West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative

Virtual Stakeholder Meeting
November 17, 2023
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 15th
West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative – Timeline

**Sept. 1**
WWGPI Phase 0 Concept

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

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

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**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

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**Aspirational Phase 2 Tasks:**
Establish Nominating Committee
Nominating Committee kicks off:
- a) Identify, interview, and select qualified candidates for independent entity’s Foundational Board
- b) Seat Foundational Board (March 2024)
- c) Establish the non-profit entity (April 2024)

**Upcoming Stakeholder Meetings**

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

**Phase 1 Goals**

- a) Complete organizational structure
- b) Finalize governance options to be evaluated
- c) Discuss next steps & timeline

**Phase 2**

2024 and beyond
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
Pathways Frameworks

Regional Organization Scope

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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
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