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January 8, 2020
WESTAR Council Meeting
Conference Call Summary

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

AK-Alice Edwards
AZ-Joe Martin
CA-Tina Suarez-Murias
CO-Gary Kaufman
HI-Kathy Lopez
ID-Tiffany Floyd
MT-Dave Klemp
NV-Sheryl Fontaine
NM-
ND-
OR-Ali Mirzhakhalili
SD-
UT-Jay Baker, Bryce Bird
WA-Kathy Taylor, Martha Hankins
WY-Rob Leteff
WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Tom Moore, Bob Lebens, Jackie Gadret, Jeff Gabler

Agenda:

1. Review draft WESTAR letter in response to Regional Haze ICR (attached, Tom Moore)
2. Vote for topics for spring business meeting (attached, Mary Uhl)
3. Training curriculum review (Jeff Gabler)
4. Upcoming meetings-EPA woodstove testing protocol meeting, EPA/National Training Committee meeting, Residential Woodheating workshop, Regional Haze Results meeting (Mary Uhl)
5. Other items as time and interest permit
-179B guidance review and potential WESTAR comments

Meeting Minutes:

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1. Review draft WESTAR letter in response to Regional Haze ICR (attached, Tom Moore)

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

Tom noted that this FR notice was a strategic opportunity for WESTAR to comment on where the WESTAR states are in the regional haze rule process. Ali asked about how cost estimates for future planning periods might correlate with the current planning period as subsequent planning periods may have different source focus. Add some recognition that moving forward there is work to be done, but federally-controlled sources may become more important. Tom will rework letter to include edits from California and send back out for email review and approval by early next week.

2. Vote for topics for spring business meeting (attached, Mary Uhl)

3. Training curriculum review (Jeff Gabler)

Jeff noted that curriculum updates could benefit from review by state agency staff experts. This is one of areas that Anna Wood spoke about at the fall meeting that EPA will address for revamping the training program. EPA will send out more of these training curriculums for state review as well as EPA headquarters and regional office staff. Jeff asked that states review to ensure that training will address future state needs. Jeff said he can return edits to Michael Vince at CENSARA, who is leading the curriculum workgroup. January 15 is a soft deadline for submitting comments; Jeff noted that the committee won't get to reviewing all of these right away.

Jeff noted that NACAA is hosting a permitting/enforcement workshop February 25-26 in St. Louis. MARAMA hosted an R training (statistical package) webinar that some states were not able to attend; WESTAR is working with MARAMA to offer another webinar. Jeff said EPA has an online Air Quality Management 101 course-there are 10 modules that provide a good understanding of air quality. SI-105 is available on APTI-LEARN.

4. Upcoming meetings-EPA woodstove testing protocol meeting (1/15), EPA/National Training Committee meeting(2/12-13), Residential Woodheating workshop (3/10-13), Regional Haze results meeting (5/19-20) (Mary Uhl)

5. Other items as time and interest permit

-179B guidance will be reviewed by WESTAR Planning and Technical Committees for potential drafting of WESTAR comments.

-Bryce Bird mentioned that he is putting together a panel on western wildfires at the AWMA visibility conference October 20-23 at Bryce Canyon. BAAQMD and CARB are participating in the panel. Dave Klemp said MT is interested, ID is also interested.

-Joe asked about modeling schedule for RH-will modeling be conducted after all state controls are submitted? Tom Moore noted that we need feedback from all states to run the control model scenario. Tom said a protocol will be sent to each state for submittal of control information. Joe asked when the model results will be available. Tom said the goal is to get the data by mid-February with results by end of March.

The call duration was 44 minutes.