



# WESTCAS

The Western Coalition of Arid States

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2013

**7:30AM** Desert Room  
**Associates Committee Meeting**

**8:30AM—10:00AM** Santa Catalina Foyer  
**Registration**

**8:30AM** Ocotillo/Saguaro  
**General Session IV: Associates Spotlight Breakfast**

Moderated by Ron Williams, P.E., CH2M Hill & Jackson Jenkins, P.E., Director, Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department

Breakfast, Board Secretary's Report, and a "Pre-Opening" Field Trip to Pima County's new state-of-the-art DBO Water Reclamation Facility ---The Agua Nueva Plant. Sponsored by CH2M Hill and Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department.

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### **SAVE THE DATE:**

**WESTCAS 2014 Annual Meeting**  
**June 18-20, 2014**  
**Catamaran Resort**  
**San Diego, CA**

### **The WESTCAS Mission:** **WESTCAS strives to be:**

- The premier, grass-roots organization for providers of water, wastewater and reclaimed water services in the Arid West.
- A responsive coalition on behalf of our members and their customers.
- A reliable source of information about water quality issues to our members and the public.
- An advocate for environmentally sound management of water resources and the protection of public health.
- A contributor to policy, regulations, science, legislation, and appropriations on Arid West water quality and quantity issues.

### ***What are the goals of WESTCAS?***

*WESTCAS' members network their talents and resources to work on common issues.*

1. Advocate laws, regulations, standards, and policies that provide for environmentally sound, science-based protection and wise use of water resources in unique Arid West ecosystems.
2. Actively champion federal funding for water quality and quantity issues, programs, and infrastructure in the Arid West states.
3. Ensure **WESTCAS** remains effective as the "Voice of Water Quality in the Arid West."

## **WESTCAS** **2013 Fall Conference**

**"Sharing Insights and Opportunities---Has the Arid West Drawn the "Shortage Straw"?"**

**October 30-November 1, 2013**  
**Westward Look**  
**Wyndham Grand Resort & Spa**  
**Tucson, Arizona**



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***"The Voice of Water Quality***  
***in the Arid West"***



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## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2013

**10:00AM** **Desert Room**  
**WESTCAS Board of Directors Meeting**

**11:00AM—4:00PM** **Santa Catalina Foyer**  
**Registration**

**Lunch on your own**

**1:00PM** **Ocotillo/Saguaro**  
**Welcome**  
Ed Curley, President, WESTCAS

**1:15PM** **Ocotillo/Saguaro**  
**Keynote Speaker**  
*"Water Future"*  
Kris Polly, President, Water Strategies, LLC,  
Editor-in-Chief, *Irrigation Leader Magazine*

**2:00PM** **Ocotillo/Saguaro**  
**General Session I: Current Regulatory Issues**  
Moderated by Kelly Collins, Vice President,  
WESTCAS

- "Chromium-6 Drinking Water Standard in California"  
Steve Bigley, Environmental Services Manager, Coachella Valley Water District
- "Treatment Options for Chromium-6"  
Nicole K. Blute, Ph.D., P.E., Senior Associate, Hazen and Sawyer
- "Nutrient Impairment and Removal – the Ruidoso Experience"  
James Good, Parametrix
- "Federal Water Quality Coalition Updates"  
Harlan Agnew, Esq., Deputy County Attorney, Pima County Attorney's Office

- Regulatory Working Session - Breakout groups will focus on the following current regulatory topics:
  - Revised Ammonia Criteria  
Mark Murphy Ph.D., Hassayampa Associates
  - Waters of the U.S.  
Jeremy Mikus, Environmental Program Supervisor, City of Tempe
  - Water Quality Standards  
Kelly Collins, Vice President, WESTCAS

**5:00PM** **Ocotillo/Saguaro**  
**State Reports:** Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Texas

**5:30PM**  
Join us in no-host Networking in the Lookout Bar and Grille.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2013

*Happy Halloween!*

**8:30AM—4:00PM** **Santa Catalina Foyer**  
**Registration**

**9:00AM** **Ocotillo/Saguaro**  
**Welcome**  
Ed Curley, President, WESTCAS

**9:15AM** **Ocotillo/Saguaro**  
**General Session II: Current Policy Issues**  
Moderated by Ed Curley, President, WESTCAS

- "Climate Change in the Southwest"  
Gregg Garfin, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in Climate, Natural Resources, and Policy—University of Arizona School of Natural Resources and the Environment

- "Navajo Generating Station BART Proposal"  
Grant Smedley, Manager, Environmental Policy & Innovation, Salt River Project
- "Endangered Species on the Rio Grande—What can be done?"  
Rick Billings, Environmental Scientist, Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Authority
- Policy Working Session

**12:00PM** **Cholla Room**  
**Luncheon with Keynote Speaker**  
Brad Lancaster, Award-Winning Author of *Rainwater Harvesting for Dry Lands and Beyond*

**1:30PM** **Ocotillo/Saguaro**  
**General Session III: Current Legislative Issues**  
Moderated by Linda Christie, J.D., Chair,  
WESTCAS Legislative Committee

- "Washington Report"  
Hicks-Ray Associates – Updates on reauthorization of WRDA, US Fish and Wildlife Service policy impacts on water transfers/Lacey Act/invasive species, FY14 Appropriations, Colorado River/Rio Grande water supply issues
- "Lower Colorado River Basin Perspective"  
Brad Hiltcher, Executive Legislative Representative, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- Legislative Working Session

**5:00PM** **Palm Room and Terrace**  
**Hosted Reception (*Costumes Optional!*)**  
*Sponsored in part by the WESTCAS Associates Committee*