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DAY 1

Monday, September 15, 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

11:00 – 12:00 PM

REGISTRATION & LUNCH

Old State Library, Colorado State Capitol Building

12:00 – 12:05 PM

Chair Introduction

Colorado State Representative Alex Valdez

12:05 – 12:15 PM

USHA Board Introduction

Aaron Villarreal, Director, Sales & Global Hydrogen, Taylor-Wharton

12:15 – 1:05 PM

USHA Introduction, Mission, Why Hydrogen, Hydrogen 101

Roxana Bekemohammadi, Founder and Executive Director, USHA

1:05 – 1:35 PM

Hydrogen Safety

Rich Gottwald, President & CEO, Compressed Gas Association

1:35 – 1:55 PM

COFFEE BREAK

1:55 – 2:30 PM

Geologic Hydrogen Potential

- Ishan Sharma, Fellow, Renaissance Philanthropy
- Dr. Douglas Wicks, Consultant

2:30 – 3:05 PM

Hydrogen in Freight Applications

- Gabe Olson, Director, Alternative Energy and Infrastructure, Pacific Clean Fuels
- Jack Hedge, Vice President, Commercial & External Affairs, The Pasha Group

3:05 – 3:25 PM

COFFEE BREAK

3:25 – 3:55 PM

Funding Innovation in Your State

Glenn Davis, Director of the Virginia Department of Energy, Former Virginia Delegate

3:55 – 4:25 PM

Geologic Hydrogen as a Primary Energy Resource

- Dr. Mengli Zhang, Research Assistant Professor, Colorado School of Mines
- Dr. Yaoguo Li, Professor, Colorado School of Mines

4:25 – 4:40 PM

Hydrogen Legislation Basics

Roxana Bekemohammadi, Founder and Executive Director, USHA

4:40 – 4:45 PM

Conclusion

- Colorado State Representative Alex Valdez
- Roxana Bekemohammadi, Founder and Executive Director, USHA

4:45 – 5:00 PM

Group Photo on Capitol Steps

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Investment x Policy x Innovation Happy Hour Hosted by RW Energy

The FIRE Terrace, The ART Hotel

Speakers: Darin Knicely (Sponsor), Jeff Holyoak (USHA Board), Bobby Hunt (USHA Board)

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DAY 2

Tuesday, September 16, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

8:00 – 9:00 AM

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

The ART Hotel

9:00 – 9:05 AM

Chair Introduction

Colorado State Representative Alex Valdez

9:05 – 9:20 AM

USHA Hydrogen: The Common Bond Campaign

Roxana Bekemohammadi, Founder and Executive Director, USHA

9:20 – 10:00 AM

FIRESIDE CHAT: Hydrogen-An Element of National Security

- Dr. Richard Hartman, Chief Innovation Officer, US Air Force Office of Energy Assurance
- Roxana Bekemohammadi, Founder and Executive Director, USHA

10:00 – 10:50 AM

PANEL: Advancing the Hydrogen Frontier: A Legislative Roundtable

- Colorado State Representative Alex Valdez
- Glenn Davis, Director of the Virginia Department of Energy
- Georgia State Representative John Carson

10:50 – 11:10 AM

COFFEE BREAK

11:10 – 11:25 AM

KEYNOTE: Hydrogen as an Energy Portfolio Solution

James Campos, Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Trade in Virginia

11:25 – 12:15 PM

PANEL: Incentivizing Hydrogen in Virginia

- James Campos, Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Trade in Virginia
- Bill Lehner, Founder/CSO, Independence Hydrogen
- Glenn Davis, Director of the Virginia Department of Energy
- Roxana Bekemohammadi, Founder and Executive Director, USHA

12:15 – 1:15 PM

LUNCH BREAK

1:15 – 1:30 PM

KEYNOTE: The Race to Hydrogen in America and Beyond

Bobby Hunt, General Manager, Total Hydrogen Solutions

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DAY 2 Continued

Tuesday, September 16, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

1:30 – 2:10 PM

FIRESIDE CHAT: Pennsylvania's Hydrogen Hub

- Manny Citron, Chief Operating Officer, MACH2
- Bill Lehner, Founder/CSO, Independence Hydrogen
- Roxana Bekemohammadi, Founder and Executive Director, USHA

2:10 – 3:00 PM

PANEL: How Hydrogen Companies and Projects can Signal Credibility and Attract Capital

- Gabe Olson, Director, Alternative Energy and Infrastructure, Pacific Clean Fuels
- Ivan Zivkovic, Strategic Advisor, ClimateDoor
- Lee McAvoy, Green Economy Banking – Vice President, J.P. Morgan Securities, LLC
- Roxana Bekemohammadi, Founder and Executive Director, USHA

3:00 – 3:20 PM

COFFEE BREAK

3:20 – 3:35 PM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Incentivizing Hydrogen in Colorado

Michael Turner, Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives and Finance, Colorado Energy Office

3:35 – 4:25 PM

PANEL: Financing the New Energy Stack: Data Centers, Microgrids, and Firm Clean Power

- Darin Knicely, CEO, RW Energy
- Lee McAvoy, Green Economy Banking – Vice President, J.P. Morgan Securities, LLC
- Orgil Batasaikhan, President and CFO, WTG Energy
- Katherine Meik, Energy Exemplar

4:25 – 4:40 PM

KEYNOTE: Developing the U.S. Public Hydrogen Marketplace

Akshay Thakur, Co-Founder & CEO, Blackcurrant

4:40 – 4:55 PM

KEYNOTE: Leveraging Federal Tax Credits

Georgia State Representative John Carson

4:55 – 5:00 PM

Conclusion and Transition

5:30 – 6:00 PM

Denver Art Museum Exploration

6:00 – 9:00 PM

DINNER & RECEPTION

Denver Art Museum, South Sturm Pavilion

Speakers: Aaron Villarreal, Tim Sasseen, Eugene Holubnyak
(All USHA Board Members)

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DAY 3

Wednesday, September 17, 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

8:00 – 9:00 AM

BREAKFAST

The ART Hotel

9:00 – 9:05 AM

Chair Introduction

Colorado State Representative Alex Valdez

9:05 – 9:10 AM

How to Get Started with Hydrogen in your State

Roxana Bekemohammadi, Founder and Executive Director, USHA

9:10 – 9:50 AM

FIRESIDE CHAT: The Hydrogen Hub Template

- Angel Wileman, Manager, Thermofluids, Southwest Research Institute
- Manny Citron, Chief Operating Officer, MACH2
- Roxana Bekemohammadi, USHA

9:50 – 10:40 AM

PANEL: Producing Hydrogen in Your State

- Patrick Charette, Business Leader for BayoGaas Molecules, BayoTech
- Bobby Hunt, General Manager, Total Hydrogen Solutions
- Carlos Beltran, Director of Product Management, Modern Hydrogen
- Bill Lehner, Founder/CSO, Independence Hydrogen
- Roxana Bekemohammadi, Founder and Executive Director, USHA

10:40 – 10:55 AM

COFFEE BREAK

10:55 – 11:10 AM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: How to Educate Safety Officials

Wes Brinsfield, Principal Engineer, Jensen Hughes

11:10 – 11:25 AM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Framework for the Third Hydrogen Revolution

Tim Sasseen, Manager, Hydrogen Business, American Honda Motor Company

11:25 – 12:15 PM

PANEL: Building Reliable Hydrogen Infrastructure in Your State

- Carlos Martinez, Director of Business Development, TLM One Inc.
- Cody Patrick, Cryogenic Systems Segment Manager, Nikkiso Clean Energy & Industrial Gases Group
- Aaron Villarreal, Director, Sales & Global Hydrogen, Taylor-Wharton
- Roxana Bekemohammadi, Founder and Executive Director, USHA

12:15 – 1:20 PM

LUNCH & 2026 Hydrogen Legislation Package Presentation

1:20 – 1:30 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

- Colorado State Representative Alex Valdez
- Roxana Bekemohammadi, Founder and Executive Director, USHA