



Holly Creek Park Receives New Playground Rubber Bark

The City of Oakley was awarded Grant funding from the State of California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to purchase and install “Rubber Bark” at the Holly Creek Park playground.

This week the Oakley Parks and Landscape Division is installing this recycled Rubber Bark which replaces the use of shredded wood chips in the playground that have been used in the past.

Jesse Dela Cruz, Parks and Landscape Foreman said, “Shredded wood bark compresses and dissipates each year and requires annual replenishment. The Rubber Bark provides a superior fall surface and only slightly compresses and dissipates.” Dela Cruz added, “Installing the rubber bark will reduce maintenance costs and increase safety.” The Rubber Bark product is considered environmentally friendly and has a minimum ten (10) year life. Eliminating the annual need for replacement bark will save approximate \$3,000-\$5,000 each year in materials and labor costs.

The Rubber Bark playground project also showcases to the Oakley community the importance of recycling by using 100 percent California recycled tire-derived materials. Through this project, 14,000 waste tires were diverted from California landfills.

