

**Western Governors' Association
2009 Winter Meeting
December 16-17, 2009**

**Hotel Del Coronado
1500 Orange Avenue | Coronado, CA 92118**

Agenda

Wednesday, December 16

9:00 – 11:00am

Wilder E/F

Wildlife Corridors Initiative Sidebar

Western Governors' Wildlife Council members and WGA staff will host a sidebar for interested parties to discuss current activities of the Council in developing wildlife Decision Support Systems.

11:00 a.m.

Grand Hall Foyer

Registration Open

1:00 – 1:10 p.m.

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Welcoming Remarks – Governor Brian Schweitzer, WGA Chairman

1:10 – 2:35 p.m.

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A Resilient West: Climate Adaptation Strategies

Governors and invited guests will discuss projected impacts in the West from a warming climate as well as strategies for adapting to those impacts. A warming climate could affect water, electricity generation, supplies, forests and key animal and plant habitat. States and Federal agencies are developing new tools and policy approaches to prepare for and respond to these impacts.

David Hayes, Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior, will provide an opening keynote on climate adaptation. Following his remarks the Governors will discuss strategies for dealing with impacts to water, energy and natural resources with David Behar, Water Utility Climate Alliance; Elliott Mainzer, Bonneville Power Administration; Steve Mealey, Boone and Crockett Club; and Del Walters, California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection.

2:35 – 2:45 p.m.

WGA Business Session

Governors will briefly review and vote on one resolution, approve minutes of the June 2009 meeting and take up any other business.

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

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The Integration of Electric Vehicles in the West

Governors and invited guests will discuss challenges to deploying electric vehicles, including vehicle availability and battery technology, how utilities are planning for the impacts of electric vehicles in generation and transmission planning, and the regional impact of electric

vehicles on demand. Governors will discuss strategies for facilitating deployment of electric vehicles in the West.

Joining the Governors will be Mark Duvall, Director of Electric Transportation at the Electric Power Research Institute; Pedro J. Pizarro, Executive Vice President, Power Operations at Southern California Edison; and Diarmuid O'Connell, Vice President of Business Development at Tesla Motors.

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Thomas Lawn

Reception and Exhibit Of Electric And Plug-In Hybrid Vehicles

Thursday, December 17

7:30 a.m.
Grand Hall Foyer

Registration Open

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
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The Path to New Transmission Lines

The West has an abundance of resources to fuel a new energy economy in the region. Developing these resources involves very complex processes for planning and siting new transmission lines and efficiently operating existing transmission lines. This maze of federal, state and industry practices and regulations hampers needed investment in a clean electric power system. The Governors and invited guests will discuss the challenges and potential reforms that will prepare the West for a clean energy future.

Joining the Governors will be Mike Niggli, COO of Sempra; Bob Rowe, CEO, NorthWestern Energy; Jeff Byron, Commissioner, Calif. Energy Commission; Jose Maria Sanchez Seara, CEO of Naturener USA; Hank Petranik, Vice President, TransCanada Corporation; Bob Anderson, Western Grid Group; and Michael Peck, Board Member of the Apollo Alliance.

11:00 a.m. – noon
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Crafting the West's Energy Future

The Governors will discuss the path forward to developing future generation and transmission scenarios toward achieving clean, secure, reliable and affordable energy in the West. The Governors will be joined by Skila Harris, Recovery Act Advisor at U.S. Department of Energy

In addition, Governor Schweitzer and Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks staff will demonstrate an innovative GIS-based system they are using to identify areas in the state that are high value for wildlife and those areas that may be most appropriate for energy development.