



Draft 5MP Turf Regulatory Language

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I am writing to communicate my support for the current turf 5th Management Plan proposal that was discussed at the August 17, 2021 turf meeting and subsequently shared with stakeholders. As the Superintendent of the Paradise Valley Country Club and a member of the Arizona Alliance for Golf, I've been grateful for the Department's willingness to engage with industry and have collaborative conversations as we seek to find the best way to equitably balance impact for future conservation requirements. As the Superintendent of a larger acreage golf course, I believe the construct that's been developed will help incent turf removal and replacement, and the establishment of the turf conversion grant program will help offset the costs associated with turf removal. The grant program combined with the variance and administrative review processes provide the tools necessary to assist larger acreage courses with meeting the regulatory requirements in the draft management plan.

I will continue to be at the table for these conversations and work constructively with the Department, and I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the plan. While the 5th Management Plan will be challenging, I believe that the most recent proposal best balances conservation impacts among a large and diverse industry.

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