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ON THE COVER: Because of the ongoing event schedule at San Diego Jack Murphy, shown here on the morning of a Chargers game, renovation procedures are performed year-round. Photo courtesy: Steve Wightman.
(Inset) Catch cans set up in park to gauge irrigation distribution.
Photo courtesy: Kurt Mengel.