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## Little League & Our Local Parks:

Redding's Little League programs depend on City parks and fields — including K1, K2, K3, Alta Mesa, and the Softball Park — where the City currently provides field maintenance, watering, and lighting at no cost to both the baseball and softball divisions.

During the 2025 City budget process, the City identified this support as one area where cost recovery may be needed. West Redding and East Redding board members met with City staff to discuss options but were unable to reach an agreement on a fee structure. The City Council voted to defer discussion until 2026 while it considers funding priorities across multiple areas, including parks, police, and fire services.

Through that same budget process, the leagues also learned about broader funding challenges that could impact park maintenance and field support in the coming years.

Here's what that could mean for youth sports in our community:

**Little League & Softball Fields** – The City may need to begin charging leagues the full cost of using and maintaining fields — estimated at \$60,000 to \$80,000 per year. This is almost equal to what local leagues collect in registration revenue each year, which could mean significant increases in registration fees if the City can no longer cover these costs.

These expenses include watering the grass, field maintenance, and lighting for evening games, which are currently provided at no cost.

**California Sports Park** – Could face closure within 18–24 months without funding for field upkeep.

**Soccer Park** – No current plan to replace turf, which could become a safety concern within about five years.

**Other Parks & Facilities** – Many playgrounds and park features are reaching the end of their lifespan, with limited funding for replacement or repair.

**Redding Aquatic Center** – An underground pipe with multiple temporary fixes will eventually need full replacement, and no funding mechanism has been identified.

A citizens committee has placed Measure A on the ballot to help address these funding challenges. The measure would provide dedicated funding for parks, recreation, and community facilities, but it would come with a 1% local sales tax.

### Important Note from the League:

West Redding Little League is sharing this information not to influence how anyone votes, but purely as an advisory for our families. We want everyone to be aware of the potential impacts on field use costs and registration fees if the measure does not pass.

Both West Redding and East Redding Little Leagues currently receive significant support from the City of Redding, which allows registration fees to remain affordable and accessible for all families. Our goal is simply to ensure that families are informed and not caught off guard if these circumstances change.