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TO: WESTCAS Membership

FROM: Fred B. Hicks and Tom Ray

SUBJECT: **Wishing You a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year**

Since this is the last regular work day of 2012 for many, we wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for being a part of WESTCAS and to wish you all a Happy New Year.

If it makes you feel any better as you enjoy this holiday weekend, the President returned from his Hawaii vacation yesterday along with the Senate which went back into session. The House will join them on Sunday as they all work to try and avoid going over the fiscal cliff. You may not feel sorry for the Members of Congress or the President, but as you enjoy parties, football, etc. please do give a thought to the Congressional staffers whose holidays ended early.

We hope you have received the notice of the WESTCAS Regulatory-Legislative Forum on February 19 and 20. Dawn Moore tells us that people are already registering for this event and we hope you will as well. This is an opportunity for WESTCAS to come together, identify key regulatory and legislative issues that affect the Arid West, and then combine them into a Federal outreach strategy.

We need your input, as a WESTCAS member, for this exercise to be truly productive. With issues ranging from the impact of an anticipated flood of regulations to the reauthorization of major water resource legislation and the implementation of the Bureau of Reclamation's Colorado River Study, there is no shortage of topics. The essential ingredient is your expertise and vision as a WESTCAS member.

The only guarantee is that this process and the challenges before us won't be boring.

Special thanks to our friends at Carollo Engineers in Phoenix who are once again hosting the Reg-Leg conference.

**We look forward to working with all of you in 2013.
Happy New Year!**

