

WESTERN GOVERNORS' WINTER MEETING

DECEMBER 5-7, 2014

Four Seasons Hotel • Las Vegas, NV



GOVERNORS' AGENDA

Not for Public Distribution

Dress for meeting is business casual.

December 5, 2014

11:00 – 3:00 p.m.

*Clark County Shooting
Complex*

Governors' trap/skeet shoot with sportsmen group CEOs

The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership is inviting interested Governors and spouses to join sportsmen group CEO's for lunch and a casual private sporting clays shooting event. Tentatively confirmed are Governors Hickenlooper and Mead.

Note: Not a WGA event. RSVP to Ed Arnett - earnett@trcp.org

1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

*Desert Willow Foyer –
2nd Level*

Registration Open

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Palm Room – Lobby Level

Staff Council Meeting

SAC will meet separately with:

- Neil Kornze to discuss an array of BLM issues including reseeding, sage grouse, cheatgrass enzyme, rangeland fire initiative and the BLM 2.0 RMP revision; and
- Dan Ashe to discuss critical habitat, voluntary prelisting conservation, current listings and settlements on the horizon.

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

*Four Seasons Ballroom
Foyer – 2nd Level*

Private Reception

Governors, spouses, staff, VIPs and WGA Sponsors
(All Sponsors)

5:00 – 5:15 p.m.

*Four Seasons Lobby –
Front Drive*

Transportation for National Finals Rodeo Reception and Rodeo Event – Governors, Spouses, Platinum Sponsors only

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Mendenhall Center

Private Reception and National Finals Rodeo

Governors, Spouses, Secretary Moniz and WGA Platinum Sponsors

Note: hotel return transportation will be provided to those not attending Rodeo.

6:15 – 6:30 p.m.

*Four Seasons Lobby –
Front Drive*

Transportation available for National Finals Rodeo – Gold and Silver Sponsors (*Rodeo tickets must be secured in advance*)

6:45 p.m.

Thomas & Mack Center

National Finals Rodeo

Note: return transportation provided back to hotel

9:30 – 11:30 p.m.

*Heritage Lounge
Heritage Steakhouse
The Mirage
3400 S. Las Vegas Blvd.*

After Party Rodeo Reception – Hosted by BP America

Governors, spouses and senior staff. Several National Finals Rodeo contestants invited as well.

Note: *Not a WGA event. Space limited. Governors and spouses have priority. RSVP to Cindy Delancey cindy.delancey@bp.com.*

December 6, 2014

8:00 – 5:30 p.m.

*Four Seasons Ballroom
Foyer – 2nd Level*

Registration Open

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Palm Room – Lobby Level

Staff Council Meeting and Breakfast

Discuss emerging policy issues and other business.

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

*Charlie Palmer
Restaurant – Lobby Level*

Governors' Private Breakfast Meeting

Guests: Secretary Sally Jewell, Department of the Interior, and Secretary Ernie Moniz, Department of Energy

Note: breakfast served to Governors and Secretaries only

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Four Seasons Ballroom

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Governor Brian Sandoval, WGA Chairman

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Four Seasons Ballroom

Keynote -- Secretary Ernie Moniz, Department of Energy

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

Four Seasons Ballroom

Plenary Session I – Infrastructure: Moving Freight & Electricity

Governors and Secretary Ernie Moniz, Department of Energy, will discuss how to build and maintain private and public infrastructure to accommodate a growing economy and more people. The focus will be on moving oil and coal, siting energy and transmission lines and funding infrastructure improvements.

11:45 – 12:00 p.m.

Press Availability

Sally Jewell, Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior and Ernest Moniz, U.S. Secretary of the Department of Energy.

12:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Four Seasons Ballroom

Lunch Keynote – Secretary Sally Jewell, Department of the Interior

Note: Reserved seating for Governors and spouses

1:55 – 2:00 p.m.

Four Seasons Ballroom

Governors' group photo

On stage before plenary

2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Four Seasons Ballroom

Plenary Session II – Managing Lands and Species

Governors will be joined by Bureau of Land Management Director Neil Kornze and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe to discuss efforts to improve forest and rangeland health, conserve lands and manage wildlife species.

3:15 – 4:00 p.m.

Four Seasons Ballroom

Business Session

- Update on Western Governors' Drought Forum – Governor Brian Sandoval
- Findings of *Ad Hoc Task Force on Regional Wildfire Fighting Cooperation* – Governor John Hickenlooper
- Release of new WGA policy resolutions – Governor Brian Sandoval

Guest: Mr. Gord Brown, M.P., Canadian House of Commons and Co-Chair, Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group

4:00 – 4:15 p.m.

Press Availability

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Palm Room, lobby level

USFWS Director Dan Ashe sidebar meeting with Governors Otter, Herbert, Hickenlooper, Bullock and Mead on wolves.

Note: Not a WGA sponsored event

5:30 – 6:45 p.m.

*Four Seasons Ballroom
Foyer – 2nd Level*

Reception

Governors, spouses and all attendees

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

*Veranda Restaurant –
Four Seasons*

Governors and Spouses Private Dinner

Governor Sandoval is hosting his colleagues and spouses for a private dinner. Secretary Jewell will join the group.

8:30 – 10:00 p.m.

*Smith Center
Venue: Cabaret Jazz*

Governors and Spouses -- Entertainment

[*Clint Holmes for the Holidays*](#), an evening of holiday music

December 7, 2014

8:00 a.m.

*Four Seasons Ballroom
Foyer – 2nd Level*

Registration Open

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

*Veranda Restaurant at
the Four Seasons*

USFWS Director Dan Ashe side bar meeting with Governors Otter, Mead and Bullock on grizzlies.

Note: Not a WGA sponsored event

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Mojave – 38th Floor

Governors' and Spouses Private Breakfast Meeting

Informal. No agenda.

9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Four Seasons Ballroom

Plenary Session III – Improving Services and Opportunities for Veterans

Governors will discuss state efforts to improve services (housing, mental health, etc) and opportunities (education, job training, certification, etc), especially in rural areas.

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Four Seasons Ballroom

Governors' Policy Roundtable

Moderator: Reid Wilson, Washington Post

Governors will share their views on the impact of the elections on western issues in Congress and the challenges they see for balancing growth with preserving the West's quality of life in the region.

11:15 a.m.

Adjourn

Governors' Sidebar Meeting Rooms: Sarah Olsen at 720 838-4312 or solsen@westgov.org

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