

# Western Climate Policy Forum

## Charting the Path Ahead



**February 26, 2009**

Hyatt Regency Denver at the Colorado Convention Center  
650 15th Street  
Denver, CO



Join us in Denver for the continuation of our successful Climate Policy Forum series that approaches climate policy on a more focused, regional level. This forum will bring together Western state governmental leaders, Registry Members and business, environmental and academic stakeholders to address climate change policies and how they will affect the West. Industry representatives will discuss how they will prepare for the future and the opportunities they see in this changing environment.

Registration is now open; seating is limited.

### Meeting Highlights

- Be part of an interactive forum setting with an unprecedented lineup of regional, national and international government leaders, as well as business, environmental, academic and industry representatives
- Network at our opening reception with colleagues from industry, academia and government who share your interest in climate policy
- Member benefit! Registry Members can attend a free post-meeting workshop discussing tips on how to report and get your inventory verified

### Forum Sessions

#### Thursday, February 26

**7:30AM**      *Registration Opens - Continental Breakfast*

**8:30AM**      **Welcome**

**Regional Overview of Climate Activities and the Role of The Climate Registry**

*Diane Wittenberg, Executive Director, The Climate Registry*

*Tymon Lodder, Regional Director West, The Climate Registry*

**9:00 AM**      **Keynote Remarks by Colorado Governor Bill Ritter**

**9:30AM**      **State Leaders Roundtable**

State leaders and directors from Western states discuss their action plans for addressing climate changes and explore policy approaches at state, regional and federal levels. What sectors may be included in regulation? What are the forecast changes in emissions over time? What are the options that may work for different states, and why? How will the Western Climate Initiative (WCI) play a potential role for federal action in climate policies?

*Janice Adair, Special Assistant to the Director, Washington Department of Ecology – invited*

*Linda Adams, Secretary for Environmental Protection, California Air Resources Board – invited*

*John Corra, Director, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality*

*Leo Drozdoff, Administrator, Nevada Environmental Protection*

*Jim Martin, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment*

*Dick Pederson, Director, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality – invited*

**10:45AM**      *Break*

- 11:00AM Stakeholders Respond**  
Thoughtful stakeholders provide overviews of their strategies and policies to address greenhouse gases (GHG) in today's uncertain environment. They also respond to the discussions from the State Leaders Roundtable. Wrapping up the session, state leaders and directors respond with their final words.  
**Jay Christopher**, SUNCOR – invited  
**Kevin Doran**, Center for Energy & Environmental Security, University of Colorado  
**Frank Prager**, Xcel – invited  
**Wendy Pulling**, PG&E – invited  
**Cathy Woollums**, PacifiCorp  
**Carl Zichella**, Sierra Club
- 12:30PM Luncheon and Keynote Address**  
**William Becker**, Executive Director, Presidential Climate Action Project, University of Colorado – Denver
- 2:15PM Putting it in a Global Perspective**  
How does the Western view of climate action mesh with the changes taking place across North America and internationally? Speakers from around the world raise tough issues regarding harmonization and operating within state and regional frameworks.  
**Rick Adcock**, CAMCO  
**Steve Anderson**, Executive Director, British Columbia Climate Change and Intergovernmental Relations  
**Gary Gero**, President, California Climate Action Registry  
**Tom Lubbe**, Center for Climate Strategies – invited
- 3:30PM Break**
- 3:45PM Pulling It All Together: The Role of The Climate Registry and Greenhouse Gas Inventories in Preparing for a Carbon Constrained World**  
How does The Climate Registry fit in the context of future state and federal climate policies and programs? How can preparing your greenhouse gas inventory assist organizations to manage and reduce emissions? Thoughtful business leaders will share their view of how The Climate Registry has assisted them in managing their emissions.  
**Randy Armstrong**, Environmental Issues Director, Shell  
**John Curreri**, AECOM – invited  
**Fiji George**, El Paso Western Pipelines  
**John Shideler**, NSF – invited
- 5:00PM Reception – sponsored by NSF**
- 7:00PM Close**

## Post-Forum Workshop for Members Only

### Friday, February 27

- 9:00AM Building a Verifiable Inventory for Reporting to The Climate Registry**  
What are the first steps to creating and managing your inventory? What do you need to know to succeed in verification? Registry Staff, Members and Verifiers provide insight on building a verifiable inventory for reporting to The Climate Registry.
- 10:45AM Break**
- 11:00AM Voices of Experience: Panel of Verification Bodies and Registry Members**  
Participate in a roundtable discussion with Verifiers and experienced Members to share lessons learned and other tools that will help new Members succeed in verification.
- 12:00PM Adjourn**

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## Registration

All attendees, including invited speakers, must register for the conference using our [online registration system](#). Members may register for the half-day pre-conference workshop at no cost. Registration for the full conference includes breakfast, lunch and a networking reception on Thursday, February 26.

### Registration Rates

Member – Corporate	\$250.00
Member – Non-Profit/NGO/Academic	\$185.00
Non-Member – Corporate	\$325.00
Non-Member – Non-Profit/NGO/Academic	\$215.00
Member Workshop (February 27)	No cost

After you register online, you will receive an email confirmation. When you are onsite at the forum, your badge and meeting materials can be picked up at the registration desk in the Capitol Foyer on the fourth floor of the Hyatt Regency. Registration will be open from 7:00AM – 5:00PM on Thursday, February 26 and starting at 8:30AM on Friday, February 27.

*Cancellation policy: We cannot accept meeting cancellations after February 6. Meeting registrations are transferable to another attendee until February 15.*

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## Accommodations and Travel

All meeting events will be held at the [Hyatt Regency Denver](#) at the Colorado Convention Center located at 650 15th Street.

### Reservations

*Phone:* 303-436-1234 and ask for the Western Climate Policy Forum block

*Rate:* \$149 single/double

*Rates good through:* January 26, 2009

### Directions

*From Denver International Airport (approximately 23 miles):* Take Pena Blvd to I-70 West. Take I-70 West to I-25 South; exit at Colfax Avenue (exit #210a). Take a left off the exit ramp, heading east to Welton Street. Turn left onto Welton St. Proceed 3.5 blocks and turn left onto 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Make an immediate left into hotel's circle drive.