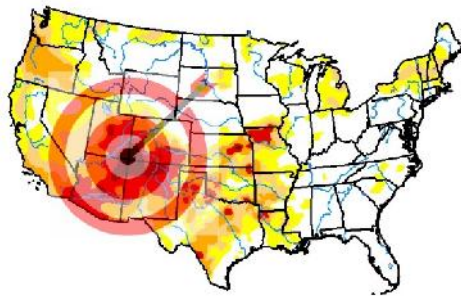




"The Voice of Water Quality in the Arid West"

WESTCAS 2018 Fall Conference
October 22-24, 2018
Crowne Plaza Phoenix Airport Hotel
Phoenix, AZ

"Living in the Bullseye of Drought"



Please accept this WESTCAS invitation to participate in our 2018 Fall Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. Current drought maps tell a familiar story, and the latest drought projections may mean a shortage declaration on the Colorado River is right around the corner. Our agenda includes state and federal perspectives on what is being done to prevent and prepare for this historic event. The conference work session is an opportunity to provide input on legislative issues important to your agency for the next Congress. Sharing our understandings about the relationships between drought, water quality, and forest management is another way to prepare for future challenges providing water related services in the Arid West.

~Steve Bigley, President, WESTCAS

Phoenix



Phoenix is red rocks, blue sky and golden sunshine. Phoenix is mountain trails and city lights. Phoenix is palm-canopied resorts and mural-adorned streetscapes. Phoenix is the cosmopolitan urban heart of Arizona.

For those who like the great outdoors, the Sonoran Desert is a great place to play and is home to the kind of cactus most people only see in cartoons. The majestic saguaro, found in no other desert in the world, can grow as tall as 50 feet and live as long as 200 years. And you don't necessarily need hiking boots or a mountain bike to see one: Professional outfitters are happy put adventurous sightseers in the saddle of a horse, the seat of a Jeep, the basket of a hot-air balloon or the harness of a glider.

A highlight of any visit to Phoenix is the area's rich arts-and-culture environment. Performances at a multitude of theaters, concert halls and cultural centers are constant attractions, while art and history lovers can flock to a diverse group of fascinating museums.

When the business day ends, the fun begins in downtown Phoenix. This is where you'll find sports arenas, live music, rooftop lounges, museums, theaters, art galleries and more than 100 restaurants. City Scape, a two-block concentration of restaurants, bars, and fashion retailers, is home to an urban-chic bowling alley, a dance club and arcade, a live-music venue with 60 beers on tap, and a comedy theater and supper club. Pro sports are almost always afoot at Talking Stick Resort Arena (formerly known as US Airways Center and home of the Phoenix Suns and Phoenix Mercury) or Chase Field (home of the Arizona Diamondbacks), and Roosevelt Row is the place to go for coffee shops, art-house movies and First Friday Art Walks. And it's all served by one of the newest light rail systems in the nation.

HOTEL INFORMATION



Crowne Plaza Phoenix Airport Hotel, 4300 E. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85034 - 602-273-7778

WESTCAS has reserved a block of rooms at the Crowne Plaza Phoenix Airport Hotel for the nights of Sunday, October 21st through Wednesday, October 24th. The WESTCAS group rate is \$139.00 per room per night for single or double occupancy. Room tax is 12.57%. **For room reservations please call 1-855-729-6011 and identify yourself with the WESTCAS group no later than Wednesday, September 28th. You can also make reservations on-line at:**

[Crowne Plaza Phoenix Airport Hotel](#)

Reservations made after September 28th are not guaranteed the group rate and are on a space available basis only. Check in time is 3:00PM MST; Check out time is 12:00noon MST. **Please note that your sleeping room rate includes the following *complimentary* amenities:**

- Full Express Breakfast for up to two people per room per day
- 24 Hour Airport Shuttle – **Please call the hotel at 602-273-7778 after retrieving your baggage**
- Valet Parking for Registered Guests with in/out privileges
- Wireless Internet Access throughout the property
- 24 Hour Fitness Center
- 24 Hour Business Center

The hotel is located one mile from the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. A PHX Sky Train stop is directly in front of the hotel. A Valley Light-Rail is also in front of the hotel. You can easily go to the Downtown Phoenix, Tempe on the light-rail. Its central location offers a quick and easy way to enjoy downtime options such as:

Pueblo Grande Archeology Museum - 1 block
Phoenix Zoo - 3 miles
Tempe (Mill Avenue) - 4 miles
Stellar Adventures - 4 miles
Arizona Diamondbacks (Chase Field) - 5 miles
Talking Stick Resort Arena - 5 miles

Papago Golf Course - 2.5 miles
Desert Botanical Garden - 4
Arizona Mills Outlet Mall - 4 miles
Arizona State University - 5 miles
Downtown Phoenix - 5 miles
Heard Museum - 5 miles

WESTCAS 2018 FALL CONFERENCE PROGRAM AGENDA

“Living in the Bullseye of Drought”

Monday, October 22

Time	Speaker/Event
3:00 pm	Associates Meeting
4:00 pm	WESTCAS Board Meeting
6:30 pm	WESTCAS Welcome – Informal Gathering in Crowne Lounge.
7:00 pm	Dinner At Your Leisure

Tuesday, October 23

Time	Speaker/Event
8:00 am	Registration Opens – Morning Coffee
8:30 am	Welcome – Steve Bigley, President, WESTCAS
8:45 am	Hicks-Ray Associates & Legislative Committee Work Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington DC 2019 Action Plan • WRDA Reauthorization • Key FY19 Appropriations bills and their legislative status • REPAIR Act potential in the current Congress and in the next. • Highlights and strategies for reauthorization of the Title XVI Water Reuse Program. • Proposal of USACE to transfer its Section 404 permitting program to the States
10:15 am	Break
10:30 am	Colorado River Drought – Update on the State of the System and Lake Mead Operations Dan Bunk, River Operations Manager, Boulder Canyon Operations Office, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
11:30 am	State Reports – CA, NM, TX
12:00 pm	Hosted Lunch Hosted by the Coachella Valley Water District Drought: A Perspective on the Business of Agriculture Tom Davis, President, Agribusiness & Water Council of Arizona
1:30 pm	Collaborative Forest Landscapes Restoration Program - Four Forest Restoration Initiative(4FRI) Dick Fleishman, Operation Coordinator, 4FRI, Coconino National Forest
2:15 pm	The Living River Project: A Template for Assessing Environmental Project Impacts Eric Wieduwilt, Deputy Director of Technical Services & Engineering Jim Dubois, Permit & Regulatory Compliance Officer Pima County Wastewater Reclamation Department
3:15 pm	Break
3:30 pm	Legal Update Scott Miller, Esq. Patrick, Miller, Noto, P.C.
4:15 pm	Communicating in A Social Media World: How to Instantly Gain Credibility Laura Raun, President, Laura Raun Public Relations
5:15 pm	Hosted Reception

Wednesday, October 24

Time	Speaker/Event
8:00 am	Registration Opens-Morning Coffee
8:30 am	Welcome – Steve Bigley, President - WESTCAS
8:45 am	<p>Arizona Water Quality Regulatory Update Krista Osterberg, Surface Water Section Manager, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AZ Primacy UIC Program • AZ General Discharge Permit • Construction Discharge GP • Multi-Sector Discharge GP • Pesticide Discharge GP • Perfluorooctane Sulfonate - PFOS
9:30 am	<p>WESTCAS Regulatory Updates Jim Kudlinski, WESTCAS Regulatory Chair Supervisor, Environmental Field Services, Salt River Project</p>
10:00 am	<p>Insights and Perspectives - “How to Utilize the Arid West Water Quality Research Project Data & Findings” Dr. Mark Murphy, Sr. Water Resource Scientist, NV5-Technical Engineering & Consulting Solutions</p>
10:45 am	Break
11:00 am	<p>Status of the National Water Quality Monitoring Council Jim Dorsch, Water Quality Officer, Metropolitan (Denver) Wastewater Reclamation Facility</p>
11:45 am	State Reports – AZ, CO, NV
12:15 pm	<p>Hosted Lunch Regional Look at Western Water Grady Gammage, Senior Research Fellow, Morrison Institute for Public Policy, Arizona State University</p>
1:30 pm	<p>Drought Contingency Plan Briefing Tom Buschatze, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources Ted Cooke, General Manager, Central Arizona Project</p>
2:30 pm	<p>Adapting to Extreme Heat in the Urban Areas of the Desert Southwest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Heat Island Impacts on People & Environment • Adaptive Management of Water, Trees and Shade <p>Marie Light, Program Manager, Pima County Department of Environmental Quality</p>
3:15 pm	Break
3:30 pm	<p>Hicks-Ray Associates: WESTCAS Washington Follow UP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 115th/116th Congress – Control of the House/Senate • Impacts of unprecedented number of retirements including Committee Chairs: Who's in the wings to take over? • What are the Impacts to Water Policy • Lame Duck Session Begins November 6, 2018 • Opportunities to advance the WESTCAS agenda for the Arid West
4:00 pm	Steve Bigley, President, WESTCAS – Final Remarks & Adjournment

REGISTRATION FORM

WESTCAS 2018 Fall Conference – October 22 – 24, 2018 – Phoenix, AZ

One form per person. If you are paying by check, please copy and mail to Dawn Moore, WESTCAS Administrative Office, 1810 Wynthrop Manor Drive, Marietta, GA 30064. Checks should be payable to WESTCAS. If paying by credit card, please see the link on the Events page at www.westcas.org.

Attendee name (as it is to appear on the name badge): _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Do you have any dietary restrictions/preferences? If so, please note here: _____

Registration Types and Fees

	Early	Late	
	<u>By Oct. 9</u>	<u>After Oct.9</u>	<u>Amount</u>

Package Registration: Includes Two Hosted Lunches, One Hosted Reception, all breaks and conference materials.

Member Package Registration	\$550.00	\$575.00	\$ _____
Non-Member Package Registration	\$575.00	\$600.00	\$ _____
Emeritus Member Package Registration	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$ _____
First-Time/Non-Member Attendee/Water Agency/District Package Registration*	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$ _____
One Day – Member - Tuesday only	\$300.00	\$325.00	\$ _____
One Day – Non-Member-Tuesday only	\$325.00	\$350.00	\$ _____
One Day – Member – Wednesday only	\$300.00	\$325.00	\$ _____
One Day – Non-Member-Wednesday only	\$325.00	\$350.00	\$ _____
Student Package Registration**	\$150.00**	\$150.00**	\$ _____
Student – Tuesday Only Registration**	\$ 75.00**	\$ 75.00**	\$ _____
Student – Wednesday Only Registration**	\$ 75.00**	\$ 75.00**	\$ _____
Guest/Spouse Lunch Ticket-Tuesday	\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00	\$ _____
Guest/Spouse Reception Ticket- Tuesday	\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00	\$ _____
Guest/Spouse Lunch Ticket- Wednesday	\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00	\$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

WESTCAS Refund Policy: WESTCAS will offer a full refund of your registration fee if your registration is canceled in writing no later than October 17, 2018. Cancellations received after October 17, 2018 will not receive a refund. Cancellations must be received by WESTCAS via e-mail at www.westcas@westcas.org or via fax to 770-518-1959.

*You must be with a non-member water agency or district and this must be your first time attending a WESTCAS Conference in the past 10 years.

**You must be currently enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student and provide a current/valid student ID card.