Alternative to Geotextile Silt Fence

The purpose of this construction advisory is to provide clarification on the frequently used Special Provision for Sediment Filter Fence, 12SP208(B).

The Special Provision for Sediment Filter Fence is included in all projects that have the pay item, Erosion Control, Silt Fence. The Special Provision for Sediment Filter Fence provides the contractor with an acceptable alternative material for silt fence. If the contractor elects to use the alternative material, sediment filter fence, the application must follow the description section of the special provision.

If the contractor elects to use the sediment filter fence alternative material, a contract modification and the establishment of an extra work item using the pay item shown in the special provision will be required. The negotiated unit cost for the new pay item, Erosion Control, Sediment Filter Fence must be the same or less than the unit cost bid for Erosion Control, Silt Fence. The existing pay item for Erosion Control, Silt Fence must be balanced to the actual amount used on the project.

Please share this construction advisory with local agencies and consultants within your jurisdiction, as well as TSC staff.