

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		
8:35 – 9:35 am	Regional Markets: Changes in Regional Markets		
	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	9	
	Panelists: Tony Braun, Attorney, Braun Blaising & Wynn John Coyle, Managing Partner, Duncan & All Kent Walter, Director, Western Market Affairs	len LLP	
9:40 – 10:40 am	Customer Perspective: Meeting Energy Demand		
	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:	
10.40 11.00 am	Utility Perspective: Meeting Growing Custome	r Demand in a Constrained Energy	
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Market	. Domaila ili a Domailamed Ellergy	
	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 De	velopment, McCarthy Building Companies	
	Panelists: Mike Eugenis, Director, Resource Planning, APS Mary Faulk, Director, Integrated System Planning & Support, SRP Andrew Pearson, Vice President, US Thermal, 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, Despite the headlines, what is the current so innovative technologies are being utilized by	tate of water availability in the West? What		
	Moderator: Russell Smoldon, CEO, B3 Strat	tegies, LLC		
	Panelists: Alexandra Arboleda, Attorney, Gammage Central Arizona Water Conservation District Greg Jackson, Facility Operations Director Jake Lenderking, Senior Vice President, V Global Water Resources	t Board of Directors r, TSMC Arizona Corporation		
	A Fireside Chat with Utility CEOs			
1:45 – 2:45 pm	Enabling the industrial renaissance and med and the nation Stefan Bird, President, BrightNight Ted Geisler, Chairman, President and CEO			
	Chairman and CEO, APS Susan Gray, President and CEO, Tucson E and UNS Energy Corporation Jim Pratt, General Manager and CEO, SRF	Electric Power, UniSource Energy Services		
2:45 – 3:15 pm	Coffee & Networking Break	Sponsored By: Capital Power		
3:15 – 4:15 pm	Why Apprenticeship, Why Now? – How to C Through the IRA/PWA What are the elements of compliance with the requirements? What are some tangible examples as tudies for improving our domestic workford our nation's energy transformation? Moderator: Blair Loftis, Vice President and Stransmission, Terracon Consultants Panelists: Eric Butticaz, Director of Apprenticeship, Stransmission, Terracon Consultants Panelists: Eric Butticaz, Director of Apprenticeship, Stransmission, Apprenticeship Program Analysis	the Prevailing Wage & Apprenticeship amples of the economic benefit and case are while providing a catalyst to accelerate of the providing acc		
4:20 – 5:20 pm	Investing in Energy Advancements How are investments in the onshoring of advancements through semiconductor supply chain, data centers and other industries helping our economy and security? How are these industries handling and planning for challenges?			
	Moderator: Jessica Pacheco, Managing Pan Panelists: Mark Bauer, Vice Chairman, Data Center S Chris Camacho, President & CEO, Greate Haresh Kamath, Director of Cross-Sector Resources, Energy Delivery & Customer So	Solutions, JLL er Phoenix Economic Council Technologies and Distributed Energy		
5:20 – 5:30 pm	Closing Remarks			
	Cocktail Reception	Sponsored By: Duncan		