

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

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

Revised Draft Agenda

Wednesday, December 16

**8:00 a.m. – 1:00
p.m.**
*Wilder Complex/
Boardroom*

Time Free for Sidebar Meetings

11:00 a.m.
Grand Hall Foyer

Registration Open

1:00 – 1:10 p.m.
Empress/Regent

Welcoming Remarks – Governor Brian Schweitzer, WGA Chairman

1:10 – 2:35 p.m.
Empress/Regent

A Resilient West: Climate Adaptation Strategies

Governors and invited guests will discuss projected impacts in the West from a warming climate and strategies for adapting to those impacts. A warming climate could affect electricity generation, water supplies and key animal and plant habitats. 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 impacts to water, energy and natural resources with Elliott Mainzer, Bonneville Power Administration and Steve Mealey, Boone and Crockett Club.

2:35 – 4:00 p.m.
Empress/Regent

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.

Empress/Regent

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

Empress/Regent

Crafting the West's Energy Future

The Governors will identify solutions to developing future generation and transmission scenarios that will enable the West to implement a long-term strategy for achieving clean, secure, reliable and affordable energy while effectively managing water, land and wildlife resources. Governor Schweitzer and Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks staff will demonstrate their GIS-based system that identifies areas crucial for wildlife and those that may be more appropriate for development. The governors have asked the Western Governors' Wildlife Council to develop these systems in each state and make them compatible across state boundaries.