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Project Update:

New Projects for Beals Alliance

Camp Pendleton
San Diego, CA

Beals Alliance is teaming with Martin Brothers Construction to provide a new all-weather track and synthetic football playing surfaces for Camp Pendleton Marine Base. The is scheduled to open March 2012.

Shoreline Athletic Fields
Mountain View, CA

In October 2011, Mountain View City Council approved the concept plan for the Shoreline at Mountain View Project. The facility will sit on top of a landfill and consists of 160,000 sf of synthetic playing surface (see more on page 3).

Community Park
Soccer Fields -Antioch, CA

City of Antioch's two soccer fields have such a high level of use they have decided to change the fields over from living turf to synthetic turf. This project also includes adding lighting to the fields.

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Winds Of Change ~ A Commentary By Jay Beals

For the past 33 years, as the founder and owner of Beals Alliance, I have enjoyed tremendous clients, great design opportunities and fabulous projects. I had the pleasure of designing passive parks and play areas where I would take my sons to play when they were young; as well as active parks and athletic facilities where their teams would play soccer and baseball as they got older. I even designed the high school fields where they played! My journey continues to be very rewarding.

The firm's vision of providing quality design and great service to our clients with personal involvement of the owner remains constant. The success of that vision provided me the opportunity to work with many organizations and help the community in which I lived. I was also able to do some fabulous projects such as the Airport and Children's Discovery Museum in San Jose, Bill Graham Presents at Shoreline, The Santa Clara Youth Soccer Park and the Mather Sports Center in Sacramento. As the practice grew, it gained momentum. Though it began with 2 people, over the years it grew to almost 50 people, with multiple offices. Imagine that, 50 people! We were providing quality design and great service, but my involvement had become "the administrator of a large production machine". I felt the owner involvement portion of the founding principles was being compromised and wanted to be more involved with my clients and our projects. To accomplish that, I formed "Verde" in 2006. That firm concentrated in the Bay Area, which allowed me to be personally involved in my Sacramento office. In 2007, I sold that firm to permit me to immerse myself in the original practice principle of owner involvement. Beals Alliance has come full circle and so have I. I am proud of our firm's history, but most of all, I am happy to return to a small, personal practice where I am involved in all project designs and one on one with our clients from beginning to end. I can't believe it has been 33 years, a third of a century! Thanks for making the journey possible and being a part of our success.

William J. Beals
President & CEO

Projects Cont...

Update On Current Projects:

Cosumnes River College
Sacramento, CA

The 46 acre 12.1 million dollar Cosumnes River College athletic field project broke ground in early October. This project consists of new student parking, living turf baseball and softball fields with bleachers, storage facilities, a concession restroom building, a living turf open practice field, two high end living turf soccer game fields, a new synthetic turf stadium field with full ADA upgrades and new perimeter campus landscaping. This project is scheduled to open for the start of the 2012/13 school year.

Mather Sports Complex
Mather, CA

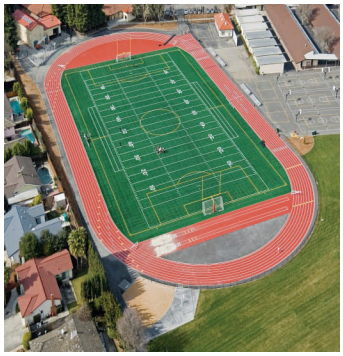
The 2009 ASBA Multi-Purpose Turf Facility of the Year final phase is under construction The facility is currently in the process of adding an additional synthetic turf soccer field and an additional parking lot for the final phase and full build out to the highly used facility. The new soccer field will be open to the public for the winter soccer seasons.

Athletic Fields & Landfills, Oh My!

Mountain View Gets Creative With Use Of Space A Second Time

The City of Mountain View realized it had a problem. A study conducted in 2008 shed light on the fact that the city had a 20 acre deficit in ball field space. The city feared this number would actually go higher due to population growth, the popularity of soccer and the increasing interest in lacrosse and rugby. It was clear, there simply was not enough land available to rectify this issue.

It was time for the City of Mountain View to get creative. However, this is not the first time the city has had to be creative with use of space. In 2007, the City of Mountain View, Mountain View Whisman School District and Beals Alliance completed the Graham Reservoir Athletics Field Project. This was project was unique because the reservoir for the project, a 8.5 million gallon tank had to be installed below the athletics fields of the Graham Middle School.



Graham Reservoir Field

This year in October 2011, City Council approved the concept plan for the Shoreline at Mountain View Athletics Field Project. This project is also atypical. The site is on an old, closed landfill, not a place that would usually come to mind when thinking of the location of an athletic field. Certainly not with a synthetic turf surface. Landfills composition is variant due to the fact that various types of refuse decompose differently over time. Synthetic turf fields by nature are designed to be non yielding surfaces to provide a uniform playing surface. This particular landfill has been closed since the late 90's which has allowed the settlement to be controlled and mitigated. Over time landfills settle less and less and as the composition of the refuse decomposes. Being an older, closed landfill the settlement will be minimal but it will continue to settle. The project will provide the city with approximately 160,000 square feet of new lighted synthetic playing surface. Using artificial turf allows the fields to be used more heavily which will relieve the overuse of Mountain View's living turf fields. Working together with the City of Mountain View, geotechnical engineers and landfill experts, Beals Alliance is moving forward into the construction documentation phase of the project. Mayor Jac Siegel spoke about the project to the *Mountain View Voice*, and called the project, "a major milestone for the city" and said "it was good to see the project finally come to fruition."

> ***"We're always trying to compete with everyone else for space"***
>
> Mike Reelfs, President
>
> Mtn. View Little League

Projects cont...

Update on Current Projects:

Hughes Stadium
Sacramento City College
Sacramento, CA

There have been many upgrades over the last year to Hughes Stadium but they have gone virtually unnoticed to the students and public that pass by the stadium everyday, however the football teams have certainly noticed the new light lights, locker rooms, bleachers, restrooms and team room facilities, which were all completed during this last year.

Hughes Stadium is currently finishing their final football season on their living turf field.

As the year's football season ends and we roll into a new year, the construction of the new synthetic turf football and soccer field, and the new all weather track and jumps area will undergo renovation. These are the final touches to the historic stadium that will complete the 12 million dollar renovation scheduled to open for the fall football season of 2012.

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Luther Burbank Stadium Before

Stories From The Field...The Impact Of A New Sports Stadium

As Told From the Viewpoint of a New Beals Alliance Employee

The idea for this article was formulated on the premise of sharing the story of how the opening of Sacramento Unified School District's new stadium at Luther Burbank High School has made an impact on the community. However, as I was writing this article I soon came to realize I was not only writing about the impact the story had on Luther Burbank High School and the community but the impact this story had on someone like me, who has no attachment to the high school or the community, I do not live in the area of this complex and I likely would not have been aware of it had not been for the fact that this stadium opened during my first week of employment at Beals Alliance. Suddenly Luther Burbank Stadium was part of my life and I was learning about how this highly ranked, top 10 football team hadn't had a home game in 3 years. This stadium had been a dream the school never thought they could attain. As all this unfolded in front of my eyes it never occurred to me how much a new stadium changes people's lives. When I started collecting information to write the press release, I came across pictures of the field before the transformation (see above). I could not believe my eyes. It quickly became clear to me the magnitude of what this community was experiencing. Perhaps no one truly understands how a facility such as this changes the overall vibe of a football team, a school and an entire community, until the field actually opens. I grew up in a small town in New Hampshire and I believe I took all of this for granted because we had a stadium and never realized how lucky we were to have it. As I watched the news clips and read the articles about the journey and opening night I could feel the sense of pride emanating from all involved in this process. I too felt a sense of pride knowing that although this firm's "business" is to design athletic fields, this firm is responsible in helping communities like Luther Burbank achieve their dreams.

Luther Burbank Stadium Opening Night

Tire Derived Grants...There IS Money Out There

Where The Rubber Meets The Road

The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recover (CalRecycle) offers the Tire Derived Product (TDP) Grant Program to promote markets for recycled-content products derived from waste tires generated in California and decrease the adverse environmental impacts created by unlawful disposal and stockpiling of tires.

Eligibility:

Applicants can be: public entities which include: California cities, counties, public school districts, public colleges and universities, special districts, park/recreational districts and state agencies including offices, departments, bureaus and boards and qualifying Indian tribes.

Description of Products & Projects:

An application can include multiple tire derived products (TDP) projects, project must be "new" meaning it has never received CalRecycle grant funds and projects usually fall into three categories: agricultural/landscape, recreational and transportation. CalRecycle has released grant money each fiscal year since 2005/2006. Previous grant programs have been focused on playgrounds, track/recreational surfacing or green building paving or surfacing. To be notified when more funding becomes available join the TDP Listserv at http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Listservs/ListSubscribe or for more general information visit http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Tires/Grants/Product/ or contact Beals Alliance we would be happy to assist at 916-496-8000.

Upcoming Issue...

Our new ongoing series on grants - There IS Money Out There - The Jeremy Worrell Foundation Grant

Keeping Our Eye On The Ball - Current Industry Trends - What's Happening in 2012

News from the California Coalition For Adequate School Housing (CASH) Annual Conference

News from the ASBA Annual Conference

Keeping Our Eye On The Ball

Current Industry Trends

Benefits of Synthetic Turf to Our Environment

In an article from the Synthetic Turf Council in February 2011, research has found using synthetic turf has saved more than *three billion gallons* of water and the use of *a billion pounds* of pesticides and fertilizer have been eliminated. Furthermore, synthetic turf keeps more than 105 million tires out of landfills and can lower the consumption of energy raw materials and solid waste. To read this article in its entirety visit www.syntheticturfcouncil.org

Upcoming Events

Holiday Office Hours

Beals Alliance will be closed
November 24 & 25
December 23rd - 30th

CSBA Conference
San Diego, CA
December 1-3, 2011

ASBA Conference
Palm Desert, CA
December 2-5, 2011

VS Athletics Track & Field Super Clinic
Sacramento City College
January 21, 2012

CASH Conference
Sacramento, CA
February 20-22, 2012

CPRS Conference
Long Beach, CA
March 20-23, 2012