

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-Jason Olds  
AZ-Daniel Czecholinski  
CA-Rebekka Fine, Michael Benjamin  
CO-  
HI-  
ID-Tiffany Floyd, Aislinn Johns  
MT-Bo Wilkins, Liz Ulrich  
NV-Danilo Dragoni  
NM-  
ND-  
OR-Michael Orman, Ali Mirzakhilili, Kristen Martin  
SD-Kyrik Rombough  
UT-Bryce Bird  
WA-Rob Dengel  
WY-Amber Potts  
WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Jay Baker, Rhonda Payne

Agenda:

1. Review draft spring meeting agenda, attached (Mary Uhl)
2. New consolidated website for WESTAR and WRAP (Mary Uhl)
3. Update on Western Visibility Initiative process (Jay Baker)
4. Draft WESTAR comment letter on EPA's supplement to oil and gas proposal, attached (Rhonda Payne)
5. Status update on WESTAR Exceptional Events app (Mary Uhl)
6. Discuss possible WESTAR comment letter on proposed PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS (all)
7. Other items as time and interest permits

Minutes:

1. review draft spring meeting agenda, attached (Mary Uhl)  
Mary summarized the draft spring business meeting agenda. CARB is willing to present on PM<sub>2.5</sub> and the linkage to woodstoves and wood smoke. With a lower annual standard, some areas of California currently in attainment are projected to not attain the standard. It was suggested that meeting breaks be 20 minutes to allow for more informal discussions. CARB also noted that they have a satellite

launching to detect methane leaks remotely. It was requested that Chet Wayland (EPA OAQPS) address the FEM/FRM issue for PM<sub>2.5</sub>.

2. New consolidated website for WESTAR and WRAP (Mary Uhl)  
Mary provided an overview of the new WESTAR website. There were no questions or discussion.
3. Update on Western Visibility Initiative process (Jay Baker)  
Jay Baker noted that 13 recommendations to EPA for the regional haze rule and guidance have been drafted. The recommendations address modeling, monitoring, timing of requirements and sources in and near Class I areas. The Council discussed the current schedule and asked that recommendations come to the Council for review and discussion in April at the WESTAR/WRAP spring business meeting.
4. Draft WESTAR comment letter on EPA's supplement to oil and gas proposal, attached (Rhonda Payne)  
Rhonda said that draft comments on the supplement are due to EPA on February 13. She summarized the key points in the draft letter. It was mentioned that there are safety concerns for the proposed super-emitter initiative. As well, states have concerns about the lack of resources for adoption and implementation. Rhonda will revise the letter and recirculate for edits and comments.
5. status update on WESTAR Exceptional Events app (Mary Uhl)  
Mary said that the last meeting with EPA to discuss the WESTAR EE app had gone well; EPA will not support or endorse the app development but believe the app will be of great use to states, tribes and locals in development of EE demonstrations.
6. Discuss possible WESTAR comment letter on proposed PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS (all)  
Some states do not plan to comment on the NAAQS proposal, but are developing bullet points for upper management, mostly related to implementation. CARB will be commenting in writing and at the hearing on the proposal. Comments will include science, implementation challenges, prescribed fire and exceptional events—in a joint effort from CARB, OEHHA and Calfire. WESTAR will develop draft comments and circulate to the Council for review.
7. Other items as time and interest permits

The call duration was 58 minutes.