

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-Jason Olds
AZ-Daniel Czecholinski
CA-Rebekka Fine
CO-Garry Kaufman
HI-Marianne Rossio
ID-Tiffany Floyd
MT-Bo Wilkins
NV-Danilo Dragoni
NM-
ND-Jim Semerad
OR-Ali Mirzakhilili
SD-Kyrik Rombough
UT-Bryce Bird
WA-Kathy Taylor
WY-Nancy Vehr
WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Jackie Gadret, Jay Baker

Agenda:

1. Review fall meeting agenda (attached), reminder to register (Mary Uhl)
2. Discuss facilitated priorities session for executive session (Ali Mirzakhilili, Mary Uhl)
3. Western Visibility Initiative update (Jay Baker)
4. Follow up on funding-review attached draft letter to Peter Tsirigotis (Mary Uhl)
5. Emissions Collaborative update-Review attached draft all-MJO letter to Peter Tsirigotis (Mary Uhl)
6. EPA grant update (Mary Uhl)
7. Other items as time and interest permit

Minutes:

1. Review fall meeting agenda (attached), reminder to register (Mary Uhl)

Mary reviewed the fall meeting agenda. If anyone has issues registering, call Mary or Jackie.

2. Discuss facilitated priorities session for executive session (Ali Mirzakhilili, Mary Uhl)

Ali shared the vision for a session facilitated by Ross Strategic will take place at the fall business meeting executive session. The idea is to get feedback from the Council and WESTAR's direction and share ambitions for the organization. Questions will be sent to the Council the week of August 15.

3. Western Visibility Initiative update (Jay Baker)

Jay reported that Ross Strategic has interviewed most of the group targeted for interviews. There will be a 1.5-day meeting in November in San Diego. The Council will hear interview results at the fall meeting.

4. Follow up on funding-review attached draft letter to Peter Tsirigotis (Mary Uhl)

Ali noted that the dollar amount in the draft letter is more than the amount we relayed for individual initiatives during the meeting with Peter Tsirigotis, Chet Wayland, and Mike Koerber. Mary agreed to edit the letter to acknowledge the gap in funding and look for additional funding sources.

5. Emissions Collaborative update-Review attached draft all-MJO letter to Peter Tsirigotis (Mary Uhl)

Nancy Vehr noted that if the year chosen for the collaborative is not an NEI year, there should be a trade-off with the scheduled NEI year. It was suggested that the letter be stronger in what we are asking EPA to do and reference states as co-regulators.

6. EPA grant update (Mary Uhl)

Mary announced that EPA has extended the current WESTAR grant for another 2 years.

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

The call duration was 37 minutes.