

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-
CO-
HI-Marianne Rossio, Mike Madsen
ID-Tiffany Floyd
MT-Bo Wilkins
NV-Andrew Tucker
NM-
ND-Jim Semerad
OR-Ali Mirzakhilili
SD-Kyrik Rombough
UT-Bryce Bird
WA-Martha Hankins
WY-Nancy Vehr
WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Jay Baker, Rhonda Payne, Jeff Gabler, Jackie Gadret

Agenda:

1. Fall business meeting agenda review, attached (Mary Uhl)
2. Draft WESTAR RH letter, attached (Mary Uhl)
3. Update on WESTAR tasks for 2023-2024, attached (Mary Uhl)
4. New all-MJO/NACAA/AAPCA shared calendar, changes to WESTAR website (Mary Uhl)
5. IWDW future and funding (Rhonda Payne)
6. Other items as time and interest permit

Minutes:

1. Fall business meeting agenda review

Mary reviewed the agenda; registration will be available soon.

2. Draft WESTAR RH letter

The Council discussed the regional haze letter at length. There is not unanimity for any of the 3 versions. The Council discussed talking about the threshold for WESTAR sending letters at the fall executive session. It was brought up that the main thing is communication. There was an option discussed to draft a letter for signature by 13 states not on WESTAR letter, but one state thought WESTAR letterhead is important. 2 states will not sign a letter that includes the WVPPI report as an attachment. It was suggested that WESTAR encourage EPA to spend more time in the west. It was also pointed out that WESTAR is losing an opportunity to weigh in on rulemaking that is significant to all of us.

3. Update on WESTAR tasks for 2023-2024

Mary noted some WESTAR tasks for 2023-2024 have been accomplished, including sending a comment letter to EPA on the LMDV proposal, collaborating with EPA and other MJOs on an EE workshop and completion of the WESTAR salary and funding survey.

4. New all-MJO/NACAA/AAPCA shared calendar, changes to WESTAR website

Mary said that an all MJO/NACAA/AAPCA calendar has been established to avoid national and regional meeting conflicts.

5. IWDW future and funding

Rhonda noted that funding for the IWDW is precarious, ending in early 2024. The IWDW is important for SIP development. Revisions to the warehouse may result in more utility of the IWDW in the future. This agenda item needs further discussion on the next Council call.

6. Other items as time and interest permit

There were no additional items discussed and the meeting was at an end.

The call duration was 60 minutes.