

WESTCAS 16TH ANNUAL MEETING

“WATER POLICY FOR THE WEST IN A CLIMATE OF CHANGE”

JUNE 25-27, 2008

KONA KAI RESORT
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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WESTCAS

“The Voice of Water Quality In the Arid West”

Join us for the 16th WESTCAS Annual Meeting June 25-27, 2008, at the Kona Kai Resort in San Diego, California. Keynote speakers will be the Honorable Robert Johnson, Commissioner, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and Dr. Timothy Quinn, Executive Director, Association of California Water Agencies. Commissioner Johnson will address “The Colorado River, a Change in the Operational Climate, New Policies,” and Dr. Quinn will focus on the new direction of environmental policy. The Honorable Grace Napolitano, Chair, House Water and Power Sub-Committee, is also invited to speak at the event.

Discussion will also include pharmaceuticals in the environment and impacts of federal and state water policy on California water supply.



This is the annual meeting and will include WESTCAS Board elections. Networking and roundtable discussion during the working committee meetings is a major component of the program. WESTCAS strives to have a strong presence in Washington, DC and in regional and state regulatory and legislative decision-making. Your participation in these meetings is vital to the progression of the support and active involvement in water and policy issues at a local, regional, and national level.

On spectacular San Diego Bay, the Kona Kai Resort is a year round resort hotel on eleven acres of lush tropical gardens situated right at the tip of Shelter Island.



Kona Kai Resort has convenient access to all major free-ways. The hotel is three miles from San Diego International Airport and just five miles from downtown.

Directions to Kona Kai Resort:

Directions from Interstate 5:

From Interstate 5 freeway South-bound, exit at Rosecrans, (209). Continue straight for three miles to a left on Shelter Island Drive. Follow the road as it bends to the right. The resort occupies 11 acres at the tip of the island. Look for the large sign just past the tennis courts.

Directions from Lindbergh Field:

From Lindbergh Field, turn right on N. Harbor Drive. Follow straight to Scott St. and turn left on Scott St. Turn left on Shelter Island Drive and follow the road as it bends to the right. The resort occupies 11 acres at the tip of the island. Look for the large sign just past the tennis courts.

Hotel Information:

The hotel has provided a special rate of \$159.00 plus tax, single or double occupancy.

The room block dates are Tuesday, June 24, 2008 through Friday, June 28, 2008.

Reservations can be made by calling the hotel at 800-566-2524.

Attendees should identify themselves as being with the WESTCAS group.

Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, June 3, 2008



Who is WESTCAS?

The Arid west has a unique ecosystem. Many months have no rain, and annual precipitation often is less than 12 inches. Consequently, it is essential to protect both the quantity and quality of water supplies. To this end, in 1992 the area's water and wastewater providers joined together to share their talents and resources, assuming the name Western Coalition of Arid States or WESTCAS. A grassroots organization, WESTCAS is dedicated to encouraging the development of water programs and regulations which assure adequate supplies of high quality water for those living in the arid regions while protecting the environment.

What does WESTCAS have to offer?

WESTCAS provides members with a powerful presence in Washington, DC and in regional and state regulatory and legislative decision-making; an effective vehicle for information exchange through meetings and publications; the opportunity to help draft federal, regional, state legislation and regulations about water quality and supply.

Who Should Belong to WESTCAS?

Water and wastewater service providers, including cities and towns, water and irrigation districts, wastewater agencies, Native American nations and others concerned with management of issues related to wastewater and water supply, such as attorneys, engineering firms and consulting firms.

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- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm **Registration**
- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm **WESTCAS Board of Directors Meeting**
- 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm **Lunch Break** (Lunch on your own)
- 1:30 pm - 2:45 pm **Opening Session:** Call to Order, Welcome,
Board Presentation: “WESTCAS and the Challenge of Change:
“Where Have We Been and Where Are We Going?”
Moderated by **Charlie Nylander, WESTCAS President**
- 2:45 pm - 3:00 pm **Refreshment Break**
- 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm **Opening Keynote Speaker: The Honorable Robert W. Johnson,**
Commissioner, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
“The Colorado River a Change in the Operational Climate-New Policies”
- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Outreach Committee Work Session:** WESTCAS Membership:
Be a Voice for the West” Moderated by **Bob Hollander,** Regulatory
Affairs Administrator, City of Phoenix, WESTCAS Vice President
- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm **Regulatory Committee Work Session:**
“Addressing Jurisdictional Change under the Clean Water Act
in the 21st Century” Moderated by **Fredric Andes, Esq.,**
Partner, Barnes & Thornburg LLP

WEDNESDAY JUNE 25, 2008



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THURSDAY JUNE 26, 2008

- 7:30 am - 4:00 pm **Registration**
- 7:30 am - 10:00 am **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 am - 8:30 am **Call to Order and Welcome,**
Charlie Nylander, WESTCAS President
- 8:30 am - 9:30 am **Federal Legislative Briefing,** Hicks-Ray Associates
- 9:00 am - 10:45 am **Legislative Committee Work Session:**
“WESTCAS Legislative Strategies a New Direction”
Moderated by **Dorothy O’Brien**, Acting Water Resource Manager,
City of Peoria, WESTCAS Board Member, and **Hicks-Ray Associates**
- 10:45 am -12:00 pm “Pharmaceuticals in the Environment”
Mary Buzby, Merck Pharmaceuticals (invited)
- 12:00 pm - 1:30pm **Luncheon: Keynote Speaker: Dr. Timothy Quinn,**
Executive Director, Association of California Water Agencies
“Environmental Policy a New Consciousness”
- 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm **WESTCAS Associates Technical Program:**
Practical Applications for Flexible Project Planning
Moderated by **Bruce Johnson**, Project Manager, CH2M Hill

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3:00 pm - 4:00 pm **Policy Committee Work Session:** “WESTCAS Recommendations for Western Water Policy In the 21st Century”
Moderated by **Charlie Nylander**, WESTCAS President

4:00 pm - 4:30 pm **Annual Meeting and State Caucus Meetings**
Election of State Directors and Members-at-Large

4:45 pm - 6:00 pm **WESTCAS Board Meeting and Election of Officers**

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm **Reception and Awards Presentation**

FRIDAY JUNE 27, 2008

8:00 am -10:00 am **Registration**

8:30 am - 9:30 am **Breakfast and Keynote Speaker, The Honorable Grace Napolitano**,
Chair, House Water and Power Sub-Committee (Invited)

9:30 am - 10:30 am **Featured Speaker: Jeff Kightlinger**, General Manager,
MWD of Southern California (Invited)
“Impacts of Federal and State Water Policy on California Water Supply”

10:30 am -11:30 am **Conference Wrap-Up Board Committee and State Reports**
Moderated by **Mary Gardner**, Littleton/Englewood Wastewater Treatment
Plant, WESTCAS Secretary

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FEES

Early Registration Deadline is June 6, 2008

Members	_____	\$250
Non-Members	_____	\$300
Non-Members (first meeting registration)	_____	\$250
Free for first time, non-member, California Agencies	_____	
Free for Students	_____	

Late Registration – After June 6, 2008

Members	_____	\$300
Non-Members	_____	\$350
Additional breakfast *	_____	\$20
Additional lunch*	_____	\$20
Conference Materials	_____	\$35

*Some meals included in registration fee: additional meals are for paid attendees' guests who would like to join us.

A member is an organization who paid their 2008 membership dues.

WESTCAS Refund Policy: It is the policy of WESTCAS to offer a full refund, minus a \$50.00 administrative fee, for conference registrations if the cancellation is made five (5) business days in advance of the date of a scheduled conference. Cancellations made after five (5) business days prior to the date of a scheduled conference will not receive a refund. Cancellations must be received by WESTCAS via mail, fax or e-mail.

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2008 WESTCAS ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

To register, please complete this form. Type or print, one registration form per person.

Photocopy as needed. Make checks payable to WESTCAS.

You may also register online by going to www.westcas.org.

Questions: Contact Donna Bloom, WESTCAS Administrative Director, at 775/626-6389.

Mail to: WESTCAS
P.O. Box 50081
Sparks, NV 89435

Name _____ Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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Will you be staying at the hotel? Yes ___ No ___ *If so, will you book under our room block?* Yes ___ No ___





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