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Hundreds of swimmers push their limits at Acalanes pool prior to county meet

Music and cheers from enthusiastic fans filled the air last weekend when hundreds of swimmers, and nearly an equal number of family members and volunteers, converged at the Acalanes High School pool July 29 for the Lafayette Swim Conference Championship Meet (see story Page C1) and July 30 for the LSC Last Chance Meet, which is designed to give swimmers and relays that are teetering on the edge of qualification one last shot at a season-best time to improve selection odds. The weather was

perfect for this opportunity to propel top swimmers to the county meet, slated for Aug. 5 and 6, which will be held once again at Acalanes. Between competitions, participants and their families enjoyed refreshments from Kona Ice truck, Dippin Dots and Bay Area Munchiez. According to the Lafayette Swim Conference Championship Meet Director Aly Macalister, the Championship Meet took 10 months of preparation and involved 200 parent volunteers who helped make things run smoothly for the nearly

500 competing swimmers. Lafayette Swim Conference is a nonprofit organization. Its purpose is to establish, organize and hold meets for summer recreational competitive swimming within its membership to enhance community spirit, camaraderie and friendly competition. To see the LSC Championship Meet and Last Chance Meet results, visit lafayetteswim.org
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Cyber attacks and evacuation routes part of broader Safety Element discussion

By Lou Fancher

The Lafayette City Council at its July 24 meeting heard and discussed the General Plan Safety Element which addresses the city's preparedness and the community's resilience related to hazards such as drought, wildfire, hazardous materials transport, flooding, earthquakes, cyber attacks, landslides, the wide-ranging impacts on safety of climate change, and other matters.

emphasized that the majority of the updates resulted from an effort to comply with current state, regional, and local requirements, address community concerns, suggest mitigation actions, and refine language allowing the city on an ongoing basis to consider new regulations or changing hazardous situations and communicate fluid but clear policies effectively. The importance of technology in city communications and infrastructure systems received secondary, but vital emphasis, as did the planning commission's work to be specific, but not "fixed" or restrictive in the language used and topics covered.

Krispi outlined updates to maps, new language related to evacuation routes, the results of a Vulnerability Assessment that analyzed people and assets most at risk and less able to "bounce back" after an emergency, the broad impact of climate change on things like wildfires that extend from property loss



to chronic health conditions experienced by people who are unhoused or work outside to destruction of infrastructure systems resulting from downed power lines. He said two community workshops, seven meetings held with General Plan Advi-

sory Committee (GPAC), and two Planning Commission hearings (one more is scheduled for Aug. 7) will likely have the commission forwarding the final updated draft to council for adoption at the Aug. 28 council meeting.
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