

# Climate Policy

2017 PNWER Annual  
Summit  
Portland, Oregon

Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup>  
2:30-5:30

## Speakers

*The Pacific Northwest Economic Region*



### Rep. Jeff Morris (Panel Moderator)

**Representative- Chair of House Technology & Economic Development  
Committee Washington State Legislature**

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Rep. Jeff Morris represents the 40th Legislative District in Washington State, which includes San Juan County and parts of Skagit and Whatcom Counties. A fourth-generation native of the San Juan Islands, Morris is one of the preeminent sources of critical thought on policy issues in the public and private sectors in the areas of energy, critical infrastructure, biotechnology, and commercialization. He's been named one of the 13 most Tech Savvy Legislators in the United States by Governing Magazine. In addition, Morris has been selected by his North American peers to head two regional policy organizations in the Council of State Governments West and the Pacific Northwest Economic Region. He currently Co-Chairs the NCSL National Energy Task Force, co-founded Northwest Energy Angels (now Element 8) and created the Legislative Energy Horizon Institute. Morris owns his own business, Energy Horizon Corporation, where his private sector work specializes in assisting Cleantech Companies in commercializing their intellectual property.

## Market Driven Climate Action Panel



### Stacy H. Smedley

**LEED BD+C, Living Future Accredited Director of Sustainability, Skanska USA  
Building CEO, The SEED Collaborative**

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Stacy's resume includes the first LEED for Homes Platinum certified project in Washington and first project in the world certified under Living Building Version 2.0, the Bertschi School Living Science Building. At Skanska, Stacy is Director of Sustainability, leading sustainable initiatives and progressing sustainable construction methods. She is co-founder and CEO of SEED Collaborative, creating environmentally restorative learning spaces that educate and inspire. Stacy is committed to engaging her community in sustainable design and has served as a member of the AIA National Materials Knowledge Working Group, advisory board member for the Carbon Leadership Forum, founding member of Washington Businesses for Climate Action, Membership Chair for Cascadia Green Building Council, Regional Emerging Professionals Recruitment Chair for USGBC, Sustainable Curriculum

Consultant, and 2013 Scholar in Residence for the National Association of Independent Schools. She works with K-12 and higher education facilities, offering workshops that engage students in applying sustainable principles to design spaces they can learn in and from. Stacy is a 2012 Living Building Hero.



## **David Akiyama**

**Senior Manager- EHS Policy and Strategy**

**The Boeing Company**

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David Akiyama is the ecoDemonstrator Program Manager. David graduated from Stanford University with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and a MS in Aeronautics and Astronautics. He has held positions in aerodynamics, propulsion, fuels research, and software development as well as in new airplane product development where he had the privilege of managing the development of the 787's aerodynamic design.



## **Steve Baczko**

**Acting Director**

**Oregon Business Alliance for Climate**

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As the Acting Director of the Oregon Business Alliance for Climate Steve brings 15 years of management, strategic consulting and business development experience working in environmental markets, sustainability, international business and entrepreneurial ventures both in the private and NGO sectors. Steve also serves as the Managing Director for NatureBank, an international project development firm specializing in land use carbon and agroforestry investments. Prior to joining NatureBank, Steve was Head of New Markets and Senior Manager of Global Consulting services for EcoSecurities, one of the largest developers of emission reduction projects for the global carbon markets. Steve has also held positions at the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and with multinationals working throughout SouthEast Asia, Latin America and Africa. Steve holds a BA from Georgetown University and serves on the board of Adaptive Sports NW and the advisory board for One Energy.

## Provincial and Municipal Climate Policy Panel



## **Rep. Jeff Reardon**

**Representative- Chair of Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development**

**Oregon State Legislature**

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Born and raised in the blue-collar town of Kelso, Washington, Jeff learned the values of thrift and hard work from an early age. Jeff is a Vietnam Era Veteran Who earned the highest rating possible, E5, while serving a nuclear submarine in the Western

Pacific. His Naval service earned him the GI Bill so he could afford to become the first college graduate in his family. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Western Washington University. Jeff started his career as a teacher in the Parkrose School District where he taught Industrial Arts for five years until going to work for Tektronix. Jeff is a senior technical writer with a corporate communications manager at his 21-year career at Tektronix. While employed at Tektronix, Jeff continued to devote time to his lifelong passion of education by serving David Douglas School Board for 10 years. Jeff is retiring from teaching at the end of this school year, After 10 years in the classroom at David Douglas High School. As a lifelong educator, Jeff knows that our schools are critical to the success of our students and our state. He has seen firsthand how to make cuts in the school year shortens. He is a proud progressive who believes that a woman should have the right to choose. He is deeply supportive of marriage equality. Jeff lives in East Portland with his wife, Annette Mattson. They have four daughters and they are all graduated from Oregon universities. he currently serves as a Representative for Oregon State and is chair of the Committee on Higher education and Workforce Development.



## **Robyn Luff**

**Member of the Legislature Assembly**

**Government of Alberta**

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Robyn Luff was elected as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Calgary-East on May 5, 2015. Ms. Luff serves as a member of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, the Standing Committee on Families and Communities and the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services. Prior to her election Ms. Luff was a teacher with the Calgary board of education. She earned a bachelor of science with a major in biology from the University of Victoria and a bachelor of education (master of teaching) from the University of Calgary. She also took part in Next Up, a progressive leadership program for university alumni from all across Canada. Ms. Luff was an active member of the Alberta Teachers' Association and has also volunteered as an educator for a number of nature conservation organizations in Calgary.



## **Mayor Don Iveson**

**Mayor**

**City of Edmonton**

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Mayor Iveson has set his sights on transforming Edmonton into a highly liveable, uplifting and globally competitive city that is recognized as one of Canada's very best places to build something great. In his time on Council and as Mayor, he has earned a reputation for being pragmatic, creative, collaborative and compassionate in his approach to building Edmonton. Harnessing a renewed confidence among Edmontonians, he is focused on driving progress in four priority areas: Building a more uplifting and inclusive city; Building a more resilient and green city; Building a more prosperous and competitive region; and leading an open and effective local government.



## **Nathan Howard**

**Senior Policy Advisor- Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler  
Portland City hall**

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Prior to serving as Ted's Deputy Campaign manager for Mayor, Howard was the Interim Executive Director at The Bus Project, a nonprofit focused on youth empowerment. He's also served as the Oregon Senate Finance Director and was Chief of Staff to Senator Mark Hass. He is a native Oregonian, born and raised in East Portland, and attended the University of Oregon where he received his BA in City Planning, Public Policy, and Management.



## **Sen. Cynthia Wolken**

**Senator**

**Montana State legislature**

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Senator Cynthia L. Wolken represents Senate District 48 - a slice of western Missoula City and County. She is an attorney and while she has practiced in a variety of legal settings in the past, she currently focuses on public policy work. Prior to serving in the Senate, Cynthia served on the Missoula City Council, chairing the Administration & Finance Committee. During the session, Cynthia was minority chair of the Senate Energy Committee. Cynthia is current vice chair of the Legislative Finance Committee and serves on the interim Senate Energy & Transportation Committee. Cynthia lives in Missoula with her husband and two small children.

## **Opportunities for Regional Collaboration**



## **Jana Gastellum**

**Program Director- Climate  
Oregon Environmental Council**

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Jana joined the Oregon Environmental Council January 2010 and leads state and regional work to build a low-carbon and equitable economy. Her recent work has focused on implementing programs to advance clean fuels, energy efficiency and limiting and pricing climate pollution. Jana facilitates the Healthy Climate Partnership, a statewide network of representatives from business, public interest, labor, local government and faith communities all dedicated to furthering climate action in Oregon. She has a decade of experience building coalitions and advocating for climate policies. Jana previously served on the United Nations Foundation/Energy Future Coalition climate team where she focused on domestic and international opportunities for clean energy development and the nexus between energy security, climate change and poverty alleviation. She helped launch the 25x25 renewable energy alliance and built capacity within the agricultural and forestry communities around the role these sectors can play in a low-carbon economy. Jana also managed a soils laboratory that analyzed the impacts of climate change on ecosystems at the University of Michigan. She received a B.S. and M.S. in Earth Systems from Stanford University.