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WESTCAS URGES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PASS H.R. 720, THE WATER QUALITY FINANCING ACT OF 2007

Dorothy O'Brien the Western Coalition of Arid States (WESTCAS) Legislative Chair, called for Western Members of Congress to support H.R. 720, the Water Quality Financing Act of 2007 when it comes to the floor of the House of Representatives this week. "The rapid population growth in the arid West, the increasing demand for water, the age of the existing infrastructure, the need for more sophisticated and expensive treatment processes and the demographics of the arid West population make this reauthorization long overdue." O'Brien stated. "This legislation will bring many benefits to each of our member states with new projects and activities being eligible for funding", she further noted.

"We strongly encourage Congress to move forward and build on this important first step with the development of a long-term, sustainable Clean Water funding program given the ongoing shortfalls that were identified in the House Transportation and Infrastructure hearing process" O'Brien further stated. "We look forward to working with our partners in the water community, the states and Congress on a funding solution that renews this country's Clean Water Infrastructure and ensures continued protection of public health and the environment for the future", O'Brien concluded.

WESTCAS is a coalition of approximately 125 water and wastewater agencies, cities and towns, and professional associates focused on water quality and quantity issues in the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon and Texas.

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