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May 9, 2018
**WESTAR Council Meeting
Conference Call Summary**

The monthly WESTAR Council call began at 1:00 pm PDT/2:00 pm MDT/3:00 pm CDT.
Council members and delegates present included:

AK—Denise Koch
AZ—
CA—Tina Suarez-Murias
CO—Garrison Kaufman
HI—
ID—Tiffany Floyd
MT—Stephen Coe
NV—Danilo
NM—Liz Bisby-Kuehn
ND—Terry
OR—
SD—Brian
UT—Bryce
WA—Kathy Taylor
WY—Nancy Vehr

WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Bob Lebens, Tom Moore, Jeff Gabler

Agenda:

1. Review action items from spring business meeting (Mary Uhl)
2. 103/105 funding template letters from NACAA-Alaska request to know who plans to use these (all)
3. Discussion: EPA's proposed rule on use of scientific data (all)
4. WESTAR comments on EPA's ozone transport SIP documents (Stephen Coe)
5. Fall Business Meeting and topics for fall business meeting (all)
6. Other items as time and interest permit

Meeting Minutes:

¹ Draft will be considered final upon review and approval by a majority of the members, typically on the next monthly conference call.

1. Action Items from spring business meeting
 - A. Convene states in WESTAR conference calls as new NSR reform memos are rolled out. **STATUS: In progress.**
 - B. Smoke management workshop-best to have this in January when burners are available. Format: 1-day state only sharing of SMPs; 1-day with FLMs/burners. Include EE discussion in meeting. **STATUS: workgroup is being formed to draft meeting agenda.**
 - C. WESTAR letter to EPA advocating for a wildfire exceptional events group similar to the stratospheric intrusion EE group; in this letter WESTAR would also ask EPA to define regulatory significance for EE to include regulatory significance for state regulations. **STATUS: In progress.**
 - D. Ozone transport comments WESTAR letter. **STATUS: Technical and Planning Committees are exploring letter content.**
 - E. WESTAR letter on RH rule reconsideration-review points made in previous letters and emphasize the aspect of international transport. **STATUS: In progress.**
 - F. Proposal from Dan Jaffe to technical committee for review and recommendation on June Council call. **STATUS: Technical Committee to review.**
 - G. Woodstove NSPS--likely WESTAR letter in line with WGA, Council is ready to approve as EPA proposals are rolled out. **STATUS: WESTAR is watching this.**
 - H. Send WRAP RH workplan to EPA (this could also be part of the WESTAR letter in #5). **STATUS: In progress.**
 - I. Send WESTAR PSD increment recommendations to David Harlow. **STATUS: Completed.**

2. NACAA 103/105 funding template letters for congressional delegations

Denise Koch has proposed to her management that Alaska send these letters to the congressional delegation in Alaska. The initial response was that a department-wide letter might be more appropriate as other media programs are also feeling financial strain. She is working on talking points for the Alaska DEC Commissioner.

Bryce Bird said that Utah DEQ is communicating on this issue, but not sending letters to their congressional delegation.

Brian Gustafson said South Dakota would not be sending a letter.

3. EPA's proposed rule "Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science"

Washington is sending a coordinated letter from sister-agencies; WA governor's office may also comment.

Alaska will request an extension to the comment period; need more time to delve into this rulemaking. DEC may reach out to their health and human services department. No position has been finalized.

4. WESTAR comments on EPA's Ozone Transport SIP documents

Stephen Coe noted that there was a joint Technical/Planning Committee conference call to discuss. The areas of focus: 1. 1% screening level for western states; 2. International transport beyond Mexico and Canada; 3. WOE methodology. Stephen has heard from a couple of states that are interested, but not heard from many. The question is whether we want to comment as a group or not.

Garry noted that states have different interests in this area. CO does not impact any other state over the 1% level.

Tiffany noted that Idaho does not have an issue with transport but is supportive of comments.

Danilo noted that the Western Governor's letter to Bill Wehrum advocated for review of the 1% threshold.

Stephen reiterated that he needs direction.

Nancy and Danilo advocated for a letter asking for ongoing dialogue along the lines of the western governor's letter. Stephen will work on this.

5. Fall Business meeting and topics for the agenda

Exceptional Events should be on the agenda; additional agenda items should be sent to Mary.

6. Other items:

Pat Brewer in-kind assistance from NPS with regional haze technical analysis-it was noted that we should watch for any potential conflicts of interest.

Nancy Vehr asked that WESTAR reach out to Hawaii DOH to ask if they need anything from us due to the recent volcanic eruptions.

The call was completed at 2:46 pm MST.