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Despite being mired in a 30-year dry spell, the state goal is to have no further depletion of the aquifer by the year 2025, according to Arizona Golf Association Director Ed Gowan.

The golf industry has moved away from a confrontational attitude with regulators to a cooperative one. For their part, regulators approach the industry with a much more open mind than they did 10 years ago.

With the two working together, Gowan said the no-depletion goal is attainable, especially with the amount of efficient available. Ninety-five percent of the state’s waste water presently is not reused, he said.

Projects are underway statewide to get that water to where it is needed, such as a nearly completed 33-mile pipeline that will pass by Desert Mountain near Scottsdale.

The 12 inches of rain Phoenix received in 1992 was twice its average annual rainfall. Tucson was somewhat drier, but still above average.

Another heavier-than-normal year of rainfall will get most of the state’s reservoirs and water tables back to normal, he added.

“There is plenty of water. The major issue now is quality. We need to make sure the chemicals put down on the ground don’t contaminate the water,” Gowan said.

Missouri wetland report ready

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — The Missouri Department of Natural Resources’ Division of Geology and Land Survey has released a report titled “Missouri Wetlands: A Vanishing Resource.” The report regards the status of Missouri wetlands, as well as the programs and activities affecting them.

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