



## Weed Abatement & Landscape Mulch

*“The rubber bark is attractive, stays in place and prevents tall weeds from coming up. This complete project has reduced herbicide application to the landscaped areas by 75%. This results in savings to the airport.” - Mike Chambless, Airport Director*

**Location:** Hollister Municipal Airport, 2300 San Felipe Road, Hollister, CA 95023



*Before*



*After*

*Vendor: West Coast Rubber Recycling*

**California tires diverted from landfills:** 80,000 California tires

**Overview:** The Hollister Municipal Airport covers 343 acres and has plane traffic of 73,000 aircraft operations per year. Landscape maintenance staff works hard to keep weeds at bay on the 200,000 square foot perimeter. Staff used to apply herbicides throughout the site to control weeds but has been able to cut back on herbicide use with the installation of recycled tire mulch.

In 2011 the airport applied for and was awarded a \$150,000 CalRecycle Tire-Derived Product Grant to purchase recycled tire mulch for for the purposes of weed abatement and aesthetic landscape. Since that time the airport has reduced its herbicide application by 75% which resulted in saving the airport \$25,000 per year in product and labor costs.

Airport Director Mike Chambless reports that “The material has stayed put despite the high afternoon winds we receive. The material is attractive and does not attract wildlife that could be detrimental to aircraft operations.”