San Francisco Hospitality Suite
Finances for the California Hospitality Suite at the 1995 GCSAA conference in San Francisco are anticipated to be comparable to those of Anaheim in '93. GCSAA has offered to help with fund-raising, which may allow for a bigger and better event as we "host the world."

National Golf Tournament
Don Naumann recently met with representatives from GCSAA in Lawrence, KS. Some of the decisions the tournament committee made were: to change the format and the flights, to allow commercial sponsorship, and to keep the cost of the tournament the same. Corporate sponsors will pick up much of the tab for the tournament next year.

California Turfgrass Council
A decision has been made by those spearheading the move to create a California Turfgrass Council to drop the issue for the time being.

It's Official
The name of the organization has officially been changed to California Golf Course Superintendents Association. The paperwork was accepted by the state and confirmation received last month. We are still reviewing the bylaws changes.

Water Usage Research
Bill Baker, President of Hi-Low Desert GCSA, has contacted GCSAA for assistance in conducting research on water usage in the state. Once completed, the research will be submitted to the Green Industry Council and an article written for California Fairways. Funding for this type of research is available from federal and state governments. Funding from chemical and fertilizer companies will be avoided as it could be construed to skew the results.

California Green Industry Council
Based on research and the recommendation of Jim Husting, CGCS, of Sierra Nevada chapter, California GCSA has decided to become a member of the California Green Industry Council. It was Jim's recommendation that we join the council to assure we have a voice in the lobbying and decision making that directly affects our industry. Two representatives have been appointed to the council: Jim Husting from the north and John Pollock from the south.

Currently the Green Industry Council is working on State Senator Lucy Killea's proposed bill SB1090 revising the definition of fertilizing material to include finished compost.

In addition, the State GIC has decided to support a Los Angeles GIC request for a FREP grant to conduct research into development of standards for the management and effective use of Green Waste.

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