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October 13, 2021
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:

AK-
AZ-
CA-
CO-
HI-Marianne Rossio
ID-Tiffany Floyd
MT-Bo Wilkins, Liz Ullrich
NV-Danilo Dragoni
NM-
ND-Jim Semerad
OR-Ali Mirzakhali
SD-Kyrik Rombough
UT-Bryce Bird
WA-
WY-Nancy Vehr

WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Tom Moore, Jeff Gabler, Jay Baker, Jackie Gadret

Agenda:

1. Welcome Bo Wilkins, new Air Director at MT DEQ (all)
2. Fall Business meeting agenda review and logistics, agenda attached (Mary Uhl)
3. Exceptional Events call summary and other updates (Jay Baker, Tom Moore, Mary Uhl)
4. Highlights from AWMA Atmospheric Optics Conference, state regional haze panel (Tom Moore)
5. WGA Air Resolution suggested edits, attached WESTAR and Idaho edits (Mary Uhl, others)
6. Review of EPA's emissions inventory data for 2016v2, powerpoint attached (Mary Uhl, Jay Baker)
7. Other items as time and interest permits

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

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome Bo Wilkins, new Air Director at MT DEQ and farewell to Garry Kaufman, CDPHE (all)
2. Fall Business meeting agenda review and logistics, agenda attached (Mary Uhl)
Danilo asked about proof of vaccination for restaurants—can this be a photo? We will find out what is required for dining in Santa Fe and let all participants know.
3. Exceptional Events call summary and other updates (Jay Baker, Tom Moore, Mary Uhl)
Jay noted that Denise Scott from EPA OAQPS and other EPA Regional staff were on the call. There was an emphasis on regulatory significance, but that is often not known for several years. WESTAR is collecting links to data that states are using for EE. WESTAR has talked about a regional exceptional events data gathering that would support state submittals. The Exceptional Events program covers so few events in the west; perhaps there needs to be more emphasis on communicating impacts. Tom noted that with the PM standard likely to change, which would mean more events that are regulatorily significant. Tom reminded states that WESTAR is collecting data from states on smoke impacts.
Ali suggested that there be a way to parse out the extreme smoke impacts from days with minor smoke impact.
Danilo suggested the need for looking more holistically at events with extreme smoke impacts.
4. Highlights from AWMA Atmospheric Optics Conference, state regional haze panel (Tom Moore)
Tom thanked air directors for lending their regional haze planners to the panel. Panel members talked about monitoring, emissions, transport from outside their jurisdiction. The panel each made 10-minute presentations and this was followed by about an hour of Q and A. There was a wildfire panel in the afternoon that shared what states are up against with wildfire smoke impact.
5. WGA Air Resolution suggested edits, attached WESTAR, HI and Idaho edits (Mary Uhl, others)
Mary reminded the Council of the intention of sharing input on the WGA Air resolution; the Council may use these edits to inform individual state edits to the resolution.
6. Review of EPA's emissions inventory data for 2016v2, powerpoint attached (Mary Uhl, Jay Baker)
The deadline for comments on the 2016v2 emissions inventory data is December 17, 2021. The data could be used for federal rulemaking so it is important that it be

as accurate as possible. The powerpoint includes links to data as well as visualizations.

7. Other items as time and interest permits
There were no additional items brought forward.

Call duration was 57 minutes.