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Office Notes

By Barb Mikel

Here's one for you: "EPA Phase II storm water permitting requirements require operators of construction sites that disturb one acre or more of land to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit prior to construction." (GCSAA GREENS & GRASSROOTS Nov. 13, 2002)

Did your turfgrass professor ever mention the above item? A National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permits required for one acre or more of land. I don't know what the word disturb may mean, do you? I live on a two acre property. I wonder how many two-acre properties are in California. How many one acre or more fairways are on your course?

I certainly don't have any of those answers. I'll hopefully have the advice of a professional on my home property if I ever have to "*disturb one acre or more*" when constructing something. My point? You have the obligation as a professional to maintain standards not in existence when most of you began your career in turfgrass maintenance. Each day brings added responsibilities for items you may or may not



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know even know exist. How do you keep abreast of all this? By participating in CONTINUING EDUCATION, the "CE" part of CEUs. GCSAA continues to offer the best and most economical method of "keeping the profession professional." Web based education is the "way of the future" (and not too distant future either). Web based education provides that opportunity on demand. Travel to GCSAA Annual Convention offers a great opportunity to keep abreast of the changes. The local associations well as various related professional organizations (NCGA USGA PGA CMA) continue to provide quality low cost e ducation to keep you informed and prepared for workplace and professional requirements. They offer monthly meeting functions to "fill in the gap" between annual sessions. Nowadays, the educational requirement will only continue to become more stringent - it is up to you to keep pace.

Your membership renewal invoice has been mailed in duplicate. One for you, one for your accounting department. Update your membership information and return it to GCSANC office by December 31, 2002.

Absent this update, WE WILL ASSUME ALL INFORMATION ON THE MEMBER-SHIP RENEWAL INVOICE IS CORRECT TO PUBLISH IN THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY.





Mike Higuera Sr. has accepted the Superintendent position at Saddle Creek G & CC in Copperopolis. Mike had been working with Murray Nonhof at Coyote Creek GC in San Jose. Castle & Cook Corporation operates both courses.

PJ Spellman has been busy with a little reconstruction. He is in the middle of redoing his #13 fairway by adding drainage and sand capping it

Blake Swint at Castlewood CC has recently rebuilt three tees and bunkers. Castlewood is also in the middle of rebuilding the clubhouse on the lower course

Albert Cañedo at Gilroy GC was involved in a car accident on November 8th. He was rear ended at high speed by an off duty police officer. Albert received injuries to his lower back and neck but still expects to make it to the Holiday party.....