

2018 WINTER MEETING

December 11-13
Hawaii Island

PUBLIC AGENDA

*Dress for meeting is business casual.
Hawaiian Island attire is welcome for all evening events.*

Monday, December 10, 2018

1:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Luana Lounge

Early Registration Open

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Grande Ballroom Foyer

Registration Open

1:00 – 1:45 p.m.
Grande Ballroom

Welcome and Opening Remarks
Jim Ogsbury, WGA Executive Director
Governor David Ige, WGA Chair

1:45 – 2:15 p.m.
Grande Ballroom

Keynote I : Nainoa Thompson
The first Hawaiian to practice the ancient Polynesian art of navigation since the 14th century, **Nainoa Thompson** piloted the double-hulled canoes Hokule'a and Hawai'iloa from Hawai'i to island nations in Polynesia without the aid of western instruments. The President of the Polynesian Voyaging Society will share the cultural significance of the canoes' travels around the globe.

2:15 – 3:00 p.m.
Grande Ballroom

Roundtable I: Chair's Initiative – Western Governors' Biosecurity and Invasive Species
WGA Chair and Hawaii Governor David Ige will moderate a session featuring the Governors and invited guests discussing the threats that invasive species pose to the West, and the role that biosecurity plays in addressing those risks. Panelists: **Scott Enright**, Hawaii Department of Agriculture; **Ulalia Woodside**, The Nature Conservancy; **Osama El-Lissy**, USDA-APHIS.

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Grande Ballroom

Roundtable II: Harnessing the Power of Outdoor Recreation
Leaders of state offices of outdoor recreation will discuss how their offices are leveraging the fast-growing industry to spur economic growth and invigorate local communities. Panelists: **Tom Adams**, Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation; **Luis Benitez**, Colorado Outdoor Recreation Industry Office; **Domenic Bravo**, Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Office & State Parks; **Rachel VandeVoort**, Montana Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation.

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Coconut Grove

Opening Reception
Governors, Spouses and All Attendees

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Grande Ballroom Foyer

Registration Open

9:15 – 9:45 a.m.
Grande Ballroom

Keynote II & Conversation with Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue
The Secretary of Agriculture will discuss policy issues of significance to Hawaii and the West, followed by a public conversation with the Western Governors.

9:45 – 10:00 a.m.
Grande Ballroom

Keynote III: U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Robert Wilkie
The Secretary of Veterans Affairs will discuss policy issues of significance to Hawaii and the West, then have a public discussion with the Governors.

10:00 – 10:45 a.m.
Grande Ballroom

Roundtable III: Helping Veterans Move from “Jobs” to “Careers”

Veterans have the skills in demand for today’s economy, but obstacles remain to translating that experience to the civilian workforce. Invited guests will share ideas with the Governors on how to help veterans embark on meaningful careers that maximize the potential of this talented pool of workers. Panelists: **Brig. Gen Ann Greenlee**, U.S. Department of Labor; **Mark Sullivan**, Washington Department of Veterans Affairs.

10:45 – 11:15 a.m.
Grande Ballroom

Keynote IV: Henk Rogers

Henk Rogers became a video game legend when he brought Tetris to the West in the '80s. The Dutch-born entrepreneur, who now lives in Hawaii, established the Blue Planet Foundation, which worked to gain approval for the 2015 bill that directed state utilities to generate 100 percent of their electricity sales from renewable sources by 2045.

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Grande Ballroom

Roundtable IV: Renewable Energy Integration

Panelists will examine tools and strategies to balance the variable power provided by wind and solar in Hawaii and the West, and how to ensure reliability in the face of a changing resource mix. Panelists: **Jay P. Griffin**, Hawai’i Public Utilities Commission; **Stacey Crowley**, California Independent System Operator; **Jim Robb**, North American Electric Reliability Corporation; **Dave Lock**, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association.

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.
Grande Ballroom
Courtyard

Lunch – all attendees

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Various Locations

Local Tours/Activities (optional) or Afternoon at Leisure

Note: All tours will depart from the group entrance near the Grande Ballroom Courtyard.

Tour Option #1: Kohala Institute Tour

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Tour Option #2: Tour of NELHA - Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Tour Option #3: Historical Tour & Cultural Activity

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

For more information or to reserve a spot on a tour, please visit the WGA Registration Desk onsite at the Fairmont Orchid or contact Rachel at meetings@westgov.org.

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Turtle Pointe

Hawaiian Luau Dinner Reception

All Attendees

Thursday, December 13, 2018

8:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Grande Ballroom Foyer

Registration Open

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Grande Ballroom

Keynote V & Conversation with U.S. Administrator Linda McMahon, Small Business Administration

The Administrator will discuss policy issues of significance to Hawaii and the West, including disaster assistance and workforce development, followed by a public conversation with the Western Governors.

10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Grande Ballroom

Roundtable V: Social Determinants and Western Health Care

Health care experts will look at how the places we live, work and play affect health risks and outcomes, and some of the unique challenges facing western states in promoting healthy lifestyles. Panelists: **Merrill Friedman**, Anthem; **Christopher Jones**, North Dakota Department of Human Services; **Keawe‘aimoku Kaholokula**, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa.

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

Governors’ Conversation: Riding into the Sunset

Grande Ballroom

Western Governors nearing the end of their time in office reflect on lessons they have learned and their hopes for the future of their states and the western region.

11:45 a.m. – Noon

Grande Ballroom

Update: Governors' Policy and Business Session

Vice Chair, North Dakota **Governor Doug Burgum**, will offer an update on WGA resolutions and other business.

Noon

Closing Remarks – Governor David Ige