WATER CONSERVATION? by Bob Livesey, CGCS, Plaza Golf Course, Visalia After the meeting at Del Paso Country Club, I was very much surprised at some of the comments made.

True, many of us have our own wells, but that is no reason to feel we have all the water we want. This year agriculture will overdraft the underground supply due to the lack of ditch water. What happens if we have another dry winter. The odds in our favor are not that good. It will take several years of normal and above normal rainfall and snowpack to replenish this underground supply.

Several courses are at the point that they are handwatering greens and tees. It behooves each of us to develop a water plan with several alternatives. Some of the alternatives may cause a loss of turf. This would be better than the criticism we would get. We have to get over the idea we have to have that 1/2 million gallons per application three or four times a week. The clubs and municipal courses can't stand the criticism from the public. If they can stop a large corporation from filling a man-made lake, think what they can do with a golf course.

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