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WESTCAS
2011 FALL CONFERENCE
“Fire and Water: Impacts on Western Water Quality”

October 26-28, 2011
Crowne Plaza Phoenix Airport Hotel
Phoenix, Arizona

Western Coalition of Arid States
“The Voice of Water Quality in The Arid West”

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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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“Fire and Water – Impacts on Western Water Quality” is the theme of the WESTCAS 2011 Fall Conference to be held at the Crowne Plaza Phoenix Airport Hotel from October 26 – 28, 2011. The Conference program will feature multi-faceted sessions focusing on wild fire impacts on water quality and watersheds, stormwater regulations, emerging contaminants, water reuse, regulatory and legislative initiatives, and infrastructure funding.

Hotel & Travel Information

Crowne Plaza Phoenix Airport Hotel
4300 East Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85034
(602) 273-7778

The Crowne Plaza Phoenix Airport Hotel offers upscale comfort, friendly service, and beautiful accommodations—just minutes from Sky Harbor International Airport. As the closest full-service hotel to the airport, they are the only hotel with a stop on the METRO Light Rail system—making it easy to explore downtown Phoenix. All rooms are luxuriously appointed with cozy beds with seven layers of comfort, free high-speed, wireless Internet access, and spacious workstations with Herman Miller chairs. The hotel also offers guests a full-service restaurant and bar, onsite Fitness Center, an outdoor pool, and a 24-hour shuttle service to the airport.

WESTCAS has reserved a block of rooms for our attendees at the Crowne Plaza Phoenix Airport for the nights of Tuesday, October 25 through Friday, October 28, 2011. Rates are $119.00 per night (single)/$129.00 (double) plus tax of 13.27%. Breakfast is included in these rates.

Make your sleeping room reservations before Friday, September 23, 2011 by calling 1-888-233-9527 and identifying yourself with the WESTCAS group or make them online at the following link (be sure to choose “Attendee” as your guest type and put in your in/out dates):

Please note that the hotel’s check in time is 3:00PM; 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: Complimentary

Airport Transfers: Attendees who fly should make their reservations into Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX). The Crowne Plaza Phoenix Airport Hotel is located approximately 1 mile from the airport.

There are two ways to transfer from the airport to the Hotel:

• Complimentary Shuttle
• Taxi
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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Day 1  Wednesday, October 26, 2011

8:30AM—5:00PM  Registration
9:30AM—11:30PM  Board of Directors Meeting
1:30PM—2:15PM  Welcome
Ed Curley, Strategic Planning Manager, Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department, Tucson, AZ and President, WESTCAS
Keynote Speaker
Henry Darwin, Director, ADEQ  “Overview of State, Regional, and National Regulatory Issues”

2:30PM—5:30PM  General Session I: Current Regulatory Issues
Moderated by Harlan Agnew, Esq., Pima County Attorney’s Office, Chair, WESTCAS Regulatory Committee
Federal Regulatory Updates
Fredric P. Andes, Esq., Partner, Barnes & Thornburg, LLP, Federal Water Quality Coalition Coordinator, and Co-Chair, WESTCAS Regulatory Committee
Stormwater Enforcement Issues Panel:
Wendy Terlizzi, Water Quality Manager, Arizona Department of Transportation
Cynthia Campbell, Esq., Deputy City Attorney, City of Phoenix
Robert Anderson, Esq., Fennemore Craig, P.C.
Susan Asmus (Invited), Senior Vice President for Environmental, Labor, Safety and Health, National Association of Homebuilders
Regulatory Working Meeting—Review of Regulatory Hot Topics from our Regional and National Partners
State Reports—Arizona and California
Welcome Reception

5:30PM—6:00PM

Day 2  Thursday October 27, 2011

8:00AM—11:00AM  Registration
9:00AM—11:00AM  General Session II: Current Legislative Issues
Moderated by Linda Christie, J.D., Director of Community and Government Relations, Tarrant Regional Water District, Fort Worth, TX and Chair, WESTCAS Legislative Committee
“Washington Report”
Fred B. Hicks, Ph. D. and J. Tom Ray, P. E., Hicks-Ray Associates
Infrastructure Financing:
Karen Peters, Government Relations Director, City of Phoenix
Graham Knowles, Community Services Manager, New Mexico Environment Department
“Freeing Up Funding Streams for Sustainable Water Infrastructure Solutions”
Legislative Working Meeting
State Reports—Colorado and Nevada
Monday, October 27, 2011 (con’t)

12:00PM—1:30PM  Buffet Luncheon with Featured Speaker
Penny Luehring, USDA Forest Service, National BAER and Watershed Improvement Program Leader, Albuquerque, New Mexico “Impact of 2011 Western Wildfires on Watersheds”

1:30PM—3:00PM  General Session II: Current Legislative Issues
Moderated by Ed Curley, Strategic Planning Manager, Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department, Tucson, AZ and President, WESTCAS
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Tim Skarupa, Senior Hydrologist, Salt River Project “Possible Impacts to the Salt River Watershed Following the Wallow Fire”
Craig Caggiano, City of Tempe Water Utilities Division, Water Quality Process and Planning Coordinator “Planning for Wildfire Impacts at the End of the Watershed”
B: Current Issues with Reuse and Emerging Contaminants
Shane Snyder, Ph. D., Professor, Chemical and Environmental Engineering, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ “Emerging Contaminants”
Policy Working Meeting
State Reports—New Mexico and Texas
Hosted Reception: Sponsored in part by the Associates’ Members
5:30PM—6:30PM

Day 3  Friday, October 28, 2009

8:00AM—9:00AM  Associates Committee Meeting
9:00AM—11:00AM  General Session IV: Associates Focus
Moderated by Mike Fleury, P.E., Regional Infrastructure Manager, Carollo Engineers
Keynote Presentation:
Troy Hayes, Water Quality Manager, City of Phoenix Water Services Department “Policy and Planning to Address Impacts of Forest Fires to Source Water Quality”
Associates’ Presentations
David Siebert, Carollo Engineers, Phoenix, Arizona “Treatment Technologies to Remove Organic Contaminants in Source Water from Forest Fires”
Chad Seidel, Jacobs Engineering, Phoenix, Arizona “Experience with Fire Induced Changes in Source Water Quality”
Board Reports to Membership
Steve Bigley, Environmental Services Manager, Coachella Valley Water District, Coachella, CA, and Chair, WESTCAS Safe Drinking Water Subcommittee
11:00AM—11:30AM
11:30AM  Closing Remarks & Adjournment

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REGISTRATION FORM

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Attendee's Name: ____________________________________
(name as it is to appear on the badge)

Organization: _______________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

City/State/Zip: ______________________________________

Phone: _____________________________

E-mail Address: _____________________________________

Method of Payment (Please check the applicable box):

_____ Enclosed is a check made payable to WESTCAS

_____ Please charge my credit card:

Please check one: ______ Visa ______ MasterCard

Name on card: ______________________________________

Account #: _________________________________________

Expiration Date: ________________________________

Signature: ________________________________

WESTCAS Refund Policy: It is the policy of WESTCAS to offer a full refund, minus a $75.00 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 OCTOBER 11, 2011.

Registration Fees
Early Late
10/11/11 10/11/11 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 Organizations: $175.00 $175.00 $_______

*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 ____________________________________ $_______