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**MEDA INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
 CONFERENCE CALL
 DECEMBER 19, 2011
 3:30PM – 4:30PM**

ON THE CALL: Evan Barrett, Jim Smitham, Dore Schwinden, Jim Davison, Sarah Converse, Steve Arveschoug, Paul Tuss, Pam Lemer, Andy Poole, Larry Mires, Marcy Allen, Rick Edwards, and Gloria O'Rourke.

2013 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Rick Edwards requested this meeting to begin plans for the 2013 Session. After a discussion, the following was concluded:

1. MEDA's leadership will arrange a face-to-face meeting with the administration to request items be placed in the budget, i.e., inflation adjustment for 2019 programs.
2. MEDA Interim Legislative Committee to receive a primer on the flow of gas and oil money.
3. Hold a Gubernatorial Forum, perhaps pre and post primary. Revisit the model of the 2004 forum held by MEDA.
4. Engage our partners and learn of issues we are in agreement: MACo, League of Cities and Towns, State Chamber, etc.

ACTION ITEMS:

Location for MEDA conference and Forum – okay date of Feb 28 – 29 with Membership.	Gloria	01/03/2011
Send Legislative survey to membership	Gloria	12/28/2011
Face-to-Face meeting with MEDA Legislative Committee – review survey responses, draft forum questions, set draft agenda	MEDA Interim Legislative Committee	01/17/2012 10:00am – 1:30pm, Helena
Send info to Gubernatorial Candidates	??	01/18/2012
Dig up old forum outline/questions as well as last Legislative Agenda	Gloria	01/17/2012

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