

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-Daniel Czecholinski
CA-
CO-Michael Ogletree, Weston Carloss
HI-Mike Madsen
ID-Tiffany Floyd
MT-Bo Wilkins, Liz Ulrich
NV-
NM-
ND-Jim Semerad
OR-Ali Mirzakhali
SD-Kyrik Rombough
UT-Bryce Bird
WA-Rob Dengel
WY-Nancy Vehr
WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Jeff Gabler, Jay Baker, Jackie Gadret, Tom Moore

Agenda:

1. WESTAR/WRAP spring business meeting agenda items (attached, Mary Uhl)
2. WRAP 25th anniversary celebration plans (Tom Moore)
3. WESTAR/WRAP organizational documents for WESTAR Council consideration (attachments to follow, Tom Moore)
4. WESTAR draft personnel policy status update (attached, Mary Uhl)
5. Draft WESTAR letter on EPA Oil and Gas proposal (attached, Mary Uhl)
6. Other items as time and interest permits

Minutes:

1. Spring business meeting agenda items
Mary Uhl asked members what they want to hear about at the spring business meeting. Items of interest include the OAQPS update, Environmental Justice, NAAQS review, Wildfire smoke, satellite data mapping tools, citizen and community monitoring, improving emissions inventories and professional development.
2. WRAP 25th anniversary celebration plans

Tom Moore reviewed the plan for the 25th anniversary celebration on April 5 in Park City after the first day of the spring WESTAR/WRAP business meeting.

3. WESTAR/WRAP organizational documents

Tom Moore noted that the WRAP board is making changes to several WRAP documents, including the charter, strategic plan, joint operating agreement and travel policy. The travel policy will include more details on the procedure but will remain in accordance with WESTAR travel policies.

4. WESTAR personnel policy

Mary Uhl reviewed changes made to the WESTAR personnel policy. Changes have been made to mirror the federal government personnel policy. Comments are due by January 31. Mary will provide a status update on the policy on the February Council call.

5. Draft WESTAR comments to EPA on EPA's oil and gas proposal

Tom Moore reviewed the draft comments. Discussion followed. Nancy Vehr felt the letter was helpful in pointing out organizational expertise at the state level. Jim Semerad agreed and felt the points were well-noted. Alice Edwards didn't think the WESTAR comments would conflict with state positions. Comments on the letter are due January 19, a revised version will be circulated with the goal of submitting the comments by the January 31 deadline.

6. There were no additional items brought forward.

The call duration was 53 minutes.