



# CITY OF SAN DIEGO

OFFICE OF  
CITY MANAGER

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

October 22, 1940

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

GENTLEMEN:

In response to your resolution No. 72443, and many requests that have been made urging the City to re-open the plunge at Mission Beach, I submit the following information:

The budget for the present fiscal year was set up upon the basis that the Mission Beach plunge would be open for a period of six months during the fiscal year. Salaries and other expenses were set up upon this assumption.

The plunge was kept open for a period of two and a half months, and the expenses incurred during that period were equal to almost half the total appropriation made. Salaries and wages totaling \$5,886.00 were set up for plunge operation. During the two and a half months the plunge was open, almost half this appropriation, or \$2,892.87, was expended for this purpose, leaving a balance of \$2,993.13.

These salaries and wages do not include the wages of the caretaker and boiler attendant as provisions for these employees were made under the Amusement Center appropriation; however, they are required in connection with the plunge operation.

It is quite apparent from the present state of the appropriation that the plunge cannot now be opened with the level of operation cost equal to that incurred during the summer season if any sum is to be reserved for necessary operation in the spring of 1941. It appears to me that we must assume operation of the plunge about May 1, 1941 with two full months' operation at that time under present appropriations.

The revenue derived from operation of the plunge during the two and a half months, although it amounted to \$6,227.45, does not assist in keeping the plunge open under the appropriation as the revenue goes to the general fund and cannot be drawn on for salaries and wages in connection with the operation.

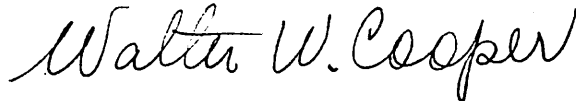
These facts indicate that if the plunge is to be open at this time, it must be opened on a basis considerably less elaborate than during the summer season, i.e., the hours which the plunge will remain open must be shortened and the operating force reduced to a minimum. To secure operation at a minimum cost, I propose to have the plunge opened under the direction of the Recreation Department for a trial period of forty-five or sixty days to determine the public demand for the plunge

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and establish a minimum level of operating cost which should furnish some information as to the entire period of time which the plunge may be open during this fiscal year.

The plunge will be re-opened for the public as soon as the Recreation Department can organize to do so.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter W. Cooper". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally on the page, below the word "Respectfully,".

Walter W. Cooper  
City Manager

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