



# West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative

Virtual Stakeholder Meeting

November 17, 2023

# Agenda

1. Welcome – Launch Committee Co-Chairs (Kathleen Staks and Pamela Storborg) and State Representatives
2. Update from the Launch Committee  
Kathleen Staks and Pamela Storborg
3. Report out from Launch Committee Work Groups
  1. Priority Administrative  
Jim Shetler, Lisa Tormoen Hickey
  2. Priority Functions and Scope  
Spencer Gray, Jeff Nelson, Evelyn Kahl
  3. Communications and Outreach  
Ben Otto, Scott Ranzal
4. Open Question and Answer
5. Next Stakeholder Meeting: December 15<sup>th</sup>

# West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative – Timeline

**Sept. 1**  
WWGPI Phase 0 Concept

**Sept. 15**  
Stakeholders comment on Phase 0

**October 6**  
**Community of Volunteers** formed to lead *Launch Committee* development

**November 3**  
LC: Solicit Work Group(s) participants  
LC: Convene initial Work Group(s)  
LC: Establish work group meeting schedule (in parallel)

**November 10**  
Launch Committee meets: report out from Work Group(s)

**Phase 0**

**Phase 1**

**Phase 2**

September 2023

October

November

December

2024 and beyond

**Sept. 29**  
Stakeholder Meeting #1: States Group responds to Stakeholder Comments, presents proposed Phase 1 Process and Concept

**October 13**  
Volunteers group convenes and agrees on Launch Committee structure  
Stakeholders' comments due on Phase 1 Process and WWPGI response to Phase 0 Comments

**October 20**  
Volunteers group establish Sector Representatives  
Convene stakeholders and introduce Representatives  
Provide initial response to Phase 1 comments  
Stakeholder Meeting #2

**October 27**  
Convene Launch Committee (LC) – Select Chair  
LC: identify Priority Tasks, consider Milestones  
LC: identify First Work Group(s) and select Chair(s)

**Upcoming Stakeholder Meetings**  
Stakeholder Meeting #3 [Nov. 17]  
Stakeholder Meeting #4 [Dec. 15]

**Phase 1 Goals**

- Complete organizational structure
- Finalize governance options to be evaluated
- Discuss next steps & timeline

**Aspirational Phase 2 Tasks:**  
Establish Nominating Committee  
Nominating Committee kicks off:

- Identify, interview, and select qualified candidates for independent entity's Foundational Board
- Seat Foundational Board (March 2024)
- Establish the non-profit entity (April 2024)

# Administrative Work Group

- Work Group Co-chairs
  - Lisa Tormoen Hickey – Interwest Energy Alliance
  - Jim Shetler – BANC
- Focus Areas
  - Organization Structure
    - 501(c)(3) vs Informal structure to represent and host near-term Launch Committee actions
    - Fiscal Sponsor may provide near-term non-profit status
  - Funding Options
    - Near-term (Seed money donations)
      - Sector participants
      - Foundations
    - Longer-term
      - Federal funding (FOA)
      - Donations
  - Scope/Schedule/Budget
    - Developing near-term scope and funding needs, which will include:
      - Administrative setup costs
      - Outreach and communications
      - Legal analysis of governance structure options

# Priority Functions and Scope Work Group

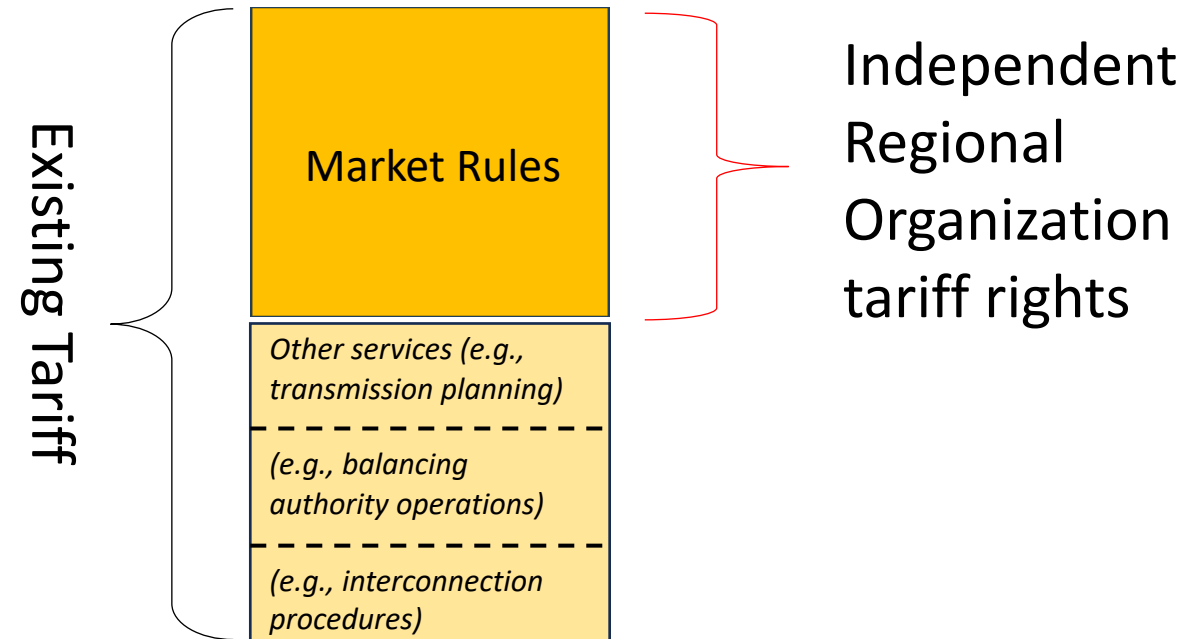
## Pathways Frameworks

Regional Organization Scope

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*For Discussion Purposes Only*

## Potential Regional Organization Scope(s)



- Adjustable elements:
  - Federal Power Act Section 205 rights:
    - Voting rights vs. Filing rights
    - Co-equal joint vs. Primary joint vs. Sole rights
    - Dispute resolution for dual filings
  - Single vs. Separate tariffs
  - Corporate and physical separation of regional organization from CAISO
- Related considerations:
  - Threshold legal and legislative analysis (including revisiting c. 2015 and 2021 analyses)
  - Operational structure and the financial cost of autonomy
  - Line of sight to potential a la carte RTO services

# Communications and Outreach Work Group

## Co-Chairs

- Scott Ranzal, Pacific Gas and Electric
- Ben Otto, NW Energy Coalition

## Members

- Alyssa Koslow, Arizona Public Service
- Beth Vaughn, California Community Choice Association
- Evelyn Kahl, California Community Choice Association
- Josh Walter, Seattle City Light
- Kathleen Staks, Western Freedom
- Mark Specht, Union of Concerned Scientists
- Pam Sporborg, Portland General Electric
- Scott Miller, Western Power Trading Forum
- Siva Gunda, California Energy Commission

# Communications and Outreach Work Group

## **Proposed scope of work in three focus areas**

- Develop tools to support the launch committee's ability to provide clear, consistent and transparent communications across stakeholders.
  - Example tasks: Ensure common terminology. Maintain and grow stakeholder lists.
- Enhance communication capability and lead launch committee approved outreach with media, stakeholders, and other venues.
  - Example tasks: Develop Frequently Asked Questions about the goals, process and timelines. Provide spokespeople as appropriate.
- Liaison between stakeholders and the work groups to collect and share feedback to support overall communications.
  - Example tasks: Collect public comments and feed information into the relevant workgroups. Assist the launch committee in responding as necessary.





# Question and Answer



Next Steps

Next Stakeholder Meeting:  
December 15<sup>th</sup>

