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# HEALTH CARE AGENCY/PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH *INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN*

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**TO:** Orange County Public Pool Owners and Operators  
**SUBJECT:** Remodels to Public Pools or Ancillary Areas

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 remodeling a public pool or any of the ancillary facilities.

Public pools include swim, spa, wading, and special purpose pools at apartments, condominiums, townhouses, hotels, motels, schools, community parks, commercial sites, health clubs, mobile home parks, campgrounds, and resorts. Ancillary facilities include gates/fencing, deck/coping, restrooms/showers, safety equipment/signs, lighting and circulation equipment rooms. Remodeled pools require inspections and written approval by Orange County Environmental Health prior to placing the pool back into use.

All plans must be drawn to scale ( $\frac{1}{4}$  inch = 1 ft.) and identify the complete scope of work. Some remodels may be affected by revised California Building Code compliance requirements. Please refer to the *Public Pool Resurface Guidelines* available at the office or online on the website [www.ochealthinfo.com/eh/water/pool](http://www.ochealthinfo.com/eh/water/pool).

Examples of common remodel activities include, but are not limited to resurfacing, suction outlet retrofits, fence/gate replacement (not repair), new recirculation equipment units (recirculation/ jet pumps, filters, chemical feeders, skimmers), new deck/ coping, or shower/restroom re-finishes.

Remodel fees are assessed per body of water and based on the number of remodel activities proposed. For remodels to an ancillary facility within a multi-pool enclosure such as the deck, fence, or restroom/shower only a single fee is assessed. A list of *Pool Plan Check Fees* is available upon request.

Remodels limited to shell resurfacing may be evaluated for approval without plan review by completing the *Public Pool Resurface Request* form. All other minor remodels require plan submittal to obtain approval. Pools approved for resurfaced still require inspections and written approval prior to placing the pool back into use.

The replacement of a single 'like for like' component of the recirculation equipment, such as a pump, filter, chlorinator, or drain cover, will require approval by the district environmental health specialist. This will require specification submittal but may not require the submittal of plans. For further information please consult the district environmental health specialist.

Please refer to the local building & safety departments for any applicable requirements or permits.

*If you have any questions please visit the website at [www.ochealthinfo.com/eh/water/pool](http://www.ochealthinfo.com/eh/water/pool) or call Environmental Health at (714) 433-6074.*

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