

WESTERN CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

MAY 31ST - JUNE 3RD, 2026



AGENDA SUNDAY

TIME

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

TIME/ TITLE

QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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

REGISTRATION

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

BIENVENIDOS A LA TIERRA DEL ENCANTO- RECEPTION

OPTIONAL WORKSHOPS

12:30 P.M.- 4:30 P.M.

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

THE WESTERN REGIONAL:
NATURAL GAS READINESS FORUM

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

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ELECTRICITY WORKSHOP:
LEVERAGING DATA FOR REGULATORY DECISION-MAKING

HASTA MAÑANA!
SEE YOU TOMORROW!



AGENDA MONDAY

TIME

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

TIME

QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

7:30 A.M.

MORNING UNDER THE SANDIAS BREAKFAST

8:30 A.M.

GENERAL SESSION #1:
WELCOME/KEYNOTE

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER PATRICK O'CONNELL (NM)

ACEQUIAS- LIVING UTILITY HISTORY

- WHAT NEW MEXICO'S OLDEST UTILITY TEACHES US ABOUT RESILIENCY

10:30 A.M.



CHILL-E AND CHAT COFFEE BREAK

11:00 A.M.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (A)

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER ERIC BLANK (CO)

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?

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER MILT DOUMIT (WA)

2. APPROPRIATE ADOPTION OF TECHNOLOGY

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

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER LES PERKINS (OR)

3. SMALL WATER: BLEACHED BONES AND GHOST TOWNS

- CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL WATER SYSTEMS.

TIME

QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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

MODERATOR

COMMISSIONER GABRIEL AGUILERA (NM)

LUNCH- GENERAL SESSION #2:

IN SEARCH OF THE PUBLIC

INTEREST

1:30 P.M.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (B)

MODERATOR

COMMISSIONER ANN RENDAHL (WA)

1. ETHICS

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

MODERATOR

COMMISSIONER RANDY J. BROWN (NV)

2. TELECOM

- SRUSFS: NECESSARY, MESSY AND STILL HERE

MODERATOR

COMMISSIONER LEA MARQUEZ PETERSON (AZ)

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

3:00 P.M.

GENERAL SESSION #3

MODERATOR

COMMISSIONER MEGAN GILMAN (CO)

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

MODERATOR

COMMISSIONER DARCIÉ HOUCK (CA)

DEVELOPING SOVEREIGN UTILITY AUTHORITIES

AGENDA MONDAY

PART 3

TIME

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

TIME

QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?


4:15 P.M.

WCPSC BUSINESS MEETING (COMMISSIONERS ONLY)

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

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER GREG NIBERT (NM)

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

PRESENTERS
COMMISSIONER LINDSAY S. SEE

10:30 A.M.



CHILL-E AND CHAT COFFEE BREAK

11:00 A.M.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (C)

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER JOHN HAMMOND JR.
(ID)

1. REGIONAL MARKETS

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

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER COLIN YOST (HI)

2. GRID YOGA

- **INTERCONNECTION FLEXIBILITY WITHOUT ITCHY PANTS.**

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER MATTHEW BAKER
(CA)

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

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

AGENDA TUESDAY

PART 2

TIME

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

TIME

QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

12:00 - 1:45 P.M.

LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)

1:45 P.M.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (D)

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER LETHA TAWNEY (OR)

1. GAS AS A BRIDGE

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

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER JOHN REYNOLDS (CA)

2. AFFORDABILITY

- EXAMINING CAUSES AND CURES TO THE AFFORDABILITY DILEMMA.

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER EDWARD LODGE (ID)

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

3:15 P.M.

GENERAL SESSION #5

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER BRIAN RYBARIK (WA)

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

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER MILT DOUMIT (WA)

PLUS: TACOMA HERE WE COME.

AGENDA TUESDAY

PART 3

TIME

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

TIME

QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

7:00 P.M.

FIESTA IN THE BOSQUE- DINNER

8:00 P.M.

FIESTA!

9:00 P.M. - ??

MAS FIESTA!

HASTA MAÑANA!
SEE YOU TOMORROW!

AGENDA WEDNESDAY

TIME

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

TIME

QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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

HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES



7:30 A.M.

MORNING UNDER THE SANDIAS BREAKFAST

8:45 A.M.

GENERAL SESSION #6:

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER JOHN HARVEY (UT)

- TOO HOT TO IGNORE: THE FUTURE OF GEOTHERMAL POWER.

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER GABRIEL AGUILERA (NM)

- FROM STAFF TO COMMISSIONER: ADVICE FROM SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN THERE.
 - 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!

