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

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

# **Agenda**

Wednesday, May 31, 2023, 11:30 am–1:00 pm PT, 12:30–2:00 pm MT

Microsoft Teams meeting

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Call started at 12:31 MDT 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 – Danny Powers, Southern Ute Indian Tribe
  + Introductions
    - Ann Hobbs, Placer County California, nominated as a TSC Local Member

Ann Hobbs provided an introduction of herself – 30+ years in the AQ profession with a recent focus on fire and smoke.

* + - Tom Moore, Regional Air Quality Council, Denver Colorado, nominated as a TSC Local Advisor

Tom Moore provided an introduction of himself and his new role with RAQC.

* + Review and approve notes from [March 29](https://www.westar.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/23.03.29-TSC-WG_CoChairs-CallNotes.docx) meeting

Darla emailed notes from last month’s call yesterday (5/30). Julie requested any edits be provided to her & Darla by Friday, June 2nd.

* **WG Status Updates & Membership List Updates - (30 minutes) - Darla**
  + WG Co-Chairs – FSWG, OGWG, RHPWG, RTOWG, TDWG

Darla began the WG updates by thanking the WG Co-Chairs and providing an update on general WG progress

Fire and Smoke WG

Bob Kotchenruther provided updates. Fire and Smoke Workgroup provided a presentation at WESTAR/WRAP 2023 Spring Business Meeting. Smoke Emissions Events (EE) subgroup/team met on May 17th and discussed updates to the EE web app. FSWG Workgroup meeting planned for June 12th. State of Washington Ecology employees and Rick Graw (USFS) to be added to FSWG Membership List.

Oil and Gas WG Update

Amanda Brimmer provided work group updates. Working on 2022 survey results, including meeting with survey participants in April 2023 and larger workgroup in May 2023. Work includes ensuring that they capture/record info accurately and consider all comments received.

Developed abstract/info for EPA International Emission Inventory Conference in Seattle in September of 2023.

Workgroup met in May and plans to get survey results finalized and feedback from WRAP members included/considered.

Workgroup may begin meeting more frequently (quarterly).

Regional Technical Operations Work Group

Mike Barna provided updates on Regional Technical Operations Work Group. RTOWG provided update presentation at Spring Business Meeting. RTOWG soliciting input from members about which modeling tools were helpful for SIP development. Need to begin considering Round 3 Regional Haze planning and modeling platforms. Gail Tonnesen - EPA will be soliciting input on potential revisions and guidance to Regional Haze Rule (accelerated timeline for this – more info to come out soon), as well as technical resource needs that could help simplify the process for Round 3 of Regional Haze planning.

Karl Seltzer, EPA, posted in the meeting chat that the 2020 NEI will be released in full the end of this week, so extrapolating to 2023 NEI is likely spring 2026. He believes the plan is to have a v1 of 2022 by summer-ish 2024. Essentially, EPA is hoping to have 2022 available at least a year earlier than "normal"

Regional Haze Planning Workgroup

David Stroh presented updates. RHPWG and RTOWG will have a joint co-chairs meeting next week to plan for Round 2 progress reports that will be due soon, including detail about IMPROVE monitoring and Round 3 planning that will be necessary soon. However, until EPA releases proposed rule changes, planning cannot be completed. EPA Headquarters is aware of Western Visibility Planning Initiative and will accept feedback from that group and 2023 group report.

Tribal Data Workgroup

Julie Simpson provided an update. Tomorrow afternoon the group is meeting with the Tribal Caucus and discussing the Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Grant. Meeting will discuss WRAP tools that could potentially be used to support Tribes in developing GHG emission inventories and other potential areas for WRAP support on the CPRG Planning grants.

* + WG Membership List Updates – TSC Approval (as needed)

Darla Potter summarized the new additions to the membership list and the approval process.

Fire and Smoke Workgroup adding two members from Washington Department of Ecology, as advisors. Adding USFS employee as Federal Land Manager representative. Darla asked the TSC if there were any objections to these additions to the FSWG list. No objections were raised, and updated list approved 5/31/2023.

Oil and Gas workgroup changed affiliation for Tom Moore (removed from State member and changed to local agency member). Added representatives from Montana and North Dakota and removed representatives from North Dakota and New Mexico. Removed two USFS representatives and added one member for local agency. Removed two Navajo Nation agency contacts. No objections received from TSC members on updates to O&G workgroup list. Updated list effective 5/31/2023.

* **TSC Administrative and Informational Items (30 minutes)**
  + TSC Vacancy: Local (Darla)
    - Ann Hobbs, Placer County California, nominated as a TSC Local Member – Approved by TSC
    - Tom Moore, Regional Air Quality Council, Denver Colorado, nominated as a TSC Local Advisor – Approved by TSC
  + Update on WRAP Charter Approval (Rhonda)

Rhonda provided an update on the charter approval and said WRAP is still short of the 2/3 majority vote required to pass the updated charter (13 additional votes needed). She will continue to solicit responses. Rhonda will be reaching out to CAPCOA (CA Air Pollution Control Officers Association). Ann Hobbs can help Rhonda with this. Ann said her boss, the APCO, is the current chair of CAPCOA.

* + WRAP Board Work Topic Areas – small group review team update (Julie)

Review team (Rhonda Payne, Paul Corrigan, Julie Simpson) met on May 23rd and discussed ways to track administrative details over time. Will provide draft revision and provide updates at next TSC meeting in June.

* + [WESTAR/WRAP](https://www.westar.org/) website – small group review team update (Rhonda)

Review team (Rhonda Payne, Kristin Martin, Julie Simpson) met 5/31 to discuss website updates. Informed the group that they’re welcome to provide input on how to improve and reorganize the website. Send information to Rhonda. Plan to increase info on the “About WRAP” tab and to include membership lists, among other updates.

* + [WESTAR/WRAP Spring Business Meeting](https://www.westar.org/westar-wrap-spring-business-meeting/), April 25-27, 2023, Portland, OR (Rhonda)

Most info from meeting and the meeting recordings are now on WESTAR/WRAP website.

* + Upcoming Meetings and Conferences (Julie)

Provided overview of upcoming events

* + - [Regional, State, Local (RSL) Dispersion Modelers’ Workshop](https://www.epa.gov/scram/2023-regional-state-and-local-dispersion-modelers-workshop), June 28-29, 2023, (Hybrid), Kansas City, KS
    - [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
    - [Community Modeling and Analysis System (CMAS) Conference](https://cmascenter.org/conference/2023/index.cfm), Oct. 16-18, 2023, Chapel Hill, NC
    - IMPROVE Steering Committee Meeting, October 17-18, Glacier National Park, MT
    - HAQAST Public Meeting, Oct 18-20, Salt Lake City, UT – <https://haqast.org/haqast-utah/> - WESTAR Tiger Team Project on boundary conditions is being studied by HAQAST group
    - Rocky Mt Wildfire Smoke Symposium/Mt West Society of Toxicology joint Meeting Aug. 24-25, Aurora, CO. 4th Annual Rocky Mountain Wildfire Smoke Symposium will be partnering with the Mountain West Chapter of the Society of Toxicology to host this year's meeting. This will be the first in-person meeting for the RMWSS. There will be a mix of tox-exclusive, smoke-exclusive, and smoke/tox sessions for you to attend. Will also have a mixer, poster session, and networking activities. Hotel and registration information are coming soon and will be housed on the webpage <https://www.toxicology.org/groups/rc/mtwsot/index.asp>
    - Four Corners Air Quality Group Meeting, Durango, CO, November 7-9.
* **Next Steps and Wrap up (5 minutes) – Darla** 
  + Review next steps and action items from call
  + Next call –
    - Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 11:30 PT / 12:30 MT
    - Note taker – Tim Allen, FWS

Action Items

* Provide Julie with any updates to the March 31 meeting notes by Friday 6/2
* Updated combined membership list to be posted soon
* Ann Hobbs nomination as TSC local member will be presented at the June 7, 2023 WRAP board meeting for approval
* Website small workgroup is soliciting input on WRAP website updates/improvements – contact Rhonda with any input/suggestions.

Call ended at 1:42 pm MDT.

# **Call Notetaking Schedule**

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| **Call Date** | **Time (PT)** | **Name** | **Agency** | **Representing** | **Geography** |
| 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 |
| 4/24/2024 | 11:30am – 1pm | Jason Walker | NW Band, Shoshone Nation - Washakie Reservation | Tribal | Utah/Idaho |