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December 14, 2016
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-
WA-Laurie Hulse-Moyer
OR-David Collier
CA-Karen Magliano, Tina Suarez-Murias
NV-Danilo Dragoni
UT-Bryce Bird, Jay Baker
AZ-
ID-Bruce Louks
MT-
WY-Darla Potter
CO-Gordon Pierce, Chris Colclasure
NM-Rita Bates
ND-Terry O'Clair
SD-Brian Gustafson

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

Agenda topics:

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome to Marianne Rossio, the new air director for Hawaii!
2. Topics for WESTAR-WRAP Spring Business Meeting and each state top 3 picks (attached)--All
3. WESTAR-WRAP Regional Haze committee structure, communications and survey--Tina Suarez-Murias and Jay Baker
4. Final Regional Haze Rule and possibility of Congressional Review Act impact--Mary Uhl
5. Future Change in 105 Allocations--All
6. Report out from Albany Woodstove conference--Bob Lebens
7. Report out from WESTAR/EPA Exceptional Events meeting--Bob Lebens

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

8. API/WESTAR Background Ozone project and spring meeting--Tom Moore
9. Ross and Associates WESTAR-WRAP integration report summary (attached)--Mary Uhl
10. WESTAR comments on EPA's proposed ozone implementation rule--Tom Moore
11. ECOS call for participation in E-Enterprise committees (attached)--Mary Uhl
12. Other items as time permits

Call Summary:

1. WESTAR welcomed Marianne Rossio to the Council; Marianne is the new air director for the state of Hawaii.
2. Potential Topics for the WESTAR-WRAP Spring Business meeting
Air directors on the call indicated support for the following agenda items at the spring business meeting:
 - A. Ozone, particularly 110a2d transports SIPs due in 2018
 - B. Regional efforts and interagency coordination applications
 - C. Mobile sources, particularly innovations in the use of VW settlement funds
 - D. FLM FLAG revision
 - E. Exceptional events, including implementation of the final rule and potential for WESTAR/WRAP coordination
 - F. Regional Haze, particularly the WESTAR/WRAP workplan and implementation of the final rule and regional modeling
 - G. State/local/tribal GHG reduction initiatives, including communicating climate change and GHG and co-benefit of GHG emission reductions on criteria and HAP control programs
 - H. PM, including PM advance and PM SIP bump-up areas
 - I. Smoke management, including the CA smoke management initiatives and smoke management communication
 - J. Priorities for EPA in the new administration, possibly as part of the OAQPS update
3. Regional Haze
Tina Suarez-Murias and Jay Baker are the WRAP regional haze workgroup co-chairs. A survey has been sent out to each state to determine state capacity and level of knowledge; each state should submit 1 survey. The survey was also sent to WESTAR Planning and Technical committee members. The workgroup would ideally be populated with FLM, state and tribal representatives to develop a workplan. The state caucus should have 1 contact from each state. The state caucus will be the means for state communication and collaboration.
4. The regional haze rule will fall within the window of time where it could be affected by the Congressional Review Act; this could adversely affect states as SIPs would be due in 2018.

5. Future Change in 105 allocations
EPA is moving forward with congressional instruction to begin to change 105 allocations at regions in accordance with population shifts. If any state needs additional information, contact Mary Uhl.
6. Report out from NESCAUM Albany woodstove conference
Bob Lebens reported that days 1 and 2 of the conference were devoted to presentations of scientific research. Day 3 reviewed the elements of woodstove change out programs, including how to provide incentives for manufacturers to provide clean technology. NESCAUM produced a strawman of the elements for discussion. This effort is important to WESTAR as there is likely more money for woodstove change out programs in the future as a result of SEPs. A draft framework will be available in the next month for state review. Bob will work with wood smoke state contacts to develop WESTAR comments on the draft framework. A question was raised about where money for change out programs would come from-Bob responded that SEPs are the likely vehicle, it is unlikely that there would be a DERA-like program initiated.
7. WESTAR/EPA Exceptional Events meeting
Bob Lebens announced that the Exceptional Events agenda and presentations are posted on the WESTAR website. Day 1 was an EPA-led rollout of the rule and guidance, day 2 consisted of state presentations on case studies and tools, including tools for fire EE. There were 80 people in attendance at the workshop. Sara Strachan of Idaho invited all WESTAR states to participate in the Pacific NW collaboration initiative to explore regional collaboration.
8. WESTAR/API Background ozone project and conference
Tom Moore reported that WESTAR and API, with EPA, are planning a meeting to cover the technical and scientific issues surrounding background ozone and SIPs. API has provided funds to Dr. Dan Jaffe at UW to prepare an assessment of the current knowledge of background ozone. A core group of researchers have been identified to work on the paper. The meeting is planned for March 28-29 and will be a public meeting. In June, the WRAP-EPA workshop in Boulder may include further background ozone discussions.
9. WESTAR-WRAP integration summary
The summary prepared by Ross and Associates included a recommendation for a small group to work on governance issues. Mary asked that those interested in working on the small group contact her. The work of the group would likely begin in early 2017.
10. WESTAR comments on EPA's proposed ozone NAAQS implementation rule
Tom Moore reported that the WESTAR planning committee is working on comments on the proposed rule; Mary Uhl noted there is opportunity for public comment at the January 12 hearing. There were no objections to WESTAR's planning committee developing comments and testimony.

11. ECOS call for participation in E-enterprise committees

Mary Uhl urged air directors to consider participation in E-enterprise (ECOS/EPA initiative). To date, few western states have been involved in the E-enterprise committees.

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm PDT/ 2:57 pm MDT/ 3:57 pm CDT.