

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

AK-Alice Edwards
AZ-Daniel Czecholinski
CA-
CO-Garry Kaufman
HI-Marianne Rossio
ID-Mary Anderson
MT-Liz Ullrich
NV-Danilo Dragoni
NM-Liz Busby-Kuehn
ND-
OR-Ali Mirzakhilili
SD-Kyrik Rombaugh
UT-Bryce Bird, Liam Thrallkill
WA-Rob Dengel, Kathy Taylor
WY-Nancy Vehr
WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Tom Moore, Jeff Gabler, Bob Lebens, Jackie Gadret

Agenda:

1. Fall Business meeting summary and evaluation (Mary Uhl)
2. Coordination with other MJOs on ACE implementation (all)
3. NASA/NOAA TEMPO workshop (Tom Moore)
4. Other items as time and interest permits

Minutes:

1. Fall Business meeting summary and evaluation (Mary Uhl)

Garry thought the meeting was excellent, especially enjoyed Dr. Pope, monitoring and remote sensing. Felt the meeting covered some new ground. Bryce agreed and appreciates the opportunity for staff to join. Alice agreed. Marianne thought it was good information, staff liked joining remotely. Kathy Taylor agreed.

2. Coordination with other MJOs on ACE implementation (all)

Utah not too concerned as they have enough access to regional offices and headquarters. Idaho is not too concerned, either. Oregon thinks the ACE rule may not survive. Colorado is doing a lot with the EGU sector that they are not getting credit for; if rule does survive the court challenge, Colorado will have to scramble. Nevada has not invested much in the rule implementation for several reasons. New Mexico has not spent a significant amount of time on the issue. Jeff noted that states looking for clarity are trying to get plans approved prior to the election.

3. NASA/NOAA TEMPO workshop (Tom Moore)

Tom noted that the workshop is November 18. The workshop is an attempt to connect with potential TEMPO users who will use the results for air quality planning as well as efforts to improve modeling. The workshop will cover wildfire satellite observations. The agenda will generate a green paper that will cover experiments agencies would like to see. The workshop will serve to gather state/local/tribal air agency needs. Tom can follow up with any staff interested. TEMPO will launch in 2022. There will be a longer workshop in February. Ali asked if a WESTAR users group could be formed to share projects and information; Tom will work to organize that.

4. Other items as time and interest permits

There were no additional items.

The call duration was 24 minutes.