



# State of New Mexico

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### **Governor Bill Richardson, Chairman of the Border Governors' to Convene Conference in Santa Fe**

#### **California Governor Schwarzenegger to attend**

*10 Governors to meet in Santa Fe on August 9, 10*

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson will chair the U.S.-Mexico Border Governors' Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico, August 9 and 10. The Conference theme is *Building International Cooperation on Water and Trade*. A feature of the Opening Ceremony will be an address by California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. "This conference will be a great boost for New Mexico for increasing New Mexico and Mexico trade and an opportunity to discuss water and border security," said Governor Bill Richardson. All four U.S. governors and all six Mexican governors plan to attend:

**U.S. Governors:**  
Governor Bill Richardson, Chair  
State of New Mexico

Governor Janet Napolitano  
State of Arizona

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

State of California

Governor Rick Perry  
State of Texas

**Mexico Governors:**

Governor Enrique Martínez y Martínez, Vice-Chair  
Chair, NAFTA Forum  
State of Coahuila

Governor Eugenio Elorduy Walther  
State of Baja California

Governor Patricio Martínez García  
State of Chihuahua

Governor José Natividad González Parás  
State of Nuevo Leon

Governor Eduardo Bours Castelo  
State of Sonora

Governor Tomas Yarrington Ruvalcaba  
State of Tamaulipas

A priority for the Border Governors during the Conference will be to discuss critical water issues affecting the border region, such as supply and conservation, and future planning and management of the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo and Colorado basins.

A highlight prior to the Opening of the Conference will be a NAFTA Forum to commemorate the 10th Anniversary since the implementation of NAFTA. The Forum will include an interactive panel of noted trade experts who will discuss the negative and positive impact of NAFTA.

**Public Schedule**

*Conference is being held at the Eldorado Hotel, off the Plaza, in downtown Santa Fe.*

Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>

12:00 - 8:00 p.m.                      Media Check-in

Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.                      Media Briefing and Breakfast (Radisson Hotel)

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.                      Media Check-in

10:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. NAFTA Forum “The Pros and Cons of NAFTA”  
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Opening Ceremony  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Welcome Reception at Museum Hill  
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Conference Welcome Dinner

Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Governors’ Breakfast  
Guest Speaker: Peter Andreas  
Border Security Expert  
Brown University  
12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. Conference Plenary Session  
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Press Conference