



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
West Coast Commissions - Wildfire Dialogue
August 16, 2019

Oregon Convention Center
777 NE Martin Luther King Blvd.
Portland, Oregon

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- 9:00 – 9:15** **Welcome & Introductory Remarks by Commissioner Letha Tawney, Oregon Public Utilities Commission**
- 9:15-10:30** **Panel #1: Tracking the changing risk**
How is climate change impacting potential wildfire areas and are current risk mapping practices sufficient?
- Moderator: Chair Dave Danner, Washington Utilities Transportation Commission
 - Dr. Crystal Raymond, Climate Adaptation Specialist, University of Washington Climate Impacts Group
 - Dr. Chris Dunn, Research Associate, Oregon State University
 - Kacey KC, State Forester Firewarden, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Nevada Division of Forestry
- 10:30-12:00** **Panel #2: Making risk-based changes to the system**
How can utilities effectively prioritize risk mitigation efforts, and what issues or barriers develop for utilities?
- Moderator: Chair David M. Morton, British Columbia Utilities Commission
 - Robin Furrer, Vice President of Transmission and Field Services, Bonneville Power Administration
 - Mike Guite, Manager of Transmission Sustainment Planning Group, BC Hydro
 - Brian D'Agostino, Director of Fire Science and Climate Adaptation, San Diego Gas & Electric
 - Koko Tomassian, Safety Enforcement Division, California Public Utilities Commission
- 12:00-1:30** **Lunch Break**

Please note that lunch is not provided. Attendees are encouraged to visit any of the many local restaurants at or near the Oregon Convention Center.

1:30-2:45

Panel #3: Expanding public safety coordination

What factors should be considered to ensure de-energization does not increase public safety risks now that transportation, communication and other essential services are more reliant on electricity?

- Moderator: Commissioner Hayley Williamson, Nevada Public Utilities Commission
- Anthony Noll, Safety and Enforcement Division, California Public Utilities Commission
- Ronda Strauch, Climate Change Research and Adaptation Advisor, Seattle City Light
- David Lucas, Vice President, Transmission and Distribution Operations, Pacific Power
- Derek Rinn, Regional Manager of Network Services, FortisBC

2:45-3:00

Break

3:00-4:15

Panel #4: Managing the financial risks

What are the financial tools available for utilities to mitigate ratepayer risk and keep the cost of providing service affordable? Are these tools robust enough for the scale of possible losses?

- Moderator: Commissioner Clifford Rechtschaffen, California Public Utilities Commission
- Maria Pope, President and CEO, Portland General Electric
- Richard Sedano, President and CEO, Regulatory Assistance Project
- David Heller, Vice President Enterprise Risk Management and General Auditor, Edison International

4:15-4:30

Closing Remarks by Commissioner Letha Tawney, Oregon