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Peace and Prosperity for Oil and Gas Development Post-Senate Bill 19-181??

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“Principled Governance of Shale Resources”

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“True energy sustainability requires a balance of economic, environmental, and social imperatives. This balance requires all stakeholders to reconsider cherished assumptions, tone down rhetoric, and compromise. In the modern energy world, nobody gets 100% of what they want; everyone must recognize multiple imperatives to achieve a balance and be prepared to adapt as the balance point changes over time.”


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• Prelude to SB19-181

  o Frac Bans & Pre-emption Litigation – City of Longmont, Fort Collins, Broomfield, Lafayette, Boulder County (2012-2016)

  o Governor’s Task Force on State and Local Regulation of Oil and Gas Operations (2014-2015)

  o Split chambers in General Assembly 2016-2018: Senate Republicans kill every oil and gas bill introduced by House Democrats

  o Fatal explosion and fire, Firestone, Colorado. April 17, 2017.

  o Citizen initiatives for 2,500 setback from new oil and gas facilities in consecutive elections 2014, 2016, 2018
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- **Changes Made by SB19-181:**
  - COGCC Mission Statement changed to “regulate to protect” public health, safety, welfare, the environment, and wildlife
  - Local government authority to regulate oil and gas development greatly expanded – no state preemption.
  - Switch to full-time, paid Commissioners from citizen volunteers
  - Re-writing COGCC Rules A to Z to implement new mission
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- **What now?**
  - Broad-based stakeholder engagement at COGCC
    - 90 parties to rulemaking
    - High caliber engagement
  - Ever-expanding pool of stakeholders
    - Backcountry Hunters and Anglers; Water Districts; Mapping for Environmental Justice
      - Investment banking, private equity community
  - Lots of repeat players
  - Opportunities to collaborate outside of rulemaking?
    - Wellbore integrity / SOGRE
Thank you

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