



August 27, 2018

TO: LOCSO Board of Directors
FROM: Renee Osborne, General Manager

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 12A – 9/6/2018 Board Meeting**
Removal of Rubber Chips at the Los Osos Community Park

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DESCRIPTION

Board consideration to use Parks and Recreation Reserve Funds to pay for the removal and replacement of the recycled tire/rubber chips at the Los Osos Community Park.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Motion: I move that the Board approve the use of Parks and Recreation Reserve Funds for the following items to upgrade the Los Osos County Park playground:

- ***The purchase of the County recommended Engineered ASTM Certified Virgin Cedar Playground Fall Material (inclusive of sales tax) for \$9,051.00;***
- ***Services to install the material for \$3,600.00;***
- ***Payment of equipment operator from Madonna Construction for the removal of the current "rubber chips" for \$2,000.00;***
- ***Payment to Mission Disposal for roll-offs, hauling and disposal of the "rubber chips" for \$217.00;***
- ***Less \$1,000 contribution from Supervisor Bruce Gibson's Office; for a total of \$13,868.00.***

DISCUSSION

Members of the Community have requested the District intercede on their behalf regarding the recycled tire, "rubber chips", material that is currently at the Los Osos Community Park Playground, which is maintained by the County. Although the rubber chips are considered safe by EPA standards, they give off unfavorable fumes and get hot during high temperatures. The community has started a petition to have the rubber chips removed (www.change.org/p/san-luis-obispo-county-parks-remove-shredded-waste-tires-from-the-los-osos-community-park). The petition currently has 475 supporters as of August 22, 2018.

In April of 2018, President Milledge, Parks and Recreation Chairman Tornatzky and I met with County Parks Director, Nick Franco. We asked that, at their expense, they remove the rubber chips. They declined the request because there is no funding for the removal and replacement at this time. The rubber chips are scheduled to “possibly” be replaced on or about 2023. Alternatively, I also asked if they would consider reimbursing us during the budget year they originally planned to replace the rubber chips. The County said they could not make promises with funds that they do not have. They did however give us permission to remove and replace the rubber chips ourselves if we provided the financial and labor support. Also, Supervisor Bruce Gibson advised us that he could contribute \$1,000 of his funds towards our costs.

The County estimated the removal and replacement of the rubber chips at approximately \$20,000. Using volunteers and equipment donations will allow us to save over \$5,000 in expenses. Local volunteers are willing to help remove the rubber chips, Madonna Construction will donate their equipment to help us move the rubber chips from the playground to the roll-offs, and Mission Disposal will donate the majority of the hauling and disposal costs of the rubber chips.

SUMMARY

Below are the quotes for the items that will need to be purchased, tasks to be performed and the timeline of the project.

Tasks/Purchases

Contractors:

Coastal Park and Recreation

- Quote for fibar-chips, delivery and installation \$12,651.
- 2 weeks notification needed.

Mission Disposal

- Mission Disposal will charge us a total of \$217 for the roll-offs, hauling and disposal of the rubber chips (approximately 240 yards of material).

Madonna Construction

- Madonna Construction will donate the equipment “Skid Steer” that will assist us in loading the rubber chips into the roll-offs.
- We will have to pay for the operator’s time (2 eight-hour days work at \$1,000 a day= \$2,000.00). The operator’s time must be done during the week.

County:

- Paperwork/permitting for the removal of the chips will be minimal.
- Would like a timeline of the project.
- Needs a few weeks advance notice to shut down the playground area.
- Requests that this project should be done in September.
- A County Safety Inspector will be provided at no cost for the project.

Volunteers:

- 2 days to move the chips from around the playground equipment. This can be done on a weekend.
- 2 days possibly needed to assist the equipment driver with the removal and loading of the chips.

Schedule/Time Line:

September 6th – Request Board approval.

September 7th – Turn in permit and request to County.

Request closure of playground from September 22nd – 30th.

Request closure of front portion of parking lot from September 24th – 27th.

Order Roll-Off bins.

Order Fibar Chips.

September 22nd & 23rd – Volunteers remove rubber chips from around playground equipment.
(Shovels, rakes and wheel barrels needed)

September 24th & 25th – Roll-offs dropped off at site.

Madonna Construction and volunteers load roll-offs.

September 26th & 27th – Installation of Fibar Chips.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Per the 2016-2017 Audit, the Parks and Recreation Reserve Fund had a total of \$295,252. The 2017-2018 Fiscal Budget expenses have been estimated at \$5,939.42. The removal of the rubber chips and replacement with Fibar-Chips would impact the Parks Reserve Fund by \$13,868, which includes Supervisor Gibson's \$1,000 donation. This item was not included in the 2018-2019 Fiscal Budget since staff did not have quotes during the 2018-2019 budget process.

Attachments

From: Nick Franco [mailto:nfranco@co.slo.ca.us]
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2017 4:05 PM
To: Renee Osborne <rosborne@lososocsd.org>
Subject: RE: Play yard

Hi Renee,

Yes, we've had the complaint as well. The rubber tire material does meet the current safety and fall standards, so we can't justify spending funding to replace a functional material (it is unpleasant, but not dangerous). It probably has 5 to 10 more years of useful life, so replacement wouldn't be imminent. However, if you wanted to fund the replacement with CSD Parks funding, we could certainly do that. We have been using Fibar wood products for playground surfaces and that seems to be working well. We can't use grass because it doesn't meet the fall safety standards (very different than when we were all kids!). The total cost to remove the current rubber material and replace it with Fibar playground mulch is around \$20,000. If that's in the ballpark of feasible for you, then we can dial in an estimate more precisely.

Thanks,
Nick

From: Jeff Smith [mailto:Jeffrey.Smith2@WasteConnections.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 2:11 PM
To: Renee Osborne <rosborne@losososcsd.org>
Cc: Rigo Diaz <Rigoberto.Diaz@WasteConnections.com>
Subject: RE: Rubber Chips Disposal Question

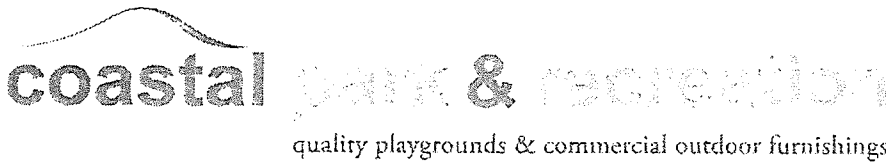
Sorry for the long delay in responding.

I think your best option is going to be if we bring roll offs and we haul it for you. If we do that, I can dispose of the material for free and only charge a haul charge of \$217 with no delivery fees. That assumes you can get the material into our containers. We would likely use 20 yard containers due to weight. If you haul it yourself, it would be charged as a trash charge which is approx. \$76.50 per ton. It sounds like you have at least 30 tons of material, but that is only a guess.

Feel free to call if you have any questions.

Thanks.

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Quote

Date	Quote #
7/24/2018	1452

3075 Falda Rd.
Atascadero, CA. 93422

Customer	E-mail	Phone #	
Los Osos CSD Attn: Renee Osborne 2180 Pallisades Ave. Los Osos, CA 93402	doug@coastalparkandrec.com	8054412952	
	Project		Terms
	Los Osos Community Park Playground		Due on receipt

Item	Description	Total
Los Osos CP 240 E...	<p>240 cubic yards of Engineered, ASTM "Certified" Virgin Cedar Playground Fall Material (EWF). Shipped and Off-Loaded at: 2180 Palisades Ave. Los Osos, CA 93402</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: 240 Cubic Yards is the maximum quantities two (2) trucks can carry but even then, not always achievable due to moisture content of wood fiber when loaded at the "mill". Maximum loads are dictated by weight not quantities. Individual trucks that do not arrive with the maximum, then those quantities will be "pro-rated" down in price on the final Invoice to customer @ a cubic yard price of \$35.00 per C/Y.</p> <p>INCLUDES: Off-loading supervision and scheduling by CP&R.</p>	8,400.00T
LOCC EWF Install	<p>Installation Quote: This site presents a difficult, therefore costly installation challenge. Where our standard installation charge is roughly \$10 per cubic yard. This site will require a two tractor operation. One large tractor in order to taxi the material from the parking lot and then my normal smaller one that works exclusively inside the playground area spreading the material around the play equipment along w/ laborers.</p> <p>Coastal Park & Recreation Corporate Information: CA License # 457252 ; B, d-34, D-28 CPSI # 14300-0521 (Certified Playground Safety Inspector) EIN # 77-0529966 DIR # 1000015787 *CA Sales Tax</p>	3,600.00
		651.00*

Thanks for the opportunity!