WESTCAS
2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
“WESTCAS at Twenty: Past, Present, and Future”

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

JUNE 18-20, 2012
Catamaran Resort & Spa
San Diego, California

Picture courtesy of Catamaran Resort & Spa
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 18-20, 2012 at the Catamaran Resort & Spa in San Diego, California

The WESTCAS 2012 Annual Conference at the Catamaran Hotel in San Diego, CA June 18-20 will mark the 20th Anniversary of WESTCAS as "The Voice of Water Quality in the Arid West". To celebrate this achievement, the conference will feature presentations and discussions by knowledgeable speakers and moderators on regulatory, legislative, financial, policy, and technical issues. The agenda will include discussions of current hot regulatory topics, descriptions of the current federal legislative climate, a recap on the April D.C. Fly-In to advocate for the WESTCAS Infrastructure Financing Proposal, presentations on projected future trends in water/wastewater infrastructure policies, as well as presentations by WESTCAS Associate members on water and wastewater projects. There will be a special celebration at our Tuesday evening reception to honor WESTCAS historical achievements and the exceptional people involved.

HOTEL & TRAVEL INFORMATION

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

With fresh ocean breezes, exotic ambience, and scenic views, the Catamaran Resort & Spa offers an invigorating and creative setting for any group. Mission Bay Park, the largest aquatic man-made park on the West Coast, 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, studios, and suites are spacious and tastefully appointed with their own balcony or patio featuring commanding views from the La Jolla coastline to the shore breaks of the Mexican Islands. 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, plasma TVs, high-speed wireless Internet services, and many with refrigerators. Once on site you can tour the Catamaran’s gardens of rare tropical flora and fauna, indulge in their full service spa, get a workout in at the fitness center, 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 Friday, June 15 through Thursday, June 21, 2012. Rates for a standard room are $147.00 per night (single)/$167.00 (double) plus tax of 12.5%. Other room options (Suites and Studios) are available for an additional $50-$100 per night (see website for details).

Make your sleeping room reservations before Wednesday, May 16, 2012 by calling 1-800-422-8586 and identifying yourself with the WESTCAS group or for more information or to book online, please go to:

https://shop.evanshotels.com/catamaran_groups/westcas1206858.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 72 hours out to avoid a late cancellation fee.

Parking: Self parking 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
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**PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**

**Day 1**

**Monday, June 18, 2012**

9:30AM  **WESTCAS Board of Directors Meeting**

12:00PM  Lunch on your own

1:30PM  **Welcome**

Ed Curley, Program Manager, Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department, Tucson, AZ and President, WESTCAS

1:45PM  **Keynote Speaker**

“Regulatory Issues Across the West”
Mark Pfifer, Colorado Springs Utilities (invited)

2:30PM  **General Session I: Current Regulatory Issues**

Moderated by Harlan Agnew, Esq., Pima County Attorney’s Office, Chair, WESTCAS Regulatory Committee

Presenters:
- Regulatory Overview
  - Harlan Agnew, Esq., Pima County Attorney’s Office, Chair, WESTCAS Regulatory Committee
- Federal Water Quality Coalition
  - Fredric P. Andes, Esq., Partner, Barnes & Thornburg, LLP, Federal Water Quality Coalition Coordinator, and Co-Chair, WESTCAS Regulatory Committee
- Hexavalent Chromium—the California Experience
  - Steve Bigley, Environmental Services Manager, Coachella Valley Water District, and Secretary, WESTCAS

4:15PM  **State Reports**—State Reports are 15 minutes summaries of state and EPA regulatory and legislative issues in each state so that members can share information and issues across the West. The Colorado and Nevada state reports will be presented in Session I.

5:30PM  **No Host Reception**

**Day 2**

**Tuesday, June 19, 2012**

9:00AM  **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 Legislative Report**
  - Fred B. Hicks, Ph. D. and J. Tom Ray, P. E., Hicks-Ray Associates
- **Report on DC Fly-in and responses to WESTCAS’ Infrastructure Financing Proposal**
- **FY13 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill**

11:00AM  **State Reports**—Texas and New Mexico

*Note: Speakers and/or topics are subject to change.*
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: ____________________________________
(name as it is to appear on the badge)
Organization: _______________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
City/State/Zip: _______________________________________
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Method of Payment (Please check the applicable box):
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Please check one: ______ Visa ______ MasterCard

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Account #: ________________________________

Expiration Date: __________________________

Signature: ________________________________

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REGISTRATION FORM

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 30, 2012.

Registration Fees
Early Late
Before After
5/30/12 5/30/12 $ _______

Package Registration
Includes all breaks, Tuesday’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 $ _______

Monday only
One day registration: $175.00 $200.00 $ _______

Tuesday only
One day registration: $175.00 $200.00 $ _______

Wednesday only
One day registration: $175.00 $200.00 $ _______

Additional Ticket Purchases:

*Tuesday Lunch: # _____@ $40.00 $ _______

*Tuesday Reception: # _____@ $40.00 $ _______

Total $ _______

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