

April 28th, 2021 Turf Breakout Questionnaire Responses

These are responses collected from a questionnaire distributed during the August 4, 2020, Turf Breakout Meeting.

(*Note: Different colors are different responses)

ADWR presented two proposal packages - one described in the February 24, 2021 meeting, and an additional one described in the April 28, 2021 meeting. Which proposal package do you prefer?

April

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February

Please explain your answer above.

Neither. There needs to be a focus on HOA managed landscape. Golf and Municipal employees are the most educated and experienced turf and irrigation users. HOA's hire landscape companies with little to no knowledge of proper water management.

The April meeting is the only meeting I was able to attend

If I have to choose one of the proposals above, I choose April. I understand that April is somewhat of a compromise by ADWR, great, wow you really came to the table. I do not understand the urgency to rush a 2025 policy!!! As you mentioned this is the last management plan, why not get it right?? You are driven by statute, not science. Data in all aspects is flawed because of its ability to be manipulated. Clearly, a tactic in this all.

Neither! we need to come to a better compromise

The February plan is more equitable for the larger turf properties. Some of our properties were never designed for only 90 acres of turf. We are currently working on reducing our acreage. The cost is close to \$40,000 per acre. To get all our courses down to 90 acres before 2025 it would cost us over \$8,000,000, and that doesn't include the irrigation changes needed to the turf. Every place the condo's in our area remove turf they lose over 50% of their mature trees.

I do not endorse either plan. There are still some longstanding and fundamental issues we need to work together on. The 3MP was short-sighted and made some significant mistakes which we were not given the opportunity to correct with the 4MP. This 5MP is our collective chance to correct those errors made over 20 years ago and build a better structure that will achieve the ultimate goal of water conservation (in the real-world and not just on paper). Please understand that the golf industry remains committed to solving these problems with the Department. I hope you consider another meeting in order to give the industry a fair chance to voice different perspectives and offer solutions. The representatives of the Alliance had to yield their time at the previous meeting and would also appreciate time to speak in the next meeting. Given the errors of the past, and the uncertainty of the future it is imperative that we work collaboratively to build a plan that achieves both sustainable and actual water conservation

This information was gathered by the Arizona Department of Water Resources.

Do you have any other questions/comments not addressed above?

I manage a small nine hole course that is only 11.7 acres. we use effluent water unless the effluent plant experiences a breakdown. We then must order ground water from the city of Florence. How do I come up with a plan for this tiny course? I have been at this course since February 2020, and came from Washington where we had no water shortages!

Can you provide more clarity in the next meeting on effluent credits/adjustments as well as water quality adjustments. Can we also have that added to the calculators you have developed?

We need to go back to the drawing board. The scientific data that the golf industry has provided to ADWR have been blatantly overlooked! This is wrong!

There should have been a "neither" option for the first question.