

## Turf Talk

### **SOME OF THE ITEMS/ANSWERS THAT CAN BE FOUND IN THIS WEEK'S "TURF TALK":**

- Why do we have to do water conservation?
- What impact will water conservation have on the course?
- How can you, the golfer, help?

### **Turf Talk: Let's Talk WATER, the requirements, and the impact!**

Water Conservation is key to the future:

- The Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) has mandated a reduction in the annual water allotment for the golf courses and the Community Common area irrigation. The current allotment for SLHOA2 is 1,409 Ac-ft / year. On January 1, 2023, the allotment will be adjusted downward to 1,286 Ac-ft/year. This is part of the 4<sup>th</sup> AMA (Active Management Area) Plan. There is a consideration for leaching requirements for facilities that have Total Soluble Salts (TSS) over 1000ppm. The TSS at SLHOA2 is 1600ppm. The additional water for leaching of salts has not been determined.
- In 2025, the 5<sup>th</sup> AMA plan will be enacted. There is nothing definitive yet, but initial conversations are that there will not be any further reductions for golf....we'll see.
- **Understand, managing water under the consideration of the new mandates will be a challenge.** Depending on rain events, some of the lake levels during the summer may not be at normally expected levels. There will be an increase in challenges of turf conditions during TRANSITION. The areas outside the fairways – greens - green complexes - tees will take even lower priority when considering nightly irrigation cycles.

#### **How can our Membership help ....**

- Please limit traffic on turf, be conscious of where you are driving – stay away from the greens, tees, and other higher priority areas
- Please do not drive carts around the green complex
- Please maintain an unbending attitude toward only two carts per 4-some
- Lastly, please be diligent & respectful to CART PATH ONLY holes, avoid high traffic areas ON-OFF fairways

**Tune in next week as we talk Bunkers!**