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Re: WESTCAS Continued Support for Coalition to Promote Water Conservation

WESTCAS is a coalition of nearly 100 water and wastewater districts, cities, towns, and professional organizations focused on water quality and water quantity issues in the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Texas. We know that 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 the region.

An important aspect of water resource management is water conservation. Many of our members offer their customers rebates or subsidies for indoor and outdoor water conservation. The incentive to conserve water provided by the rebates is obviated by including those rebates as personal gross income. WESTCAS will continue to support the efforts of the Coalition to Promote Water Conservation (CPWC) to include a provision in legislation that would clarify that water conservation subsidies are excluded from gross income.

Sincerely,



Kelly Collins, President

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

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