

West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative

Monthly Stakeholder Meeting
March 27, 2026



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Agenda

- Formation Board Meetings
- ROWE Board Selection Process
- WG Updates
 - Funding
 - Tariff
 - Office of Public Participation
 - Stakeholder Process

Formation Board Meetings

February 12 Action Items:


- Election of Officers
- Adoption of Organizational Resolution
- Adoption of Board Selection Policy Resolution

March 19 Action Items:

- Adoption of Budget and Delegation of Authority Resolution

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Moving forward, all ROWE related materials and meeting information will be posted and housed on this website. Pathways Launch Committee materials will continue to be posted and housed on the WIEB website.



ROWE

Regional Organization For Western Energy

The Regional Organization for Western Energy (ROWE) is a newly formed 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization created to provide independent governance over voluntary energy markets and services across the Western United States, including but not limited to the Western Energy Day-Ahead Market and the Western Energy Imbalance Market. Representing Step 2 of the West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative's (Pathways Initiative) three-step process, ROWE is designed to be "a new entity with independent governance capable of offering an expansive suite of West-wide, voluntary wholesale electricity market functions across the largest possible footprint." Work is underway to seat an initial board and establish the legal and organizational structures, ensuring the ROWE is prepared to govern energy markets and services in the West.

ROWE Board Selection Process

Phase 1 (spring): Role specifications

- With input from Formation Committee and Nominating Committee, search firm drafted Board “role specifications” to inform composition of initial Board
- NC reps getting feedback from sectors - finalize mid-late April
- Review search strategy and cadence for sector engagement with NC

Phase 2 (spring-summer): Board member search

- Anticipate seating initial ROWE Board (5 Board members) early fall 2026

Stakeholders need to select and join a sector if they have not already done so to participate in Board selection process

Nominating Committee Representatives

EDAM Entities	John Mayhew, PNM
WEIM Entities	Josh Walter, Seattle City Light
ISO PTOs	Meg McNaul, Six Cities
Non-IOU load serving entities serving load from WEIM or EDAM	Beth Vaughan, Cal CCA
PIOs	Kelsie Gomanie, NRDC
IPPs, independent transmission developers, and marketers	Ian White, Shell
Consumer Advocates	Julie Halligan, California Public Advocate's Office
Large C&I Customers	Sam Harper, CLECA
Distributed Energy Resources	Collin Smith, LEAP
BOSR	Commissioner John Hammond, Idaho
Formation Board (non-voting)	Jim Shetler, BANC

Work Group Updates



Funding Update

Seeking funding for ROWE start-up costs of \$~8-9 million using the following options:

- Stakeholder contributions
 - Phase III Pledge Form:
<https://www.westernenergyboard.org/wp-content/uploads/WWGPI-Phases-III-Pledge-Form.pdf>
- Grants
- Debt financing

Debt-financing for start-up costs

- Launch Committee sent a letter to CAISO requesting that they facilitate a stakeholder process to create a funding mechanism for the ROWE's debt-financed start-up costs that would be repaid by market participants.
- CAISO Stakeholder Initiative began in February
 - Comments on Draft Final Proposal due April 2
- Proposal
 - Loan or line of credit with commercial bank
 - CAISO serves as guarantor
 - Repayment by ROWE in 2028

Work Group Updates Cont.

- **Tariff Work Group** (*paused*)
 - Temporarily paused to address to identify and address legal questions
 - Members of the original Priority Functions and Scope WG are meeting to discuss and work on articulating the foundational goals in order to identify these questions.
 - That group will work with the CAISO and determine next steps to develop a recommendation for the initial board.

Workstream Updates Cont.

- **Office of Public Participation**
 - Drafting a Scope of Work
 - Meeting with FERC's OPP
 - Added new workstream: Tribal Engagement
- **Stakeholder Process**
 - Work Group reconvening
 - Building a detailed process map of the stakeholder process for each initiative classification.
 - Develop transitional process recommendation for initial board

Upcoming Opportunities for Engagement

- Next monthly stakeholder meeting will be held
 - Friday, April 24, 2026
 - 10:30-12:00PT/11:30-1:00MT/12:30-2:00CT
- All Pathways meeting information and materials are located on the WIEB landing page: [WWGPI - Western Interstate Energy Board](#)

Thank you!

- The Launch Committee can continue to be reached via pathways@westwidepathwaysinitiative.org
- All comments can be directed to comments@westwidepathwaysinitiative.org
- Pathways Initiative information continues to be hosted on the WIEB website at www.westernenergyboard.org/wwgpi