

WESTCAS

2008 FALL CONFERENCE

Water Is Power

October 29-31, 2008
Loews Denver Hotel
Denver, CO



WESTCAS

“The Voice of Water Quality In the Arid West”

Who is WESTCAS?

Protecting the Area's Water and Environment

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, D.C. 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, and legal 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 other concerned with management of issues related to water and wastewater supply, such as attorneys, engineering firms and consulting firms.

Join us
for the WESTCAS Fall Meeting
October 29-31, 2008
at Loews Denver Hotel
Denver, Colorado

Keynote speakers will be

Clayton Palmer, Economist, Western Area Power Administration
Floyd Ciruli, Independent Pollster, Denver.

The theme of the conference is, ***“Water is Power,”*** and will focus on the myriad of water and power issues in the arid west, and how water professionals can expect to address these issues as they begin to coincide with one another in more complexity, with the many competing demands for both.

Networking and roundtable discussion will take place during the working committee meetings, and 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.



Loews Denver Hotel
4150 East Mississippi Ave.
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Reservations

The call in number for hotel reservations is (303) 782-9300 8 am-5 pm, Monday-Friday. Be sure to mention WESTCAS (Western Coalition of Arid States) to receive our negotiated government rate of \$140 per room per night.

The cut-off date is October 7, 2008.

Airport Transfer Information:

- Super Shuttle: \$21 per person each way. Super Shuttle has a desk in the rental car area at the airport. No reservation required.
- Taxi: \$65 each way plus gratuity (estimate).

Driving Directions

- Exit the Denver International Airport on Pena Blvd for 10 miles
- Take Interstate 70 West for 8 miles
- Go Left or South at the end of the Colorado Blvd Exit (#276B) for 5 miles
- Turn left on Mississippi Avenue for 1 block
- Hotel is located on the right

Featured Activity

Float above the picture-perfect Rocky Mountains in a hot air balloon. To take advantage of this breathtaking experience, call the hotel and ask to speak with the Concierge.

Points of Interest

Enjoy the convenience of Denver's top tourist attraction, the Cherry Creek Shopping District. Loews Denver Hotel complimentary shuttle service will whisk you to Cherry Creek's 400 boutiques and shops, over 50 restaurants, over 50 spas and salons and a selection of art galleries.

Other nearby attractions include the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, the eclectic Larimer Square, the Denver Zoo, the United States Mint, and Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre.

Museums

The Children's Museum, the Denver Art Museum and its new wing, the Frederic C. Hamilton Building and the Denver Museum of Nature and Science are perfect for little and big folk alike.

Sporting Events


Denver is the sports spectator's paradise, offering a host of local professional teams including the Denver Broncos (NFL), Colorado Rockies (MLB), the Nuggets (NBA), the Avalanche (NHL) and the Rapids (MLS). Other area sports include seasonal snowboarding and skiing competitions, pari-mutuel horse and greyhound racing, and the nation's largest rodeo, the Western National Stock Show.

Culture

- When in Denver, you have a wealth of choices when it comes to cultural outings. Enjoy a performance at the Buell Theatre, hum along with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra, sway in time with the Colorado Ballet, or breathe in some fresh mountain air while at a concert at the Red Rocks outdoor amphitheatre.
- Take the time to stop and smell the roses at the Denver Botanical Gardens or hang with the monkeys at the Denver Zoo.

Take advantage of all that Denver has to offer.

Loews provides complimentary shuttle service to all these attractions.



Preliminary Program

Day 1 – Wednesday, October 29, 2008:

- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm **Registration**
- 9:00 am - 11:30 am **Board of Directors Meeting and Strategy Session**
- 11:30 am - 1:00 pm **Lunch on Your Own**
- 1:00 pm - 1:15 pm **Welcome and Introductions, Charlie Nylander, WESTCAS President**
Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, Colorado River District —Things to do and see in Denver
- 1:15 pm - 2:00 pm **Opening Keynote: Clayton Palmer**, Economist, Western Area Power Administration
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm **Alternative Fuels Panel**
Moderator: Doug Daily, Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Authority
Dr. James Pritchett, Assistant Professor, Agricultural and Resource Economist Colorado State University
Dr. Neil Grigg, Colorado State University, Professor of Engineering
National Renewable Energy Laboratory—speaker to be determined
- 3:00 pm - 3:15 pm **Break**
- 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm **Policy Committee Workshop**
Charlie Nylander, Committee Chair
- 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm **Regulatory Committee Workshop**
Harlan Agnew, Committee Chair, Deputy County Attorney, Pima County Attorney's Office
- 5:15 pm **Closing Comments and Adjourn**
- Tour** - Information regarding the tour is forthcoming.



Day 2 - Thursday, October 30, 2008

7:30 am - 4:00 pm	Registration
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
8:30 am - 8:35 am	Call To Order & Welcome Charlie Nylander , WESTCAS President
8:35 am – 10:00 am	Water and Energy Panel Moderator: Ed Curley , Environmental Planning Manager, Pima County Wastewater Department Randy Rhodes , Senior Water Resources Analyst Xcel Energy, Shoshone Plant, Denver <i>Effects of Water and Power</i> Mike Hightower , Distinguished Member Technical Staff, Sandia National Laboratories Tom Plant , Colorado Governor's Energy Office Posiedon Desalination project TBD
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Hicks-Ray Associates , Legislative Update
11:00 am - 11:15 am	Break
11:15 am -12:15 pm	Legislative Committee Dorothy O'Brien , Committee Chair
12:15 pm - 1:30 pm	Luncheon Keynote: Moderator: Chris Treese , Manager, External Affairs, Colorado River District Floyd Ciruli , Independent Pollster, Denver <i>Changing Attitudes of the Public Based on Elections</i>
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Associates Spotlight Moderator: Bruce Johnson , Program Manager, CH2M Hill Engineering Jeannie Renne-Malone , HDR Engineering Brown and Caldwell Associate Highlight Project TBD



2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Outreach Committee Workshop, Robert Hollander,
Committee Chair, Compliance & Regulatory
Affairs Administrator, City of Phoenix

3:30 pm - 3:45 pm

Break

3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Legal update – Fred Andes, Esq. Partner,
Barnes & Thornburg LLP

4:15 pm - 5:15 pm

**Fireside Chat – *Elections, Politics and Regulations—
What is the Western Impact?***

Moderator, Tom Ray, Hicks-Ray Associates

Former Colorado Congressman Ray Kogovsek

Ken Kirk, Executive Director, National Association of
Clean Water Agencies

Fred Andes, Esq. Partner, Barnes & Thornburg LLP

Doug Kemper, Colorado Water Congress

5:15 pm - 6:15 pm

Board of Directors Meeting

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Associates Sponsored Reception

8:00 p.m.

Dinner on Your Own



Day 3 - Friday, October 31, 2008

7:30 am - 8:30 am **Associates Committee Meeting**

8:30 am - 10:00 am **Breakfast and Breakfast Keynote Speaker**
Moderator: Fred Hicks. Hicks-Ray Associates
Whit Van Cott, Former Commissioner Toledo Ohio

10:00 am - 11:00 am **Board Report; Committee Reports, State Reports**
Moderator, Peggy Glass, Principal,
Alan Plummer Associates, Inc.

11:00 am **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**

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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.

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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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REGISTRATION FORM

FEES

Please circle items for which you are registering.

Early Registration Deadline is October 17, 2008

Members	\$250
Non-Members	\$300
Non-Members (first meeting registration)	\$250
Free for first time, non-member, Colorado Agencies	_____
One Day Registration Members	\$125
One Day Registration Non-Members	\$150

Late Registration – After October 17, 2008

Members	\$300
Non-Members	\$350
Additional breakfast *	\$20
Additional lunch*	\$20
Conference Materials	\$35
One Day Registration Members	\$150
One Day Registration Non-Members	\$175

*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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