

Air Quality Regulations (Cont'd)

things with probably more expensive equipment, more hand labor, and yes, probably with more increased water usage. Increased water usage you may say? A little fun fact that you may not know is that the hand/backpack blower was invented as a response/need resulting from the 1977 California drought. People couldn't hose off their driveways or sidewalks anymore and a need to keep areas clean and free of debris were realized. Hence the invention of the backpack blower and a savings of water usage. It would be probably safe to say that with these items gone from the California marketplace our water usage at our facilities would increase. Either that or we would have to use more manpower to keep clubhouse areas neat and tidy.

These two-cycle engine products attribute to only less than 1% of all the total air emissions in the state of California, yet make up over 8% of the total U.S. market in sales; a huge figure that suppliers and manufacturers wish to keep improving on. These suppliers/manufacturers that are fighting this proposed regulation change belong to an organization called PPEMA or The Portable Power Equipment Manufacturers Association. Hopefully with allied industry help the PPEMA will be able to stall and keep the CARB regulations of 81% reduction from being implemented. The CGCSA is presently being advised by our lobbyist, George Steffes, on how to respond properly to this issue. More updates will be give as issues materialize.

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This past year has been a good one for our profession on the government relations end. The CGCSA hired a lobbyist out of Sacramento and that lobbyist, George Steffes, and his firm succeeded in helping us introduce, sponsor and pass legislation that will eventually legalize the sterile grass carp throughout the state of California. That project was just the first of what we hope

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