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# Hayward Area Recreation and Park District FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Grand Re-Opening at Alden E. Oliver Sports Park** *Richard H. Sheridan Soccer Fields and Picnic Area*

**HAYWARD, CA, April 22, 2019** – After years of planning and designing, the Grand Re-opening of the Alden E. Oliver Sports fields and picnic area will take place on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 9:00am.

The Alden E. Oliver sports park was originally dedicated on April 17, 2004 and has been a beloved spot for local sports teams and leagues. Richard Sheridan soccer fields have always been a hot spot for the sports community around the Hayward area. These fields offer playing time for Youth and Adult Soccer, Rugby, Field Hockey and Youth Football. Between league play, drop in programs and the District's programming the fields provide playing time to over 100,000 youth and adults annually.

This total project cost was \$2.5 million and included new synthetic turf for two soccer fields, a 20' tall fence, and picnic area improvements including new tables, grills, trash receptacles and a drinking fountain. Parking and pathway lights were also updated to energy-saving LED light fixtures. For this project, FieldTurf USA, Inc was the General Contractor and the landscape architect was Callander Associates.

The synthetic turf was originally installed in 2003 and was well beyond its life expectancy. HARD staff and the consultants did a rigorous evaluation process to find the best material to provide new fields that are better and safer for our players. The new synthetic turf has a cork infill material, not the black SBR rubberized crumb. This new material is a natural, renewable material that is cooler by 5 to 10 degrees than the old SBR infill.

This is an exciting time for the District as this is the first completed project with Measure F1 funding. In 2016 the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District put Measure F1 on the ballot. Measure F1 is a \$250,000,000 bond measure that authorizes funding for needed repairs, upgrades, and new construction projects to the District's parks and facilities that was passed on November 8, 2016 by over 78% of the voters.

The District is excited to use this funding to create, repair and improve our District's parks and facilities. The other Measure F1 projects include: Mission Hills Driving Range Renovations, Kennedy Park Renovations, Mia's Dream Come True Playground, Hayward Community Gardens-Phase one, and Edendale Park Renovations.

To view some of our other projects, make sure you visit us at [www.HaywardRec.org/HardatWork](http://www.HaywardRec.org/HardatWork)



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The Alden E. Oliver Sports Park's soccer fields are named in honor of past Board of Director's Richard H. Sheridan who served on the Board from 1976 to 2008 and was an avid supporter of many sports, especially soccer.

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