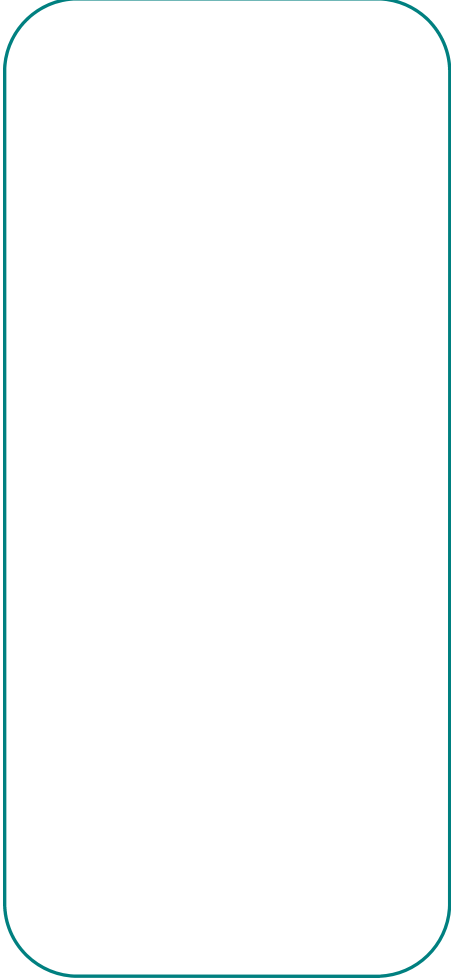
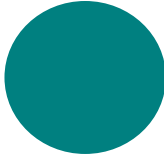
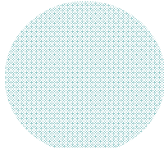


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Who is WESTCAS?

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.

WESTCAS 2010 WINTER CONFERENCE

Join us for the Winter Conference
February 17-19, 2010 at the
Embassy Suites in Albuquerque, New Mexico

The theme of the conference is "Sustainability and Stewardship." The conference will cover key considerations to meet water resource needs in the arid west, both quality and quantity, while honoring compact commitments to down stream water users and meeting endangered species requirements. As the host state, the focus will be on New Mexico's solutions including conversion from ground to surface water for M&I, as well as new sources from reuse of reclaimed and desalination of brackish water. Can the new sources be delivered at a reasonable cost, both economic and environmental, and without exorbitant use of energy---and will they be sustainable over the long term? These same challenges face all of the arid western states and the solutions will come from the experience and insight of WESTCAS members.

HOTEL & TRAVEL INFORMATION

Embassy Suites, 1000 Woodward Place NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87102
(505) 245-7100

WESTCAS has reserved a block of rooms for our attendees at the Embassy Suites for the nights of Tuesday, February 16 through Friday, February, 19, 2010. Rates are \$119.00 per night (single/double) plus tax of 12.875%.

Make your sleeping room reservations before Thursday, February 4, 2010 by calling 1-800-EMBASSY and identifying yourself with the WESTCAS group or go to www.albuquerque.embassysuites.com and enter the code: wes.

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: All parking at the hotel is complimentary.

Airport Transfers: Attendees who fly should make their reservations into Albuquerque International Airport (ABQ). The Embassy Suites is conveniently located 5 minutes (3 miles) from the airport.

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

- Sunport Shuttle: \$11 each way; \$20 round trip. Advance reservations required. Call 1-505-883-4966 for reservations and further information.
- Taxi: approximately \$16-18 each way from the airport
- Rental car

San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project Water Treatment Plant Tour

The Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority is pleased to invite WESTCAS conference attendees to tour the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project Water Treatment Plant. The plant will supply up to 90% of the drinking water for the 520,000 people in the metropolitan area. The tour will look at the \$160 million Water Treatment Plant which can treat about 90 million gallons per day and includes:

From near-river pre-sedimentation ponds, the water is pumped to the main processing area. A coagulant is mixed with the water to bind with sediments and cause them to settle out. Water then flows to ozone contactors, where ozone is added to oxidize any organics and kill bacteria. Remaining turbidity is filtered out using granular activated carbon, which also absorbs any remaining organic material. Finished water storage tanks hold the water before it is treated with fluoride and chlorine and pumped into the distribution system for delivery to homes and businesses.

Tour participants should meet in the Embassy Suites lobby at 10:00AM on Wednesday February 17, 2010. Please sign up if you plan to participate.

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*PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Day 1

Wednesday February 17, 2010

10:00AM—12:00PM	Tour of San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project Water Treatment Plant
12:00PM—5:30PM	Registration
12:00PM—1:00PM	Lunch on your Own
1:00PM—3:15PM	Welcome Bob Hollander, President, WESTCAS Richard Berry, Mayor of Albuquerque (Invited): "Welcome to Albuquerque" General Session I: Policy Focus Moderated by Bob Hollander, President, WESTCAS <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elvidio Diniz, Weston Solutions: "Operating Water Resource Systems to comply with River Compact Water Delivery"• Brian Burnett: "Water Sustainability in New Mexico"• John Stomp: "Section 7 NPDES Permit Consultation for ESA Issues"
3:15PM—4:00PM	Policy Committee Wrap-Up
4:00PM—5:30PM	New Member & Guest Networking Session
4:00PM—5:30PM	Board Meeting
5:30PM—6:30PM	Welcome Reception

Day 2

Thursday February 18, 2010

8:00AM—9:45AM	<i>Hicks-Ray Associates' Washington Update</i> Fred B. Hicks, Ph. D. and J. Tom Ray, P. E.
10:10AM-11:30AM	General Session II: Legislative Focus Moderated by Wayne Owen, Planning Director, Tarrant Regional Water District, Fort Worth, TX and Vice President, WESTCAS <i>National Legislative/Policy Issues Panel:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Passell (Invited): "HR3598—Water-Energy Nexus"• TBD Speaker: "WIN Issues"• Wally Murphy, US Fish and Wildlife Area Manager: "ESA Issues—Legislative Focus"
11:30AM—12:00PM	Legislative Committee Wrap-Up

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Day 2

Thursday February 18, 2010 (con't)

12:00PM— 1:30PM	Luncheon <i>Speaker:</i> Senator Senator Tom Udall (Invited): "River Restoration"
2:00PM—5:00PM	General Session III: Regulatory Focus Moderated by Harlan Agnew, Attorney, Pima County Attorney's Office, Chair, WESTCAS Regulatory Committee <i>National Regulatory Issues Panel:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steve Glass: "New Mexico Triennial Review Issues of Interest to WESTCAS"• Nancy Gloman/Tom Pitts: "Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program Lessons"• Barbara Gastian: "Safe Drinking Water Act Compliance Issues"• John Kelly: "Albuquerque Metro Area Stormwater Quality Initiatives"• Fred Andes: "Nutrient Issues Update"
5:00PM—5:30PM	Regulatory Committee Wrap Up
5:30PM—7:30PM	Reception: <i>Sponsored in part by the Associates' Members</i>

Day 3

Friday February 19, 2010

7:30AM—8:30AM	Associates Committee Meeting
8:30AM—10:30AM	General Session IV: Associates Focus Moderated by Kelly Collins, Senior Environmental Scientist, CDM <i>Spotlight Associates Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bob Marley: "Reclaimed Water ASR in Rio Rancho"• Robert Fowlie: "Treating Brackish Water in Sandoval County"• Doug Brown: "Pilot Testing High Recovery Membrane Systems and Enhanced Evaporation to Achieve Zero Liquid Discharge"• Craig Hoover: "Water Resource Projects in the Albuquerque Area"
10:30AM	Closing Remarks & Adjournment Bob Hollander, President, WESTCAS
10:30AM—12:30PM	Board Meeting

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