

WESTERN CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

MAY 31ST - JUNE 3RD, 2026



AGENDA SUNDAY

MAY 31ST, 2026

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

Tamaya Veranda

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

BIENVENIDOS A LA TIERRA DEL ENCANTO- RECEPTION

Tamaya Veranda

Optional Workshops*

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

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THE WESTERN REGIONAL:
Natural Gas Readiness
Forum

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HASTA MAÑANA! SEE YOU TOMORROW!



AGENDA MONDAY

JUNE 1ST, 2026

TIME



7:30 A.M. - 4:15 P.M.

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QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

7:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.

MORNING UNDER THE SANDIAS BREAKFAST

Tamaya Ballroom

8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

GENERAL SESSION #1: WELCOME/KEYNOTE

MODERATOR

COMMISSIONER PATRICK O'CONNELL (NM)

Speakers

Myron Armijo- Santa Ana Pueblo Governor

Dionicio "Dio" Dominguez -Mayordomo

Mike Hamman- Corrales Farmer's Cooperative

ACEQUIAS- LIVING UTILITY HISTORY

- What New Mexico's oldest Utility teaches us about resiliency

Tamaya Ballroom

10:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.



CHILL-E AND CHAT COFFEE
BREAK



TIME

QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (A)

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER ERIC BLANK (CO)

Speakers

Travis Kavulla- Base Power Company
Omar Gallegos- El Paso Electric
Nate Hill- Amazon

 Tamaya Ballroom

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)

Speakers

Jason Stevenson- HData
Commissioner Brian Rybarik (WA)
Marguerite Behringer- Landis + Gyr
Paul Kjellander- KJEL LLC

 Tamaya Eagle

2. APPROPRIATE ADOPTION OF TECHNOLOGY

- "If you are waiting on me, you're backing up."

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER LES PERKINS (OR)

Speakers

Commissioner Lea Marquez Peterson (AZ)
Edward Jackson- Suburban Water Systems
Cynthia Apodaca- NM Water Service

 Tamaya FGH

3. SMALL WATER: BLEACHED BONES AND GHOST TOWNS

- Challenges and opportunities for small water systems.

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QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER GABRIEL AGUILERA (NM)

 Tamaya Ballroom

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

1:30 P.M.- 2:30 P.M.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (B)

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER ANN RENDAHL (WA)

Speakers

Jocelyn Barret- NMPRC
Wendy Gerlitz- Puget Sounds Energy
Rami Kahlon- California Water Service

 Tamaya FGH

1. ETHICS

- The Shape of the Table: The Value of Diverse Perspectives in Decision Making

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER RANDY J. BROWN (NV)

Speakers

Commissioner Milton Doumit (WA)
Benjamin Aron- CTIA- The Wireless Association
Karl Wardin- AT&T
Douglas Cooley- Comcast

 Tamaya Eagle

2. TELECOM

- SRUSFs: Necessary, Messy and Still Here

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER LEA MARQUEZ PETERSON (AZ)

Speakers

William Mojica- Arizona Public Service
Matthew Agen- American Gas Association
Commissioner Katie Sieben (MN)

 Tamaya Ballroom

3. WESTERN GEAR

- Exploration of the results of NARUC's Taskforce on Gas-Electric Alignment for Reliability (GEAR).

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QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

2:30 P.M.- 3:00 P.M.



CHILL-E AND CHAT COFFEE BREAK

3:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M.

GENERAL SESSION #3

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER MEGAN GILMAN (CO)

Speakers

Eric Segovia- Roosevelt County Electric Co-Op
Chris Hansen- La Plata Electric Association, Inc

Not Your Grandparent's Co-op:
Evolution and solutions for rural
electric co-ops.

Tamaya Ballroom

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER DARCIE HOUCK (CA)

Speakers

Max Spivak- Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Godfrey Enjady- Mescalero Apache Telecom Inc.

Developing Sovereign Utility
Authorities

Tamaya Ballroom



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7:30 A.M. - 4:15 P.M.

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QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?


4:15 P.M.

WCPS C BUSINESS MEETING
(COMMISSIONERS ONLY)

 Tamaya Hawk AB

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

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AGENDA TUESDAY

JUNE 2ND, 2026

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7:30 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.

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Tech Tuesday- The Demo Room

8:30 A.M.- 4:10 P.M.

 Tamaya Badger A & B

Experience the next wave of innovation at the 2026 WCPSC Conference with our Tech Tuesday Demo Room, a drop-in space featuring fast, 25-minute demos of emerging technologies and cutting-edge products. These tech-focused sessions run alongside the main conference program and offer a quick, exciting way to explore the tools shaping our future. Stop by anytime to get inspired and see what's new.

(Full agenda located at the end of this agenda)

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More info on the agenda webpage of wcpssc.org

8:30 A.M.- 10:30 A.M.

GENERAL SESSION #4:

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER GREG NIBERT (NM)

KEYNOTE

Speakers

Commissioner Lindsay S. See

MODERATOR
COMMISSIONER GREG NIBERT (NM)

Speakers

William Steele- Bill Steele and Associates LLC

Suedeem Kelly- Jenner & Block LLP

Jamal Mamkhezri- NMSU Center for Public

Utilities

Baby boomers and buildout:
What we can learn from post-war growth to guide us through current rapid demand growth.

 Tamaya Ballroom

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10:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.



CHILL-E AND CHAT COFFEE BREAK

11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (C)

MODERATOR

COMMISSIONER JOHN HAMMOND JR. (ID)

Speakers

Kathy Anderson- Idaho Power Company

Kelsey Martinez- PNM

Steven Wellner- FERC

Josh Robertson- SRP Energy Market Strategy

Tamaya Ballroom

MODERATOR

COMMISSIONER COLIN YOST (HI)

Speakers

Michelle Solomon- Energy Innovation

Cara Goldenberg- RMI

Gabriela Olmedo- Energy Hub

Tamaya FGH

MODERATOR

COMMISSIONER MATTHEW BAKER (CA)

Speakers

Andrew Valainis- Regulatory Assistance Project

Anjali Bean- Western Resource Advocates

Ken Jenkins- California Water Service Group

Melissa Matlock- CalWEP

Tamaya Eagle

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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12:00 P.M. - 1:45 P.M.

LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)

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ADVANCED MOBILE LEAK DETECTION

- Lunch provided by: New Mexico Gas Company

12:00 P.M. - 1:45 P.M. &
4:15 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

The SPAN Home Experience Center will be just outside the Hyatt Regency Tamaya conference space in the staff parking lot.

SMARTER HOMES, STRONGER GRID: A LIVE LOOK AT INTELLIGENT HOME ENERGY MANAGEMENT WITH SPAN

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1:45 P.M. - 2:45 P.M.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (D)

MODERATOR

COMMISSIONER LETHA TAWNEY (OR)

Speakers

Mark Dyson- RMI

Zoe Lees- Xcel Energy Service Inc.

Jon Piliaris- Puget Sound Energy

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1. GAS AS A BRIDGE

- Examining the role of gas-fired generation while meeting RPS requirements.

MODERATOR

COMMISSIONER JOHN REYNOLDS (CA)

Speakers

Jessica Shipley- Pacific Northwest National Lab.

Rachel Gold- RMI

Sarah Leeper- California American Water

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2. AFFORDABILITY

- Examining causes and cures to the affordability dilemma.

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1:45 P.M.- 2:45 P.M.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (D)

MODERATOR

COMMISSIONER EDWARD LODGE (ID)

Speakers

Kris Raper- Southwest Power Pool

Peter Colussy- NextEra Energy

Ashley Duckman- American Gas Association

 Tamaya FGH

3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Discussion of multiplier effects and knock-on impacts when analyzing cost/benefit of increased load.

2:45 P.M.- 3:15 P.M.



CHILL-E AND CHAT COFFEE BREAK

3:15 P.M.- 5:15 P.M.

GENERAL SESSION #5

MODERATOR

COMMISSIONER BRIAN RYBARIK (WA)

Speakers

Commissioner René Lopez (AZ)

Anne Zellner Sherwood- CORE Electric Co-op.

Christopher Villarreal- PanoAI

Shanna Brownstein- GridCARE

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“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.

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PART 5

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7:30 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.

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QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

7:00 P.M.



Cottonwoods Pavilion

FIESTA IN THE BOSQUE- DINNER

Meet at the Veranda at 6:45pm, to walk together. We will follow the music!

7:30 P.M. -??

FIESTA!



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AGENDA WEDNESDAY

JUNE 3RD, 2026

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

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QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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

TETHERED HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES



7:30 A.M.- 8:45 A.M.

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8:45 A.M.- 10:45 A.M.

GENERAL SESSION #6:

MODERATOR

COMMISSIONER JOHN HARVEY (UT)

Speakers

Lucy Darago- XGS Energy

Shari Kelley- New Mexico Bureau of Geology

Nestor Sepulveda- Google

 Tamaya Ballroom

- Too Hot to Ignore: The Future of Geothermal Power.

MODERATOR

CHIEF OF STAFF CHOLLA KHOURY (NM)

Speakers

Commissioner Gabriel Aguilera (NM)

Commissioner Dayn Hardie (ID)

Commissioner Brian Rybarik (WA)

Commissioner John Harvey (UT)

 Tamaya Ballroom

- From Staff to Commissioner: Advice from someone who's been there.

MODERATOR

JEFF ACKERMANN- CENTER FOR THE NEW ENERGY ECONOMY, CSU

Speakers

Michael Richard- CSU

Chair Kevin Thompson (AZ)

Chair Eric Blank (CO)

Chair Jon Itomura (HI)

President Edward Lodge (ID)

 Tamaya Ballroom

Chair Gabriel Aguilera (NM)

Commissioner Randy Brown (NV)

Commissioner Les Perkins (OR)

Chair Brian Rybarik (WA)

Chair Mike Robinson (WY)

- Does the Shifting Federal Landscape Change How We Find the Public Interest?

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

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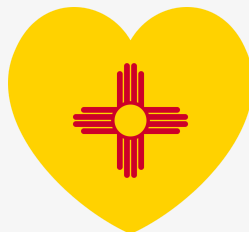
QUE PASA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

10:45 A.M.

ADJOURN



BUEN VIAJE!
SAFE TRAVELS!



Tech Tuesday- The Demo Room Western Conference Annual Meeting Agenda

Agenda Tuesday June 2nd, 2026



Time

8:30 A.M. - 4:10 P.M.

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8:30 A.M.- 8:55 A.M.

Google Cloud

**Delivering Value with Google AI
for Utilities**

Presenter

Anu Prasad- Enterprise Sales

Leveraging Google AI to Deliver Value within the Utility Industry

9:00 A.M.- 9:25 A.M.

Speridian Technologies

**Modernization Made Simple for
Commissions**

Presenter

Ashith Vahab, Vice President of Enterprise
Solutions

Public Regulation Commissions are managing more filings, hearings, and complexity than ever—often with systems not designed for today’s volume, public participation, or need for transparency. Join us to see how CaseXellence by Speridian can enable commissions to utilize our AI-powered solution to meet these emerging needs through document processing, automated workflows, electronic filing and immersive language citizen interfaces—all in one configurable platform.



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9:30 A.M.- 9:55 A.M.

Schneider Electric

Presenter

Neeraj Sehgal-Schneider Electric Digital Grid Solution Architect

Automated Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings (EPSS)

Automated EPSS in Schneider Electric ADMS is a risk-based wildfire mitigation capability that enables utilities to dynamically adjust protection settings across the distribution network under elevated fire risk conditions. The feature is designed to reduce ignition probability from electrical infrastructure while maintaining controlled, transparent operations aligned with regulatory expectations.

10:00 A.M.- 10:25 A.M.

Base Power

Presenter

Tim Pianta, Head of Utility Partnerships

More Affordable, Reliable Power through Distributed Storage

Base designs, manufactures, installs, and operates residential battery fleets to support the grid. Homeowners get backup for a fraction of the cost of alternatives and Base adds dispatchable capacity quickly to enable load growth and support system reliability.

10:30 A.M.- 11:00 A.M.

Break

11:00 A.M.- 11:25 A.M.

Apaluma

Presenters

*Alicia J. Keyes- Founder/CEO
Ruth Dimon- Project Manager
Sydney Lienemann- Strategic Advisor*

One Platform, Four Agencies: Illuminating Government Data

Regulating water utilities requires synthesizing compliance data, water rights, financial filings, and ownership structures, all of which are spread across disconnected systems. Apaluma will demonstrate the Apaluma Intelligence platform that connects NMED, OSE, PRCE360, and Secretary of State data into a unified regulatory dashboard. Attendees will see live views of rate benchmarking, PFAS and SDWA compliance tracking, and water supply adequacy flagging across New Mexico regulated water utilities.



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11:30 A.M.- 11:55 A.M.

Antora Energy

Presenter

Ujvalla Gupta, Director Interconnection and Transmission Strategy

Delivering Clean, Firm Energy at Speed & Scale

Antora's thermal energy storage charges from the grid or from intermittent generation resources to provide multiple days of firm or on-demand power. Our storage technology can be used to serve industrial thermal loads, provide accredited capacity to the electric grid, or enable off-grid resilient power solutions.

12:00 P.M.- 1:45 P.M.

Lunch

1:45 P.M.- 2:10 P.M.

HData

Presenters

*Jason Stevenson-Senior Account Executive
Matthew Kohn-Levine-Account Executive*

How the Future of Energy Gets Decided: A Demo of the HData Operating System

HData delivers the AI-native operating system for energy regulation through centralized data, powerful AI, and purpose-built applications to accelerate the research, analysis, and workflows critical to how the future of energy is decided.

2:15 P.M.- 2:40 P.M.

Resilient Structures

Presenter

Scott Holmes- Chief Technology Officer (CTO)

Grid Hardening for Reliability, Resiliency, and Wildfire Risk Mitigation with Composite Poles

As extreme weather events increasingly threaten grid resilience and reliability across the West, utilities increasingly need proven, cost-effective grid hardening solutions to address these risks. This presentation by Resilient Structures will provide an overview of how utilities across the United States are deploying composite poles to cost-effectively harden grids against wildfire ignition, high winds, and other extreme weather/environmental effects.

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2:45 P.M.- 3:15 P.M.

Break

3:15 P.M.- 3:40 P.M.

Enerknol

**Navigating the Regulatory Labryinth
with the AI-Powered EnerKnol
Platform**

Presenter

Shahid Mahdi-Director, Customer Success

The EnerKnol Platform helps energy, utility, legal, and regulatory professionals quickly identify, monitor, and analyze critical regulatory and legislative developments across federal and state jurisdictions. This showcase will demonstrate how organizations can leverage customized alerts, AI-powered search and analysis, and advanced regulatory tracking tools to stay ahead of emerging policy changes, rate cases, transmission developments, market reforms, and infrastructure initiatives. Attendees will gain practical insight into how tailored regulatory intelligence workflows can improve situational awareness, accelerate research, and support faster, more informed decision-making.

3:45 P.M.- 4:10 P.M.

Technosylva

**Advancing Modeling for Complex
Wildfire and Urban Conflagration**

Presenter

George Randolph, Senior Lead Solutions Engineer
