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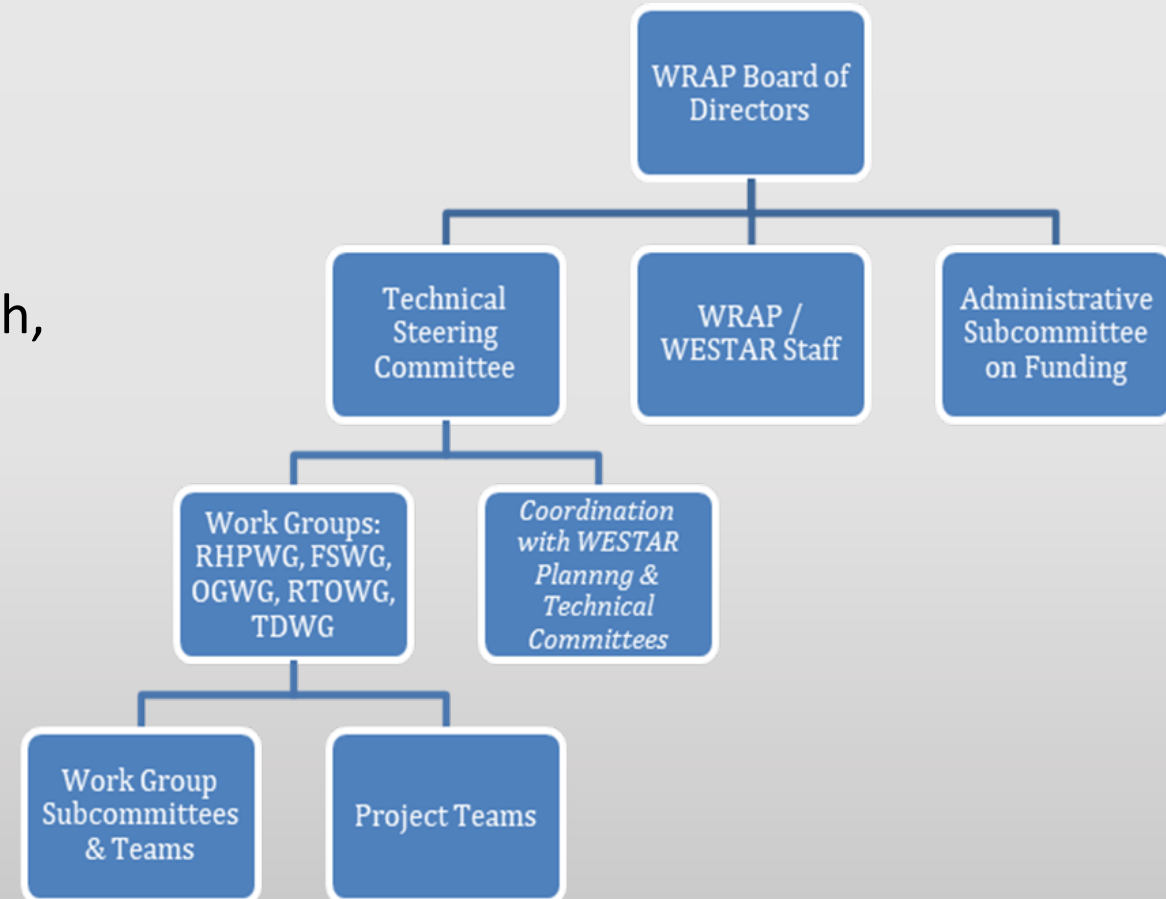
Western Regional Air Partnership
Technical Steering Committee
Work Groups

June 9, 2022

WESTAR Planning Committee Meeting

WRAP Overview

- WRAP membership includes States, federally recognized Tribes, local air agencies, federal agencies (USFS, NPS, BLM, FWS), and EPA
- WRAP Region: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming
- WRAP assists its membership to explore, understand and address a variety of regional air quality issues
- Intent to make decisions on a consensus basis
- Board approves TSC Co-Chairs, TSC Members, and Work Group Co-Chairs
- Board provides strategic work direction and approves workplan / work topic areas
 - Specific tasks/deliverables and planning timeline via stable active Work Groups
 - WRAP Workplan – detailed 4 year Regional Haze focus
 - Work Group Workplan Scope(s) – regional work topic areas



[WRAP Webpage](#)



Technical Steering Committee

- Co-Chairs
 - Julie Simpson, Nez Perce Tribe julies@nezperce.org
 - Darla Potter, Wyoming DEQ – Air Quality Division darla.potter@wyo.gov
- TSC Scope
 - Provide oversight of WRAP technical projects and Work Groups
 - Implement Board approved strategic work direction, workplan, work topic areas
 - Serve as liaison to the Board and reports on the TSC and Work Group activities
 - Approve Work Group Members and Advisors
 - Coordinate Work Groups to identify annual priorities and work tasks to complete objectives in Board-determined topical work areas
 - Provide oversight, coordination, timing, review to establish accountability for work products to Board and WRAP Membership
 - Approve Work Group Subcommittees or Teams to address specific tasks or work areas that would benefit from concentrated effort by a smaller number of individuals
- Meetings
 - Monthly TSC / Work Group Co-Chair meetings via Teams
 - Regular coordination across diverse membership and large region
- [Technical Steering Committee Webpage](#)



Regional Haze Planning Work Group

- Co-Chairs
 - Amber Potts (WY DEQ) and David Stroh (ND DEQ)
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- Regional Haze Planning Work Group Scope
 - Prepare and implement the framework to support regional planning for the 15-state WESTAR-WRAP region
 - Assure RHR required SIP elements are available for use in WRAP region
 - [Regional Haze Planning Work Group webpage with scope](#)
- Regional Haze Planning Work Group Calls
 - Quarterly in 2022. Re-evaluate as future planning periods approach.



Tribal Data Work Group

- Co-Chairs
 - Emma Ruppell, Bishop Paiute Tribe, emma.ruppell@bishoppaiute.org
 - Lori Howell, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, lhowell@sbtribes.com
- Tribal Data Work Group Scope
 - Provide needed information and services to the WRAP membership (not limited to the 28 active voting WRAP member tribes) as per the Topical Areas listed for the TDWG Workplan Scope.
 - [Tribal Data Work Group webpage with scope](#)
- Tribal Data Work Group Calls
 - Quarterly



Regional Technical Operations Work Group

- Co-Chairs
 - Gail Tonnesen, EPA Region 8, tonnesen.gail@epa.gov
 - Kevin Briggs, CDPHE, kevin.briggs@state.co.us
 - Mike Barna, NPS, mike_barna@nps.gov
- Regional Technical Operations Work Group Scope
 - Modeling and analyses to investigate air quality topics of interest in the western US, including visibility, ozone, and nitrogen deposition, and to identify emission sources that are contributing to regional air pollution.
 - [Regional Technical Operations Work Group webpage with scope](#)
- Regional Technical Operations Work Group Calls
 - Quarterly in 2022. Frequency can increase as needed (e.g., monthly).



Fire & Smoke Work Group

- Co-Chairs
 - Paul Corrigan - Utah Interagency Smoke Coordinator, USFS
 - Bob Kotchenruther - Environmental Scientist, U.S. EPA R10
 - Rhonda Payne - Air Quality Planner, MTDEQ
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- Fire & Smoke Work Group Scope
 - The FSWG focuses on smoke emissions and modeling, smoke management planning and coordination, and exceptional events support.
 - [Fire & Smoke Work Group webpage with scope](#)
- Fire & Smoke Work Group Calls
 - Monthly to every other month



Oil & Gas Work Group

- Co-Chairs

- Amanda Brimmer – EPA Region 8 | Office of Air & Radiation
- Mark Jones – New Mexico Environment Department | Air Quality Bureau
- Matt Wampler – Southern Ute Indian Tribe | Environmental Programs Division
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- Oil & Gas Work Group Scope

- 1) Conduct annual survey of Oil and Gas-related air quality management needs;
- 2) Improve emission inventories for the region and individual jurisdictions; and
- 3) Prepare annual assessment to track efforts to implement rules and control strategies, and report on compliance activities and emissions management structures.

- [Oil & Gas Work Group webpage with scope](#)

- Oil & Gas Work Group Calls

- Tri-annually; with additional focused work plan (scope) implementation meetings



Interface Opportunities for WESTAR Committees

- Work Group(s)
 - Contact a Work Group Co-Chair and ask to be added as a Work Group Member or Advisor
 - Member – more involved and help direct work/complete tasks
 - Advisor – kept informed of significant workgroup actions and participate in meetings as available
- Technical Steering Committee
 - WESTAR Committee Co-Chairs attend monthly meetings and determine takeaways to share with the WESTAR Committee
 - View the postings on the [TSC Webpage](#) for each monthly meeting

Steering Committee Meetings

2022

5.25.22

- [Agenda](#) [Notes](#) [Participation List](#)
- Call Materials
 - [Work Group Status Reports](#)
 - [Guidance](#) | [Template](#) | [draft Email text](#) for Membership Lists