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Hi Leila

Thanks so much for your outreach.

Attached, please find a draft agenda for the upcoming WGA Annual Meeting in Vail, CO, June 10-12. As outlined in the agenda, we currently have Secretary Bernhardt scheduled to kick off the meeting on **Monday, June 10th at 1:30pm**. Please confirm this date/timeframe will work for the Secretary's keynote address and onstage conversation with the Western Governors.

Also, would it be possible to start publicizing the Secretary's keynote next week?

Many thanks again. We look forward to the Secretary's participation at the WGA meeting in June.

Best,
Sarah

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Subject: RE: WGA Annual Meeting June 2019 Agenda ... Secretary Bernhardt

Hi Leila,

Thank you for the email. I've copied Joe Rassenfoss, WGA's Communications Director, and Sarah Olsen, WGA's Director of Development. One of them will respond to you with the latest agenda, and when Secretary Bernhardt has been requested to speak.

If you need anything else, please let us know.

Thank you!

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Hi Deb! I hope you're doing well.

Do you mind sharing with me the latest agenda for the WGA Annual meeting June 10-12 and specifically when you wanted Secretary Bernhardt to speak?

Thank you for your time and help.
Leila

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**Western Governors' Association
2019 Annual Meeting
June 10-12, 2019 | Hotel Talisa
Vail, Colorado**

Draft Agenda
(subject to change)

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Dress for meeting is business casual; western casual attire suggested for evening events.

Sunday, June 9, 2019

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Early Registration Open

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Governors' Reception with WGA Chairman-level
and Platinum-level Sponsors and Governors' Staff**

Monday, June 10, 2019

8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Open Time for Governors to Schedule Private Meetings

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration Open

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Governors' Private Lunch Meeting
**One staff per Governor*

12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Governors' Group Photo and Press Conference

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks
Jim Ogsbury, WGA Executive Director
Governor David Ige, WGA Chair
Presentation of the colors and national anthem

1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Keynote: U.S. Secretary of Interior David Bernhardt
(invited)

2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Roundtable I: Western Governors' Biosecurity and Invasive Species Report

WGA Chair **Governor David Ige** will moderate a session that highlights the past year's work on his central policy initiative and considers next steps, including: new and innovative policies on cross-boundary collaboration, biocontrol research, and invasive species data management.

2:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Keynote: Robert Katz

Vail Resorts operates 13 ski resorts worldwide, the RockResorts hotel chain, and extensive real estate operations. CEO Robert Katz will discuss the issues facing that evolving business, as well as his foundation, which supports nonprofit social service organizations working in the mountain communities where Vail Resorts operates.

3:00 – 3:10 p.m.

Break

3:10 – 3:40 p.m.

Keynote: Craig Johnson

The best-selling author's fictional Wyoming Sheriff Walt Longmire was the focus of a long-running series on A&E. Johnson will discuss writing and the western landscape his characters inhabit that has proved such a compelling destination for readers and viewers.

3:40 – 4:30 p.m.

Roundtable II: Connecting the Rural West

Broadband enables businesses to compete globally and citizens to access the likes of telehealth and distance learning. However, many western rural communities lack broadband access due to the high cost of infrastructure and low number of customers. Panelists will discuss strategies to overcome deployment challenges and how high-speed internet can invigorate rural communities.

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Opening Reception

Governors, Spouses and All Attendees

6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Governors' Private Dinner Reception with WGA Sponsors

Governors, Spouses, WGA Sponsors and VIPs

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration Open

9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

Keynote: Frank Luntz

The influential pollster will share his latest findings on the issues that matter most to citizens in the West and have an onstage conversation with the Governors.

9:45 – 10:30 a.m.

Roundtable III: Utilizing Data and Forecasting in Western Water Management

Panelists will discuss practical applications of data collection and analysis in western water management, such as: streamflow and soil moisture monitoring; snowpack assessment; seasonal and sub-seasonal forecasting; drought preparedness; and extreme weather response.

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

Keynote: U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson

Secretary Carson will discuss his agency's work in the West and have an onstage conversation with the Western Governors.

11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Keynote: Eric Boechler

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Sergeant will share the story of the staggering growth of illicit fentanyl exports from China to Canada, and the harrowing human cost it has exacted.

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch – all attendees

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Local Tours/Activities (*optional*) or Afternoon at Leisure

**more details TBA*

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Governors' Reception with WGA Sponsors, VIPs

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Dinner Reception – All Attendees

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

7:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Registration Open

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Keynote: U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta
The Secretary will kick off the final day of the meeting with an update on department initiatives and a dialogue with the Governors.

9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Keynote & Case Study: Western Governors University
WGU President **Scott Pulsipher** will speak, then moderate a conversation with former Western Governors about the creation and ongoing work of the groundbreaking online educational advance that debuted in 1997.

10:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Keynote: U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao
The Secretary will address the department's work and have an on-stage conversation with the Governors.

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

Meet the New Western Governors
The new Western Governors will talk about their paths to office and what work they have embarked on in their states, including policy, economic development and beyond.

11:45 a.m.

Update: Governors' Policy and Business Session
WGA Vice Chair, **North Dakota Doug Burgum**, will offer an update on policy resolutions and other business.

Noon

Incoming Chair's Remarks

- Election of incoming WGA Chair and Vice Chair
- Governor Burgum will discuss his priorities and goals as Chair of WGA in 2019-2020.

12:15 p.m.

Adjourn