As I write this column, I’m hearing about drought conditions on both sides of the country. Water restrictions are beginning to increase pressures on golf revenues and it sounds serious. “Chicken Little” or “The Real Thing”?

You may get a better idea by visiting the Georgia GCSA web site where you will find the following (plus a lot more!):

“Level 2 Drought Declared”

“Due to drought conditions across Georgia, the Director of the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has issued a level two drought declaration for the entire state. The declaration requires that Georgians immediately follow a more stringent outdoor water use schedule. “The level two drought schedule is as follows:

Odd-numbered addresses may water only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays-12 midnight to 10 a.m.

Even-numbered and unnumbered addresses may water only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays-12 midnight to 10 a.m.

*** This applies to Golf Course Fairways ***

So, that’s Georgia not us. Well that’s right... for now! It is definitely time to address this issue! We could actually use some eager, intelligent and hard working superintendents to join ongoing efforts regarding water and chemical use in Northern California. If you’re interested, please give me a call.

On a brighter and more immediate note, GCSANC is celebrating its 75th year as a superintendent’s association. It was originally organized and operated to address issues impacting the greenkeeping profession. A 75th Anniversary Committee co-chaired by GCSANC Director, Brian Morris, CGCS and Brian Bagley has formed and held its first meeting. Thanks to Superintendent Terry Grasso and General Manager Tom Schunn, Sequoyah Golf & Country Club will host our 75th Anniversary Meeting on October 15, 2007.

Chapter members gather at the Villages G&CC for a planning session in preparation for the GCSANC’s 75th Anniversary Celebration slated for October. Standing: Ken Williams, Barbara Mikel, Jason Green, Chris Mains, Pete Bowman, Brian Bagley, Dave Davies Seated: Gary Carls, Myrtle Wagoner, Cliff Wagoner, Terry Grasso, Bob Costa