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**January 13, 2021**  
**WESTAR Council Meeting**  
**Conference Call Summary**

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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  
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CO-Daniel Bon, Garry Kaufman  
HI-Marianne Rossio  
ID-Tiffany Floyd  
MT-Liz Ulrich  
NV-Danilo Dragoni  
NM-  
ND-Jim Semerad  
OR-Ali Mirzakhali  
SD-Kyrik Rombaugh  
UT-Bryce Bird  
WA-Kathy Taylor, Rob Dingell  
WY-Amber Potts

WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Tom Moore, Jeff Gabler

Agenda:

1. Vote on agenda items for spring business meeting (attached)--Mary Uhl
2. Update on hiring process for WESTAR Senior Policy Analyst--Mary Uhl
3. Regional Haze modeling update--Tom Moore and Mary Uhl
4. WESTAR workgroup on GAO recommendations for national monitoring program--Mary Uhl
5. Other items as time and interest permit

Meeting Minutes:

1. Vote on agenda items for spring business meeting (attached)--Mary Uhl

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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.

2. Update on hiring process for WESTAR Senior Policy Analyst--Mary Uhl

WESTAR is moving forward with the hiring process; interviews are taking place this week and the process is expected to conclude by late January.

3. Regional Haze modeling update--Tom Moore and Mary Uhl

Mary Uhl noted that WESTAR's contractor for the regional haze modeling had some modeling errors that will require the modeling to be re-done at the expense of the contractor. Tom noted that the 4-factor analysis has been completed. New modeling results are expected near the beginning of February and will be made widely available as soon as possible. The results will include optional glidepath adjustments that can be compared to reasonable progress modeling. Nancy suggested that Ramboll provide an explanation that can be used to justify a late SIP submittal to EPA. Tom will work on a simple schedule and work to let states know about downtimes for the TSS so that RH planners can plan their work on the SIPs.

4. WESTAR workgroup on GAO recommendations for national monitoring program--Mary Uhl, Daniel Bon

Mary and Daniel discussed the purpose of the workgroup and some of the ideas for furthering the GAO recommendations. Daniel noted that the main concerns are related to funding, aging equipment, training (it has become less frequent and out of date), engaging EPA in planning and improving the network. Many states feel that AQS is out of date. States are interested in sensors and citizen science and EPA guidance. Next step is to draft a letter to articulate key points and circulate within the workgroup by the end of January.

5. Other items as time and interest permit

Call duration was 45 minutes.