

Final Report

Mission to San Francisco, California

March 8 to 10, 2007

Overview:

On March 8 to 10, 2007, Clint Dunford (MLA Lethbridge-West) traveled to the San Francisco Bay area to represent Alberta at the Alberta-California Energy Conference at the University of California, Berkeley.

The mission was successful in meeting its objectives as outlined below.

Mission Objectives:

1. Deliver Alberta's energy messages to our third largest export market.
2. Represent Alberta at the University of California Energy Conference

Results:

On March 9, 2007, Dunford participated on a panel entitled: *The Promise: Alberta, California and Energy* at the one-day scholarly conference in association with the Canadian Studies Program, International and Area Studies, University of California at Berkeley (see conference agenda below). He provided information on the significance of Alberta's oil and gas to U.S. energy security. He also outlined ways that Alberta is dealing with infrastructure challenges created by oil sands activity and the unprecedented economic growth that has resulted.

The goals of the conference, organized by the Canadian Studies Program at U. Cal-Berkley, were to:

- provide an overview of Alberta's energy reserves and their importance to California;
- explore the role of governments in the new energy environment;
- examine the development of the resource from the perspectives of affected groups, including Aboriginal people; and,
- consider some of the potential environmental and social challenges arising from the development.

Also participating in the conference were representatives from the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta, as well as Lee Richardson, Member of Parliament Calgary Centre.

Conference sponsors were:

- the Government of Canada;
- the Consulate General of Canada, San Francisco/Silicon Valley; and,
- TransCanada Pipeline.

California is the world's fifth largest economy and Alberta's third largest export market. Alberta's annual exports to California average \$5.2 billion per year, including a large volume of natural gas. Alberta's imports from California totaled \$1.1 billion in 2005.

Delegation:

Clint Dunford, MLA Lethbridge-West

Alberta-California Energy Conference Agenda:

Friday, March 9, 2007

Morning session

- 9:15 Welcome by Chancellor Robert J. Birgenau
- 9:45 Part of the documentary film Pay Dirt: Making the Unconventional Conventional (on the oil sands)
- 10:30 Panel 1. The Promise: Alberta, California, and energy. The oil sands.
Participants:
- Michael Hanemann, Chancellor's Professor of Environmental Economics and Policy; Director, California Climate Change Center, U.C. Berkeley
 - Joseph Doucet, Enbridge Professor of Energy Policy; Director, Centre for Applied Business Research in Energy and the Environment, University of Alberta
 - Jane C.S. Long, Associate Director, Energy and Environment, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
 - Chair: Thomas G. Barnes, Professor of History and Law, emeritus; Co-Director, Canadian Studies Program, U.C. Berkeley
- 12 noon Luncheon keynote speaker: Lee Richardson, MP Calgary Centre; Chair, House of Commons Standing Committee on Natural Resources

Afternoon sessions

- 1:30 Panel 2. The challenges: cultural, societal, and environmental impacts
Participants:
- Harry Hiller, Sociology, Director of the Alberta In-Migration Study, University of Calgary
 - Clint Dunford, MLA Lethbridge West, former Minister of Economic Development and former Minister of Alberta Human Resources and Employment
 - Ellen Bielawski, Dean of the School of Native Studies, University of Alberta
 - Carl Guardino, President and CEO, Silicon Valley Leadership Group
 - Chair: Nelson Graburn, Professor of Anthropology; Curator of North American Ethnology, Hearst Museum; Thomas Garden Barnes Chair in Canadian Studies, U.C. Berkeley
- 3:15 Panel 3. The future: choices, alternatives
Participants:
- Alexander Farrell, Energy and Resources Group, U.C. Berkeley
 - Larry Dale, Environmental Energy Technologies Division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; Assistant Director, California Climate Change Center, U.C. Berkeley
 - Michal Moore, Senior Fellow at the Institute for Sustainable Energy, Environment and Economy, University of Calgary; former Commissioner with the California Energy Commission
 - Scott Farris, Director of Government Relations in the western United States for TransCanada Pipelines, Ltd.
 - Chair: Arthur Mason, Canada-U.S. Fulbright-Enders North American Research Chair, University of Calgary; Assistant Professor, Arizona State University