



# The Western Coalition of Arid States

## WESTCAS

WESTCAS is the Voice of Water Quality in the arid west, and thus WESTCAS strives to be a reliable source of information about water issues to our members and the public. Our WESTCAS members are in daily telephone and email communication with each other regarding current water issues.

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. WESTCAS has current members in the following states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, and Texas.

WESTCAS is an organization that has always valued the professional contributions that its members make toward ensuring sustainable water quality and quantity in the arid west. Historically, WESTCAS has honored its hard-working members with a variety of awards, usually presented to our members at the WESTCAS Annual Summer Conference. Please review the following list of awards and their recipients.

### WESTCAS AWARDS 1994 – 2010

#### WESTCAS AWARDS:

##### **Golden Cactus Certificate**

Criteria: Certificate of recognition for work during the year on various WESTCAS activities.

##### **Past Recipients:**

Name	Year	Name	Year
Agnew, Harlan	1994 & 08	King, Paul	1997 & 99
Alstadt, Stacy	2006	Kirkpatrick, Randy	2010
Andes, Fred	2008	Kracht, Jeff	2001
Archuleta, Peter	2003	Lee, Jan	1998
Biggs, Barbara	2002	Macinka, Elise	1997
Bitner, Kelly	2000	Malcolm-Pirnie	2002
Bowman, Chuck	1996	Martin, Bob	1999
Brezak, Jim	1994	McCaleb, Jolene	2010
Brown, Bing	2004	McNeil, David	2008
Brown, Marci	1995 & 96	McPherson, Gail	1997
Burkstaller, John	1996	Miller, Thelma	1995
Card, Vicki	1995	Mills, Rick	2009
Cavender, Burnie	1995	Moore, Dawn	2009
Chase, Bill	1998	Neal, Chris	1998
Clark, Tim	1996	Nylander, Charles	2002

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Collins, Karen	1999	O'Brien, Dorothy	2006
Cornielle, Dick	1999	Owen, Wayne	2007
De Haan, Michelle	1998	Owen, Wayne	2009
Doud, Jim	1995	Perry, Bob	1996
Egan, Jim	2002	Pifher, Mark	2004
Estes, Mark	1995	Ramage, Karen	1999
Everest, Bill	1994 & 97	Ray, Tom	2010
Fleury, Mike	1994	Reece, Craig	1996
Foster, Tad	1996	Reichenbacher, Frank	2001
Gano, Harold	1998	Rice, Bob	1997
Gardner, Mary	2007	Russell, Jerry	1998
Glass, Peggy	2007	Santantonio, Dan	1996
Goodin, Don	1994	Scharnhorst, Vicki	2001
Green, Sharon	1996	Shalhoub	2006
Hale, Leonard	2002	Shoaf, Gerry	1994
Hart, Alec	2002	Smith, Dean	1998
Hicks, Fred	2010	Smith, Jennifer	1999
Hill, Chris	1995	Smith, Scott	2001
Hollander, Bob	1996	Stowe, Dennis	1995
Hunt, Rex	2008	Stratton, Mark	2002 & 06
Izzo, Marge	1998	Thomas, Harold	1998
Jacomet, Donna	1995	Treese, Chris	1996
Karafa, Doug	2001	Tubbs, Cheryl	1999
Kassisiéh, Costy	1997	Ullinskey, Gary	2002
Kersey, Bernie		Ullinskey, John	1994 & 96
		Van Derveer, Bill	1998
		Wanttaja, Kevin	2002
		Wolniewicz, Ski	
		Zinke, Dee	

### Distinguished Service Award (plaque)

Criteria: WESTCAS members who have gone beyond the normal call of duty, i.e. special efforts, regional, state, federal, outstanding achievements, WESTCAS participation, etc.

### Past Recipients:

Name	Year	Name	Year
Agnew, Harlan	1995	Landau, Sharon	2001
Archuleta, Peter	1995	Martin, Robert	2002
Bazel, Larry	2004	Meyerhoff, Richard	2004
Bitner, Kelly	2004	Moore, Tim	2001
Brezak, Jim	1998	Neal, Chris	1999
Brown, Bing	1996	Newport, Mary Ann	1994
Burkstaller, John	1999	Nylander, Charlie	2004
Card, Vicki	1999	Owen, Wayne	2010
Cavender, Burnie	1996	Pifher, Mark	1995
Chase, Bill	1996	Rackley, Ira	1994
Collins, Kelly	2008	Reece, Craig	2000
Corneille, Richard	2003	Russell, Jerry	1998

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Cruz, Rod	1998	Santantonio, Dan	2001
Curley, Ed	1994	Segler, Kurt	1996
De Haan, Michelle	2003	Smith, Dean	1997
Doud, James	2002	Smith, Linwood	2000
Egan, Jim	2001	Stowe, Dennis	2000
Fleury, Mike	1998	Treese, Chris	2004
Foster, Tad	1995	Tubbs, Cheryl	2000
Gano, Harold	1997	Ullinskey, Gary	1997
Harrison, Claire	1994	VanDerveer, Bill	2004
Haskett, Kristen	2003	Wanttaja, Kevin	1995
Hart, Alec	2003		
Hollander, Bob	1997		
Jacomet, Donna	2001		
Johnson, Bruce	2008		
Karafa, Doug	1996		
Kersey, Bernie	1999		

### **Founders Award (plaque)**

Criteria: Very special award (not necessarily given annually) for outstanding effort in keeping WESTCAS in the forefront, promoting our organization and its issues. Must be a member or retired member.

### **Past Recipients:**

Name	Year	Name	Year
Brinsko, George	1994	Libeu, Larry	1995
Brown, Bing	2000	Karafa, Doug	2002
Carlson, Peter	2008	Schlange, Andy	1994
Chase, Bill	1999	Segler, Kurt	2004
Curley, Ed	1997	Bob Will	2004
Laughlin, Jim	1996		

### **President's Award (plaque)**

Criteria: Awarded to an individual(s) who has worked for the advancement of WESTCAS and WESTCAS issues on the regional or national level. The individual is from outside the membership of WESTCAS.

### **Past Recipients:**

Andes, Fredric	2002
Brinsko, George	1999
Carlson, Peter	2002
Domenici, Pete V. (Senator)	2008
Nylander, Charlie	2006
Reid, Senator Harry	1994
Reynolds, David (ACWA)	1996
Reynoldson, Jerry	1994

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### Special Awards:

#### **Special Recognition Award**

Agnew, Harlan	1998
Cavender, Burnie	1998
Curley, Ed	2007
Foster, Tad	1999
Jacomet, Donna	2003
Karafa, Doug	1999
Libeu, Larry	2007
Pifher, Mark	1999
Rackley, Ira	1998
Ullinskey, Gary	1999
Wanttaja, Kevin	1998

#### **Special Team Award (desk bar w/ clock)**

Egan, Jim	1997
Foster, Tad	1997
Harrison, Claire	1997
Moore, Tim	1997
Pifher, Mark	1997

#### **Arsenic-Rule Warrior Award (desk bar w/ clock)**

Bazel, Larry	2001
Burkstaller, John	2001
De Haan, Michelle	2001
Reece, Craig	2001
Stomp, John	2001

#### **The Foster Award**

Foster, Tad	2000
Andes, Fred	2010

#### **The Craig Reece Memorial Award**

Reece Family 2003

#### **Engraved champagne bottle**

Brown, Bing	2001	(retiring from City of Phoenix)
Cavender, Burnie	2003	(retiring from SBVCD)
Fleury, Mike	2001	(stepping down as Science Committee Chair)
Pifher, Mark	2001	(given in appreciation of consistent work for many years)
Rice, Robert	2003	(retiring from Pima County)
Thomas, Harold	2010	(retiring from Board)

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### **Outstanding Service**

Henderson-Davis, Sharon            2009  
McNeil, David                            2009

### **Larry Libeu Standing Ovation Award**

Collins, Kelly                            2009

### **Chef's apron and BBQ utensils (retiring president)**

Libeu, Larry                                2000

### **Proclamation**

Brinsko, George                        1999 (retiring president)  
Cavender, Burnie                        2003 (retiring treasurer)

### **Master of Ceremonies:**

1994	Larry Libeu	
1995	Ed Curley, Claire Harrison, Ira Rackley	Guest presenter: Dan Beard
1996	Larry Libeu	Guest presenter: Robbie Savage
1997	Larry Libeu	Guest presenter: Jim Ziglar
1998	Larry Libeu	
1999	Larry Libeu	Guest presenter: Robbie Savage
2000	Larry Libeu	Guest presenter: "Mark Twain"
2001	Larry Libeu and Doug Karafa	
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### **Miscellaneous History**

WESTCAS was founded in April 1992 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The founding Board of Directors:

Arizona	California	Nevada	New Mexico
George Brinsko	Jim Laughlin	Doug Karafa	David Stollicker
Bill Chase	Andy Schlange	Kurt Segler	

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