



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR ONSHORE RENEWABLE ENERGY WORKSHOP



Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building
Sidney Yates Auditorium
February 9 & 10, 2011

Agenda

February 9, 2011

- 7:30am:** **Registration opens**
- 9:00am:** **Welcome**
Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar
- 9:10am:** **Secretaries' Roundtable Discussion**
Secretary of Energy Steven Chu
Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar
Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack
- 10:00am:** Break
- 10:15am:** **Opening Remarks**
Steve Black, Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior
- 10:20am:** **Plenary Session—Update on Department of the Interior Policy Initiatives**
Moderator: *David J. Hayes, Deputy Secretary of the Interior*
- Permitting Renewable Energy on Public Lands—Smart from the Start**
Bob Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- National Environmental Policy Act Compliance**
Ted Boling, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Land & Minerals Management
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Initiatives**
Dan Ashe, Deputy Director, FWS
- Endangered Species Act Compliance**
Gary Frazer, Assistant Director for Endangered Species, FWS
- Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act**
Paul Schmidt, Assistant Director for Migratory Birds, FWS
- Wind Turbine Guidelines**
Bryan Arroyo, Assistant Director for Fisheries & Habitat Conservation, FWS
- 12:15pm:** Break
- 12:30pm:** **Lunchtime Stakeholder Discussions (Participants Attend One, as Assigned)**
- 1. Permitting Renewable Energy on Public Lands—Smart from the Start**
Ted Boling, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Land & Minerals Management
Ray Brady, Energy Policy Team Manager, BLM
Bert Frost, Associate Director, Natural Resource Stewardship & Science, National Park Service
Mike Nedd, Assistant Director for Minerals and Realty Management, BLM

Mike Pool, Deputy Director, BLM
Shannon Stewart, Senior NEPA Program Lead, BLM

2. Permitting Renewable Energy on Private Lands—ESA consultation

Gary Frazer, Assistant Director for Endangered Species, FWS
Michael Fris, Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Pacific Southwest Region, FWS

3. Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act & Migratory Bird Treaty Act

Matt Hogan, Assistant Regional Director for Migratory Birds, Mountain-Prairie Region, FWS
Brian Millsap, National Eagle Coordinator, FWS
Paul Schmidt, Assistant Director for Migratory Birds, FWS

4. Wind Turbine Guidelines

Bryan Arroyo, Assistant Director for Fisheries & Habitat Conservation, FWS
Dan Ashe, Deputy Director, FWS
David Cottingham, Senior Advisor to the Director, FWS
Jeff Underwood, Deputy Assistant Director, Fisheries & Habitat Conservation, FWS

5. Addressing Challenges to Building Renewable Energy Projects on Tribal Lands

Mike Black, Director of Bureau of Indian Affairs
Janie Hipp, Senior Advisor for Tribal Affairs & Director, Office of Tribal Relations, USDA
Del Laverdure, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, DOI Indian Affairs
Tracey LeBeau, Director of Office of Indian Energy Policy & Programs, DOE

1:45pm: Break

2:00pm: **Protecting America's Treasured Landscapes & Wildlife Resources**
Tom Strickland, Assistant Secretary for Fish & Wildlife & Parks

2:30pm: **Plenary Session—Building on the Historical Achievements in 2010 to Establish a Sustainable Renewable Energy Program for 2011 & Beyond**
Moderator: *Michael Picker, California Governor's Office*

Unprecedented Coordination in California in 2010 & Priorities for 2011-12

Jim Abbott, BLM California Acting State Director
Karen Douglas, Commissioner, California Energy Commission

Translating Clean Energy into Jobs

V. John White, Executive Director, Center for Energy Efficiency & Renewable Technologies (CEERT)

Solar Industry Perspective

Shannon Eddy, Executive Director, Large Scale Solar Association

Wind Industry Perspective

Mark Tholke, Southwest Regional Director, enXco

Environmental Perspective

Mike Brune, Executive Director, Sierra Club
Kim Delfino, California Program Director, Defenders of Wildlife

Utilities' Perspective

Chuck Gray, Executive Director, National Ass'n of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

4:00pm: Adjourn Day One

February 10, 2011

9:00am: **Welcome**
Steve Black, Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior

9:10am: **Keynote Address**
John Podesta, President & CEO, Center for American Progress

9:35am: Break

9:50am: **Stakeholder Discussions (Participants Attend One, as Assigned)**

1. Landscape-Level Planning—Ecoregional Assessments, Solar PEIS, DRECP & Landscape Conservation Cooperatives

Gabriela Chavarria, Science Advisor to the Director, FWS
Leslie Honey, Vice President for Conservation Services, NatureServe
Kit Muller, Strategic Planner, BLM
Terry O'Brien, Deputy Director of Siting, Transmission & Environmental Protection Division, CEC
Michael Powelson, Director of Agency Relations, Western U.S., The Nature Conservancy
Linda Resseguie, Realty Specialist, BLM

2. Consultation—Tribal, NHPA, Section 106

Robin Burgess, Federal Preservation Officer, BLM
John Fowler, Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Jodi Gillette, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy & Economic Development—Indian Affairs
Will Shafroth, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish & Wildlife & Parks

3. Integrating Transmission Considerations & Transmission Planning

Robert Cunningham, Assistant Director for Land Stewardship, U.S. Forest Service
Lucas Lucero, Branch Chief, Rights-of-Way, BLM
David Meyer, Designated Federal Officer of the Electricity Advisory Committee, DOE

4. Minimizing Impacts of Renewable Energy & Achieving Efficient, Enduring Mitigation in the Deserts

Anne Baker, Senior Advisor, CEERT
Kim Delfino, California Program Director, Defenders of Wildlife
Arthur Haubenstock, Chief Counsel & Director, Regulatory Affairs, BrightSource Energy
Mark Kramer, Associate Director Federal Government, TNC
Michael Picker, Senior Advisor for Renewable Energy Facilities, California Governor's Office

5. Improving the Permitting Process—Lessons Learned in 2010

Michael Mantell, Attorney, Resources Law Group
Johanna Wald, Senior Attorney, NRDC
Peter Weiner, Partner, Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP

6. Expanding Renewable Energy Opportunities at Interior

Mike Connor, Director, Bureau of Reclamation
Wendy Fink, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas
Jim Kenna, Arizona State Director, BLM
Fred Pease, Department of Defense Liaison to the Department of the Interior

11:30am: Break

11:45am: **Stakeholder Discussion Report-Outs**

12:30pm: **Closing Remarks**
Steve Black, Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior