

West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative

Monthly Stakeholder Meeting
May 30, 2025



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Agenda

- Phase III Budget
- Initial Board Seating Proposal
- Next steps



Phase III Budget

- Phase III Budget is broken out into three categories: Preparation, Formation, and Implementation
- Each category includes a description of expected activities and the accompanying support
 - Support includes line items such as: project management, legal services, Global Impact fees, use of a placement firm, insurance, office space/IT/Board travel allowance, compensation for RO Board and staff
- Budget timeframe runs from 1/1/25-12/31/27
- Estimate includes seating 5 RO Board Members in July 2026



Phase III Budget: Preparation

- Preparation (1/1/25-10/31/25)
 - Activities and Support
 - Draft RO budget, staffing, position descriptions, draft RO corporate docs and IRS filing, RO/CAISO Service Agreement key terms and preliminary identification of tariff changes, stakeholder process refinement, finalization of Nominating Committee process, Formation Board process
 - Estimated cost: \$252,622



Phase III Budget: Formation

- Formation (11/1/25-9/30/26)
 - Activities and Support
 - File corp docs and IRS documentation
 - Initiate NC Process
 - Seat 5 RO Board members
 - Hiring process for RO Executive Director and General Counsel
 - Develop term sheet for Service Agreement
 - Develop policy for tariff changes
 - Estimated cost: \$1,048,200



Phase III Budget: Implementation

- Implementation (10/1/26-12/31/27)
 - Activities and Support
 - Finalize draft tariff and Service Agreement
 - Stakeholder process for tariff changes and Service Agreement (CAISO led)
 - Initiate hiring of support staff
 - Finalize RO Stakeholder Process
 - Estimated cost: \$5,158,650



Phase III Budget: Total

Preparation	\$252,622
Formation	\$1,048,200
Implementation	\$5,158,650
Total	\$6,512,472
Contingency (10%)	\$651,247
Grand Total	\$7,163,719



Initial Board Seating Proposal

Timing:

- July 2026 at the earliest, no later than January 2027
- Nominating Committee (NC) process anticipated to begin January 2026

Attributes:

- Initial seating would include five of the seven RO Board members, with remaining two board members to be seated once tariff changes are approved and funding is in place (anticipated Jan 2028).
- If first candidate pool does not yield sufficient qualified candidates for five seats, additional recruitment activities will be undertaken

Duties:

- Primary role of initial RO Board is negotiating with the CAISO to modify the tariff and create a service agreement
- Initial Board would not have any authority over the WEIM/EDAM markets- authority transfers once tariff is approved



Initial Board Seating Proposal

Tenure/Term:

- All five initial members would serve until RO tariff is approved and implemented
- Service during initial period will not be counted against the three-year three-term limit
- Once RO tariff is approved and tariff funding in place, terms of the five members and additional two members would begin and would be staggered as follows:
 - 2-seats: 1-year terms
 - 2-seats: 2-year terms
 - 3-seats: 3-year term
- Concerns over Board Members potentially serving more than 9 years mitigated by responsibility of the NC to ensure Board Members, both new or current members up for re-appointment, possess skill sets to meet the needs of the RO Board at that moment in time
 - Anticipated that the Board Member skill sets needed in the early days of the RO will be different than those needed as the organization matures
- Experience from WEM Governing Body is most Board Members don't reach term limit



Initial Board Seating Proposal

Budget:

- Seating a five-member RO Board in July increases overall budget as opposed to an initial smaller Board or seating Board at a later date
- LC does not want budget to be a limiting factor in the RO Board seating determination
- Prioritizing benefit of a larger, more complete Board in place for negotiating agreements with CAISO

WEM Governing Body (GB) Considerations:

- Practical need to maintain full 5-member WEM GB until RO tariff is approved and implemented
- If WEM GB members are interested in serving on RO Board before the RO tariff is approved and implemented, WEM GB would need to replace those selected
- WEM GB members interested in being considered for RO Board will be evaluated against other interested and qualified candidates
- RO Board selection will be competitive, no seats reserved for WEM GB members



Next Steps

Comment Period:

- Initial Board Seating Proposal
 - 2 week written comment period: 5/30/25-6/13/25
 - Please submit comments to:
comments@westwidepathwaysinitiative.org

June Stakeholder Meeting:

- Review feedback on Initial Board Seating Proposal
- Update on sector readiness support
- Nominating Committee Process updates

July Stakeholder Meeting:

- Draft Corporate Documents



Upcoming Opportunities for Engagement

- Next RIF meeting will be held June 17th from 1:00-5:00 in Reno, NV
 - For registration please go to: [Regional Issues Forum - Western Energy Imbalance Market](#)
- Launch Committee will continue to host monthly stakeholder meetings
 - Next meeting: Friday, June 27 from 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

