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In the arid western United States water is a precious resource that must be carefully managed to meet water demands and support the vibrant economy in the region. WESTCAS is a coalition of water and wastewater districts, cities, towns, and professional organizations focused on water resource issues in the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Texas. Our mission is to work with Federal, State, and regional water resource agencies to recognize the unique water needs in the Arid West.

One of our long-time members, Mark Pifher, has expressed an interest in serving as the EPA Assistant Administrator for Water. WESTCAS enthusiastically recommends and supports Mr. Pifher's application for this position. Mr. Pifher is a 1979 cum laude graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School and has over thirty years of experience in the water quality, as both a regulator and as a regulated party. Mr. Pifher served in the past as the Director of the Colorado Water Quality Control Division, and subsequently as a member of the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission, responsible for all aspects of the state Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water programs.

Mr. Pifher also has over twenty-five years of experience as a regulated entity in the private and municipal sectors. He served as the Director of Aurora Water, the utility serving the state's third largest city, during which time the City successfully completed, on time and well under budget, a \$600 million state-of-the-art water delivery/reuse system. He also worked for the Colorado Springs Utilities, the service provider for the state's second largest city, assisting with the permitting and management of its \$800 million water supply project known as the Southern Delivery System.

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Mr. Pifher recognizes that all interests, both regulators and regulated entities, share common goals when it comes to water: the protection of our water resources and the provision of reliable, safe water supplies. WESTCAS advocates for attaining these goals in a cooperative, scientifically sound, timely and economically efficient manner. We sincerely believe that Mr. Mark Pifher can assist the Trump administration in achieving these goals and urges the Transition Team to consider Mr. Pifher as the next EPA Assistant Administrator for Water.

Sincerely,



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