Crow Canyon Country Club Golf Course
Superintendent Ernie Martin was given the
WATER CONSERVATION AWARD by the
East Bay Municipal Utility District at an
Oakland A's game in August.

Ernie was the Superintendent at Crow
Canyon during the 1977 drought so he is no
stranger to conservative water management.
In 1977, they tried in several locations to
dig a well at Crow Canyon but even at 1700
feet down they found only 40-50 GPM and
the water had to high a boron content.
Ernie had to resort to other methods of
conservation like drying out areas not
"normally" in play, watering by hand the
tees and greens using a hose end wetting
agent, building wells around trees and
watering them from his spray-rig mounted
in a utility vehicle, and putting a pump on
the pond near the club house to operate
several traveling sprinklers.
Ernie stated "with the help of Sergio
Pacheco, his assistant, and some very
patient and understanding membership, he
expects to make it through this year okay
but is concerned about next year if we don't
get more water."

Mr. Martin did not know but Golf
Courses, Parks and local Industry were
being monitored by the EBMUD to see how
well they were using the allotment of water
that was given to them. Crow Canyon CC is
entirely dependent on EBMUD water and is
required to cut back to 50% of their 1986
water usage which was 24,000 cubic feet a
day. Ernie is anticipating quite a challenge
for the up-coming months with only 12,000
cubic feet a day, if the weather remains as
hot as it has been. In 1986, the weather was
not as dry as it is this year which complicates matters further.

Sergio Pacheco