



City of Chula Vista

Staff Report

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-043 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCEPTING A STATE OF CALIFORNIA TIRE DERIVED PRODUCT GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$37,035 TO THE STATE GRANTS FUND TO INSTALL RUBBER PLAYGROUND MULCH AT SUNBOW PARK (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

In January 2013, the City Council authorized staff to apply for grants from the State of California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). In April, Park Operations received a grant award of \$37,035 to purchase recycled tire rubber playground mulch. This action is to accept the grant and appropriate the funds to replace mulch in the playground at Sunbow Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Development Services Director has reviewed the proposed project for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the project qualifies for a Class 1(d) categorical exemption pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the proposed acceptance and appropriation of funding will result in the replacement of older playground mulch with similar but improved playground mulch at a City public park with no expansion of an existing use. Thus, no further environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Not Applicable

DISCUSSION

In January 2013, the City Council authorized staff to apply for grants from the State of California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). Public Works staff applied for a CalRecycle Tire-Derived Product Grant to purchase rubber playground mulch derived from 100 percent California generated waste tires.

In April, Park Operations received notification of a grant award of \$37,035. To determine the best use, staff obtained bids and compared rubber mulch samples. International Mulch Company, based in Moreno Valley, has provided a quote to deliver 134,550 pounds of NuPlay rubber mulch for \$36,658.60, which would be fully reimbursed from the grant proceeds. NuPlay is considered one of the safest materials in the industry and is ADA compliant. This action is to accept the grant and appropriate the funds to replace the engineering wood fiber mulch material at the playground in Sunbow Park, which is in significant need of new soft fall material.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

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Staff has reviewed the property holdings of the City Council and has found no property holdings within 500 feet of the boundaries of the property which is the subject of this action. Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

LINK TO STRATEGIC GOALS

The City's Strategic Plan has five major goals: Operational Excellence, Economic Vitality, Healthy Community, Strong and Secure Neighborhoods and a Connected Community. This action supports the goal of providing Healthy Communities, which includes maintaining and operating community and neighborhood facilities that provide opportunities for active recreation. Soft fall is used by Public Works park maintenance staff to support children's safety in playground areas. The grant enables the City to maintain and operate Sunbow Park, which is an active neighborhood facility.

CURRENT YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of the resolution will result in the appropriation of \$37,035 to the State Grants Fund and to the fiscal year 2013-14 Supplies and Services category of the Public Works Department's budget for the purchase of rubber mulch. The grant funds will fully reimburse the cost to purchase the product and deliver on site and the material will be spread by park maintenance staff.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There is no ongoing fiscal impact as this is a one-time grant and there is no increase in ongoing maintenance and operating costs as it involves the replacement of soft fall material at an existing playground. The rubber playground mulch will save replenishment costs in the future because the rubber will not degrade as rapidly as the engineered wood fiber material it is replacing.