



**Partnering with Nature:
North Ranch Country Club Turf
Reduction Project conserves
water and encourages establishment
of native plant species**

Located in the hills northwest of Los Angeles, North Ranch Country Club’s Ted Robinson-designed golf course consists of three distinct nines, and is both challenging and beautiful. North Ranch is known for fostering an optimistic, welcoming culture that respects tradition and inspires innovation.

Encouraged by California state turf reduction criteria and water agency incentives, grounds managers at North Ranch seized the opportunity to enhance the inherent beauty of the surrounding landscape, and reduce water consumption by planting out of play areas with native species of shrubs, wildflowers, accent plants, and grasses. To ensure that the vegetation would meet the Metropolitan Water District and local water agencies’ strict criteria for such an extensive scheme, North



Ranch management turned to Stover Seed specialists to select species that would flourish in the environment, provide a varied spectrum of color, and be appropriate in scale.

North Ranch was the first course in this region to take on such a large renovation under the turf reduction program and has become the model for others not just in California but across the country. It has been featured in Golf Course Management magazine and other publications.

Wildflower seed mixtures recommended by Stover consultants display both warm and cool colors, the native grass and shrub plantings complement the contours of the terrain and provide appropriate counterpoints to existing trees and plants.

Ryan Bentley, Golf Course Superintendent for North Ranch Country Club shares his experience with Stover Seed, and his perspective on the turf reduction project: “Working with Stover seed has been an excellent experience. Throughout the project Stover has been a real part of the team. First working with us to develop the best seed mixes for our application. Not only were we concerned with water conservation, there were addi-

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Grassland Seed Mix (20 Acres of coverage)
Botanical Name
Aristida Purpurea
Bouteloua Curtipendula
Bouteloua Gracilis
Poa Scabella / Secunda
Koeleria Macrantha
Deschampsia ces V Holciformis



tional challenges with creating the right seed mixtures to meet the standards of the California turf reduction and Metropolitan Water District / local water agencies' rebate incentive programs, and Stover helped us meet those challenges."

Ryan continues: "There are many benefits to the naturalization project at North Ranch CC. The most obvious being water conservation, then the improved aesthetics, and enhancement of the current golf course design. The other significant improvements include increased habitat and plant diversity for pollinators, birds, and other fauna. Overall we view this project as an improvement extending well beyond the golf course. This project benefits our surrounding watershed and community."

At Stover Seed, our experts provide technical seed support on a wide range of native species. We can help you reduce water consumption and enhance out of play areas. We welcome your inquiries.



Bouteloua curtipendula

Discover why prominent landscape designers, grounds managers and golf course superintendents choose to work with the specialists at Stover Seed.

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