

## **WESTCAS Federal Agenda for 2007**

### **AUTHORIZATION**

H.R. 720/ S. \_\_\_\_ - Water Quality Financing Act of 2007 –

WESTCAS OBJECTIVE: Open up the Clean Water Act funding for addressing growth related issues in the West by making eligible such approaches as water reuse, greater technical assistance, water quality research and smaller system needs.

H.R. 2419/S. \_\_\_\_ - Farm Nutrition, and Bio-Energy Act of 2007

WESTCAS OBJECTIVE: Develop and support a Regional Water Enhancement Program for partnerships among farmers, ranchers and water and wastewater utilities to more effectively address water quality and quantity issues.

H.R. 1495 – The Water Resources Development Act of 2007

WESTCAS OBJECTIVE: Support the requests of our individual members and broader support for comprehensive water resource planning, technical assistance and intergovernmental cooperation on water resource sustainability.

H.R. 2421/S.1870 – Clean Water Restoration Act of 2007

WESTCAS OBJECTIVE: Educate policymakers on the operational, water resource management and planning consequences and financial and permitting issues associated with the expansion of Federal jurisdiction of waters in the Arid West.

### **APPROPRIATION**

H.R. 2641/S.1751 – Energy and Water

WESTCAS OBJECTIVE: Support greater funding for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers program and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation program as outlined in our FY2008 Appropriations testimony.

H.R. 2643/S.1696 – Interior and Environment

WESTCAS OBJECTIVE: Support greater funding for the U.S. Geological Survey National Stream Flow Information Program, in particular the stream gauging program and the Water Resources Investigation Program included funding for Water Resources Institutes. And support increased funding for the EPA's SRF programs and water quality research and State and Tribal Assistance Grants.

H.R. 3161/S. 1859 – Agriculture

WESTCAS OBJECTIVE: Support greater funding for the Department of Agriculture for technical assistance and partnerships to better address water quality and water supply issues in the Arid West.

## ISSUES

The following list of issues fall into the authorization, appropriation, legal and regulatory sphere of activity and are part of the agenda's being examined or being addressed by our WESTCAS Committees and Task Forces as part of our Arid West Water Policy Development Program. The issues have also been featured by speakers or panels at our conferences or separate meetings these past several years. They also reflect the Federal Agency presence in our part of the country: the EPA, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Most of our membership in the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Nevada, New Mexico and Texas are subject to multiple jurisdictions involving several Federal regional offices.

Some of these issues are part of the ongoing WESTCAS Federal Agenda embodied in Federal legislation listed on the previous page. Others may be contained in legislation that we are also following. And some are part of ongoing studies being carried out by other parties that we interact with in the policy arena.

1. FUNDING/FINANCING OPTIONS FOR NEW EPA WATER TRUST FUND
2. BROADER (NON-EPA RELATED) INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING
3. CORPS OF ENGINEERS REFORM/WATER RESOURCES PLANNING
4. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION TITLE 16 PROGRAM (RECYCLING/REUSE)
5. MAINTAINING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE
6. CORPS OF ENGINEERS/WESTERN STATES WATER COUNCIL WESTERN STATES WATERSHED STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS
7. WATER RESUE
8. RECHARGE WITH RECLAIMED WATER
9. PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS AND PHARMACEUTICALS /ENDOCRINE DISRUPTERS
10. ARSENIC
11. RADON
12. MTBE
13. SELENIUM
14. TRIHALOMETHANES
15. SALINITY CONTROL
16. TAMARISK CONTROL
17. TEMPERATURE STANDARDS
18. USGS STREAM GAUGING
19. CLEAN WATER ACT REAUTHORIZATION (WESTCAS AMENDMENTS)
20. EFFLUENT DOMINATED STREAM ISSUES
21. WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY TESTING FOR ARID WEST STREAMS

22. ANTIGRADATION
23. SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS
24. COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW
25. FEDERAL NUTRIENT CRITERIA
26. MERCURY GUIDANCE ON FISH TISSUE
27. MULTI-SECTOR STORMWATER PERMITS
28. WATER QUALITY CRITERIA GUIDANCE
29. ANTIDegradation
30. DESIGNATED USES AND USE ATTAINABILITY ANALYSES
31. GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR  
INJECTION/PERCOLATION OF IMPORTED WATER
32. MICCOSUKKE BRIEF REGARDING INTER-BASIN TRANSFERS
33. PROPOSED WATER TRANSFER RULE
34. SEWER LATERAL LOCATION STANDARDS
35. LEAD AND COPPER RULE
36. WATER QUALITY VS. WATER QUANTITY
37. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER CONJUNCTIVE USE
38. IRRIGATION DRAINAGE
39. USE OF GOOD SCIENCE AND RESEARCH FUNDING
40. NATIONAL WATER DATA
41. ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT ISSUES
42. WATERS OF THE U.S. DEFINITION AND JURISDICTION
43. DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE V. EPA
44. EPA DRAFT SIGNIFICANT NONCOMPLIANCE POLICY FOR  
VIOLATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH CSO'S SSO'S CAFO'S  
AND STORMWATER POINT SOURCES
45. TMDL GUIDANCE-LISTING
46. INTERIM PERMITS PRIOR TO TMDL COMPLETION
47. 2008 GUIDANCE FOR CWA SECTION 303(d), 303(b). AND 314  
INTEGRATED REPORTING AND LISTING CONDITIONS FOR  
STATES BY EPA
48. TRIBAL WATER QUALITY STANDARDS
49. INDIAN WATER RIGHTS
50. WATER MARKETING
51. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
52. WATER USE EFFICIENCY/TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT
53. RURAL DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLIES
54. MONITORING
55. SECURITY COSTS
56. SUSTAINABLE USE OF RESOURCES
57. INTEGRATED WATERSHEDS
58. DROUGHT MANAGEMENT
59. SOCIAL EQUITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
60. IN-STREAM FLOW PROTECTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
STEWARDSHIP