



Information Advisory In Support of the Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort Courses January 27, 2022



Innovative Use of Water

The Desert Water Agency (DWA) can recycle up to 10 million gallons a day of treated sewage, provided by the City of Palm Springs wastewater treatment plant. In return, DWA distributes the recycled water back to the city for irrigation on Palm Springs public golf courses, properties, parks and schools. The Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort uses 100% recycled water. Although unsuitable for consumption, the recycled water is filled with minerals, reducing the amount of fertilizer needed on the courses.

Source: <https://dwa.org/about-us/water-supply/recycled-water/>



The Thriving Sport of Golf

According to the National Golf Association, the number of people who played on a golf course for the first time in 2020 hit a new record: **3 million**. The industry has had **seven** straight years with more than **2 million** beginners. In total there were about 502 million rounds of golf played on golf courses throughout the U.S. in 2020. This reflected an **increase** of at almost **14%** in U.S. rounds-played over 2019, despite more than half of the courses in the country being temporarily closed due to the coronavirus. **3.1 million** Juniors played golf on a course in 2020, remaining relatively stable in relation to recent years. With 90,000 rounds played in 2021, the municipal Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort exhibits the thriving sport of golf.

Source: <https://www.ngf.org/golf-industry-research>



Slow Death of an Assembly Bill

AB 672 is suffering the death of a thousand cuts. Its major setback occurred on 01/20/22, where it failed to pass the Appropriations Committee. The bill would have removed municipal golf courses from the protections of the Public Park Preservation Act and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), making it easier for a City Council to rezone its golf courses to residential use and approve dense housing developments. The bill ignored the positive economic and aesthetic effects that municipal golf courses have on cities, such as Palm Springs, and how the public can use much of the land surrounding the courses for numerous leisurely activities, as seen on the Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort courses.

Source: <https://californiaglobe.com/articles/bill-to-convert-municipal-golf-courses-to-affordable-housing-killed-in-assembly-committee/>

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