

Western Governors' Association

Energy- Related Projects and Initiatives for FY 2008

Clean and Diversified Energy -- Resolution 06-10 [Clean and Diversified Energy Initiative for the West](#)

- supporting efforts of outside associations/groups to implement Governors' recommendations contained in resolution.
- advocating Congressional action on federal clean and diverse energy legislation implementing the Governors' recommendations.
- recently convened workshops on state and local policies for energy efficient buildings; renewable energy and transmission; and accelerating the construction of near zero emission coal fired power plants.

Lead Governors: Richardson, Schwarzenegger, Freudenthal & Hoeven

Alternative Transportation Fuels -- Resolution 06-20 [Transportation Fuels for the Future](#)

- developing a policy roadmap for alternative fuels including timelines for deployment, barriers and challenges to achieving the potential, the environmental impacts of alternative fuels, and recommendations for actions that the governors can take to accelerate the alternative fuels' development and deployment.
- report to Governors in December 2007.

Lead Governors: Gregoire, Schweitzer, Schwarzenegger, Rounds & Henry

Biomass -- Resolutions 06-09 - [Improving Forest Ecosystem Health on Federal Lands: Next Steps](#)

- participating in the National Biomass Partnership and administer the Western Regional Program in 12 WGA states: manage the biomass grants and help build capacity in Western states to advance biomass utilization and biobased products.

Lead Governor: Napolitano

Carbon Sequestration -- Resolution 06-10 - [Clean and Diversified Energy for the West](#); 06-03 – [National Policies Regarding Global Climate Change](#)

- recently convened workshop on accelerating the construction of near zero emission coal fired power plants which includes carbon capture and sequestration
- communicating with Congress and the Administration the importance of funding large-scale testing in the West in Phase III.

Lead governors: Richardson and Rounds

Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change -- Resolution 06-03 - [Regional and National Policies Regarding Global Climate Change](#)

- assisting interested states and tribes with the implementation of a greenhouse gas registry through participation in the newly formed national, multi-state registry organization -- The Climate Registry.
- assisting in development of Western state and regional plans to address greenhouse gas emissions. Facilitate communication among Western states, tribes, and stakeholders and coordinate regional participation as appropriate.

Lead Governors: Schwarzenegger and Richardson

Wildlife Corridors -- Resolution 07-01 [Protecting Wildlife Migration Corridors and Crucial Wildlife Habitat in the West](#)

- advocating removal of categorical exclusions of NEPA in crucial habitat and wildlife corridors so States can better mitigate impacts on wildlife in these key areas.
- managing a broad-based collaborative process to identify key wildlife corridors and develop recommendations for protecting these areas from energy development, growth, transportation, and climate change.
 - *Oil & Gas Working Group* -- recommendations by fall 2007 on how to improve integration of wildlife values into oil and gas decisions.
 - *Energy Working Group* -- recommendations relating to wildlife corridors and crucial habitat overlapping with all energy development on Western lands.
 - *Transportation Infrastructure Working Group* -- recommendations integrating wildlife values into decisions for transportation infrastructure, such as highways and railroads.
 - *Land Use Working Group* -- recommendations for integrating wildlife values into land use and development planning.
 - *Climate Change Working Group* -- recommendations for mitigating the projected impacts of climate change on migration routes and crucial habitat in the West.

Lead Governor: Freudenthal

Sage Grouse Protection -- 05-01 - [Sage Grouse Conservation](#)

- supporting the Sagebrush Conservation Council (SCC) as it coordinates and supports local sage-grouse local working groups across the sage-grouse's range to maintain the "not warranted" status.
- supporting the Cooperative Sagebrush Initiative addressing new and innovative methods in dealing with species management including the development of market based strategies.

Lead Governor: Freudenthal