Evergreen seeks involvement in California project

CAMARILLO, Calif. — Evergreen Alliance Golf Limited is seeking to replace another investor who decided to pull out of a project to develop an 18-hole course and 16,000-seat amphitheater near the former Camarillo State Hospital.

Evergreen expected to receive approval from the Ventura County Board of Supervisors this summer. Evergreen would replace CEC Properties Inc., which has been with the project since the start. Evergreen, based in Dallas, manages and develops public and private courses across the country.

The county is also asking that the agreement between the developer and county be extended six months with the possibility another six. The extension is needed because of a lawsuit and delays in getting permits. Superior Court Judge Barbara Lane will decide soon whether to allow construction of the course.

The Environmental Defense Center in Ventura and the California Native Plant Society contended in court that Ventura County's development plan violates state law and local planning policies. They hope to overturn approval of the project, launched by the county nearly three years ago to generate money for its financially strapped parks system. The proposed 320-acre park would generate up to $750,000 yearly for the county to help support the parks system.

Charles Howard has designed a course for the site. The county would ideally like to start construction later this year and hopefully open the course in late 1999 or early 2000.

Jacobsen may design northern California track

MENDOCINO, Calif. — Mendocino County supervisors and the Fort Bragg City Council have agreed to put up a $500,000 guarantee apiece toward construction of a $7.5 million course near Noyo Harbor.

If approved, the 18-hole facility would be developed and owned by the Mendocino Coast Recreational and Park District. The park district would sell bonds to finance construction costs on the 330-acre site.

Current property owner Georgia-Pacific Corp. has offered to sell the land to the district for $475,000. The district needs to obtain additional permits, meaning the start of construction is still at least 12 months off.

Jacobsen Hardy Golf Design has been selected as course architect. A builder and management firm will be selected at a later date.

An economic feasibility study by Economic Research Associates indicated the course should host 52,000 rounds annually. Jim Hurst has directed the Regional Park and Golf Course Steering Committee for the past few years.

Fazio to design Virginia SGA headquarters

POWHATAN, Va. — Eastern Powhatan County is slated to be the new home of the Virginia State Golf Association (VSGA) golf complex.

The project is estimated to cost $12.6 million and will have 18 holes of championship golf, a nine-hole short course and practice facilities.

Tom Fazio will design the golf facility. The center will feature a 12,000-square-foot clubhouse, education center, museum and library, turfgrass research center, instructional learning center and dormitory.

Groundbreaking will take place next spring, with completion scheduled by the spring of 2001.

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