



**Supplemental Material
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For

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Item #25: Audubon Certification

- a. Document entitled "Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program Certification for Golf Courses" submitted to the City Council by the Director of the Convention, Culture and Leisure Department.

Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program (ACSP) Certification for Golf Courses

1. Audubon International in cooperation with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) developed the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program, offering a certification program that assists golf courses focus on the best methods to protect the environment, improve efficiency, and minimize potentially harmful impacts of golf operations.
2. The cost to the City is the \$150.00 per facility to join the ACSP and the manpower to implement the program.
3. ACSP improves the practice of golf course management. Course certification demonstrates our leadership as stewards of the environment. The City courses can achieve certification by implementing environmental management practices in the areas shown below:
 - a. Environmental Planning
 - b. Wildlife and Habitat Management
 - c. Chemical Use Reduction and Safety
 - d. Water Conservation
 - e. Water Quality Management
 - f. Outreach and Education
4. All of our City golf courses are involved with the program and have been certified in the first phase of the program, Environmental Planning. They are currently working on the other five phases of the program and expect to be fully certified by Oct 2008.
5. Of the 16,000 golf courses in the United States only 623 (4%) courses are fully certified. In the Sacramento region there are two courses that have achieved full certification, Mather Field and Del Paso Country Club.
6. What are the benefits of being certified? Most importantly obtaining certification demonstrates the demonstrated leadership as a steward of the environment and helps gain recognition for your efforts. For a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary, you will receive:
 - a. Media press releases highlighting your environmental conservation efforts
 - b. An Audubon Fine Art Print to display at the property distinguishing you as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary.
 - c. Most importantly, regional, national and international recognition as an environmental leader.