

THE WESTERN STATES COALITION

GOARN — Government Operational & Regional Network
A Regional Framework for Cooperation and Resilience

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK · WORKING DOCUMENT
Part of the maveriq Doctrine — the regional layer

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What It Is

The Western States Coalition is a proposed interstate compact framework — a structure for neighboring western states to cooperate on the challenges they already share. Its operating network is called GOARN, the Government Operational and Regional Network.

The premise is simple: when federal institutions falter or turn hostile, the states of the American West should be able to keep essential services running, coordinate on regional problems, and function as a resilient unit. This is functional independence through cooperation — explicitly not secession.

The Principle — Cooperation, Not Secession

The Coalition is a compact, not a breakaway. Nothing in it asserts independence from the United States or challenges federal authority where that authority is functioning. It rests on a single idea: states are stronger, and their residents safer, when they coordinate on shared risks rather than face them alone. This is insurance, not rebellion.

Areas of Cooperation

- **Shared climate research and disaster response** — pooling environmental science and coordinating the response to wildfires, droughts, floods, and other regional emergencies.
- **Water management** — joint agreements over the Colorado River and the West's increasingly scarce water, where no single state can solve the problem alone.
- **Economic coordination** — joint programs and procurement designed to function independently of federal funding swings.
- **Healthcare collaboration** — regional coordination of Care Without Fear-style healthcare, so coverage travels across state lines.
- **Mutual aid** — shared resources and rapid assistance for wildfires, droughts, and other challenges that cross state borders.

Target States

Colorado, California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, New Mexico, and Arizona — seven western states bound by shared geography, shared climate pressures, and shared water.

Why It Matters

The federal government can become gridlocked, dysfunctional, or actively hostile to a region's interests. When that happens, the people of the West should not be left without functioning government. The Coalition is a standing capacity — built in advance — to maintain essential services and regional governance through any federal disruption. It is resilience by design.

Where It Fits in the maveriQ Doctrine

The Coalition is the regional layer of a larger whole. CESA proves the economic model works at the state level. US-RAPA protects the democratic process at the federal level. The Western States Coalition builds

regional capacity so a functioning region can endure whatever happens nationally. And the American Covenant is the long-term destination. Each reinforces the next.

“Speak softly, but carry a big stick.”
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