



Preliminary Agenda

NASEO's 2022 Central Region State Energy Officials Meeting

June 8-9, 2022
DoubleTree by Hilton New Orleans
New Orleans, LA

June 8, 2022 – Day One

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

State Policy and Program Priorities Roundtable

State Energy Offices are invited to share policy and program updates and priorities. States are encouraged to highlight major energy policy initiatives or changes within their state, as well as legislative updates, and to also share where their office is with Infrastructure implementation.

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. – ***Break***

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Energy Security Resiliency Planning and Investment

This session will explore opportunities for regional energy resilience collaboration, planning, and investment, and includes states discussion of strategies and approaches to updating State Energy Security Plans and related resilience plans and actions.

Moderator:

Ed O'Brien

Speaker:

Amanda Markcott, OK

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch – Sponsor and Affiliate Spotlight

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

National Energy Policy, Program and Funding Outlook

This session will provide the latest on federal energy legislation, regulation, and appropriations, as well as feature an update on resources and opportunities from NASEO for State Energy Offices.

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Grid Resilience and Distribution System Planning

Utilities and policymakers across the country are considering needs and options for enhancing the reliability of the electric grid and strengthening the distribution system. This session will explore the unique grid and distribution system challenges of the Central Region and examine opportunities for enhancing the reliability of the region’s electric system and coordinating with states.

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Transportation Electrification and Alternative Fuels Planning Priorities

States are developing their EV infrastructure plans through the National EV Infrastructure Program and are poised to pursue funding to support charging and fueling infrastructure, medium- and heavy-duty electrification, and broader transportation electrification activities. This session will highlight progress from states and invite a discussion on ways that states can work across borders to achieve their transportation-energy goals.

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. – **Break**

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Infrastructure Act Implementation Troubleshooting and Technical Assistance Needs (States-Only)

This states-only session will invite participants to ask questions of their peers related to Infrastructure Act implementation and will explore technical assistance needs of the states.

6:00 p.m. – **Networking Dinner**

June 9, 2022 – Day Two

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – *Continental Breakfast*

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Energy Equity and J40 Considerations

Justice40 presents a unique opportunity for State Energy Offices to examine and refine their work. Using the Justice40 tenants of community engagement, benefit allocation, and tracking project location, this

conversation will explore methods for measuring equity and opportunities to create more equitable policies and programs.

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Building Energy Codes: Opportunities and Models

This session will focus on current strategies in the Central Region regarding updating of codes, stretch codes, targeting training regimens, compliance tracking, and increasing State Energy Office's leverage in the process of establishing codes going forward. Ways to leverage codes to make homes and buildings EV- and PV-Ready will also be discussed. Special attention will be afforded to regional cooperation opportunities, particularly in light of new funding available from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Moderator:

Eddy Trevino, Director, Texas State Energy Conservation Office; Regional Representative, NASEO Board of Directors

Speakers:

Will Toor, Director, Colorado Energy Office; Secretary, NASEO Board of Directors
Jim Macy, Director, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – **Break**

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

State Policies to Support Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage

As states are transitioning their energy sectors, carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) can play a key role in decarbonizing harder to reach sectors (i.e., industrial processes) and new federal funding can further support CCUS development. This session will provide states with an opportunity to share information on CCUS projects and supportive policies.

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

State and Regional Planning for Low-Carbon Hydrogen

Low-carbon hydrogen has the potential to support states' goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase jobs, enhance resilience, and support a just transition. The significant opportunities to support low-carbon hydrogen has spurred further interest in regional planning. This session will examine regional and state planning for low-carbon hydrogen and the role hydrogen can play in the transition of the states' energy sector.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Revolving Loan Fund Considerations (*Working Lunch*)

There are numerous new opportunities for State Energy Offices to develop or expand Revolving Loan Funds to support energy efficiency retrofits and upgrades of residential and commercial buildings in their states. Optimizing the use of these funds will require careful planning and coordination between State Energy Offices and other entities in their states as well as the U.S. Department of Energy. This

session will explore best practices for the development and implementation of Revolving Loan Funds and provide information on how the Midwest states can maximize impact.