



# Field Maintenance Standards



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# The Ask

For the City Council  
to provide direction  
to staff on whether to  
proceed with a  
new "Corona Standard"  
for field maintenance.



**Goal:** To provide safe, playable fields for both passive, recreational, and competitive use.

# What We Did Historically

- ⚽ Reactionary renovations - not preventative maintenance.
- ⚽ Renovations were inadequate.
- ⚽ Did not utilize standard materials and contractors





# Historical Field Usage

- ⚽ Over usage due to high demand for fields
- ⚽ Not enough “down time” during renovation.
- ⚽ Frustrated leagues and park/field users.



Mt. Gate Park



# What Is Occurring Now!



**Improved field maintenance quality.**



**Sanding of fields, broadleaf treatment, and slow-release fertilizers.**



**Safer fields and happier leagues.**



**Shift to preventative maintenance.**



**Development of maintenance standards and schedule.**

# Maintenance Standards

		<u>Recreational</u>	<u>Competitive</u>
<u>Maintenance</u>	Mowing	1x week	2x week
	Aeration	1x year	4x year
	Leveling : Nail drag	1x year	1x year
	add clay	1x per 4 years	1x year
	Laser grading	-	1x per 3 years
<u>Amendments</u>	Fertilizer	1x year	2x year
	Seeding	1x year	2x year
	Top dressing	1x year	2x year
	Gypsum	-	2x year
	Slit seeding	1x year	2x year
<u>Recovery</u>	Field exclusion	4-6 weeks, 1x per year	6-8 weeks, 2x per year



# Options

## All Recreational Standard

### Pros

- All ballfields receive the same good standard of maintenance
- Less downtime on fields
- Lower costs

### Cons

- League complaints
- Balance between repair and prevention for highly used fields
- Missed opportunity for competitive events

### Cost (est.)

\$150,000 annually

## Recommended

### Pilot Competitive Standard at 3 Parks (Butterfield, Santana, El Cerrito)

- Standard based on usage
- Competitive use fields in Corona Parks creates opportunities to draw tournaments and associated revenue
- Less downtime on most fields

- Some ball fields receive higher quality maintenance
- Increased downtime on some fields
- Increased cost

\$350,000 annually

## All Competitive Standard

- All ballfields receive the same high standard of maintenance
- Very nice amenity for residents
- Large tournaments provide income for local businesses

- Increased downtime on all fields
- Usage at fields not the same across City - possible waste of resources
- Highest cost

\$800,000 annually

# Where We Would Like To Go!

**Now**

Continue improving conditions at Sports Parks for a better resident and park user experience.

Seek direction on Field Maintenance Standards

**Spring**

Return to Council with a multi-year field maintenance plan that includes standards, schedules, and cost estimates

Begin implementation

**FY 24**

Return to Council with a progress update and to seek further feedback and direction



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# Questions?

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