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**May 11, 2016**  
**WESTAR Council Meeting**  
**Conference Call Summary**

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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:

Clint Bowman (WA),  
Tina Suarez-Murias (CA),  
Bryce Bird (UT)  
Brian Gustafson (SD),  
Tiffany Floyd (ID),  
Danilo Dragoni (NV),  
Terry O'Clair (ND),  
Darla Potter (WY)  
Will Allison (CO)

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

Agenda topics:

Agenda Items:

1. Opportunities for state staff travel support to AWMA Fall Visibility conference, September 27-30 in Jackson Hole, WY (Tom Moore)
2. Multipurpose funds-regional haze analysis needs (Mary Uhl, Tom Moore, see Regional Analytical Needs document attached)
3. Review and approval of WESTAR's draft background ozone comments to EPA (Jay Baker, WESTAR Background Ozone Workgroup, draft attached)
4. Summary of Regional Haze NPRM key issues for WESTAR (Tina Suarez-Murias, WESTAR Planning Committee Chair)
5. Update on state support for WESTAR-WRAP (Mary Uhl)
6. Fall business meeting-call for topics
7. Other items as time and interest permit-NACAA VW SEP Recommendations attached for your information

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

## Call Summary:

1. State Travel Support for AWMA conference  
Opportunity for state travel support to AWMA-Tom Moore provided information about the availability of state travel support for the AWMA visibility conference September 27-30 in Jackson Hole, WY. More information can be found at [http://visibility.awma.org/?page\\_id=689](http://visibility.awma.org/?page_id=689).
2. Multi-purpose Grants and RH analysis  
Tom Moore and Mary Uhl reviewed the funding needs for the western regional haze analysis. The analysis will cost on the order of \$1.25-1.5 million. If each WESTAR state (except for Alaska and Hawaii) provided \$75-100K from their multipurpose grant, that would be enough. Several states said that regional haze is not yet a priority (SD, ID, NV); WY indicated they will likely have \$75K to dedicate for western regional haze analysis.
3. WESTAR's draft background ozone comments to EPA  
Jay Baker presented the key elements of the draft comments on background ozone: WESTAR is offering assistance to EPA in the development of a western background ozone white paper, request for 2 additional tools for ozone-the principal contributor concept and Natural Events Plans. WESTAR is asking EPA for clear, comprehensive guidance on background ozone, including adding more experts on background ozone to the CASAC. Bryce Bird made a motion to approve, second was offered by Will Allison. All present approved the comments as final. WESTAR will submit the comments to EPA for the docket.
4. Regional Haze NPRM key issues  
Tina Suarez-Murias noted these key issues from the RH NPRM:
  - a. The NPRM was more expansive than topics covered in listening sessions;
  - b. The NPRM focuses on the most impaired days;
  - c. RAVI is proposed to be incorporated into RH;
  - d. Guidance is not yet at OMB, so guidance won't be available til the end of the comment period. The comment period ends July 5. WESTAR will provide testimony in Denver on June 1. Draft written comments will be ready in June;
  - e. Progress reports are not a SIP revision;
  - f. Positive comments about visibility improvements in the west;
  - g. Consultation with FLMs is required earlier in the process;The possibility of asking EPA for more time to comment so that rule and guidance comments would coincide was raised, no motion was made.
5. State support for WESTAR-WRAP  
Mary Uhl reported that EPA Region 9 is coordinating the approved increase in dues with other EPA regional offices.
6. Fall Business meeting topics

Mary Uhl reviewed some potential fall business meeting topics; two new topics were added—appendix W revisions and guidance on stratospheric intrusion.

7. Other items

Mary Uhl noted that the NACAA VW SEP recommendations were attached to the agenda. As well, Oregon DEQ is seeking a new director.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm PDT/2:50 pm MDT/3:50 pm CDT.