

Western Governors' Association
Winter Meeting and
Roundtable on People, Places and Prosperity

Hyatt Regency at Gainey Ranch
7500 E. Doubletree Ranch Road
Scottsdale, Arizona – 480-444-1234

November 8-9, 2005

DRAFT AGENDA (as of 10/21/05)

November 8

11:00 a.m. Registration Open

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Winter Meeting Convenes – *People, Places and Prosperity* – Welcome by Scottsdale Mayor Mary Manross. Opening remarks by Governor Janet Napolitano, WGA Chair

Jobs of the Future – Preparing the Western Workforce

Moderator: Governor Janet Napolitano

The Governors have invited Dr. Kathryn Scanland, the Greystone Group; Jacob Moore, Salt River Pima Maricopa; and Marc Freedman, Founder and President of Civic Ventures to discuss preparing all of the region's citizens for the jobs of the future.

Over the next 15 years, the economy in the Western U.S. will create millions of new jobs and many jobs also will be lost. The best paying new jobs will require advanced education and training, while many of the largest categories of new jobs created will not. With the baby boom generation starting to retire, the workforce will become older and more diverse. Training and retraining will need to be tailored to meet the needs of these unique populations that will comprise the new workforce.

How can government and educational institutions work together to ensure the workforce needed in the region has the skills and abilities to compete?

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. Transportation and Trade: Growth without Gridlock

Moderator: Governor Dirk Kempthorne

James H. Burnley IV, a Partner in Venable LLP and a former U.S. Secretary of Transportation, and John P. Lanigan Jr., Executive Vice President for Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad, will join the Governors to discuss transportation and trade in the West.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce estimates that by the year 2020 the total domestic tonnage of freight carried by all U.S. freight systems will increase by approximately 67 percent, while international trade volumes will nearly double in that same time period. Some West coast ports are expected to need to quadruple the amount of cargo they handle. Add to this mix an expected population increase in the West of more than 30 million people in the next 25 years.

How can government, the private sector and industry work together to ensure that the West's transportation systems do not reach complete gridlock in the near future?

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. General Reception

7:30 p.m. Dinner

November 9

7:00 a.m. Registration Open

7:15 – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast – All Attendees

8:30 – 9:45 a.m. Emergency Preparedness: Are Western States and Cities Ready?

Moderator: Governor Mike Rounds

James Lee Witt, former Director of FEMA and current consultant to Louisiana will join the Governors to discuss how to be better prepared for the expected and the unexpected.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita highlighted the difficulties of responding to large scale disasters. States and cities have done a great deal to shore up their ability to respond to emergencies since 9/11. They also learned valuable lessons about what works and what doesn't in helping other states respond to disaster. This session will review these issues.

9:45 – 10:30 a.m. WGA Winter Business Meeting

- Discussion with Kateri Callahan, Alliance to Save Energy, on strategies to help consumers cope with high energy costs this winter.
- Western electricity industry report – Louise McCarren, Executive Director, WECC
- Introduce Amelia Jenkins, WGA's newly hired Director of Coalition Development
- Update on major initiatives
 - Clean and Diversified Energy

- Forest Health/Biomass
- Sage Grouse
- Approve WGA Business
- Discuss and Adopt Policy Resolutions
- Review Plans for 2006 Annual Meeting

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Closing Press Conference

11:15 a.m. Adjourn

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