Play! are included in the adopted fiscal year budget.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

Watsonville's Return to Play! chart