

Final Mission Report
Travel to Sacramento and Las Vegas, USA
March 24 - 27, 2009

Executive Summary:

MLA Len Webber, Parliamentary Assistant for Alberta Energy, traveled to Sacramento and Las Vegas in order to showcase Alberta's commitment to responsible energy development and the environment. Along with fellow Canadian representatives, Mr. Webber delivered a presentation to an audience of California legislators and decision-makers participating in *Canada Day in Sacramento*. The Parliamentary Assistant next travelled to Las Vegas to participate in a panel discussion addressing issues of North American energy security and supply.

Mission Objectives:

- Highlight Alberta's efforts in clean energy production to targeted US audiences.
- Develop a better understanding in the US of Alberta's commitment to addressing the effects of climate change, establishing awareness of Alberta's leadership on energy and the environment.
- Strengthen relationships between Alberta and US jurisdictions, encouraging continued investment in Alberta's energy industry and collaboration in areas of energy and the environment.
- Seek out and engage a broad base of legislators, senior policy makers, advocacy groups, think tanks, and other key stakeholders through targeted briefings and networking.

Tuesday, March 24

Travel to Sacramento, California

Wednesday, March 25

Present to the California Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development

Mr. Webber briefed members and staff of the California State Legislature on Alberta's energy priorities in advance of a California Legislative Mission to Canada in the fall of 2009. Other presenters included the Consul General of Canada to San Francisco-Silicon Valley, the Consul General of Canada to Los Angeles, Consul for Ontario's International Marketing Centre and the Quebec Government Representative to Los Angeles.

Present to the California State Environmental Caucus

Mr. Webber presented to representatives of the California State Assembly, the California State Senate and the Administration Officials from Governor Schwarzenegger's office. Mr. Webber presented on Alberta's energy and environment programs. Mr. Webber was accompanied by fellow presenters from the Quebec Department for Environment and Sustainable Development, British Columbia's Climate Action Secretariat and the Vice-President of ClimateCHECK, a Canadian company providing Greenhouse Gas management and investment strategies in the US.

Luncheon with Members of the California State Legislative Leadership

In his role as Parliamentary Assistant for Alberta Energy, Mr Webber engaged in a lunch meeting with Assembly Member Noreen Evans (D-Santa Rosa) and Assembly Member John Perez (D-Los Angeles). Mr. Webber was updated on the state of California politics, government, the California Low Carbon Fuel Standard and the economy in 2009.

Canadian Reception for US Legislators

The Parliamentary Assistant attended the evening reception in order to expand upon the substantive discussions that took place earlier in the day. The Consulate General organized an intimate setting where Mr. Webber was able to engage state government officials, both from the Administration and the Legislature.

Thursday, March 26

Travel to Las Vegas, Nevada

Friday, March 27

Participation in the North American Energy Roundtable

Mr. Webber attended the North American Energy Roundtable hosted by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). The event focused on innovative energy policy and technology, geopolitical influences on energy issues, and public and private investment approaches needed to effectively address the continent's most pressing energy challenges. Along with representatives from the US and Mexico, Mr. Webber discussed energy issues affecting the North American continent, such as fossil fuel reserves, "boom and bust" price cycles, infrastructure investments, regional cooperation and the role the oil sands will play in North America's energy future. The morning was concluded with a networking reception.

Saturday, March 28

Travel to Edmonton