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## ***Water Policies and Planning in the West: Ensuring a Sustainable Future***

### ***A Conference***

**October 10 – 12, 2007  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
Sheraton City Centre**

### **Conference Objectives**

Last year Western Governors released a report entitled *Water Needs and Strategies for a Sustainable Future*. The purpose of the conference is to develop policy options and identify case studies relating to the following three topics from the report:

- Water planning to deal with challenges resulting from growth.
- Effective watershed approaches to water planning.
- Responding to climate change and drought impacts.

### **Highlights**

#### *Plenary Sessions*

- **Dealing with Growth** - Discussing the challenges of and approaches to meeting competing and growing demands on scarce water resources.
- **Water Planning at the Local Level** - Exploring the status of locally-led or watershed initiatives in water planning and management, as well as opportunities to strengthen watershed-based efforts across the state, federal, and interstate levels.
- **Planning for Climate Change Impacts** - Examining what the current science tells us about climate change impacts on the West's water supply and the need for adaptation strategies.

*Breakout Sessions* -- Moderated panel presentations and discussions will provide opportunities for dialogue, networking, and identification of future policy options.

#### *Invited Keynote Speakers:*

Governor Jon Huntsman, Utah

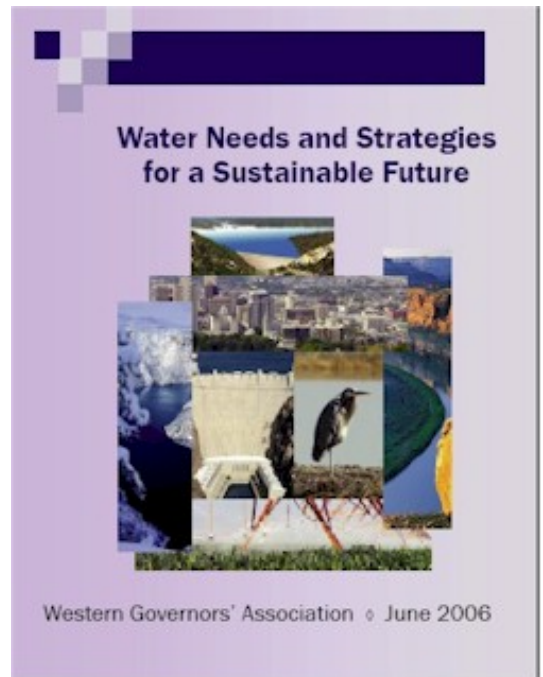
Governor Janet Napolitano, Arizona

Senator Jeff Bingaman (NM), Chairman, Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee

Senator Pete Domenici (NM), Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Secretary Dirk Kempthorne, U.S. Department of the Interior

Administrator Stephen Johnson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



## Who Should Attend

Local, state, interstate, and federal agency representatives, as well as other stakeholders from non-governmental organizations, and individuals interested in the future of western water planning and management.

## Location and Lodging

The conference venue is the Sheraton City Centre, 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. To learn more about the property, visit <http://www.saltlakecitysheraton.com/>. A block of rooms has been reserved at the discounted rate of \$109 single/double occupancy. The group rate will be honored three days before group arrival and three days after group departure based on availability. The cut-off date for room reservations at the discounted rate is **September 7, 2007**. Reservation requests received after that date will be accepted on a space available basis, at the higher rate available at that time. To reserve a room, call the hotel's reservations department at 801-401-2000, and be sure to request the Western States Water Council room block for the special rate. Space is limited; make reservations early.

## Registration

Registration should be made in advance by completing the [on-line registration](#) form. The [conference agenda](#) is posted on the WGA web site. Fees will be used to cover conference costs. Government or nongovernmental - \$250. On-site registration will also be available.

### *Cancellation Policy*

Registrants who are unable to attend the conference will receive a refund less a \$25 handling fee if written cancellation is received by September 24, 2007. Cancellations may be faxed to (801) 255-9642, attn.: Registrar. Cancellations after September 24, 2007 will be refunded less a \$50 administrative fee.

## Transportation

Complimentary transportation from the SLC Airport to the Sheraton City Centre is available from 6 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. daily.

## Program Sponsors

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- National Tribal Environmental Council
- Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- National Association of Counties
- Council of State Governments

