

# El Caballero Country Club Transforms Landscape with Sustainable, Water-Saving Hybrid Bermuda Turf



**Water Savings Incentive Program**

**CaseStudy**

El Caballero Country Club - Tarzana, CA

## IMPACT

**28**

million gallons per year in water savings

**33%**

reduction in water usage

**\$269k**

in utility incentives



El Caballero Hole 5



## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

El Caballero Country Club undertook a strategic initiative to reduce water consumption and enhance playability on its golf course designed by renowned architect Robert Trent Jones Sr.

The project is helping to showcase the course's stunning California scenery, and includes replacing cool-season turf with drought-tolerant, warm-season hybrid Bermuda grass – known for its excellent year-round playability. Additional improvements incorporated high-efficiency irrigation equipment and installation of vibrant, low-water-use plants for a cohesive California “ranch” look and feel. The results were remarkable: a 33% reduction in water use, saving 28 million gallons in 2023 alone.

Beyond the significant utility savings, the improvements also increased member satisfaction as El Caballero is now better positioned to withstand future droughts and rising water costs.

In collaboration with Southern California Golf Association, and with incentives from Metropolitan Water District, El Caballero proved that golf courses can successfully reduce their water footprint while enhancing course quality and members' experience.

## PROJECT BENEFITS

- Demonstrates commitment to water efficiency, aligned with El Caballero's commitment to equity and environmental stewardship
- Improves year-round course quality and playability
- Increases member satisfaction, activity, and pride
- Boosts resilience to droughts and weather variability



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