

**Western Governors Association  
Transportation Fuels Council  
Draft Agenda  
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**Meeting Objectives:**

- Identify specific tasks and deliverables from the attached ideas for the Council's workplan
- Prioritize these tasks by need, timing, and likely funding availability
- Identify benchmarks for the 2009 report to Governors
- Agree on a 2008-2009 timeline for the Council's actions.

**Agenda:**

**9:00 a.m.      Welcome - *Dianne R. Nielson (Utah) and David Fleischaker (Oklahoma)***

**9:05 a.m.      Review of June 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting and Council Update on WGA Activities –  
*Dianne R. Nielson (Utah)***

Recap of the outstanding items from the June 16<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting and an update on the outcomes of the 2009 WGA Annual Meeting. WGA staff will provide an update on recent activities, funding from the Energy Foundation, and the Western Bioenergy Assessment

**9:15 a.m.      Development of Council Workplan for 2009 – *David Fleischaker (Oklahoma)***

The co-chairs will lead a discussion on what the priorities for the Council should be for the next year. Council members are encouraged to identify specific tasks, dates, and needed resources. Council members should also consider opportunities for coordinating on both the state and federal level.

**Proposed Priority Actions:**

- Addressing vehicle fuel efficiency
- Developing the West's biofuels infrastructure
- Policies and regulatory structures needed to support plug-in hybrids
- Coordinating fuel paths and connectivity across the West

**10:00 a.m.      Development of benchmarks and outline for 2009 report to Governors –  
*Dianne R. Nielson (Utah)***

The WGA resolution passed with the acceptance of the Transportation Fuels Report stipulates that states should report on their achievement of TFF objectives. The Council will be asked to discuss and identify benchmarks that would fulfill the request to the states.

**10:15 a.m.    Discussion of Timeline for Council Actions and Next Steps - *Dianne R. Nielson (Utah)***

The co-chairs will lead a discussion on how to prioritize agreed to actions and Ask the Council to agree on a schedule for achieving them.

## **WGA Transportation Fuels Council Priority Actions**

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- Hold a workshop to support the Council's implementation of recommendations;
- Work with the federal government to share information and collaborate;
- Recruit the Governors to write a letter or take some action on vehicle fuel efficiency standards; Identifying the proper time to do this is critical;
- Continue to press EPA to involve states in the LCFS dialogue;
- Work together as a region to ensure that alternative fuel infrastructure supports long-distance travel (establish infrastructure corridors);
- Perform a Western R&D inventory to get an idea of who is doing what;
- Establish a subcommittee to work towards developing a regional LCFS framework;
- Take advantage of high prices to address biofuels infrastructure needs (for both "E and B" blends and waste streams);
- Inventory biodiesel technologies;
- Increase public education efforts;
- Write a transition paper on transportation fuels for the new Administration;
- Establish a subcommittee on fungibility (this could possibly link up with a current group);
- Advance the discussion about forest and other "non-food" products for biofuels; and
- WGA-hosted advanced biofuels workshops in different regions of the West.

# **Transportation Fuels for the West: A Roadmap for Energy Security and Improving the Environment and the Economy**

## **Potential Benchmarks**

The Western Governors recognize the value of setting measurable goals to chart a state or region's progress in integrating alternative fuels into the transportation fuel pool. Accordingly, each state will consider establish state-specific goals optimizing benefits to the state based on the unique aspects of the state, and measure accomplishments for the following (Policy Resolution 08-02 B. 5):

- Total research and development spending on alternative fuel options.
- Number of pilot and/or demonstration scale projects being developed in state by a specific year.
- Percent of conventional fuels consumed within the state that will be displaced by alternative fuels by a specific year. (This can include the amount and type of blends deemed most appropriate for a state.)
- Percent of state fleet vehicles with increased vehicle fuel efficiency and use of alternative fuels.
- Quantifiable improvements in vehicle fuel and transportation system efficiency within the state.
- Quantifiable goals for transportation fuel that will be produced from alternative sources within the state by a specific future date.
- Amount of reduction in criteria and greenhouse gas emissions attributed to alternative fuel use and vehicle fuel efficiencies.