

# WEST COAST TURF HEADS SOUTH OF THE BORDER

*Full Service Sod Nursery Now Open Near La Paz, Mexico*

By Danielle Marman

West Coast Turf is pleased to announce the formation of West Coast Turf de Mexico. West Coast Turf de Mexico is a full service sod nursery offering custom sod production, complete turf installation, and hydroseeding/stolonizing services. It is located in Los Planes, BCS, Mexico, near La Paz.

"This nursery will immediately service our newest golf course project in Mexico, a Tom Doak course called Bay of Dreams or "Bahia de los Suenos" built on the bay bearing the same name," said West Coast Turf de Mexico spokesperson, Tom Stafford. "We're growing Sea Spray seashore paspalum. It is the ideal grass for this area, as it's extremely salt tolerant, and does well in warm and coastal climates. It has a wide range of mowing heights so it can be used for several different applications. Sea Spray is also the only seashore paspalum available

commercially as both seed and sod. Because it can be seeded it gives us some flexibility, and we don't have to deal with the logistic issues that might happen when shipping sprigs into Mexico."

"This new sod nursery can support the growing demand for turf from both the golf and landscape markets in Baja," he added.

This is not the first project in Mexico for West Coast Turf. Other projects include Querencia, Cabo del Sol, Cabo San Lucas Country Club, Cabo Real, and Palmilla Golf Club.

"We did a lot down here in the '90's. We're pretty excited to be back in Mexico—especially with this new seashore

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paspalum variety and our experienced installation crews. We've been here before, and have worked with a lot of the builders and contractors already so there aren't too many surprises. There is definitely a need for high quality sod and grassing services in Baja, and we're glad to be able to fill that need," Stafford said.

West Coast Turf is a full service sod grower and installer with six Western U.S. locations: Palm Desert, CA; Las Vegas, NV; Stevenson, CA; Winchester, CA; San Marcos, CA, and Tempe, AZ. Sister companies Western Sod and Western Sere (hydroseeding, hydrostolonizing, and native revegetation) are also located in Tempe, AZ.

West Coast Turf de Mexico is located in Los Planes, BCS, Mexico. The companies offer more than 20 different varieties of turfgrasses, along with services such as world-wide shipping and expert installation. For more information visit [www.westcoastturf.com](http://www.westcoastturf.com) or call 800/447-1840 ext. 301.

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fun in the previous sentence, as that is what the committee is really trying to bring back to the events. The golf venues are spectacular and conditions promise to be excellent for the players. Seeing all the thought and effort that gets devoted to these golf events on our behalf by GCSAA staff is amazing. It makes me proud to be a member.

So flip your calendars forward and mark the dates! We too have some really fun events on the horizon, the Cliff and Myrtle Wagoner Scholarship and Research Tournament, the Institute, the Annual Meeting, and the Gulf Shores GCSAA Championship. Somehow the passage of time does not seem near as daunting when viewed with these events in mind.