



## City of Dublin - Emerald Glen Recreation and Aquatic Complex Frequently Asked Questions

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### **Q: What is included in this project?**

**A:** The City of Dublin is committed to providing the highest quality recreational and fitness amenities for our residents. The Emerald Glen Recreation and Aquatic Complex will provide a wonderful amenity for Dublin and Tri-Valley residents of all ages, from young children to seniors. The Complex includes:

- Indoor pool with six lap lanes and three teaching bays
- Outdoor sport pool for swim team and water polo (eight lanes for competition and three warm-up lanes)
- Outdoor water playground with sprays and drop-bucket
- 48-foot tall slide tower with six slides
- Picnic areas and shade cabanas
- Community room
- Over seven acres of park amenities including an outdoor amphitheater, large plaza for events, and public art

### **Q: When will construction begin and end?**

**A:** The contract for this project was awarded in February 2015, and construction began in March 2015. It is anticipated that construction will be complete in early 2017, with an expected opening before Summer 2017.

### **Q: What is the cost of this project and how is it being funded?**

**A:** Construction (including a 10% contingency) will cost \$36.0 million and the total project cost will be \$43.8 million. The vast majority of the funding comes from development fees collected over the past decade, with \$3.0 million coming from the City's General Fund.

### **Q: Why is Dublin building an aquatic complex when we don't have enough water to serve residents?**

**A:** The Recreation and Aquatic Complex is designed to serve local residents of all ages, from beginning swimmers to those benefitting from fitness and exercise in a shallow pool. The community park represents a very small portion of overall municipal water usage.

The City has been very responsible and responsive to voluntary (and formerly mandatory) calls for conservation, meeting and exceeding all of the targets set by agencies. The current drought should not be the driving factor of whether to build a long-term investment/facility for the community. There is a community need for this project and it has been in the planning stages for over a decade. The City will certainly continue to be responsive and act responsibly to all conservation actions.

### **Q: What is the City of Dublin doing to conserve potable water?**

**A:** The City has been recognized as a leader in recycled water usage. Recycled water is water that is not-potable (not drinkable). Outdoor irrigation is, by far, the largest use of water. In Dublin, following a 2015 project to bring recycled water to the west side of Interstate 680, we have now converted nearly all of our parks and landscaped medians from potable water to recycled water.

- Approximately 91% of our municipal operations/outdoor irrigation are now using recycled water.
  - To put that into perspective, in the last few years, we have reduced the City's potable water usage by 164 million gallons a year.

**Q: What about impacts to neighbors?**

**A:** We understand that it can be difficult living next to a public gathering space, such as a park. Most of our activities will focus on lap swimming, swim lessons, and other recreation programs (such as summer day camps). While the project includes slides, sprays and drop buckets, they are not going to be of the same scale as what you may imagine from a large scale water park. This is a community park.

The impacts of noise and traffic were studied as part of our environmental review, and the City is confident that facility operations will keep conflicts to a minimum. We anticipate that there will be an average of about 500 visitors per day, mostly during daylight hours and during the warmer months.

We already host our summer concert series, sporting events, special events, such as “Splatter” and the Dublin Farmers’ Market, at the park and they have operated smoothly for several years. We are confident this new complex will operate smoothly, as well.

**Q: What has been done to notify residents about this project?**

**A:** We have been actively promoting this long-awaited, much anticipated amenity. For the past several years our City newsletter, which is mailed to each home, has included prominent articles about the project. We have information on our website: [www.dublin.ca.gov/thewave](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/thewave), along with two webcams so viewers can watch the construction over time. We also had public participation and noticing requirements during the environmental review period. We are definitely trying to get the word out about this project, which has been included in park plans for over a decade.

**Q: How can I learn more and stay informed?**

**A:** Sign-up on [www.dublin.ca.gov](http://www.dublin.ca.gov) for Newsflashes on the Parks & Community Services list.