WESTCAS 2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

“Western Water Sustainability: The California Crisis—Impacts and Implications”

JUNE 16-18, 2010
Catamaran Resort & Spa
San Diego, California

Western Coalition of Arid States
“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 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 local 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 others concerned with management of issues related to water and wastewater supply, such as attorneys, engineering firms, and consulting firms.

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Join us for the Annual Conference
June 16-18, 2010 at the
Catamaran Resort & Spa in San Diego, California

The theme of the conference is “Western Water Sustainability: The California Crisis—Impacts and Implications.” California recently passed landmark legislation to address the water crisis in the State. Meanwhile, water managers in the Arid west face the risk of ongoing drought and environmental regulations that are resulting in new legislative initiatives and possible allocations even during wetter years. WESTCAS will feature urban and agricultural leaders to share their view on what we can do to stay “sustainable” while a long term solution is being implemented in the Arid west.

HOTEL & TRAVEL INFORMATION

Catamaran Resort & Spa, 3999 Mission Boulevard, San Diego, California, 92109
(858) 488-1081

The Catamaran Resort & Spa offers casual elegance in a tropical paradise with acres of lush foliage and sun-drenched beaches. Mission Bay, the world’s largest aquatic park, is at your doorstep and the enticing waves of the Pacific Ocean are just 100 yards away (one block). SeaWorld, the world-famous San Diego Zoo, and San Diego International Airport are just minutes away—and dining and shopping are within walking distance from the Catamaran’s front door. The Catamaran’s rooms and suites are spacious and tastefully appointed with their own balcony or patio. Each has a king or two double beds and all the amenities you would expect at a world-class resort—including hair dryers, coffee makers, irons and ironing boards, and many with refrigerators. Once on site you can explore the Catamaran’s gardens and rare tropical plant and bird collection, their full service spa, or enjoy a relaxing day by the pool or beach. Water sports abound with sailboats, catamarans, jet skis, and sailboards.

WESTCAS has reserved a block of rooms for our attendees at the Catamaran Resort & Spa for the nights of Tuesday, June 15 through Friday, June 18, 2010. Rates are $147.00 per night (single)/$167.00 (double) plus tax of 12.5%.

Make your sleeping room reservations before Wednesday, May 19, 2010 by calling 1-800-422-8386 and identifying yourself with the WESTCAS group or for more information or to book online, please go to:

https://shop.evanshotels.com/catamaran_groups/wes0615c10.html

Please note that the hotel’s check in time is 4:00PM; check out time is 12:00PM. If you must cancel your hotel room, please do so at least 24 hours out to avoid a late cancellation fee.

Parking: Self parking at the hotel is $13/day; valet parking is $17/day with in/out privileges.

Airport Transfers: Attendees who fly should make their reservations into San Diego International Airport (SAN). The Catamaran Resort Hotel is located approximately 15 minutes (10 miles) from the airport. There are three ways to transfer from the airport to the Hotel:

• Cloud Nine Shuttle: $12/person each way. They have a manned kiosk outside baggage claim or you can make advance reservations by calling them at 1-800-9SHUTTLE.
• Taxi: approximately $25 each way from the airport
• Rental car
Day 1

Wednesday June 16, 2010

9:00AM—11:30AM  Board of Directors Meeting
Lunch on your own

1:00PM  General Session I
- Welcome—Robert Hollander, President, WESTCAS
- Keynote Address: “An Overview of California Water Issues”
  Dr. Tim Quinn, Executive Director, Association of California Water Agencies

2:00PM  Policy Committee Focus
Moderated by Robert Hollander, President, WESTCAS
- “Colorado River Studies”
  Lorri Gray-Lee/Terry Fulp, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado River Region (invited)
- Arizona “Blue Ribbon Panel” on Water Reuse
  Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)
- “Principals and Standards Roundtable”
  Discussion led by J. Tom Ray, P.E., Hicks-Ray Associates

6:00PM-7:00PM  Welcome Reception
Dinner on your own

Day 2

Thursday June 17, 2010

8:30AM  Breakfast on your own

8:30AM  General Session II
- Welcome—Robert Hollander, President, WESTCAS

Legislative Committee Focus
Moderated by Wayne Owen, Vice President, WESTCAS
- “Washington Update”
  Fred B. Hicks, Ph. D. and J. Tom Ray, P. E., Hicks-Ray Associates
- “Oberstar Legislation: America’s Commitment to Clean Water Act (H.R. 5088) Review of Impacts and Implications”
  Mark Pifher, Deputy Director, City of Aurora Water, Aurora, CO (invited)
- “Title XVI Projects: New Funding Criteria”
  Bill Steele, US Bureau of Reclamation (invited)

Policy Committee Workshop

Day 3

Friday June 18, 2010

8:30AM  General Session IV
- Welcome—Robert Hollander, President, WESTCAS
- “Agricultural Impacts of the California Water Crisis”
  Jason Peltier, Chief Deputy General Manager, Westlands Water District, Fresno, CA

9:30AM—11:00AM  Associates’ Spotlight—Innovative Presentations of Interest
Moderated by Kelly Collins, Senior Environmental Scientist, CDM and John Burkstaller, Vice President, Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc.

11:00AM  Closing Board and Membership Reports
Steve Bigley, Secretary, WESTCAS, Environmental Services Manager, Coachella Valley Water District, Coachella, CA

Adjournment

* Note: Speakers and/or Topics are subject to change.
REGISTRATION FORM

Please print or type. One form per person. Copy and mail to Dawn Moore, WESTCAS, 1810 Wynthrop Manor Drive, Marietta, GA 30064, FAX to 770-424-9468, E-mail to westcas@mindspring.com, or register online at www.westcas.org.

Attendee’s Name: _____________________________________
Attendee’s Title: ______________________________________
Organization: _______________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________
City/State/Zip: _______________________________________
Phone: __________________ FAX: _____________________
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Method of Payment (Please check the applicable box):
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Signature: _______________________________________

WESTCAS Refund Policy: It is the policy of WESTCAS to offer a full refund, minus a $50.00 administrative fee, for conference registration if the cancellation is made at least five (5) business days in advance of the date of a scheduled conference. Cancellations made within five (5) business days will not receive a refund. Cancellations must be received by WESTCAS via mail to Dawn Moore, Administrative Director, WESTCAS, 1810 Wynthrop Manor Drive, Marietta, GA 30064 or via FAX to 770-424-9468, or via E-mail to westcas@mindspring.com.

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 4, 2010.

Registration Fees
Early Late
Before 6/4/10 6/4/10

Amount ________

Package Registration
Includes all breaks, Thursday’s lunch, receptions, and conference materials.

*Members: $350.00 $400.00 ________
*Non-Members: $400.00 $450.00 ________
*1st Time, Non-Member California Agencies: $125.00 $125.00 ________
*Student Attendees: $50.00 $50.00 ________

Wednesday only
One day registration: $175.00 $200.00 ________

Thursday only
One day registration: $175.00 $200.00 ________

Friday only
One day registration: $175.00 $200.00 ________

Additional Ticket Purchases:

*Thursday Lunch: #______@ $35.00 ________
*Thursday Reception: #______@ $35.00 ________

Total ________________________________ ________