WESTCAS
2009 WINTER CONFERENCE

“Transitions: A New Perspective... Administration, Environment, Economy”

MARCH 9-11, 2009
Fort Worth Hilton
Fort Worth, Texas

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 legal 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 Winter Conference
March 9-11, 2009 at the
Fort Worth Hilton in Fort Worth, Texas

The theme of the conference is “Transitions: A New Perspective... Administration, Environment, Economy.” The conference will focus on the many opportunities which WESTCAS will have to provide input into the Regulatory and Legislative agendas of the 111th Congress and the new Administration and how we can proactively influence change in these areas for the Arid West.

HOTEL & TRAVEL INFORMATION

Fort Worth Hilton, 815 Main Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102
(817) 870-2100

WESTCAS has reserved a block of rooms for our attendees at the Fort Worth Hilton for the nights of Sunday, March 8 through Wednesday, March 11, 2009. With a prime downtown location and registered as a National Historic Landmark, the Fort Worth Hilton offers topnotch services and warm Texas hospitality!

Make your sleeping room reservations before February 14th by calling 1-800-445-8667 and identifying yourself with the WESTCAS group. You must give Code WCA to receive the $149 per night government per diem rate. Please note that the hotel’s check in time is 4:00PM; check out time is 12:00 noon. If you must cancel your hotel room, please do so no later than 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid a one night’s room and tax charge. Valet parking only is available at the hotel at $17 per day.

Airport Transfers: Attendees who fly will make their reservations into Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW-20 miles from the hotel) or Dallas Love Field (DAL-35 miles from the hotel). Taxi fares are estimated to be $45-$50 each way (from DFW) and $65-$70 each way (from DAL).

Super Shuttle is available from Dallas/Fort Worth. Rates are $17 one way; $34 round trip. Super Shuttle reservations from DFW are recommended—but not required—by calling 1-800-258-3826. Super Shuttle is also available from Dallas Love Field via reservation only with a cost of $36 one way; $72 round trip.
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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Day 1  Monday March 9, 2009
10:00AM—12:00PM  Board of Directors Meeting
1:30PM—2:00PM  Welcome and Keynote: The Honorable Kay Granger, Congresswoman—12th District, Texas (invited)
2:00PM—5:00PM  Regulatory Committee Plenary Session: New EPA Administration and the new Regulatory Policy Direction...teamwork with the state and local governments. Moderated by Fred Andes, Esq., Partner, Barnes & Thornburg LLP
  • Featured Speaker: The Honorable Richard Greene, former EPA Region 6 Administrator/former Mayor of Arlington, Texas (invited)
  • Challenges for Regions 9 and 6
  • Stormwater Regulation
  • WET implementation policy: Peggy Glass, Ph.D., Alan Plummer Associates, Inc.
  • Status of Litigation
  • Emerging Contaminants, Pharmaceuticals, EPA and DEA

Day 2  Tuesday March 10, 2009
7:30AM  Continental Breakfast
8:00AM—11:30AM  Legislative Committee Plenary Session: The 111th Congress and the Challenges WESTCAS will face. Moderated by Wayne Owen, Planning Director, Tarrant Regional Water District, Fort Worth, TX
  • Featured Speaker: Gregory J. Kuchy, P.E., DEE, Deputy Executive Administrator, Texas Water Development Board—"Distribution of stimulus funding through the SRF for water and wastewater projects"
  • Washington Report/Legislative Update: Fred Hicks, Ph.D. and Tom Ray, P.E.
  • A Primer on the Federal Budget Process: Fred Hicks, Ph.D. and Tom Ray, P.E.

Day 3  Wednesday March 11, 2009
7:30AM—8:30AM  Associates Committee Meeting
8:30AM—10:00AM  Breakfast and Associates Spotlight Speakers
  • Mr. Jeff Taylor, P.E., Principal and Southeast Division Manager, Freese and Nichols, Inc., Houston, TX
  • Mr. Chuck Tracy, Alan Plummer Associates, Inc.—“Effluent Reuse for Energy Development in the Barnett Shale”
10:00AM—11:30AM  Outreach Committee Plenary Session
  • Board Report
  • State Reports
  • Wrap Up
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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: ____________________ 
E-mail Address: _____________________________________

Method of Payment (Please check the applicable box):
____ Enclosed is a check made payable to WESTCAS
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Please check one: _____ Visa ______ AMEX ______ MasterCard 
Name on card: __________________________________________
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Expiration Date: _______________________________________
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.

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EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 26, 2009.

Registration Fees
Early Late
Before After
2/26/09 2/26/09

Amount ______

Package Registration
Includes two (2) breakfasts, Tuesday’s lunch, reception, breaks, & conference materials

Members: $300.00 $350.00 $ ______
Non-Members: $350.00 $400.00 $ ______
1st Time, Non-Member
Texas Agencies: $100.00 $100.00 $ ______

Student Attendees: No Charge No Charge $ ______

Monday only
One day registration: $125.00 $150.00 $ ______

Tuesday only
One day registration: $125.00 $150.00 $ ______

Wednesday only
One day registration: $125.00 $150.00 $ ______

Additional Ticket Purchases:

Tuesday Continental Breakfast: # ______@ $20.00 $ ______
Tuesday Lunch: # ______@ $40.00 $ ______
Tuesday Reception: # ______@ $25.00 $ ______
Wednesday Breakfast Buffet: # ______@ $25.00 $ ______

Total: ______________________________________ $ ______