



# WESTCAS

The Western Coalition of Arid States

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2014 (con't)

**5:45PM** **Salons A & B**

**State Report:** Arizona

**6:00PM**

**Adjournment of General Session**

**Dinner on your own**

- Direct transportation provided to Old Towne Scottsdale restaurants and Light Rail System for rail service to Downtown Phoenix and Tempe restaurants.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2014

*Happy Halloween!*

**8:00AM** **Salons A & B**

**Associates Committee Meeting**

Chaired by Robert A. Hollander, P. E., Hollander Consulting Services, LLC

**9:00AM** **Salons A & B**

**WESTCAS Board of Directors Meeting**

Chaired by Ed Curley, President, WESTCAS

- Directors and Committee Chairs meet to review and discuss WESTCAS activities. All members are welcome to attend.

**11:00AM** **Salons A & B**

**Board of Directors Meeting Adjournment**

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## **SAVE THE DATE:**

**WESTCAS 2015 Annual Conference**

**June 17-19, 2015**

**Catamaran Resort & Spa**

**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 2014 Fall Conference

**October 29 - 31, 2014**  
**Holiday Inn & Suites**  
**Phoenix Airport North**  
**Phoenix, Arizona**



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



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## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2014

**8:30AM** **Salon A & B Foyer**  
**Registration**

**9:00AM** **Salons A & B**  
**Welcome:** Ed Curley, President, WESTCAS

**Greeting:** Michael J. O'Connor, Associate General Manager and Chief Legal Executive, Salt River Project

**9:20AM** **Salons A & B**  
**Legislative Session:** Moderated by Linda Christie, J.D., Chair, WESTCAS Legislative Committee

- Washington Report – Hicks-Ray Associates
- “Western Water: Do We Need a Crisis?” Kathleen Ferris, Executive Director, Arizona Municipal Water Users Association
- Federal Legislative Workshop

**11:30AM** **Salons A & B**  
**State Reports:** California & New Mexico

**12:00PM** **Palm Court Patio**  
**Hosted Networking Lunch**  
**Greeting:** Marilyn DeRosa, P.E., R.G., City of Tempe Deputy Public Works Director, Water Utilities

**1:30PM** **Salons A & B**  
**Keynote Speaker**  
“Colorado River Shortage Impacts on Arizona”  
David Modeer, General Manager, Central Arizona Water Conservation District

**2:30PM** **Salons A & B**  
**Special Session on “Waters of the U.S.”**  
Moderated by Jim Kudlinski, Supervisor, Environmental Field Services, Salt River Project

- “Policy and Litigation Background”  
D. Lee Decker, Esq., Shareholder, Gallagher & Kennedy

- “Inside the SAB”  
Mark Murphy, Ph. D., Principal Scientist, Hassayampa Associates
- “Where Do We Go Next?”  
Hicks-Ray Associates and Kelly Collins, PG, BCES, CDM Smith

**5:45PM** **Salons A & B**  
**State Report:** Nevada

**6:00PM** **Salon C**  
**Hosted Welcome Reception**

**7:00PM**  
**Dinner on your own**

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## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2014

**7AM-9AM**  
**Helicopter Tour of the Lower Salt River Watershed for the lucky lottery winners to be announced at lunch on Wednesday**

**8:30AM** **Salon A & B Foyer**  
**Registration**

**9:00AM** **Salons A & B**  
**Welcome:** Ed Curley, President, WESTCAS

**Greeting:** Brian K. Biesemeyer, Executive Director, City of Scottsdale Water Resources Division

**9:20AM** **Salons A & B**  
**Special Presentations Sponsored by WESTCAS Associates**  
Moderated by Robert A. Hollander, P. E., Chair, WESTCAS Associates Committee

- “EPA’s Water Transfers Rule: Will it Survive?”  
Peter Nichols, Esq., Berg Hill Greenleaf & Ruscitti LLP
- “Healthy Forests, Healthy Economy: The Four Forest Initiative”  
Russell D. Smoldon, CEO, B3 Strategies
- “Salt River Project and the Threat of Mussel Invasion in the Southwest”  
Brian Moorhead, Senior Environmental Scientist, Salt River Project

**11:30AM** **Salons A & B**  
**State Reports:** Colorado & Texas

**12:00PM** **Palm Court Patio**  
**Hosted Networking Lunch**  
**Greeting:** Kathryn Sorensen, Water Services Director, City of Phoenix

**1:30PM** **Salons A & B**  
**Keynote Speaker**  
“Western Water: the Drought, the Future and Possible Solutions”  
The Honorable Robert Johnson, Former Commissioner, USBR; Executive Vice President, NWRA

**2:30PM** **Salons A & B**  
**Regulatory Session**  
Moderated by Kelly Collins, PG, BCES, Chair, WESTCAS Regulatory Committee

- Regulatory Update  
Kelly Collins, PG, BCES, CDM Smith
- “What’s New in Drinking Water Regulation”  
Steve Bigley, Director of Environmental Services, Coachella Valley Water District
- “Innovative Desalination of Brackish Groundwater in Alamogordo New Mexico”  
Robert Fowlie, P.E., CDM Smith