

**Western Governors' Association  
2008 Annual Meeting  
Teton Village - Jackson Hole, Wyoming  
June 29 – July 1, 2008**

**Final Agenda**

Dress for all events is western casual

**Sunday, June 29, 2008**

**8:00 a.m. – noon**

**Free Time for Recreation**

**10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

*Walk Festival Hall*

**Registration and Activity Desks Open**

**1:30 – 1:45 p.m.**

*Walk Festival Hall*

**Convene Meeting**

Governor Freudenthal will welcome everyone to the meeting. He will then introduce the Color Guard and ask everyone to stand for the singing of the U.S. and Canadian national anthems.

**1:45 – 2:00 p.m.**

*Walk Festival Hall*

**Keynote Speaker – Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary of the Department of the Interior**

**2:00 – 2:15 p.m.**

*Walk Festival Hall*

**Keynote -- Tom Brokaw**, Recently named moderator of NBC's *Meet the Press*, Special Correspondent and former anchor for NBC News and author of *The Greatest Generation* and *Boom*

**2:15 – 3:45 p.m.**

*Walk Festival Hall*

**Plenary I – Protecting Wildlife Corridors in the West**  
**Moderator; Governor Dave Freudenthal**

**Speakers and Panelists:** Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne; Jack Dangermond, CEO of ESRI; Steve Elbert, Vice Chairman of BP America and Tom Brokaw

For many wild animals, survival is dependent upon access to habitat and an ability to move freely between habitat areas. As the West's population continues to grow, crucial habitat and wildlife movement corridors are increasingly becoming fragmented or destroyed through road building, land use development, and energy development. A new threat to wildlife survival is now emerging in the form of climate change. The Governors and invited guests will discuss efforts needed to protect and sustain wildlife corridors and crucial habitat in the face of these severe threats.

**3:45 – 4:15 p.m.**

*Walk Festival Hall*

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Governors will adopt a workplan and budget for FY2009, consider new policy resolutions and elect a new chairman and vice chairman.

**5:00 p.m.**  
*Village Parking Lot*

**Buses Depart for Reception at the Center for the Arts**

**5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**  
*Center for the Arts*

**Opening Reception**

Entertainment by the Shelly and Kelly Band

Note: At 6:45 p.m. in the Center Theater within the Center for the Arts Tom Brokaw will offer brief remarks followed by a visually stunning multi-media presentation on wildlife corridors.

**Monday, June 30, 2008**

**7:30 – 5:00 p.m.**  
*Walk Festival Hall*

**Registration and Activity Desks Open**

**10:00 – 11:45 a.m.**  
*Walk Festival Hall*

**Plenary II – Managing Water in the West**

**Moderator: Governor Janet Napolitano**

**Panelists:** Brad Udall, Director of the Western Water Assessment, a joint effort of the University of Colorado and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and Duane Smith, Executive Director, Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

Conflict over limited water is not new to the West. However, population growth and climate change are increasing the challenges, requiring the development of new strategies for managing water resources and plans for sustainable future supplies. This session will consider the various challenges Western water suppliers face and will explore strategies to help states reduce conflicts and mitigate impacts that arise from water shortages.

**12:00 – 1:30 p.m.**  
*Snake River Lodge*  
*Teton Mountain Lodge*

**Lunch** – All attendees

**2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**  
*Walk Festival Hall*

**Plenary III – Transmission Expansion – When, Where, How Much?**

**Moderator; Governor Dave Freudenthal**

**Speakers and Panelists:** Jeff Sterba, Chairman, President and CEO of PNM Resources; David Sokol, Chairman and CEO of MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company; Michael Niggli, COO of San Diego Gas & Electric Company; and John Fielder, President of Southern California Edison.

The electricity transmission grid in the West must be expanded to reach location-constrained renewable resources and other generation needed to meet the demands of the region's growing population. Despite an unprecedented number of proposals to build new

transmission lines, few transmission projects are under construction. The Governors will explore with industry leaders why this is the case and what government can do to expedite the construction of needed transmission. This session will include a candid discussion of future electric generation resources in view of public policies limiting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

**6:45 – 9:00 p.m.**

*Four Seasons --  
Ballroom and  
Cottonwood Terrace*

**Gala Reception**

Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be available throughout the ballroom including carving stations and pasta bars. Entertainment by Anne & Pete Sibley

**Tuesday, July 1, 2008**

**8:00 - 9:00 a.m.**

*Snake River Lodge  
Teton Mountain Lodge*

**Breakfast** – All attendees

**9:15 – 9:45 a.m.**

*Walk Festival Hall*

**Keynote -- Erik R. Peterson, Senior Vice President, Center for Strategic and International Studies**

**9:45 – 10:15 a.m.**

*Walk Festival Hall*

**Keynote -- Jeff Immelt, Chairman and CEO, GE**

**10:15 – 11:45 a.m.**

*Walk Festival Hall*

**Plenary IV – Energy and Climate Change**

***Moderator; Governor Jon Huntsman***

Messrs. Peterson and Immelt will join the Governors for a roundtable discussion on energy and climate change policy. The session will start with Q&A with the two keynote presenters followed by a candid discussion among Governors centered on the following topics:

- State actions -- actions to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions including the Western Climate Initiative, transportation and land use planning, and energy efficiency programs.
- Economic implications – challenges and opportunities including development of advanced energy technology, green jobs, offset projects, and addressing impacts on consumers and businesses.
- Federal policy - how to ensure that Congress, the new administration, and federal agencies understand the issues that are important to the West when developing federal climate policy.

**11:45 a.m.**

*Teton Club – (Across  
from Walk Festival Hall)*

**Closing Press Conference**

(Time is approximate, and will immediately follow Plenary IV)

