

In preparation for the summer swim season, lifeguards from the Department of Recreation and Parks are required to participate in an annual, mandatory recertification swim test, an event usually held at Cabrillo Beach. This year, it was moved to Hansen Dam Recreational Lake, where 64 lifeguards participated in the swim exam on April 27, 2019. In preparation for this event, the Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation's Environmental Monitoring Division tested the lake on April 24, 2019. The Hansen Dam Recreational Lake is held to regional water quality standards for freshwater lakes that is regulated by the California State Water Resources Control Board. The results indicated it was safe for public use.


However, after the April 27th swim test, approximately 24 lifeguards reportedly suffered from *cercarial dermatitis*, commonly known as "swimmer's itch," which is caused by parasites from infected birds, mammals and snails living in freshwater lakes.

It is of great importance to address the current water quality concerns and ensure the safety of lifeguards and the public who visit and swim at the Hansen Dam Aquatic Center. This is especially timely due to the impending start of the summer recreation season. Thus, the Department of Recreation and Parks should report on their planned efforts to address the water quality concerns at Hansen Dam Recreation Lake.

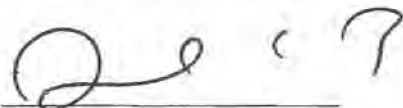
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Bureau of Sanitation report to Council with the adopted water quality standards and testing protocols utilized to evaluate Hansen Dam's safety for recreational use, as well as the date, protocols, and level of water quality testing completed for Hansen Dam prior to the April 27, 2019 swim recertification, and the results of said testing.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Bureau of Sanitation report to Council on their planned efforts to address the water quality concerns at Hansen Dam Recreation Lake, including, but not be limited to, the type of testing that can be conducted to sooner identify the presence of the swimmer's itch parasite, the environmental conditions that impact the parasite's survival, and other common freshwater lake parasites that can be tested for moving forward.

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