



REPLACE AND REPLENISH WOOD FIBER SURFACING AT PLAYGROUNDS

**Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Department**

City Council

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BACKGROUND



- The Parks Division utilizes Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) as the protective surfacing material at City playgrounds. Over time, EWF naturally compacts, decomposes, and is displaced through regular use and weather conditions, reducing the depth of the surfacing beneath and around playground equipment. To maintain compliance with recommended fall zone requirements, the Parks Division periodically replenishes, or "tops off," the engineered wood fiber at each playground location.
- Maintaining the proper depth of EWF is a critical safety obligation, as it helps provide the impact attenuation necessary to reduce the risk of injury from falls. Routine replenishment ensures that playgrounds continue to meet safety standards and provide a safe recreational environment for the community.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Approve a Services Agreement with North Hills Recycling, Inc. of Granada Hills, California, for replacement and replenishment of wood fiber surfacing at city playgrounds for the term of five (5) years in the amount of \$300,000, plus 10% change order authority in the amount of \$30,000 for a total agreement amount of \$330,000; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Agreement with North Hills Recycling, Inc. including making minor and non-substantive changes.



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