

Welcome to the 2025 Western States Tripartite Conference

We are pleased that you have taken time to participate in this important endeavor to build and improve our industry. We hope that you find this to be an enjoyable and productive conference.

Monday, April 28th

▶ WELCOME RECEPTION ESTATE WINE CAVE 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Tuesday, April 29th

▶ BREAKFAST FOUNTAIN COURTYARD 6:30 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.

▶ MORNING SESSION CARNEROS BALLROOM 8:00 A.M. – NOON

Welcome & Introductions

- J. Tom Baca**
Western States International Vice President, Boilermakers; SBCTC Secretary–Treasurer
- Ed McWhorter**
General Manager Western Operations, Babcock & Wilcox; Chairman, WFCNC; Western States Contractor Chairman

Opening Remarks

- Timothy Simmons**
International President, Boilermakers

California Energy Policy Legislative Update

Assemblymember Blanca E. Rubio, 48th District

Health & Safety

- Steve D. Giffin**
Maintenance, Turnaround & Construction Manager, PBF Martinez Refinery; Western States Owner Chairman

MOST Programs/Boilermaker Safety Update

- Mark Garrett**
MOST Programs Administrator

California CCS Pipeline Legislative Update

Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie–Norris, 73rd District

▶ **Networking Break**
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Readiness for Work Updates & Discussion

- Mike Hulst, P.E.**
President, Harbor Project Management; Secretary, WFNC; Trustee, WSJAC
- Ed McWhorter**
General Manager Western Operations, Babcock & Wilcox; Chairman, WFCNC; Western States Contractor Chairman

Boilermaker Recruitment & Nationwide Dispatch: Manning Work

- Johnny Baca**
Director, M.O.R.E. Work Investment Fund Initiatives

Apprenticeship Update

- Collin Keisling**
Coordinator, Western States Joint Apprenticeship Program

KEYNOTE: EPRI and The Role of Welding Codes & Standards

- Pat Becker**
EPRI

Caucus Breakout Sessions

- Owners:** Salon D
- Contractors:** Remain in general session room
- Boilermakers:** Estate Wine Cave



Pat Becker EPRI

Pat Becker is a Technical Leader in the Materials program within EPRI's Generation Sector in Charlotte. Her responsibilities include cross-sector Codes & Standards support, education, training and committee participation to align industry needs with EPRI membership. She serves on ASME BPVC Section I & II, ASTM and NBIC committees, representing EPRI and broader industry interests.

Previously, Becker spent 17 years as a Pressure Vessel Designer, SME and Quality Control Specialist at Babcock & Wilcox and 25 years as a patternmaker/mold designer in the steel sand casting industry. This background provides a strong foundation in material use, design and code implementation for boiler pressure vessel equipment.

Becker has authored new and revised code rules published in ASME BPVC Sections I, II, and VII, NBIC Part 3 and EPRI publications on codes, standards and regulations for pressure equipment safety. She previously served on the advisory board to the National Board of Boiler Inspectors' Board of Trustees, representing boiler manufacturers. She holds an associate degree in Design Engineering Technology from Stark State College of Technology in Ohio.

▶ LUNCH FOUNTAIN COURTYARD NOON – 1:00 P.M.

▶ AFTERNOON SESSION CARNEROS BALLROOM 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

KEYNOTE: Energy In Flux: Net Zero, EVs, and Industry

- Steve Goreham**
Climate Science Coalition of America

2025 Federal Legislative Outlook

- Cecile Conroy**
Director of Political & Legislative Affairs, Boilermakers

SBCTC Update

- Chris Hannan**
President, SBCTC

2025 California Legislative Outlook

- Erin Lehane**
Western States Political Consultant

▶ **Networking Break**
2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Caucus Reports

Closing Remarks

- Steve D. Giffin** Western States Tripartite Owner Chairman
- Per Lorentzen** Western States Tripartite Contractor Chairman
- Tim Jefferies & Luke Lafley** Western States Tripartite Boilermaker Chairmen
- J. Tom Baca** Western States International Vice President

▶ CLOSING DINNER VINTNER’S ROOM 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.



Steve Goreham Climate Science Coalition of America

Steve is an independent scholar, researcher, and futurist in the fields of energy and environmental policy, as well as a former engineer and business executive with 30 years of experience at Fortune 100 and private companies. He's Executive Director of the Climate Science Coalition of America and a policy advisor to The Heartland Institute.

Steve is author of four books on energy, climate change, sustainability, and public policy with over 100,000 copies in print. He's a freelance columnist and frequent guest on radio and TV, including Dennis Miller, Sean Hannity, and Fox Business Channel. He holds an MBA from the University of Chicago and a BS/MS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois.

Our Keynote **SPEAKERS**

