

2025 Southwest Energy Conference

May 22, 2025 | The Clayton House | Scottsdale, AZ





CONFERENCE AGENDA

7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast & Networking	Sponsored By: OSSON°
8:00 – 8:30 am	Opening Remarks	
	Stan Barnes, President and CEO, Copper State Consulting	
	Kevin Thompson, Chairman, Arizona Corporation Commission	
	Regional Markets: Changes in Regional Markets	
8:35 – 9:35 am	What are the current developments in how utilities are participating in regional markets? Are external markets impacting how domestic projects are structured? How will utilities maintain control over their ability to meet customer demand in competition with regional impacts?	
	Moderator: Mark Smith, Vice President, Calpine	
	Panelists: Tony Braun, Attorney, Braun Blaising & Wynn John Coyle, Managing Partner, Duncan & Alle Kent Walter, Director, Western Market Affairs,	en LLP
9:40 – 10:40 am	Customer Perspective: Meeting Energy Deman	d
	How is large customer demand shaping the future of power generation in constrained markets? Is the push toward AI going to surpass the ability of utilities to meet demand? Are there viable solutions to partner with utilities and are those opportunities being utilized?	
	Moderator: Michelle De Blasi , Senior Energy and Environmental Attorney, Law Office of Michelle De Blasi	
	Panelists: Judith Judson, Senior VP, Energy, North America, Vantage Data Centers Tom Maples, P.E. LEED AP, Project Executive, DPR Construction Nina Sadighi, PE, SMIEEE, Founder, Eradeh Power Services	
10:40 – 11:00 am	Coffee & Networking Break	Sponsored By:
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Utility Perspective: Meeting Growing Custome Market	r Demand in a Constrained Energy
	How are utilities of the future planning to meet increased demand? Are nuclear and natural gas key to a clean energy transition? How are utilities partnering with customers to resolve capacity constraints? Is transmission development keeping up with demand?	
	Moderator: Rex Stepp, Director of Business Dev	velopment, McCarthy Building Companies
	Panelists: Mike Eugenis, Director, Resource Planning, APS Mary Faulk, Director, Integrated System Planning & Support, SRP Pauline McLean, Senior Vice President of External Relations and Chief Legal Officer, Capital Power Brian Smith, Director, Nuclear Reactor Development, Idaho National Laboratory	
12:00 – 12:45 pm	Lunch & Networking	Sponsored By: COMMERCIAL SOLAR ARIZONA



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	Energy/Water Nexus & Drought Planning	
12:50 – 1:40 pm	With the vast amount of industrial growth, how is the West attracting more industry? Despite the headlines, what is the current state of water availability in the West? What innovative technologies are being utilized by industry to do more with less?	
	Moderator: Russell Smoldon, CEO, B3 Strategies, LLC	
	Panelists: Alexandra Arboleda, Attorney, Gammage and Burnham; Vice President - Maricopa, Central Arizona Water Conservation District Board of Directors Greg Jackson, Facility Operations Director, TSMC Arizona Corporation Jake Lenderking, Senior Vice President, Water Resources and Legislative Affairs, Global Water Resources	
	A Fireside Chat with Utility CEOs	
1:45 – 2:45 pm	Enabling the industrial renaissance and meeting the rapid load growth across the SW and the nation	
	Stefan Bird, President, BrightNight Ted Geisler, Chairman, President and CEO, Pinnacle West Capital Corporation; Chairman and CEO, APS	
	Susan Gray, President and CEO, Tucson Electric Power Company Jim Pratt, General Manager and CEO, SRP	
2:45 – 3:15 pm	Coffee & Networking Break Sponsored By: Capital Power Why Apprenticeship, Why Now? – How to Capture Enhanced Financial Benefits	
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