

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Robert E. Livesey, CGCS

EIR UPDATE To keep everyone posted on the latest EIR that I have mentioned the last couple of months. The state has passed and Governor Brown signed emergency legislation to continue the exemption for Environmental Impact Reports (EIR) prior to application of pesticides.

Without the legislation, anyone using pesticides would have been required to file an EIR prior to application of such chemicals. The previous moratorium was set to expire July 1.

The emergency legislation provides for continuance of the moratorium until January 1981, allowing the Department of Agriculture and Resources Agency time to work out a solution that will satisfy agriculture interests and requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

RECLAIMED WATER ON GOLF COURSES - Does AB 1784 (Papan regulation) apply to privately owned golf courses? The Office of Water Recycling of the California State Resources Control Board states that AB 1784 added Section 13550 to the California Water Code.

Section 13550 sets forth a finding by the legislature that the use of potable domestic water for irrigation of green belts, including golf courses, when reclaimed water is available, is an unreasonable use of water within the meaning of Section 2 Article X of the California Constitution. Section 2 of the constitution declares that the right to use water does not extend to waste or unreasonable use of water.

The prohibition of unreasonable use of water is applied to all users of water. Owners of private golf courses could, therefore, be required to use reclaimed water for irrigation, if the State Board made a finding that reclaimed water was available in adequate quality and furnished at a reasonable cost.

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TAL SMITH, PGA professional at Claremont Country Club, Oakland writes I don't know a better way to learn than by comparing our experiences with one another. You did this last September during your monthly meeting at Claremont.

This was the first time I had attended a GCSA of NC luncheon meeting -- and this time whether you intended to or not you helped educate a golf pro. It's too bad you don't get this opportunity with more golf pros, green chairmen, green committee men and club managers.

It was surprising to me to hear of the vast amount of knowledge on turf care expressed at this gathering, but I was also surprised that many other things were left unsaid. Maybe time prevented it.

Why not in the future add the following: