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**July 13, 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:

Tina Suarez-Murias, CARB  
Tiffany Floyd, ID  
Bryce Bird, UT  
Amber Potts, Darla Potter, WY  
Terry O'Clair, ND  
Brian, Kyrik Rombough, SD  
Danilo Dragoni, NV  
Tim Franquist, AZ  
Chris Hanlon-Meyer, WA  
Clint Bowman, WA  
Will Allison, CO

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

Agenda topics:

Agenda Items:

1. Review of draft fall business meeting agenda (attached)
2. Regional Haze NPRM comment letter schedule; discuss whether WESTAR should develop a comment letter on regional haze guidance just released
3. EPA accepting comments on CASAC candidates until July 26 (draft email template to advocate for western candidates attached)
4. VW consent decree comments due by August 5
5. Fall Technical Conference on Exceptional Events in Denver November 8-9
6. EPA response to WESTAR's background ozone comment letter
7. Other items as time and interest permits

Call Summary:

1. Review of draft fall business meeting agenda

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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.

Mary Uhl reviewed the draft agenda. Tiffany Floyd asked whether we would make the meeting available by webinar and Mary said we would have webinar availability. Chris Hanlon-Meyer asked about the speaker for WA/ID/OR/UT wildfire EE session; Sara Strachan from IDEQ has been invited to make this presentation.

2. Regional Haze NPRM comment letter schedule; should regional haze workgroup develop comments on the guidance?

Tina Suarez-Murias noted that a draft WESTAR comment letter has been circulated to the WESTAR regional haze workgroup. The draft will need to be shortened and there is still some discussion about which comments will remain. The workgroup is also discussing whether there will be separate comments on the recently released regional haze guidance. It is possible that the workgroup will send comments on the guidance separately. A draft will be circulated to the Council by the end of July.

3. CASAC candidates comments to EPA due July 26

Mary Uhl sent a template for an email comment to EPA advocating for the 2 western nominees to the CASAC. It was clarified that there is only one open seat on the CASAC.

4. VW consent decree comments

Mary Uhl asked the Council whether WESTAR should draft consent decree comments that technical analysis (inventory and modeling work) could benefit western states by providing a scientific basis for decision making. There was no objection to developing WESTAR comments.

5. Fall Technical Conference on Exceptional Events in Denver November 8-9 (Bob Lebens)

Bob Lebens announced that WESTAR will work with EPA in the presentation of a fall technical conference on Exceptional Events. WESTAR will pay for travel for 2 participants from each state. Formal notice of the conference will be circulated around the end of July.

6. EPA response to WESTAR's background ozone comment letter

Mary Uhl noted that a call has been scheduled with EPA to discuss WESTAR's background ozone comment letter. WESTAR would like to develop a workplan with EPA to develop tools and methods for determining background ozone.

7. Other items

No other items were suggested.

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm PDT/2:32 pm MDT/3:32 pm CDT.