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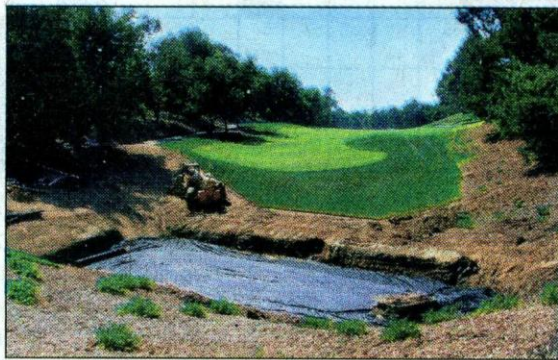
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The 504-acre Resort at Pelican Hill luxury hotel and golf course in Newport Coast has been honored by a national magazine for its water management, conservation and other green touches.

Pelican Hill was one of three national resorts to earn Golf Magazine's Eco-friendly Green Hall of Fame Award. The award is part of the monthly magazine's 2012-2013 Premier Golf Resorts lists.

The other resorts honored were the Bandon Dunes Golf Resort in Bandon, Ore., and Kingsmill Resort & Spa in Williamsburg, Va.

"There are a select few properties that lead the way in resource conservation and protection," wrote Joe Passov,



RESORT AT PELICAN HILL

Golf Magazine's senior editor in a Green Resort Awards story on **Golf.com**, the magazine's website.

Pelican Hill was honored for its water-management system, its protection and restoration of coastal sage scrub, and its use of grasses and plants to help save more than 50 million gallons of water a year.

"We have a quest for future sustainability," said Steve Friedlander, vice president of golf for the Irvine Co., which owns Pelican Hill.

When The Resort at Pelican Hill was built in 2007 and 2008,

**An underground drainage system helps Pelican Hill save more than 50 million gallons of water a year.**

water is used on the golf courses and landscaping.

On Hole 12 of the Ocean South course, a water-diversion system captures runoff from a portion of the golf course, as well as from Pacific Coast Highway and two nearby Newport Coast neighborhoods.

The water is sent to the city of Newport Beach's water reclamation station, rather than working its way to the ocean.

Pelican Hill worked with Orange County Coastkeeper, a Costa Mesa-based nonprofit group that works to protect oceans and other bodies of water, on the design of its water-management system, which has been called a model for the state.

Pelican Hill is ranked California's top Golf Resort by Condé Nast Traveler magazine readers, and both of the resort's golf courses, the Ocean North and Ocean South, are among Golf Digest's ranking of America's 100 Greatest Public Golf Courses.

Irvine Co. Resort Properties closed the two golf courses and implemented an advanced water-management system.

The system uses five cisterns - underground concrete tombs - that can capture and hold 1.2 million gallons of rain and runoff water. The cisterns are designed to capture the first inch or so of rainwater, which is the most contaminated by ground pollution.

Pelican Hill's sprinkler system monitors temperature, humidity and other weather factors to determine how much watering is needed. Reclaimed