# **--Technical Steering Committee / Work Group Co-Chairs--**

# **-- Monthly Coordination Meeting --**

# **Agenda**

Wednesday March 29, 2023 11:30 am–1:00 pm PT, 12:30–2:00 pm MT

Microsoft Teams meeting

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Call started at 11:30am PT with Julie Simpson performing roll call.

* **Welcome, Roll Call, Agenda Review, Previous Meeting Notes (10 minutes) – Julie**
  + Roll Call & Agenda Review
  + Notes for this call – Jason Walker, NW Band, Shoshone Nation – Washakie Reservation
  + Review and approve notes from February 22 meeting

Julie emailed out the notes from last month’s call and wanted to get any edits by 3/31/23 emailed to her and Darla.

* **WG Membership List Updates - (5 minutes) - Darla**
  + WG Membership List Updates – TSC Approval (as needed)

All of the WG chairs responded, and they said they don’t have any Membership List updates for this meeting.

* **WG Preparation for Spring Business Meeting - (55 minutes) - Darla**
  + WG Co-Chairs – FSWG, OGWG, RHPWG, RTOWG, TDWG

Darla showed a PPT for the WGs to go over for the Spring Business Meeting. Each WG will have ~15-minute presentations with Q&A.

Regional Haze Planning WG  
David Stroh - they are planning on giving an update on where RHPWG is at. Round 3 depends on what EPA does with Round 2. Not far from Round 2 progress reports. They want to hear what mgmt. from others states think or are doing. David is looking for feedback on that strategy.

Darla asked if anyone have questions.

Mike Barna- Asked about the last bullet and wanted clarification.

David- It pertains to what model is EPA using and what is the baseline.

Mike- there are two things to this point. 1st what year are you going to use for baseline. 2nd issue is this is a pivot from what WRAP has done. Does EPA do the modeling and we use the results?

David- If we could get EPA baseline there is nothing preventing WRAP from picking that up and doing specific modeling in addition to that. He would like to see a non-anthropogenic modeling run. We saw selective modeling. It didn’t move the dot when man-made emissions were removed.

Mike- If we do go down this road having EPA taking on modeling, what happens when EPA considers some of these ideas, but takes a lot of work to implement?

Mary Uhl- EPA is proceeding with 2022 platform, and no question it would be 2022 because of the timing. 2023 would not be ready until 2025, and couldn’t make the 2028 deadline. EPA is planning to expedite 2022. EPA did perform national modeling and it did not end up being useful for WRAP. If EPA is requested to run baseline modeling, they will do it and it won’t be extensive.

Gail- It’s a good idea to leverage resources. One concern is schedule. EPA could hand it to WRAP and there would be time to finish in time. Second, when EPA runs modeling, they don’t release it until it’s fully done.

Weston Carloss- What is going to be on the TSS? Is 2022 going to be available by the end of the year? And are EI tools going to be updated?

Darla- Can we hold on that when we get to RTOWG?

Tim Allen- 2016 did get inserted in EI. Don’t forget that re-running is an option and a laptop is capable of running models because of technology. Encourage senior members to go to RPOs and enter in an agreement and insist that certain items get done and can come back as a group and exercise EI’s for a year. He encourages this type of approach.

Fire and Smoke WG

Bob Kotchenruther- Rhonda has put together a key findings and current challenges document from the November 2022 in-person meeting. The WG will go over that during the Spring meeting. They will focus on challenges and what they can do in 2023. The WG would like to work toward having a central location for public communications and issues. Upwind areas can learn from others in the region and spark efforts for improvement from WG members. The WG sent out a questionnaire to collect information from agencies that have blogs and/or websites used to inform the public. The WG has collected 22 responses from states, tribes and federal agencies. They will present more about this effort at the meeting. Bob will also present what they hope to achieve with the work on Exceptional Events web applications between WESTAR and South Coast AQMD.

Darla- What is your anticipated time frame for the Spring meeting? 30 mins plus Q&A.

Rhonda- There might be a demo on Wednesday coming up before the meeting and can reference the members helping.

Oil and Gas WG

Mark Jones- Intros of co-chairs.

Give a status report and results of the Annual Survey draft report. Draft report sent out in March 2023. In between steps (presenting report to the larger OGWG, bringing to the TSC) will be in the report out in the Spring meeting. The co-chairs have identified a few high priorities to discuss: lack of good data and interest in focus on training and grants to support contractors and supporting EI’s. The WG hasn’t met recently and hope to get the group back together in late Spring. Gather ideas and how results can guide the work of the OGWG.

He said they can get through in 5-10 mins plus Q & A.

Darla- Is the last bullet point going to be in the Spring meeting?

Mark- They will edit the text to be more specific to fit the audience.

Darla- Let’s expand on the items for the regular meeting.

Amanda Brimmer- Mark did a good job covering and the last bullet they can take out and edit it. April 14th they’ll have a meeting before the Spring Business Meeting.

Mark- Are we limited to one slide or can we spread it out to two slides? Are there restrictions?

Darla- Keep all the slides on the annual OGWG and you’ll be on the right track and remember your briefing folks on the Board level, WRAP and WESTAR. Take cue from past and today’s slide is what we were looking for.

Mark- Okay, 2-3 slides and we’ll keep it high level.

Region Technical Operations WG

Mike Barna- They will talk about where IMPROVE is and RH monitoring. Mike got Jenny Hand to present.   
They discussed the future of modeling. They don’t have much in terms of recent projects. The co-chairs have been coordinating with the RHPWG co-chairs and they talked about a joint meeting after the WESTAR meeting to talk about the TSS and what people want to see next round. They have the idea of an upcoming joint meeting with the RHPWG. There are important things to discuss like Who’s going to do the modeling and analysis for the third round and how they want to set it up? If EPA is going to do the modeling, what do they ask for in terms of modeling and how to frame it? They haven’t queried the RPO’s yet but have a general idea of what they would ask for.

Darla- At the Spring Business Meeting, maybe have RHPWG go first then RTOWG go next and then to Q&A to spark discussions.

Kevin Briggs- Want to know what people used in the TSS and want to be able to ask EPA what they use for modeling.

Rhonda- Putting together a list of tools used by states and sharing that with RHPWG and RTOWG and they can slash it up how they see fit. She’ll have that by the combined WG meeting.

Mike- That would be super helpful.

David- There’s going to be a lot of synergy between the groups going forward.

Weston- What modifications will be made to the TSS and how it is used to support the data will be important questions moving forward.

David- Using what Rhonda is doing and seeing it will help the groups. This can be used to support the Western States EIs. What do you want to see in the TSS? - reach out to David Stroh.

Rhonda- There was a decision that the graphs used in the TSS 2.0 was frozen to 2018 [would display the IMPROVE data through 2018] while the SIPs were developed and to be consistent among states for EPA review. Now the SIPs are in the review phase. As we go into progress report planning, we will need to revisit the decision and potentially display more current years’ data. [Caution will be necessary due to the overlap of SIP review and the progress report.]

Tribal Data WG  
Emma and Lori don’t have anything for the Spring Business Meeting.

* **TSC Administrative and Informational Items (15 minutes)**
  + Update on WRAP Charter Approval (Rhonda)

Rhonda- Voting concluded March 17. Have 24 votes and need 49 more votes to get to the two-thirds needed for approval. She is emailing people to vote and reaching out.

* + WRAP Board Work Topic Areas: Work Group and TSC project / task recommendations (Julie)

Julie- There is no update. She will pick this up back in May. Please let Julie know if you are interested in participating in a small team.

* + TSC Vacancies: Local (Rhonda)

Rhonda- Ann Hobbs, Placer County California has agreed to be a TSC Local Member. Her expertise is fire and smoke and 30 years in air quality. Ann will be asked to attend the next meeting in May for TSC approval and then on to the WRAP Board for approval.

* + Update on new [WESTAR/WRAP](https://www.westar.org/) website transition – seeking feedback on the website (Rhonda)

Still transitioning and everyone should have received an email with login and password. Let Jay/Mary if you are not able to access. She is putting together a small group to look at the website to make it a better flowing website. If you are interested let Rhonda know. No web expertise needed. Kristin Martin volunteered to be in the small group.

* + Meetings and Conferences (Julie)
    - [2023 EPA Residential Wood Heating Training Workshop](https://westar.ticketleap.com/2023-residential-wood-heat/), April 11-13, 2023, (Hybrid), Denver, CO
    - [EPA Region 10 Smoke Symposium](https://us-epa-region-10.ticketleap.com/smoke-management-in-the-northwest/), April 18-20, 2023 (Hybrid) EPA Region 10 Seattle Office, Seattle, WA
    - [NASA Health and Air Quality Applied Sciences Team (HAQAST)](https://haqast.org/haqast-missouri/), April 18-19, 2023, (Hybrid), St. Louis, MO
    - [EPA National Air Toxics Conference](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/save-the-date-2023-national-air-toxics-conference-tickets-473488295237), April 18-20, 2023, (In Person), Chicago, IL
    - [WESTAR/WRAP Spring Business Meeting](https://westar.ticketleap.com/westarwrap-spring2023/), April 25-27, 2023, (Hybrid), Portland, OR

Rhonda- Room reservation block closes Friday March 31st for the Spring Business Meeting.

* + - [National Tribal Forum on Air Quality](https://sites.google.com/view/ntfaq23/home?authuser=0&pli=1), May 1-4, 2023, (Hybrid), Gila River Indian Community AZ

NTF is not a hybrid meeting - in person only.

* + - [EPA 2023 International Emissions Inventory Conference (IEIC)](https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories/2023-international-emissions-inventory-conference-nexus-climate-air), Sept. 26-29, 2023, Seattle, WA
    - WESTAR/WRAP Fall Business Meeting, Oct. 3-4, 2023, (Hybrid), Anchorage, AK
* **Next Steps and Wrap up (5 minutes) – Darla** 
  + Review next steps and action items from call
  + Next call –
    - Cancelled – Wednesday, April 26, 2023
    - Wednesday, May 29, 2023, 11:30 PT / 12:30 MT
    - Note taker – Danny Powers, Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Darla- She encourages everyone to attend the Spring Business Meeting in lieu of our next TSC meeting.

Action items:

* + - Any comments on February 22nd call notes please get them to Julie and Darla by Friday March 31st.
    - Any groups planning on presenting during the Spring Business Meeting get presentations to Rhonda by April 21, 2023 so she can compile and post to the web.
    - If you are interested in assisting with WRAP Work Topic Areas document let Julie know you are interested.
    - Let Rhonda know if you are interested in working on the WRAP/WESTAR Website review.
    - Call ended at 12:49pm PT

# **Call Notetaking Schedule**

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| **Call Date** | **Time (PT)** | **Name** | **Agency** | **Representing** | **Geography** |
| 3/29/2023 | 11:30am – 1pm | Jason Walker | NW Band, Shoshone Nation - Washakie Reservation | Tribal | Utah/Idaho |
| 5/29/2023 | 11:30am – 1pm | Danny Powers | Southern Ute Indian Tribe | Tribal | 4 Corners |
| 6/28/2023 | 11:30am – 1pm | Tim Allen | FWS | Fed | National |
| 7/26/2023 | 11:30am – 1pm | Kristen Martin | Oregon DEQ | State | Oregon |
| 8/30/2023 | 11:30am – 1pm | Charis Cooper | BLM | Fed | National |
| 9/27/2023 | 11:30am – 1pm | Paul Corrigan | USFS | Fed | Utah |
| 10/25/2023 | 11:30am – 1pm | Gail Tonnesen | EPA – Region 8 | Fed | Intermountain |
| 11/29/2023 | 11:30am – 1pm | Bob Kotchenruther | EPA Region 10 | Fed | Pacific NW |
| 12/27/2023 | 11:30am – 1pm | Rupesh Patel | Pima Co. DEQ | Local | Arizona |
| 1/31/2024 | 11:30am – 1pm | Steve Miller | Idaho DEQ – Air Quality Bureau | State | Idaho |
| 2/28/2024 | 11:30am – 1pm | Karl Seltzer | EPA OAQPS | Fed | National |
| 3/27/2024 | 11:30am – 1pm | Phil Swartzendruber | Puget Sound Clean Air Agency | Local | Washington |