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May 10, 2017
**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:

HI-Marianne Rossio
AK-Denise Koch
WA-Nancy Pritchett
OR-David Collier
CA-
NV-Danilo Dragoni
UT-Bryce Bird, Jay Baker
AZ-Tim Franquist
ID-Tiffany Floyd
MT-Annette Williams, Liz Ullrich
WY-Nancy Vehr
CO-Garry Kaufman
NM-
ND-Terry O'Clair
SD-Brian Gustafson

WESTAR staff present: Mary Uhl, Bob Lebens, Tom Moore, Jeff Gabler, Jackie Gadret

Agenda Items:

1. Summary of spring business meeting action items (Mary Uhl)
2. September 6-8 WESTAR-WRAP/EPA Modeling Meeting (Tom Moore)
3. Discussion and input on WESTAR/WRAP governance workgroup proposal (Mary Uhl)
4. Potential fall regional haze workshop with EPA (Mary Uhl)
5. Save the date for fall meeting--November 7-9 in Denver (Mary Uhl)
6. Report from NACAA meeting-training, funding, actions on hold (Mary Uhl)
7. Results of WESTAR RH survey (Tina Suarez-Murias and Jay Baker)
8. Council discussion as interest and time permits: regulatory reform and funding (all)

Meeting Minutes:

1. Summary of spring business meeting action items (Mary Uhl)

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

- a. Changes to bylaws and articles of association approved (no substantial changes, but changes conform with OR law)
 - b. New officers-Tiffany, Nancy and Tim
 - c. Fall meeting Denver November 7-8
 - d. Working on WESTAR-WRAP joint operating agreement
 - e. Thanks to all for great presentations and good discussion
 - f. Meeting presentations posted on WESTAR website on linked agenda
2. September 6-8 WESTAR-WRAP/EPA Modeling Meeting (Tom Moore)
Fourth in series of biannual western modeling workshops. This year we have delayed the meeting til the end of the federal fiscal year. Registration and travel information will be posted on the WRAP and WESTAR website; meeting will be in Boulder, CO.
3. Discussion and input on WESTAR/WRAP governance workgroup proposal (Mary Uhl)
- a. presentation on linked agenda
 - b. next step is to develop draft joint operating agreement to coordinate WESTAR and WRAP where possible, convene workgroup to review, present to council and WRAP board.
4. Potential fall regional haze workshop with EPA (Mary Uhl)
- a. may be national meeting
 - b. discuss international contributions, 4-factor analysis, metrics, how to improve inventories, etc.
 - c. include training for ½ day
 - d. include time for western state caucus

Comments:

Denise-international contributions are of great interest; training would be very helpful; Alaska still has difficult travel restrictions, so not sure if they can get approval.

Dave Collier—training would be helpful; continuous training would also be helpful.

Garry Kaufman-very supportive of training and workshop. Good to have discussions regionally, may be opportunities to shape western approach.

Jay Baker-training at AWMA meeting was good, if we could have something similar, that would be a good start.

Nancy Vehr-please ensure that EPA regional offices, headquarters and FLMs are invited to the meeting.

5. Save the date for fall meeting--November 7-9 in Denver (Mary Uhl)
6. Report from NACAA meeting-training, funding, actions on hold (Mary Uhl)
- a. some reprieve with FY17 budget passage on funding, but FY 18 is not yet known
 - b. threats to training funds still could appear; EPA appears to be drafting some areas where cuts could be made
 - c. many actions on hold til EPA has an Assistant Administrator for air, including RH guidance
7. Results of WESTAR RH survey (Jay Baker)
Survey was sent to all WESTAR states by WRAP RH planning workgroup. Objective was to understand state key concerns, needs, SIP preparation, and support needs. States have some staff

who were involved in the first round of planning; hopefully these people can be a resource in the second planning phase. SIP writers contacts from each state; this may form a SIP writers' workgroup. At least states can use these contacts as a starting point for working with other states. Training/SIP preparation tasks identified need for modeling training that the fall modeling meeting may assist with. States need help with RPG, developing natural conditions and baseline estimates as well as understanding where FLMs may assist with controls on federal lands. FLM contacts were identified in the survey. States and FLMs will need to work together and coordinate. EPA contacts need to be confirmed. In-kind or funding needed for training, identifying international contributions, and public outreach materials.

Comments:

Tiffany asked about state contacts-have they already received the survey results? Jay indicated that the results have been sent to the planning committee and WESTAR Council, so likely the RH contacts have seen the results.

Denise Koch noted that Alaska has had turnover that will alter the contacts for Alaska and asked how the survey results can be updated. Jay noted that Washington also had some contact updates; he will try to keep the document updated as best we can. Jay or Tina can be contacted with updates.

8. Upcoming calls:

- May 22 at 10 am-WESTAR call to discuss what factors should be considered that would cause EPA to address ozone transport differently in the west than the east. Relates to 1% contribution criteria, authority, meaning and whether appropriate for the west?
- EPRI/WEST associates webinar to kick off assessment of international emissions contributing to regional haze 5/30 11 PDT/12 MDT/1 CDT; contact me if you want to have staff attend.

9. Council discussion as interest and time permits: regulatory reform and funding (all)

Regulatory reform-some states are providing comments by May 15 deadline:

- in support of oil and gas regulatory efforts
- are there opportunities to reform the SIP process?
- ozone
- regional haze including impact of international transport
- specific designation issues and deadlines
- monitoring issues
- conceptual considerations for EPA rulemaking streamlining
- federal-state relationship
- exceptional events
- PM-10 nonattainment and conformity issues; suggesting that the PM-10 standard sunset

Funding for regional haze

- Regional haze modeling
- Template for taking funds off the top

The call adjourned at 2:50 pm MDT.