

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:

- A. Discussions on trees and shrubs, types, location, care. These are mighty important to the playing characteristics of any course--as important as sand traps.
 - B. Location and clarity of O.B. and hazard stakes. I think this is nearly as important as fairway turf conditions and much more neglected.
 - C. Proper type and design of golf cart paths and locations.
 - D. General Housekeeping or (course keeping). Limit "Ground Under Repair" conditions. No situation should occur where the Rules of Golf are in doubt.
 - E. Maintenance and use of golf course equipment
 - F. Employee work schedules and training.
- So there can still be a greater exchange of ideas and as a result more learning. -- At least there would be for me.

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EDITORIAL - Reservation Cards - by Stan

I wish that everyone in the Association would have the opportunity to host a meeting and see what it is like trying to get everything organized not knowing how many people are going to show up. I know that this happens at almost every meeting, but it does not hit home until you host a meeting. So please sympathize with your host superintendent and get your cards sent in. If you think it will be late a phone call will do.

In closing I would like to say that I enjoyed very much having the privilege of hosting the GCSANC meeting and hope in the future to be able to be your host again. Thank you.

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OUR HOST FOR OCTOBER - Robert "Bob" Townsend's career in golf started in 1967 as a laborer constructing the Lake of the Pines Golf Course, Auburn, a Boise Cascade course. He moved to Lake Wildwood, Grass Valley, another Boise-Cascade, helping to construct it also. In 1971 he took the superintendent position at Lake of the Pines and moved to his present position in May 1976 as construction superintendent for Eagle Valley Golf Course, Carson City, Nevada. After the course opened on April 30, 1977 he stayed on as superintendent. Bob has been a member of Northern California since 1972 and became a Class B in September 1973 after passing his examination. He is also a member of Sierra-Nevada GCSA.

Eagle Valley Golf Course is a city owned, 18 hole golf course, elevation 4700 feet. The first year of operation 30,000 rounds of golf were played. It is a typical foothill course and closes primarily because of wind and cold, not snow. Snow has lasted only two days since Bob has been here. The wind and chill factor of 30⁰, and the course as hard as cement makes