




# West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative

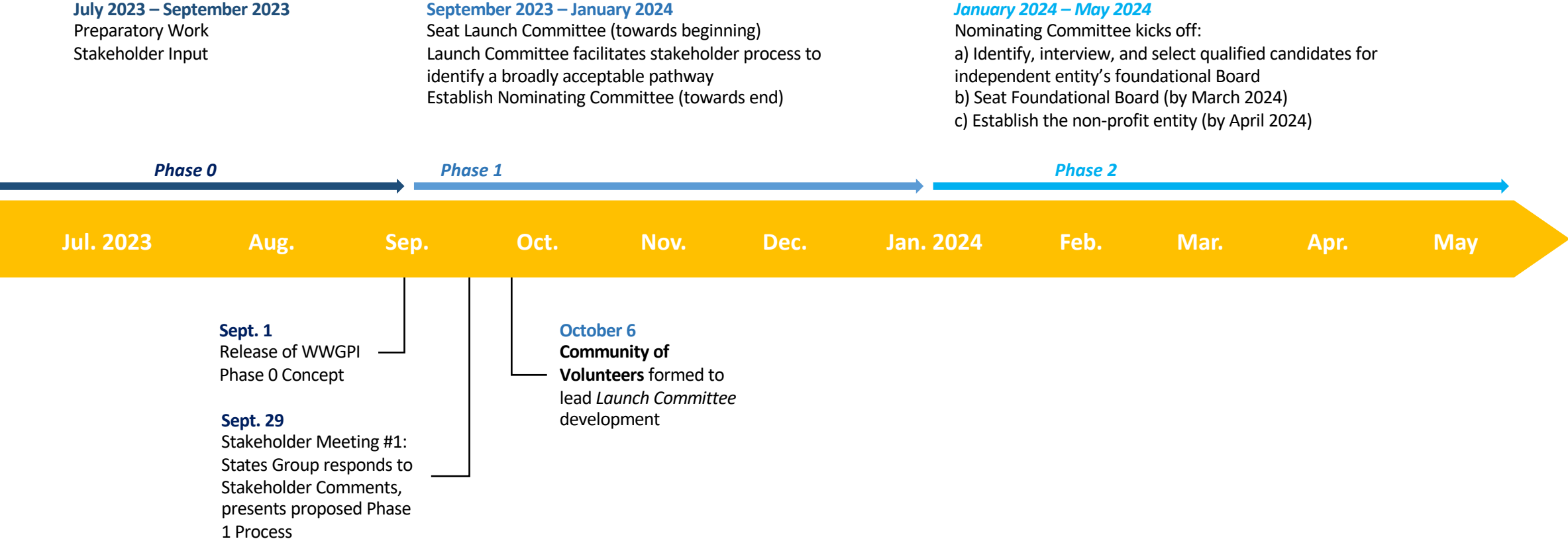
October Virtual Stakeholder Meeting

October 20, 2023


# Agenda

1. Welcome – Commissioner Doumit (WA)
  2. Timeline and Volunteer Thank You - Carl
  3. Report from Volunteers – Tony Braun
  4. Brief Comments Summary - Carl
  5. Potential Work Streams – Evelyn Kahl
  6. Open Discussion – All
  7. Next Steps
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# Timeline and Key Milestones



# Launch Committee Sector Composition - Tony Braun

- States/Provinces (3)
  - CA Transmission Owners (2)
  - EIM Entities (4)
  - Public Power and Coops (4)
  - Independent Power Producers (3)
  - Residential/Small Commercial Consumer Advocates (2)
  - Large Customer (1)
  - Technology Companies/Non-utility Energy Service Provider (1)
  - Non-utility Load Serving Entity (1)
  - Labor (1)
  - Public Interest Organizations (3)
  - PMA (1)
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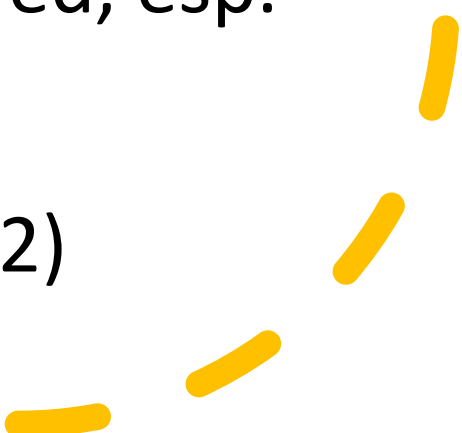
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- Wholesale/Regional market will benefit the West (8)
- Support/Optimism for the project and its goals (8)
- Importance of a legal analysis (6)
- Important unanswered questions about legislation needs (6)
- Importance of Independent Governance (5)
- Need for more administrative details about the entity (e.g., timelines, budget/financing, tariff filings, goals/metrics, functions, scope) (5)

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- Launch Committee: Support for sector-based approach (4)
- Launch Committee: voices are missing / sectors need merging or splitting (4)
- Launch Committee: importance of having broad perspectives (4)
- Launch Committee: importance of flexibility/adaptability (4)
- Launch Committee: Support for current timeline (though ambitious) (4)
- Launch Committee: timelines/work streams need further definition (3)

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- Questions/concerns over on-going financing and funding (3)
  - Concern over timeline/speed of the initiative (2)
  - Launch Committee: support for the enumerated Roles/Responsibilities (2)
  - CAISO must be actively involved, esp. to answer questions (2)
  - Importance of transparency (2)
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Proposal:  
Workstreams  
– Evelyn Kahl

- #1 Launch Committee Administration and Outreach
- #2 Legal Issues in Formation
- #3 Initial Scope and Function of the Regional Organization





# Workstream #1: Launch Committee Administration and Outreach

- How should the Launch Committee (LC) be financially resourced?
- How should the LC be structured?
- How should the LC communicate internally?
- What measures are necessary to ensure transparency of the LC's activities?
- What process can be used to ensure outreach to all stakeholders, including stakeholders not participating in the LC?

## Workstream #2: Legal Issues in Formation

- To what extent can a functional regional organization be stood up without California legislation?
- Is the CAISO able to support a new organization's energy market operations without requiring joint governance and, if so, to what extent?
- What legal steps (e.g., FERC application) would be required to accomplish the preferred scope and structure?

## Workstream #3: Initial Scope and Function

- Within the framing of the Pathways Initiative, what high-level scope and function scenarios can be envisioned?
- What criteria can be used to determine the regional organization's scope and function?
- Within the high-level scenarios, and applying these criteria, how should specific responsibilities be addressed?
- How might the near-term design evolve toward a broader vision over time?

## Next Steps & Find Us

- October 13 notes summary, recordings for Wednesday and Today, & presentations all to be posted to WWGPI Landing Page by next Wednesday
- Process Report from Launch Committee Members by Friday, October 27 to be mailed to distribution list and posted to landing page
- Next monthly stakeholder sessions; virtual & recorded
  - Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Jan. 19
  - 10:30 am – 12:00 pm PT/11:30 am – 1:00 pm MT
- Join the distribution list – contact Andrew at [avalainis@raponline.org](mailto:avalainis@raponline.org) or Carl at [clinvill@raponline.org](mailto:clinvill@raponline.org).