



Preliminary Agenda

NASEO's 2024 Western Regional State and Territory Energy Officials Meeting

East-West Center, Imin Conference Center
Keoni Auditorium
1777 East-West Road
Honolulu, Hawaii
April 16-18, 2024

April 16, 2024 – Day One

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

- *Michael Furze, Assistant Director, Washington State Energy Office, Washington State Department of Commerce; Regional Representative, NASEO Board of Directors*
- *Richard Stover, Administrator, Idaho Governor's Office of Energy and Mineral Resources; Regional Representative, NASEO Board of Directors*
- *Mark Glick, Chief Energy Officer, State of Hawaii*
- *David Terry, President, NASEO*

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

State and Territory Energy Directors Policy and Program Priorities Roundtable

State and Territory Energy Directors and senior staff are invited to share policy and program updates and priorities. States and territories are encouraged to highlight major energy policy initiatives or changes within their jurisdiction, as well as legislative updates, and to also share where their office is with IIJA/IRA implementation.

Moderator:

- *Michael Furze, Assistant Director, Washington State Energy Office, Washington State Department of Commerce; Regional Representative, NASEO Board of Directors*

Speakers:

- *Misipati Salanoa, Director, Territorial Energy Office, American Samoa Government (invited)*
- *Maren Mahoney, Director, Office of Resiliency, Arizona Executive Office of the Governor (invited)*
- *Andrew McAllister, Commissioner, California Energy Commission (invited)*
- *Rebecca Respicio, Director, Guam Energy Office (invited)*
- *Mark Glick, Chief Energy Officer, State of Hawaii (invited)*
- *Richard Stover, Administrator, Idaho Governor's Office of Energy and Mineral Resources; Regional Representative, NASEO Board of Directors (invited)*
- *Dwayne McClinton, Director, Nevada Governor's Office of Energy (invited)*
- *Rebecca Stair, Director, Energy Conservation and Management Division, New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (invited)*
- *Thelma Inos, Energy Director, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Energy Division (invited)*
- *Janine Benner, Director, Oregon Department of Energy (invited)*
- *Gregory Todd, Director, Utah Office of Energy Development (invited)*

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – **Break**

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Building Equitable Energy Programs and Policies: Community Engagement Approaches in the West

This session will highlight approaches State and Territory Energy Offices are taking to build authentic relationships and engage communities in the energy policy and program design process, with the goal of enhancing energy affordability and access for all.

11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch and On-Site Visit to LAVA Lab: Visualizing Hawaii's Energy and Decarbonization Strategy (Group 1)

This interactive visit of the University of Hawaii's LAVA Lab will showcase two complementary tools – HAVEN and Engage – that are used to create a comprehensive energy system planning workflow that enable users to visualize the complex data that are generated by utility integrated resource plans, capacity expansion models, and economic dispatch models, and generate and compare alternative scenarios. Lunch will be provided. *(Note: Due to space limitations at LAVA Lab, half of the meeting attendees will tour the LAVA Lab on Day 1, with the other half touring the lab on Day 2. Attendees not joining the tour will have free time, and lunch will be provided).*

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Distributed Energy Resource Cybersecurity

The deployment of distributed energy resources (DER), such as microgrids, PV, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure, are well underway in the western region. The rapid growth and importance of grid connected DERs has elevated the critical need among state-level decision makers to evaluate the potential cybersecurity implications of DER deployment and work with federal and private-sector stakeholders to mitigate those risks. This session will focus on actions that states can take in partnership with utilities and industry to mitigate cybersecurity risks and discuss some of the biggest challenges and opportunities.

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Rooftop Solar Spotlight: Enhancing Energy Affordability and Renewable Energy Access

Hawaii is a rooftop solar policy leader and is working to support enhanced access and affordability of renewable energy systems. This session will share insights on how Hawaii is navigating the transition to a more equitable rate treatment of customer-sited photovoltaic systems, and provide an update on rooftop solar adoption and policy action in the state.

2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Renewable Energy Siting: Early Findings from State Energy Office Siting Initiatives under RSTEP

The Renewable Energy Siting through Technical Engagement and Planning (R-STEP) program coordinated by the U.S. Department of Energy will engage state-based collaboratives to expand capacity in renewable energy planning, siting, and permitting. With selections expected in early 2024, this discussion will highlight early findings from selected cohorts and regional opportunities for collaboration and information sharing.

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. – **Break**

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

States- and Territories-Only Roundtable Discussion

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Networking Reception

April 17, 2024 – Day Two

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

State and Territories Meetings with Hawaii Governor’s Office

10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

On-Site Visit to LAVA Lab: Visualizing Hawaii’s Energy and Decarbonization Strategy (Group 2)

12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Working Lunch: Update on NASEO Activities and State Priorities

This session will provide the latest on federal energy legislation, regulation, and appropriations, and will feature update on resources and opportunities from NASEO.

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

U.S. State Energy Program Update and State Input

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Energy’s State Energy Program (SEP) office will provide federal updates on program administration and solicit input from the states. State Energy Offices will be provided to share SEP priorities, and flag items for further discussion with U.S. DOE.

1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Residential Energy Rebates (HOMES and HEEHR): Next Steps and Program Implementation

State Energy Offices will administer nearly \$9 billion in energy efficiency and electrification rebates. State Energy Offices are invited to share their latest thinking on implementation of these rebates and how NASEO and U.S. DOE can support their efforts.

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – *Break*

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Grid Resilience: Planning Approaches, GRIP, and a Path for Multi-State Collaboration

States in the west are enhancing grid resilience planning efforts to improve access, reliability, and affordability of clean electricity in the region. This session will share approaches states are taking to support the reliability of the grid, examine lessons learned from the first few rounds of GRIP grid resilience funding, and support discussions among State Energy Offices for potential future multi-state collaborations.

4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Transmission Planning in the West

This session will provide an opportunity for states to provide updates on transmission planning in the West, in particular through WIREB-CREPC and WSTI.

4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wrap-Up and Adjourn

April 18, 2024 – Day Three

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Pending Tour: Hawaii’s Agrivoltaic Research and Development Center

This half-day site visit will feature a tour of the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center’s Agrivoltaic Research and Development Center. The featured project maximizes land use and local food security by evaluating various crop feasibilities under solar panels, and aims to guide local farmers and policy decisions in support of sustainable agriculture and renewable energy.