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Recently, the Department of Parks and Recreation implemented a new method for operating the swim beach area at Castaic Lake. A fence was installed to restrict access to the swim beach area to paying customers only. On July 11, 2004, there was a tragic accident where a twelve year old boy drowned. The boy had entered the swim beach area without being accompanied by an adult.

While the County of Los Angeles and the Department of Parks and Recreation have restored lake lifeguard services at Castaic Lake to ensure the safety of all visitors, it is important that following a drowning incident, we reevaluate the current procedures and if necessary, take appropriate corrective actions to prevent this from happening in the future.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Parks and Recreation, to:

1. Review the current procedures and practices for swim beach and boat patrol lake lifeguards services.
2. Review the effectiveness of the newly installed fence surrounding the swim beach area.
3. Make any necessary recommendations for improvements in policies, procedures, practices, or internal controls to maximize safe swimming and boating areas for public use at Castaic Lake.
4. Report back to this Board with their findings and recommendations within two weeks.

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