




**Cactus & Pine GCSA  
Regulatory Update**

March 3, 2016  
McDowell Mountain Golf Club





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**Arizona House Bill 2281**

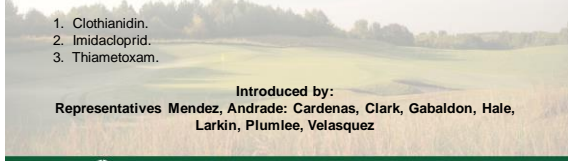

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Title 3, chapter 2, article 5, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 3-357, to read:

3-357. Prohibited pesticides  
It is unlawful for a person to sell or use any of the following pesticides in this state:

1. Clothianidin.
2. Imidacloprid.
3. Thiametoxam.

**Introduced by:**  
**Representatives Mendez, Andrade: Cardenas, Clark, Gabaldon, Hale, Larkin, Plumlee, Velasquez**


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**Meeting with Arizona Representative Paul Gosar**





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### Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Update

- August 28, 2015 – EPA & Army Corp of Engineers implemented new WOTUS rule placing nearly all bodies of water under federal jurisdiction.
- October 9, 2015 – United States Court of Appeals for the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit temporarily blocked the implementation of the new rule.
- Currently, 31 states including Arizona have filed legal action at the federal or circuit court level seeking to completely halt the rule.
- On February 22, 2016 it was determined that the Court of Appeals for the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit would be the proper court to review the merits of the rule.
- Appeals could be filed on the above decision further lengthening the process.

**Bottom Line – The nationwide stay of the WOTUS rule continues which is positive news for the golf industry.**




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### GCSAA on Capitol Hill



**Robert Helland**  
GCSAA Director of Congressional and Federal Affairs

- Hired in August of 2015
- GCSAA is the only formal golf organization with a federal lobbying presence on Capitol Hill
- Bob's responsibility is to monitor daily activity at the federal level that could have an impact on the golf industry and lobby on behalf of GCSAA members and facilities.
- Bob provides updates to members via the quarterly Government Relations webinar available at [gcsaa.org](http://gcsaa.org).

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### GCSAA Grassroots Ambassadors

- Pairing of a GCSAA member (Class A, B, C) with all 535 members of Congress by 2018
- We currently have 249 Ambassadors enrolled in the program
- The goal of the program is to build and maintain relationships with the assigned Representative or Senator
- 1 hour time commitment monthly with 3-4 hours during the August Congressional Recess
- Gives members a chance to learn about GCSAA government relations efforts and the inner workings of the United States Congress.
- Arizona currently has 5 of 11 positions filled and we are still seeking volunteers for AZ districts 1,2,3,7,9 and Senator Jeff Flake.

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### National Golf Day

#### May 18, 2016, Washington D.C.

- Golf's leaders will meet with Members of Congress, the Executive Branch and federal agencies to discuss golf's economic, environmental and health benefits.
- CMAA, GCSAA, NGCOA, PGA of America, PGA TOUR, USGA and numerous other allied associations will be represented.
- Focus will be on water management and conservation, WOTUS, pesticide regulations, nutrient management, labor/immigration and the value of golf.



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### GCSAA/Golf Industry – November Elections

- Elected officials determine laws and regulations particularly in regards to our industries environmental regulations and taxes.
- The golf industry has historically leaned Republican.
- At the current time, GCSAA does not take a position of support in regards to political candidates at national, regional or local levels.
- The possibility of hedging 2020 presidential elections is being discussed. Identify candidates to cultivate; pick a winner, but be ready to work with the other candidate; develop best intelligence on all important races.
- Potential to form a political action committee to expand our brand and influence.
- As an association should we become more politically active to advance our interests?



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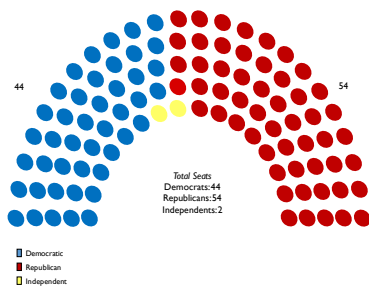
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### 114th Congress: Republicans Control Senate 54-46



Source: National Journal Research; CNN Election Center; Associated Press; NBC News.

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**Questions?**

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