



WESTCAS

The Western Coalition of Arid States

Wednesday, October 24, 2018 (continued)

11:00AM **Wren 4 & 5**
Status of the National Water Quality Monitoring Council

Jim Dorsch, Water Quality Officer, Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation Facility, Denver, CO

11:45AM **Wren 4 & 5**
State Reports

Arizona – Justin Bern, AZ State Coordinator
Colorado – Scott Miller, Esq., CO State Coordinator

12:15PM **Hosted Lunch** **Palo Verde Room**
Regional Look at Western Water

Grady Gammage, Senior Research Fellow, Morrison Institute for Public Policy, Arizona State University

1:30PM **Wren 4 & 5**
Drought Contingency Plan Briefing

Tom Buschatzke, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources
Ted Cooke, General Manager, Central Arizona Project

2:30PM **Wren 4 & 5**
Adapting to Extreme Heat in the Urban Areas of the Desert Southwest

Marie Light, Program Manager, Pima County Department of Environmental Quality

3:15PM **Break**

3:30PM **Wren 4 & 5**
Hicks-Ray Associates: WESTCAS Washington Follow Up

4:00PM **Wren 4 & 5**
Final Remarks and Adjournment
Steve Bigley, President, WESTCAS

Our thanks to Carollo Engineers for sponsoring our audio/visual equipment at this conference.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

WESTCAS 2019 Annual Conference

June 25-27, 2019

Island Palms Hotel & Marina

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."

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2018 Fall Conference



"Living in the Bullseye of Drought"

October 22-24, 2018

**Crowne Plaza Phoenix Airport Hotel
Phoenix, AZ**



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



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Monday, October 22, 2018

6:30PM The Perch Lounge
Attendee Meet & Greet/informal gathering in the hotel lounge---Dinner at your leisure

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

8:00AM Ballroom Foyer
Registration Opens – Morning Coffee for All

8:30AM Wren 4 & 5
Welcome
Steve Bigley, President, WESTCAS

8:45AM Wren 4 & 5
Hicks-Ray Associates & Legislative Committee Work Session- Washington Updates

10:15AM Break

10:30AM Wren 4 & 5
Colorado River Drought: Update on the State of the System and Lake Mead Operations
Dan Bunk, River Operations Manager, Boulder Canyon Operations Office, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation

11:30AM Wren 4 & 5
State Reports
California – Matthew Porras, CA State Coordinator
New Mexico – Aaron Chavez, NM State Coordinator
Texas – Peggy Glass, Ph.D., TX State Coordinator

12:00noon Hosted Lunch Palo Verde Room
Sponsored by the Coachella Valley Water District
Drought: A Perspective on the Business of Agriculture
Tom Davis, President, Agribusiness & Water Council of Arizona

1:30PM Wren 4 & 5
Collaborative Forest Landscapes Restoration Program-Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI)
Dick Fleishman, Operations Coordinator,4FRI, Coconino National Forest

2:15PM Wren 4 & 5
The Living River Project: A Template for Assessing Environmental Project Impacts
Eric Wieduwilt, Deputy Director of Technical Services & Engineering with Jim Dubois, Permit & Regulatory Compliance Officer
Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department

3:15PM Break

3:30PM Wren 4 & 5
Legal Update
Scott Miller, Esq., Patrick, Miller, Noto, P. C.

4:15PM Wren 4 & 5
Communicating in a Social Media World: How to Instantly Gain Credibility
Laura Raun, President, Laura Raun Public Relations

5:15PM Palo Verde Room
Hosted Welcome Reception

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Arizona Water Quality Regulatory Update
Krista Osterberg, Surface Water Section Manager, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

9:30AM Wren 4 & 5
WESTCAS Regulatory Updates
Jim Kudlinski, WESTCAS Regulatory Chair, Supervisor, Environmental Field Services, Salt River Project

10:00AM Wren 4 & 5
Insights and Perspectives: How to Utilize the Arid West Water Quality Research Project Data and Findings
Dr. Mark Murphy, Senior Water Resource Scientist, NV5-Technical Engineering & Consulting Solutions

10:45AM Break