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TO: WESTCAS Membership

FROM: Hicks-Ray Associates

SUBJECT: PFAS Updates

The challenge of protecting water supply from Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances [PFAS] has become a major topic at the national, state, and local level. This concern was reflected on September 27 when the House Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change of the House Energy and Commerce Committee marked up 13 different bills that addressed PFAS [see the attached list for details].

Energy and Commerce Committee Chair Pallone [D:NJ] commented: “These bills will stem the flow of new PFAS into commerce, contain contaminated sites, empower consumers, protect drinking water and protect air quality. Individually they are important. Together, they offer our communities the tools they need to combat this growing environmental problem.”

Hicks-Ray Associates will provide a legislative update on PFAS activities in the Congress during the WESTCAS fall conference in Tucson, October 23-24. A number of presenters will also address PFAS from the local, regional, and state perspective including:

- Special Introduction of speakers and Topics by WESTCAS President Steve Bigley, Coachella Valley Water District
- PFAS Regulatory Update, Kelly Collins, Brown and Caldwell
- “PFAS Fate and Transport,” John McCray, Colorado School of Mines
- “PFAS Background, Sources and Toxicology,” Steve Risotto, American Chemical Council
- “PFAS Treatment Technologies,” Corin Marron, Carollo Engineers
- “Water Agency PFAS Study,” Scott Schladweiler, Marina Water Utility.
- “PFAS Legal Challenges,” Lowry Crook, Best, Best, and Krieger.

If you have not already registered for the WESTCAS Tucson conference, we hope that you will do so soon. PFAS updates are only one of many issues that are part of the agenda. See you there!

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