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November 9, 2016
WESTAR Council Meeting
Conference Call Summary

The monthly WESTAR Council call began at 10:00 am HST/12:00 pm AKST/1:00 pm PST/2:00 pm MST/3:00 pm CST. Council members and delegates present included:

HI
AK-
WA-
OR-David Collier
CA-Tina Suarez-Murias
NV-Danilo Dragoni
UT-Bryce Bird
AZ-Tim Franquist
ID-Tiffany Floyd
MT-Dave Klemp, Stephen Coe
WY-Nancy Vehr
CO-Will Allison
NM-Ralph Gruebel
ND-Terry O'Clair
SD-Brian Gustafson

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

Agenda topics:

Agenda Items:

1. Will Allison Retirement-approval of new treasurer, vice president
2. WESTAR-WRAP integration and visioning update
3. IAWF International Smoke Symposium 11/14-19
4. Potential Regional Haze 2nd planning period kick off meeting spring 2017
5. Potential WESTAR/EPA/API Background ozone meeting spring 2017
6. EPA's proposed 2015 Ozone NAAQS Implementation rule comments
7. Other items as time and interest permit

¹ 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. Will Allison retirement
Will Allison, current WESTAR Vice _resident, has announced his retirement in December. The WESTAR nominating committee met and Nancy Vehr was nominated as WESTAR Treasurer. Nancy has accepted the nomination and Tiffany Floyd has agreed to move up to fill the Vice President position. Will Allison made the motion to approve Nancy Vehr as Treasurer and Tiffany Floyd as Vice President. All board members on the call approved.
2. WESTAR-WRAP integration and visioning
Mary Uhl provided the update that the interviews have been completed and the draft report from Rob Greenwood would be sent to interview participants for review with a goal of issuing a final report in December. A preliminary finding from Rob Greenwood is that WESTAR-WRAP governance needs clarification as do the committees.
3. IAWF International Smoke Symposium 11/14-19
Mary Uhl noted that remote participation is available for next week's conference.
4. WESTAR Regional Haze 2nd planning period kick-off meeting
Mary Uhl noted that WESTAR's planning committee is beginning to discuss a states-only meeting to kick off the 2nd planning period for regional haze in April or May of 2017. The meeting would include training on the new metric and discussion. Each state should have a regional haze representative to the state caucus which will feed into the WRAP where external consultation will occur with tribes, FLMs, local governments and states outside the WESTAR-WRAP region. The planning committee will present a draft structure for communications and the process on the December Council call.
5. WESTAR/EPA/API meeting on Background Ozone
API has provided funding to Dr. Daniel Jaffee to develop a white paper on data gaps in background ozone research. A meeting is tentatively planned for March 2017 in Denver to review Dr. Jaffe's findings, hear from leading researchers on background ozone and develop a workplan for further action.
6. EPA's proposed 2015 Ozone NAAQS Implementation Rule
Mary noted that WESTAR comments on the proposed rule are being discussed by the WESTAR planning committee. Nancy Vehr noted that western ozone transport should be discussed.
7. Other items
 - a. Will Allison announced that Chris Colclasure will be the acting air director in Colorado;

- b. Nancy Vehr thanked the states that participated in the recent AWMA Visibility Conference panel.

The call was adjourned at 10:30 am HST/12:30 pm AKST/1:30 pm PST/2:30 pm MST/3:30 CST.