

Governor's Energy Office Chief Addresses CACI Energy and Environment Council

November 3--CACI's Energy & Environment Council met yesterday to hear remarks from guest speaker TJ Deora, Director of the Governor's Energy Office. Mr. Deora outlined his Department's stated goals for 2011-2012 and their intended steps for achieving those.

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On the legislative front, Deora noted that GEO's only legislative priority is to restore the Office's funding. His goal for the 2012 session is for GEO to be a resource on policy rather than an advocate or opponent of specific bills.

Deora listened to such concerns from CACI members as:

- Questions about how much consideration GEO gives to the impact of increased energy rates on consumers when developing policies; and
- The potential to put existing businesses that provide foundational jobs and have already invested in Colorado at a competitive disadvantage by prioritizing new companies or products.

CACI members also reiterated that it is essential for industry to know the rules of the regulatory game in order to continue growing and that uncertainty about regulations and taxes is the enemy of investment.

Council's members attending the meeting included representatives from their following:

- Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP
- Sustainable Oil Service
- Xcel Energy
- Faegre & Benson
- DCP Midstream
- Encana
- Colorado Rural Electric Association
- Colorado Mining Association
- Colorado Springs Utilities
- United Power, Inc.
- Colorado Stone, Sand and Gravel Association
- Colorado Ready Mixed Concrete Association
- Ensign Energy Service
- Intermountain Rural Electric Association
- Black Hills Corporation
- First Century Development
- Suncor Energy
- Freeport-McMoran

- PriceWaterhouseCoopers
- Snell & Wilmer
- Colorado Legislative Services
- Waste Management