

9810302 TURF MATERIALS
COMMENTS FROM INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW

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Comments: (11-11-19, Internal)

I reached out to one of my sod suppliers about the netting. I am not an expert in this field, but he wanted to point out that the move from 3 years to 1 year on the netting not only drives up the cost of the netting, but the cost of harvesting and installing. This is due to the smaller harvest sections required by the more biodegradable netting. He did not have a good feel for the magnitude of the increased cost at this time.

My question is what is the problem that we are trying to solve?

(11-12-19, Internal)

We need to have further discussion on this spec before we move forward. I received the following additional comments:

1. I just talked to Bob Lines from Ag-Land down this way. He stated that there isn't a readily available product that degrades in one year. He's concerned about the proposed spec....
2. He said they have been using biodegradable netting for a while just not sure if degrades in one year. He will check with his supplier and let me know. Product comes out of California....where else!

Response: Sod netting has been a major issue for some time. The polypropylene type sod netting only degrades with prolonged UV exposure and does not sufficiently degrade in the soil. Maintenance has issues with the netting getting tangled in their equipment, creating mechanical and safety hazards. The sod net has been identified as a tripping hazard when placed around sidewalks and trails and, the Department has received several complaints about the netting ensnaring wildlife, especially when placed on pond slopes. The new requirement is for the sod net to biodegrade in the soil. The SCO has been working on a solution to these problems for some time.
