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High Court ruling said ‘scary’

By Peter Blais

The recent Supreme Court ruling putting back governments to impose wetlands regulations has caused federal courts to rescind the threat of golf course developers across the country, according to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

It seems the bull was out of the barn for a new trend toward more regulations," said Michael Coates, government affairs director for the GCMA. "It’s an important victory for the EPA to reassert its authority to protect the health and safety of the American public." But the decision could also open a Pandora’s box for developers, according to the GCMA.

Major changes expected in revisions of wetlands laws

By Bill Page

Wetlands preservation is a hot topic for developers and golf course owners. In the past, the GCMA has urged Congress to pass a comprehensive wetlands protection law, but the recent Supreme Court ruling could derail those efforts.

End of drought won’t solve Cali. woes

By Paul Brown

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