

# WESTERN CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> - JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2026



## AGENDA SUNDAY

TIME

3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

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**TIME/ TITLE**

**QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

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3:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.

**REGISTRATION**

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5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.

**BIENVENIDOS A LA TIERRA DEL ENCANTO- RECEPTION**

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### OPTIONAL WORKSHOP

2:30 P.M.- 5:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION IS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL NARUC MEMBERS  
REGISTRATION LINK FOUND AT THE AGENDA WEBPAGE OF WCPSC.ORG

**ELECTRICITY WORKSHOP:  
LEVERAGING DATA FOR  
REGULATORY DECISION-MAKING**

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**HASTA MAÑANA!  
SEE YOU TOMORROW!**



# AGENDA MONDAY

TIME

7:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

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TIME

QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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7:30 A.M.

MORNING UNDER THE SANDIAS BREAKFAST

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8:30 A.M.

GENERAL SESSION #1:  
WELCOME/KEYNOTE

ACEQUIAS- LIVING UTILITY HISTORY

- WHAT NEW MEXICO'S OLDEST UTILITY TEACHES US ABOUT RESILIENCY
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10:30 A.M.



CHILL-E AND CHAT COFFEE BREAK

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11:00 A.M.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (A)

1. DOES MICRO REALLY MEAN SMALL?

- BYOG: BRING YOUR OWN GENERATION: INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO EXPLODING DEMAND- HOW CAN INTERCONNECTED MICRO-GRIDS HELP MOVE UTILITIES AND OUR GRID FORWARD?"

2. APPROPRIATE ADOPTION OF TECHNOLOGY

- "IF YOU ARE WAITING ON ME, YOU'RE BACKING UP."

3. SMALL WATER: BLEACHED BONES AND GHOST TOWNS

- CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL WATER SYSTEMS.

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### TIME

### QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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12:00 P.M. - 1:15 P.M.

LUNCH- GENERAL SESSION #2: IN SEARCH OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST

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1:30 P.M.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (B)

1. ETHICS

- THE SHAPE OF THE TABLE: THE VALUE OF DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES IN DECISION MAKING

2. TELECOM

- SRUSFs: NECESSARY, MESSY AND STILL HERE

3. WESTERN GEAR

- EXPLORATION OF THE RESULTS OF NARUC'S TASKFORCE ON GAS-ELECTRIC ALIGNMENT FOR RELIABILITY (GEAR).
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2:30 P.M.



CHILL-E AND CHAT COFFEE BREAK

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3:00 P.M.

GENERAL SESSION #3

NOT YOUR GRANDPARENT'S CO-OP: EVOLUTION AND SOLUTIONS FOR RURAL ELECTRIC CO-OPS.

DEVELOPING SOVEREIGN UTILITY AUTHORITIES

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# AGENDA MONDAY

## PART 3

TIME

7:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

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TIME

QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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4:15 P.M.


WCPSC BUSINESS MEETING (COMMISSIONERS ONLY)

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6:00 P.M.

EVENING ON YOUR OWN

IDEAS:

- JUST CHILL-E 
- POOL TIME
- WALK THE BOSQUE
- RUN THE BOSQUE
- WATCH THE SUNSET
- BIRD WATCHING
- VISIT ALBUQUERQUE
- VISIT SANTA FE
- GOLF
- PICKLEBALL
- TENNIS
- HORSESHOE
- SLEEP

**HASTA MAÑANA!**  
**SEE YOU TOMORROW!**

# AGENDA TUESDAY

TIME

7:30 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

TIME

## QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

7:30 A.M.

MORNING UNDER THE SANDIAS BREAKFAST

8:30 A.M.

GENERAL SESSION #4:

KEYNOTE

- **BABY BOOMERS AND BUILDOUT: WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM POST-WAR GROWTH TO GUIDE US THROUGH CURRENT RAPID DEMAND GROWTH.**

10:30 A.M.



CHILL-E AND CHAT COFFEE BREAK

11:00 A.M.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (C)

1. REGIONAL MARKETS

- **ARE WE THERE YET? HOW MANY REGIONAL MARKETS WILL THRIVE IN THE WEST?**

2. GRID YOGA

- **INTERCONNECTION FLEXIBILITY WITHOUT ITCHY PANTS.**

3. WATER WE WAITING FOR? FROM CRISIS RESPONSE TO LONG-TERM RESILIENCE

- **THE CASE FOR PERMANENT CONSERVATION AND EFFICIENCY.**

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### TIME

### QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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12:00 - 1:45 P.M.

LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)

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1:45 P.M.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (D)

**1. GAS AS A BRIDGE**

- EXAMINING THE ROLE OF GAS-FIRED GENERATION WHILE MEETING RPS REQUIREMENTS.

**2. AFFORDABILITY**

- EXAMINING CAUSES AND CURES TO THE AFFORDABILITY DILEMMA.

**3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- DISCUSSION OF MULTIPLIER EFFECTS AND KNOCK-ON IMPACTS WHEN ANALYZING COST/BENEFIT OF INCREASED LOAD.
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2:45 P.M.



CHILL-E AND CHAT COFFEE BREAK

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3:15 P.M.

GENERAL SESSION #5

**“I’M SORRY, DAVE. I’M AFRAID I CAN’T DO THAT”- AI IN UTILITY REGULATION AND ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**PLUS: TACOMA HERE WE COME.**

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# AGENDA TUESDAY

## PART 3

TIME

7:30 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

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TIME

QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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7:00 P.M.

FIESTA IN THE BOSQUE- DINNER

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8:00 P.M.

FIESTA!

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9:00 P.M. - ??

MAS FIESTA!

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# AGENDA WEDNESDAY

TIME

6:30 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.

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TIME

QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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6:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.

HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES



7:30 A.M.

MORNING UNDER THE SANDIAS BREAKFAST

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8:45 A.M.

GENERAL SESSION #6:

- FROM STAFF TO COMMISSIONER: ADVICE FROM SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN THERE.
  - TOO HOT TO IGNORE: THE FUTURE OF GEOTHERMAL POWER.
  - DOES THE SHIFTING FEDERAL LANDSCAPE CHANGE HOW WE FIND THE PUBLIC INTEREST?
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10:45 A.M.

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**BUEN VIAJE!**  
**SAFE TRAVELS!**

