



AGENDA ITEM 8C

MEETING: March 21, 2018
TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: George Williamson, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: **Status of the Rohner Community Recreation and Park District**
The Commission will receive an update on efforts to evaluate governance structure options for the Rohner Community Recreation and Park District. This report is being presented for information only.

BACKGROUND

The Rohner Community Recreation and Park District (hereafter RCRPD) was originally formed on July 16, 1968 for the purpose of overseeing the planning, acquisition and construction of a community swimming pool for the benefit of both incorporated and unincorporated residents in the Fortuna area. As such, the District was established as a "dependent" special district with the authority of appointing board members shared by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the Fortuna City Council. Currently the District Board is inactive. While the Commission has reviewed and discussed a range of governance structure options for the District (including dissolution and subsidiary district formation), there is interest in revitalizing the District's Board and finding creative options for supporting Board meetings and district activities.

DISCUSSION

Most recently, there has been growing interest within the Fortuna community to build a community swimming pool facility. The McLean Foundation has been working with local citizens to establish a community-based working group of interested parties to explore this possibility. City and LAFCo staff have also participated and attended some recent meetings to discuss options moving forward. Local interest in reinvigorating the RCRPD seems to be a supportable option to evaluate the feasibility of constructing and maintaining a community pool consistent with the original objective of the District.

Based on this renewed interest in the RCRPD, the City Council met on February 20th and directed staff to initiate a call for nominations for appointment of three selected candidates by the Fortuna City Council to the RCRPD Board of Directors. In addition, the City notified the County of their intent to re-establish the District Board, requesting the County initiate a nomination process to fill the remaining two vacant seats on the District Board.

RECOMMENDATION

This item has been agendized for information only. The Commission is invited to discuss the item and provide direction to staff as needed.