

## Board of Trustees Regular Meeting (VI.T)

Meeting	February 17, 2026
Agenda Item	Other Items (VI.T)
Subject	Other Items - Resolution No. 56-25/26 - Emergency Investigation and Repairs at the Riverside Aquatics Center at Riverside City College
College/District	District
Funding	Self Insurance Funding
Recommended Action	Recommend adopting Resolution No. 56-25/26 - Emergency Investigation and Repairs at the Riverside Aquatics Center at Riverside City College, declaring that an emergency exists and authorize entering into agreements for the emergency investigation and repairs.

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### Background Narrative:

The Riverside Aquatics Center (RAC) at Riverside City College (RCC) features a 65-meter competition pool, offering opportunities as a world class training facility for swim, dive and water polo teams and individual athletes. This project was funded by RCCD Measure C as well as contributions from County of Riverside, City of Riverside and private donations. The facility was opened in 2011.

On September 24, 2025, RCC Facilities discovered that the pool was leaking based on the lowering water level in addition to a significant amount of water flowing out of the near-by storm drain. The root cause of the pool leak and surrounding damage is still unknown but preliminary investigations have revealed that a water leak due to pipe damage has significantly compromised and saturated the surrounding soil. The expansion of the soil has caused uplift in several areas, including the concrete deck near the leak, the diving platform staircase, the service maintenance gate, and the water main vault. In addition, the pool had to be fully emptied and will continue to be empty for an extended period of time while the investigation and repairs are being conducted; hence, the existing plaster has been compromised and will require complete re-plastering.

The severity of this incident created an urgent need to respond while the anticipated costs for a comprehensive investigation and the related repairs are still under evaluation pending geotechnical and structural engineer assessments, and site demolition and repairs; however, these related expenses will be covered under the District's property insurance policy.

Per Public Contract Code (PCC) 20654 (a) (1), and per Board Policy (BP) 5340, the District is allowed to enter into contracts, without calling for bids, in cases of emergencies that require immediate repairs or replacement to ensure continuation of existing classes or to prevent danger to life or property.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Board of Trustees resolve that an emergency situation exists and ratify entering into agreements with appropriate contractors and specialty service providers to investigate and repair the RAC pool at RCC.

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**Attachment(s):**

Resolution No. 56-25/26 - Emergency Investigation and Repairs at the Riverside Aquatics Center at Riverside City College

# **RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

## **RESOLUTION No. 56-25/26**

### **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EMERGENCY INVESTIGATION AND REPAIRS OF THE POOL LEAK ASSOCIATED WITH THE RIVERSIDE AQUATICS CENTER LOCATED AT RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE**

**WHEREAS**, Riverside Community College District (RCCD) is the owner of the Riverside Aquatics Center (RAC) located at Riverside City College; and

**WHEREAS**, it was discovered that the RAC pool was leaking based on the lowering water level in addition to a significant amount of water flowing out of the near-by storm drain on September 24, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, preliminary investigations have revealed that a water leak due to pipe damage has significantly compromised and saturated the surrounding soil; and

**WHEREAS**, the expansion of the soil has caused uplift in several areas, including the concrete deck near the leak, the diving platform staircase, the service maintenance gate, the water main vault and the pool had to be fully emptied and will continue to be empty for an extended period of time while the investigation and repairs are being conducted; hence, the existing plaster has been compromised and will require complete re-plastering; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated costs for a comprehensive investigation and the related repairs are still under evaluation pending geotechnical and structural engineer assessments, and site demolition and repairs, it is known that these costs will exceed California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act bid requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, a meeting with the Division of the State Architect (DSA), San Diego Regional Office, determined that the project is subject to DSA oversight for evaluation of the structural integrity and accessibility requirements associated with the repair work, and that DSA may consider expedited review and approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Riverside Community College District has determined that the above condition constitutes a danger to life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Contract Code Section 20654 (a) (1) authorizes community colleges, with the approval of the County Superintendent of Schools, to make contracts on behalf of the District for the performance of labor and furnishing of materials or supplies without advertising for inviting bids in the event of an emergency in order to avoid danger to life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 29, 2010, the District's Governing Board adopted Board Policy (BP) 5340, Section VII, that appoints the Chancellor, or designee, to allow contracts for emergency repairs when necessary to continue classes, without advertising for or inviting bids;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT,**

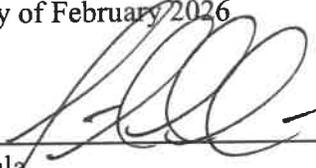
**Section 1:** The Board of Trustees of the Riverside Community College District hereby

declares that a danger to life and property exists at the Riverside Aquatics Center located at Riverside City College.

Section 2: The Vice Chancellor, Business and Financial Services of RCCD, or designee, is authorized to seek the approval of the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools to make the necessary contracts to avoid danger to life and property from this condition without advertising or inviting bids.

Section 3: The Chancellor will return to the Board for ratification of any contract for the emergency repair.

ADOPTED this 17th day of February 2026



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Jose Alcala  
President of the Board of Trustees  
Riverside Community College District