



# HEALTH CARE AGENCY/PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

## POOL FACILITY REMODELS

The goal of the Public Pool Safety Program is to ensure that all public pools are free of safety hazards and/or risks of communicable diseases. California State Law (Health & Safety 65505) requires the submittal of legible plans and specifications to the Health Care Agency for review and written approval prior to commencing work. Plans submitted must be drawn to scale, ¼ inch equals 1 foot and identify the complete scope of work. No remodeled pool shall be placed in use without the written approval of the Health Care Agency. Public pools include swim pools, spa pools, and wading pools at apartments, condominiums, townhouses, hotels, motels, schools, community parks, commercial sites, health clubs, mobile home parks, campgrounds, and resorts. Auxiliary areas include gates/fencing, deck/coping, restrooms/showers, safety equipment/signs, lighting and/or circulation equipment rooms. Fees are determined by the extent of the remodel. A list of fees is available on request. For further information please consult your district environmental health specialist.

1. **The following are descriptions of common single-activity remodels:**

- a. Construction of a split or dual main drain system from a single main drain system
- b. Construction of a new fence/ gate\*
- c. Resurface of pool shell finish (re-plaster): surface material (plaster) including the change in slope line if applicable; step risers & treads; handrails & ladders; depth markers; rope & buoys anchors; coping; skimmers; new ANSI/ ASME suction outlet covers or SVRS, skimmers
- d. Complete above ground equipment replacement: circulation/ jet pumps, filters, chemical feeders, skimmers
- e. Deck and/or coping\*, skimmers
- f. Restroom or shower area finish materials or fixtures\*

\*Where there are multiple pools in a single enclosure, modifications to common pool areas (such as the deck, fence, and restroom or shower finish materials or fixtures) will be considered a single activity remodel.

2. Pool modifications limited in scope to drain cover replacement or the installation of safety vacuum release systems, made in an attempt to comply with AB 1020 (new suction entrapment law), do not require submittal of complete plans and specifications. This type of remodel activity shall only be conducted by a qualified individual. The law defines a qualified individual as a contractor who holds a current valid license issued by the state of California or professional engineer licensed in the state of California who has experience working on public swimming pools. However, a form available at Environmental Health must be completed.

3. Depending on the scope of work, additional requirements may apply. For example, when re-plastering a swimming pool, noncompliant steps (riser/ tread) and handrails must meet the current code requirements.

4. **The following do not require plan submittal to Environmental Health:**

- a. A modification to the deck beyond 4 feet around the pool.
- b. New pool signs: All pool safety signs must comply with the sign requirements outlined in Health & Safety Code or at our web site.

If you have any questions please visit the website or call Environmental Health at (714) 433-6000.