

FOR COUNCIL MEETING

February 28, 2006

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the City Council

**SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE THE SOLE-SOURCE
PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
AND RUBBERIZED PLAY SURFACING AT LAGO SECO AND LA
ROMERIA PARKS.**

Expenditure: \$200,329.67

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Services Director recommends that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate \$162,829.67 from the Parks and Recreation Open Space Fund into the Park Playground Equipment Replacement Project Account (FEAP-339), and:
- 2) Authorize a sole-source purchase order with Miracle Playground Sales of Southern California, Placentia, CA, for an amount not to exceed \$200,329.67 for the acquisition and installation of playground equipment and rubberized play surfacing at Lago Seco and La Romeria Parks.

Funding

Funding is available in FEAP-339, in the amount of \$37,500.00. The remaining \$162,829.67 is available in the Parks and Recreation Open Space Fund.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

In 1998 the City Council established a standard for the sole-source purchase of Miracle playground equipment. It is the opinion of staff that the purchase of this playground equipment falls within the Sole-Source Purchase Exception of TMC § 22.3.17 (b) that states:

“For purposes of this Section, “sole-source purchases” means those purchases where it would be undesirable or impossible for the City to advertise for bids for particular work or for patented items, or experimental or unique services or products, or where competitive purchases would be unavailable or would not prove advantageous for the City. No sole-source purchases may be made where

to do so would show favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud or corruption, or result in the waste of public funds, but may be used only to obtain the best economic result for the public.”

The action has proven to be both cost effective and efficient. Staff are able to stock hardware used in maintaining the equipment and, when necessary, swap parts from one park play area to another. In addition, public acceptance of the Miracle playground equipment has been favorable and widespread.

The playground equipment at Lago Seco Park was installed in 1993. The playground equipment at La Romeria Park was installed in 1994. The life expectancy of this equipment is typically ten to fifteen years. Both sets are antiquated and in need of replacement. If your Honorable Body approves this purchase, the equipment should be delivered in four to six weeks and installed within four weeks thereafter. Children should be able to enjoy the new playground areas by the first week of May.

Respectfully submitted,

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COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

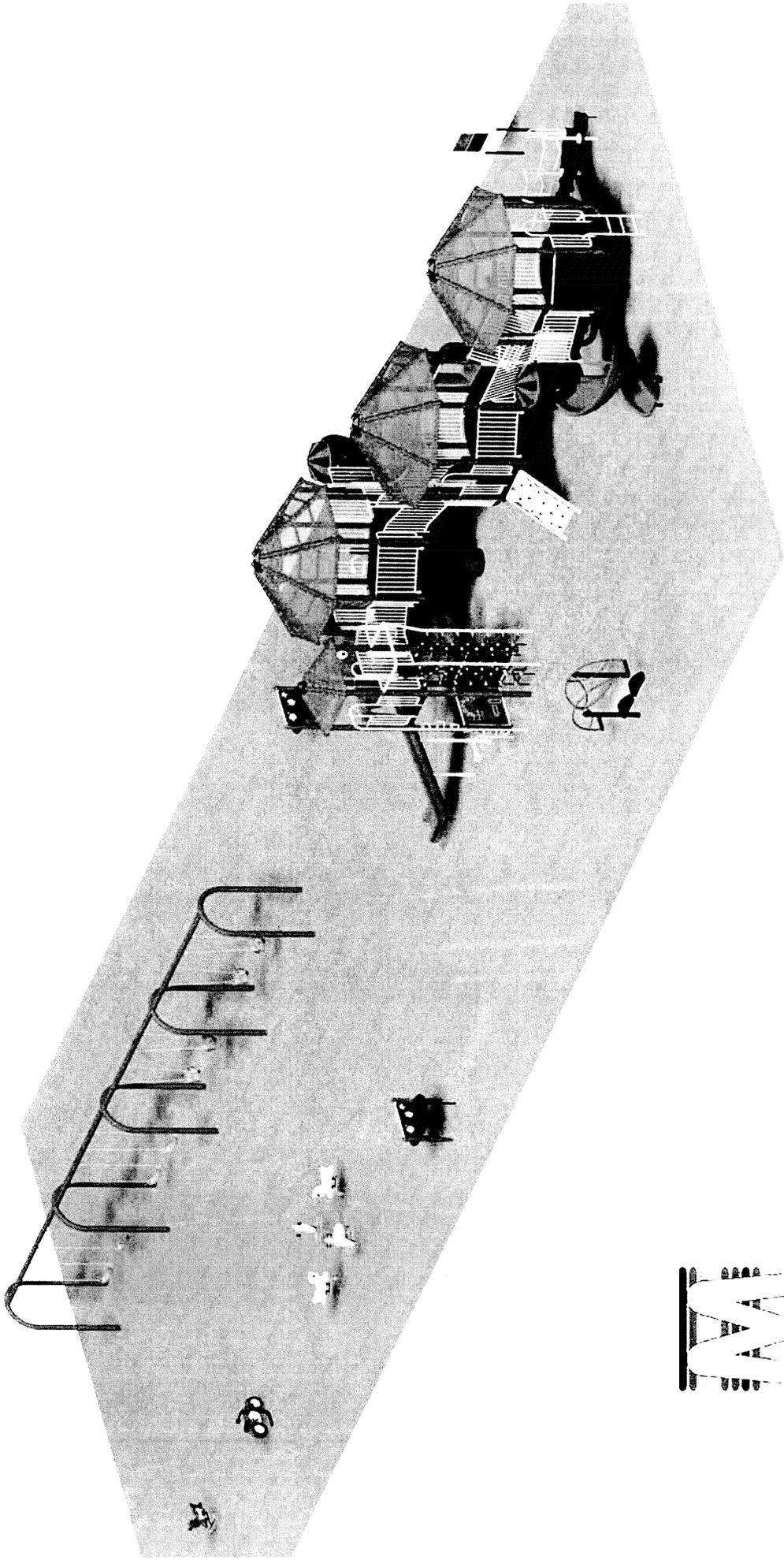
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Park Services Administrator

CONCUR:

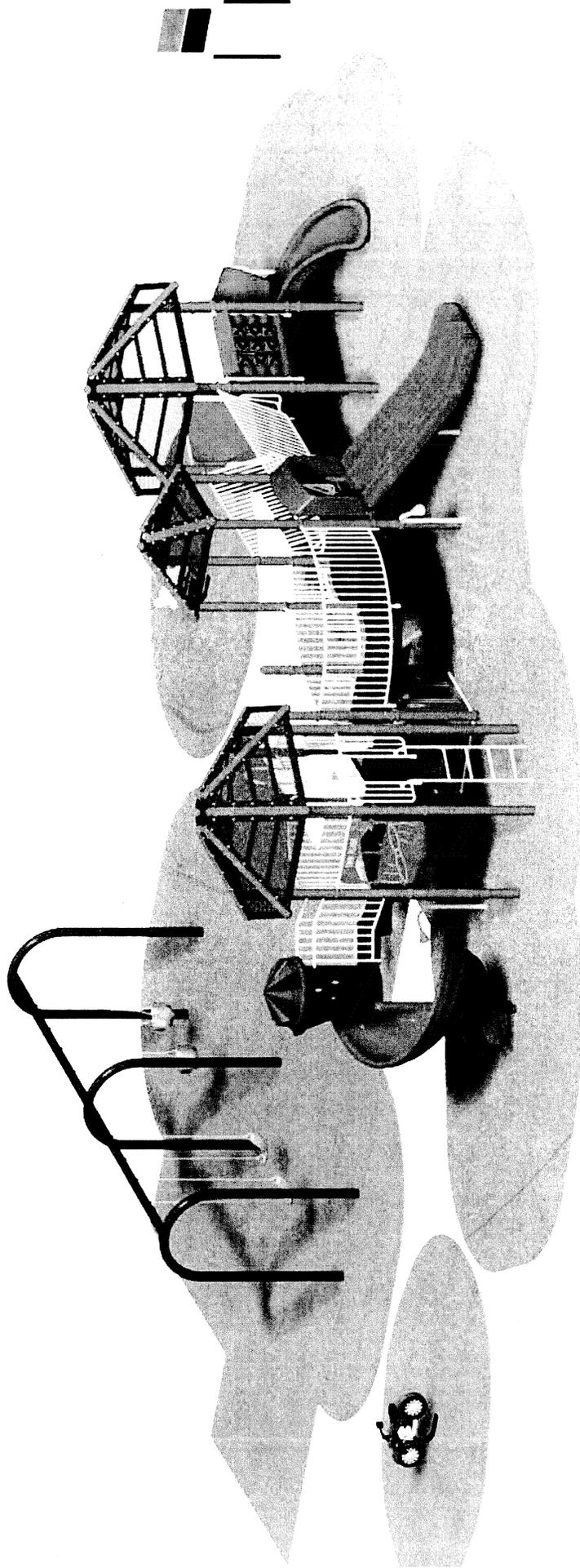
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