



# First 5 Sacramento Commission Awards the District Tot-Lot Grants



Southgate Recreation & Park District is happy to

report that the First 5 Sacramento Commission awarded grants to the District for the funding of three tot-lot playground projects.

First 5 Sacramento uses Proposition 10 (tobacco tax) funds to support the healthy development of children ages zero to five. The projects include two tot-lot playground renovation projects, at Norman Waters Park and Florin Creek Park, and one new tot-lot project at Calvine Crossing Park. These projects will provide an outdoor play space where infants, toddlers and their families can safely explore, play and exercise, promoting a healthy and active lifestyle. All three projects will also have a butterfly garden component. One way for children to appreciate and care for their environment, is for them to see how plants feed and shelter animals. Butterflies are attracted to sweetly scented flowers, especially those with bright, vibrant colors. The plants in this butterfly garden will provide food and shelter to butterflies at all stages of their development.

The scope of the renovation projects at Norman Waters Park and Florin Creek Park include removing the existing tot-lot play equipment and surfacing material and replacing it with new Americans with Disabilities Act

(ADA) compliant tot-lot playground equipment and playground surfacing. The projects will also include the conversion of an existing planter bed into a butterfly garden and the addition of new benches. Construction of these projects is expected to take approximately 4-5 months once a contractor is selected.

The scope of the Calvine Crossing Park project includes the installation of a new tot-lot playground with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant tot-lot equipment and playground surfacing as well as a sand play area, a picnic shelter with picnic tables and a butterfly garden that will be located in part of a larger nature play area planned for the park. Construction of this project is expected to take approximately 10-12 months

once a contractor is selected.

The District is very excited about being the recipient of these grants that will fund the completion of these much needed community infrastructure-building projects. Both Norman Waters Park and Florin Creek Park are located in older neighborhoods where the public infrastructure, including park improvements, is aging and in need of renovation. On behalf of our residents we thank the First 5 Sacramento Commission staff and commission board members for approving these projects for funding. For more information about First 5 Sacramento, visit at [www.First5Sacramento.net](http://www.First5Sacramento.net).

