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**March 14, 2018**  
**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:

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AZ—  
CA—Tina Suarez-Murias  
CO—Garry Kaufman  
HI—  
ID—Tiffany Floyd, Mary Anderson  
MT—Stephen Coe  
NV—Danilo Dragoni  
NM—Rita Bates  
ND—Terry O’Clair  
OR—Michael Orman, David Collier  
SD—Kyrik Rombaugh  
UT—Bryce Bird  
WA—  
WY—Nancy Vehr, Darla Potter

WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Bob Lebens, Tom Moore, Jeff Gabler

Agenda:

Welcome, auditor here

1. Reminder to register for spring business meeting at <https://westar.ticketleap.com/westarwrap2018springbusinessmeeting/>. Updated agenda posted at [www.westar.org](http://www.westar.org) under Quick Links. Hotel room block expires March 23, 2018.
2. EPA LEAN event summary (Mary Anderson)
3. Western Governors Association State/Local organization summit meeting summary (Mary Uhl)
4. EPA Residential Wood Smoke Workshop summary (Bob Lebens)
5. WRAP Board State terms (Tom Moore, see attached)
6. Upcoming meetings and workshops--TEMPO Early adopters, EPA inventory training (Tom Moore, see below)

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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.

## 7. Other items as time and interest permits

### Meeting Minutes:

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2. EPA LEAN event summary (Mary Anderson)

Mary attended EPA LEAN event as 1 of 4 state/local representatives. Focused on timely action on SIPs; highlighted on agency reform plan. Looked at entire process for SIPs of all types. Not just to deal with future SIPs, but also for backlog. Goals for eliminating backlog and timely SIP processing. This was not a typical LEAN event because an entire program was reviewed. EPA may have additional LEAN events. EPA received input from ECOS, NACAA and AAPCA. Main steps: SIP assignment, SIP preparation, SIP review, finalization. Started to develop SOPs and checklists. Puts emphasis on state working with EPA prior to SIP submittal with creation of a team, possibly including someone from EPA HQ. EPA has committed to determining whether a SIP is approvable after SIP review. Shift more responsibility from HQ to regions. Assigning all key EPA staff ahead of SIP process should enable faster decisionmaking. States and EPA staff agree that guidance is needed before a SIP is triggered. EPA developing an implementation plan, how to train regional staff, and how regional staff will interact with states. 2015 Ozone designations may be first test of new system. Mary reported that the process was good; states want consistency as well as flexibility. Mary may or may not be involved in future events; she was the only “small-state” there. Isn’t decisionmaking at the regional level where we have had problems with consistency? Key is guidance from HQ and other tools—like ensuring regional consistency in response to comments. Not sure how states are selected for participation; might start with contacting your regional office if you are interested in participating.

3. Western Governors Association State/Local organization summit meeting summary (Mary Uhl)

The theme of this meeting was that states are not stakeholders. WGA presented a case for federal agencies working with states governments in a consultation capacity and improving cooperative federalism. White House Office of Government Affairs indicated a need to repair federal/state relationships and a need to set up a permanent structure for federalism. Henry Darwin of EPA spoke about the need to set up processes for states to elevate issues within EPA and hold EPA accountable for responding to states in a timely way. EPA intends to coordinate their LEAN initiatives with cooperative federalism through performance measures, state oversight, improving regional consistency, and streamlining the SIP process to approve/deny SIPs within statutory deadlines and eliminating the SIP backlog.

4. EPA Residential Wood Smoke Workshop summary (Bob Lebens)

Hosted at HPBA Expo, good representation from western states, almost 70 people in the meeting. House of Representatives have passed a bill to delay woodstove NSPS from 2020 to 2023. Meeting was a good opportunity to interact with industry and learn from other programs. Case studies were excellent; different partnerships, funding made these

case studies interesting. The changeout program on the Navajo nation was of interest because of the tangible benefit to the individuals and families involved. Agenda and presentations will be posted by EPA in the near-term. Next year's meeting is in Dallas.

5. WRAP Board State terms (Tom Moore, see attached)

Tom reviewed state board terms which are expiring; 3 terms are coming to an end on the WRAP Board. Gordon Pierce is co-chair of the WRAP Board, he is interested in continuing. Danilo Dragoni's term is ending and he is interested in continuing. Bryce Bird's term is also ending and he is interested in continuing. Bryce noted that if another state would like the seat, he is willing to give it up. Nancy Vehr motioned that this slate be approved, Tiffany Floyd seconded the motion. All on the call were in favor, none opposed. Tom will update the WRAP Board documents.

6. Upcoming meetings and workshops--TEMPO Early adopters, EPA inventory training (Tom Moore, see below)

A detailed agenda is available for TEMPO Early Adopters workshop. We have 37 attending in person, 35 attending remotely. Over 20 state air agency representatives will be in attendance. Registration information on WRAP calendar.

EPA inventory training in May in RTP: sector -specific training will be available May 14-16 at EPA OAQPS facility. Training on ozone, PM and haze inventory guidance. This could be useful training for state staff. Great deal of work for 2017 NEI will be completed by state programs; EPA has also urged us all to work together on a national modeling platform for 2016. Western states are robustly participating in this effort.

7. Other items as time and interest permits- no further items were noted.

The call was completed at 2:47 pm MST.