

2023 SOUTHWEST ENERGY CONFERENCE AGENDA

7:00 – 8:15 am	Breakfast & Networking	Sponsored By:
8:15 – 8:30 am	Opening Remarks Tracey LeBeau , <i>CEO, Western Area Power Administration</i>	
8:35 – 9:35 am	Regionalization and the Choices Ahead What is the current status of regionalization and what decisions lay ahead? What factors will influence those decisions? What is the status of governance and day-ahead planning for the CAISO EIM and Southwest Power Pool Markets+? How are the Western states weighing in on a Regional Transmission Organization? How are participants evaluating the different market designs and what factors are driving the decision to choose EDAM or Markets+? Moderator: Mark Smith, <i>Vice President, Calpine</i> Panelists: Jeff Guldner, <i>Chairman and CEO, Pinnacle West Capital</i> Mark Holman, <i>Managing Director, Powerex Corp.</i> Jack Murray, <i>Vice President, Transmission System Asset Management, Western Area Power Administration</i> SRP (Awaiting confirmation)	
9:40 – 10:40 am	Customer Perspective: Meeting Changing Energy Customer Loads How have changes in customer loads – such as data centers, electric vehicles, high-tech manufacturing and mining – impacted customer needs from utilities? How do these issues impact site selection and operations? How do customers meet their renewable energy goals, ESG capital requirements and adjust their products for the future? Is the mining industry able to keep up with demand for renewable energy technology? Moderator: Michelle De Blasi, <i>Senior Energy and Environmental Attorney, Law Office of Michelle De Blasi</i> Panelists: Carey Mendes, <i>President, Energy, Nikola Corporation</i> (Awaiting confirmation)	
10:40 – 11:00 am	Coffee & Networking Break	Sponsored By:
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Utility Perspective: Energy Transition Issues in the Resource Planning Process Given changing customer demands and movement to renewable resources, how are utilities, developers, and Tribes adapting to a renewable energy transition in their resource planning? Moderator: (Awaiting confirmation) Panelists: Angie Bond-Simpson, <i>Director, Integrated System Planning & Support, SRP (invited)</i> Martin Hermann, <i>Founder and CEO, BrightNight</i> Michael Eugenis, <i>Manager of Resource Planning, APS</i> Glenn Steiger, <i>Executive Consultant, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority</i>	

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12:00 – 12:30 pm	Lunch & Networking Brief Remarks – Stan Barnes, Copper State Consulting Group Sponsored By: 
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Keynote Speaker – The Future of Energy Geopolitical Strategist Peter Zeihan, Zeihan on Geopolitics Sponsored By: 
1:45 – 2:45 pm	Energy/Water Nexus & Drought Planning How are utilities, tribes and other regulators adapting to balance the continuing drought on the Colorado River with water conservation and the increased energy needs in the West? What are the implications of drought planning on these efforts? Can we attract more industry with less water? Moderator: Russell Smoldon, CEO, B3 Strategies, LLC and Executive Director, Arizona Municipal Power Users Association Panelists: Darrin Francom, Assistant General Manager, Central Arizona Project Jordy Fuentes, Executive Director, Arizona Power Authority Stephen Lewis, Governor, Gila River Indian Community Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) (Awaiting confirmation)
2:45 – 3:15 pm	Coffee & Networking Break Sponsored By:
3:15 – 4:15 pm	Keeping Pace with Regional Growth With the vast amount of industry growth in the Southwest, particularly in Arizona, how is the region handling and planning for challenges? Moderator: Jessica Pacheco, Managing Partner, Horizon Strategies Panelists: Chris Camacho, President & CEO, Greater Phoenix Economic Council Kerri Carnes, Director, Customer to Grid Solutions, APS Mike Greenawalt, CEO, Rosendin Ed Zuercher, Executive Director, Maricopa Association of Governments
4:20 – 5:20 pm	Energy Innovation and Market Demand What are the most significant issues in energy innovation being faced by to utilities and developers to meet high demand? Some areas to be discussed include: renewable energy integration and queue positions, natural gas generation and battery storage, upgrading infrastructure, and green hydrogen. Moderator: (Awaiting confirmation) Panelists: Randy Etheridge, Chief Operating Officer, Proteus Power LLC Justin Joiner, Vice President, Resource Management, APS Matt Ligouri, Senior Manager, Public Affairs, Southwest Gas Grant Smedley, Director, Resource Planning, Acquisition, and Development, SRP
5:20 – 5:30 pm	Closing Remarks
5:30 – 7:00 pm	Cocktail Reception Sponsored By: