



# washington dc update

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## WESTCAS Infrastructure Funding Workshop in Phoenix

On Thursday, February 23, WESTCAS members from Texas, California, New Mexico, Arizona, and Colorado gathered in Phoenix for a one day work session. Carollo Engineers acted as very generous hosts for the meeting. We have attached photos so you can see your colleagues hard at work.

The purpose of the workshop was to begin drafting a WESTCAS policy statement that:

- Seeks to preserve and grow current Federal water resources appropriations for the EPA SRF program, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Corps of Engineers.
- Attempts to identify how the non-government investment community can become a much bigger player in helping to finance water infrastructure.
- Documents to the Federal sector the impact of regulatory compliance costs on water infrastructure spending.

Based on the discussion which went on from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM last Thursday, a final one page document, supplemented by a longer presentation will be finalized and distributed to the Congress and Federal agencies during the WESTCAS DC retreat which has been tentatively scheduled for the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>.

The draft document that will become the final document will be circulated to all WESTCAS members. We ask that you review this document and that you forward your thoughts and suggestions for the final product.



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