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**September 13, 2017**  
**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:

HI-Marianne Rossio  
AK-Denise Koch  
WA-Chris Hanlon-Meyer, Nancy Pritchett, Laurie Hulse-Moyer  
OR-Phil Allen  
CA-  
NV-  
UT-Bryce Bird  
AZ-Tim Franquist  
ID-  
MT-Dave Klemp  
WY-Nancy Vehr, Darla Potter, Amber Potts  
CO-Garry Kaufman  
NM-  
ND-  
SD-Brian Gustafson

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

Agenda Items:

1. Spring business meeting locations and dates (does after April 15 work for everyone?) -- Mary Uhl
2. EPA's remodeling of national ozone transport and potential issues for western states-- Mary Uhl, Bob Lebens, Tom Moore
3. Western Modeling Workshop summary--Tom Moore
4. Regional haze workshop December 5-7 in Denver, CO--Mary Uhl
5. Western Policy Network--Mary Uhl
6. EDF state-local official letter to congress on federal budget for state grants/EPA:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/8rsx9HIxxgZvkEor1>
7. Other items as time and interest permits

Meeting Minutes:

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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.

1. Spring business meeting locations and dates  
Mary Uhl noted that member feedback points to a spring business meeting the weeks of April 23 or 30, 2018. Denise Koch and Dave Klemp advocated for a meeting in the Pacific Northwest, probably Portland or Seattle. Mary will present options at the fall business meeting.
2. EPA's "remodel" of national ozone transport and potential issues for western states  
On August 29, the State-Federal Technical Work Collaborative workgroup held a conference call open to all states, local and tribal air agencies to discuss plans for replacing the NODA ozone transport modeling with new modeling corrected/revised per NODA comments. The modeling unfortunately must be undertaken with speed due to a court-ordered deadline EPA must meet to issue a FIP to the state of Kentucky. Modeling is underway in September and results will be available late September/early October. WESTAR is still trying to schedule a conference call with EPA to discuss western ozone transport issues.
3. Western Modeling Workshop summary  
Tom Moore reported that 65 people attended the workshop in Boulder Colorado September 6-8. 30-40 people attended the meeting remotely. Topics discussed included technical analysis for fire, ammonia, and model evaluation, as well as emission inventory issues. An issue paper was developed for each session.
4. Regional Haze workshop  
Mary Uhl announced that there will be a Western and National Regional Haze Workshop December 5-7 in Denver, Colorado. WESTAR will pay travel expenses for 2 participants from each state.
5. Western Policy Network  
Mary Uhl summarized the Western Governors Association meeting to capitalize on momentum to improve state and federal relationships. An outcome of the meeting was the formation of the Western Policy Network to share information from various organizations.
6. EDF State-local official letter to congress on federal budgets for state grants/EPA  
The link to this letter is in the agenda; the letter advocates for at least level funding for state grants and EPA.
7. Other items  
Denise Koch asked if states plan to comment on EPA's draft Title V fee guidance. Alaska DEC has reviewed the draft and did not see any red flags. Wyoming is still reviewing. Colorado is still reviewing as well. Mary Uhl will send the link out and ask if other states have reviewed and see any issues with the draft.

The call adjourned at 2:30 pm MDT.