

**Western Governors' Association
2012 Winter Meeting
December 1-2, 2012**

Montelucia Resort, Scottsdale, AZ

Agenda

Saturday, December 1st

12:00 - 12:15 p.m.

Alhambra A

Welcoming remarks

Governor Jan Brewer and Governor Gary Herbert

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

Alhambra A

Keynote Address and Lunch

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Alhambra B

Plenary I -- Protecting Western Forests and Communities from Wildfires

It has been a year of record temperatures and drought in most of the West. Wildfires destroyed homes, valuable timber and lives were lost fighting and fleeing the fires. The Governors, Premiers and Harris Sherman, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment at USDA, will discuss improving state and federal policies for forest restoration, wildfire response and post fire recovery.

3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

Alhambra B

Plenary II -- Reducing the Federal Deficit and Growing the Economy

Decisions regarding how to deal with the federal deficit and the size of the federal budget will have profound impacts in the West. Douglas Elmendorf, Director of the Congressional Budget Office, and Dr. Alice Rivlin, Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institute (and former director of CBO, OMB and Federal Reserve Vice Chair) join the Governors and Premiers to discuss the federal budget deficit situation, outlook and policy implications.

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Time available for Private Sidebar Meetings

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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Reception

Sunday, December 2nd

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast

*Alhambra A &
Terrace*

9:00 – 10:30

Alhambra B

Plenary III -- Energy Trends, Outlook and Opportunities

The public debate in the U.S. about energy has focused on coal versus renewable energy, climate change versus climate variation, government incentives versus free market approaches. Lost in the debate is the fact that events unfolding internationally are having -- and likely will continue to have -- an impact on U.S. energy prices and policies. Jeffrey Immelt, Chairman and CEO of General Electric Company; John Conger, Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment; J. Brett Harvey, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, CONSOL Energy; Adam Sieminski, Administrator of the U.S. Energy Information Administration; and Dan Reicher, Executive Director of the Steyer-Taylor Center for Energy Policy and Finance at Stanford University, will join the Governors and Premiers for a discussion on the future of energy.

10:45 – Noon

Alhambra B

Governors' and Premiers' Roundtable -- The West as the Nation's Energy Breadbasket

The West is the energy storehouse of the nation. Governors and Premiers are leading the way to ensure the West's energy resources are developed in a responsible manner to power the West's and the nation's future. A panel of Governors and Premiers will highlight what they are doing to ensure resources in their state contribute to the region's energy portfolio.

Noon

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