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Meeting Summary  
WESTAR-WRAP Spring 2019 Business Meeting  
Seattle, WA  
April 23-25, 2019

1. The meeting was opened by Nancy Vehr, WESTAR President; and Randy Ashley, Confederate Salish, Pend d'Oreilles and Kootenai Tribes and Gordon Pierce, WRAP Co-Chairs. Introductions for everyone in the room and on the phone were made. Stu Clark presented the [Introduction to Washington presentation](#).
2. The WESTAR [Staff reports](#) were presented by Tom Moore, Bob Lebens and Jeff Gabler of the WESTAR staff. Mike Morris, WY, presented the [Planning Committee](#) report, Daniel Bon, CO presented the [Technical Committee](#) report and Gordon Pierce, CO, presented the [National Monitoring Committee](#) report.
3. It was noted that there is a HAQAST meeting July 10-12, 2019 in Pasadena, CA and there is funding available from NASA for air agency personnel to attend.
4. Alice Edwards, WESTAR treasurer, presented the WESTAR/WRAP [Financial report](#).
5. Ken Ghalambour and Bill Ross from Ross Strategic presented the WESTAR [Smoke Management workshops summary report, recommendations and next steps](#). There was no discussion or questions.
6. During the Tuesday afternoon session, WESTAR and WRAP members heard two presentations on ozone. Dr. Dan Jaffe, University of Washington, presented an [Ozone- background ozone update](#). Chet Wayland, EPA OAQPS presented on the [2016 modeling platform development and EPA/fed/state/tribe/local coordination](#).
7. Anna Wood, EPA OAQPS, presented the [OAQPS update](#), presenting on a wide range of EPA OAQPS initiatives that are in process or finalized.
8. The Wednesday morning session opened with a presentation by Ben Gibson, EPA OAQPS, on the Exceptional Events Rule [Implementation Update](#). The discussion that followed included a request from states for a listing or flagging in AQS for data when a state intends to submit an EE demonstration. Currently the public cannot necessarily access flagged data. An audience member asked if exceptional events during 2016 could be identified and examined with EPA's 2016 modeling analysis; it was noted that it would be helpful to analyze exceptional events for regional haze SIPs. Another audience member asked about the prescribed fire and NEPA process and whether recurrence of prescribed fire should have been contemplated. A state noted that it is not within the usual scope of some air agencies to review NEPA documents. It was also offered that some work is needed on the definition of regulatory significance related to exceptional events.

Ben said that the nature of comments by the FLMs in the EE guidance may provide states/locals/tribes another opportunity for comment. Following Ben's presentation and discussion, the leaders of WESTAR's workgroups to develop comments on exceptional events guidance provided a summary of WESTAR comment letters. Prescribed fire comments were presented by [Sheryl Fontaine, NV](#). [Kristen Martin, MT](#) presented on the additional methods guidance. Kerwin Singleton, NM, presented on the high wind and dust events guidance. Kerwin noted that there was no consistency of review for high wind/dust events at the regional offices previously, but with the revised rule, there has been more communications. Finally, [Cara Keslar, WY](#) summarized the WESTAR comments on stratospheric intrusion exceptional events.

9. The next session focused on state air information systems. Wyoming's IMPACT system was presented by [Adam Deppe, WY](#). Adam noted that the system is a web-based sequel server and there were some data migration issues. WY DEQ performed outreach to industry and training. The Nevada and Hawaii web-based sequel server system was presented by [Danilo Dragoni, NV](#) and [Marianne Rossio, HI](#).
10. The Wednesday mid-morning session focused on western regional haze analysis. Julie Simpson, Nez Perce Tribe, presented an [Overview of Regional Haze Sessions](#). Jay Baker, UT, presented the [2018-2019 WRAP Workplan Progress and Revision](#). Rebecca Harbage, MT, presented the [Communication and Outreach for RH SIP Planning and Development](#). Amber Potts, WY, presented an [Overview of WRAP Technical Analyses and Status](#). The session concluded with Anna Wood, EPA OAQPS and the [Regional Haze Roadmap update](#)
11. During Wednesday's lunch, Tina Suarez-Murias, CA, was recognized for her significant work in co-chairing WRAP's Regional Haze Planning Workgroup. Frank Forsgren, NV, was recognized for his work as WRAP's Technical Steering Committee co-chair. A new slate of officers for WESTAR was announced, with Garrison Kaufman, CO, as treasurer; Alice Edwards, AK, as vice president; and Tim Franquist, AZ, as president.
12. Jessica Brakora of EPA OTAQ presented on the EPA's [Cleaner Trucks Initiative](#).
13. Tom Moore, Mary Uhl and Jeff Gabler presented on [ACE and EGUs in the west](#).
14. Andy Wineke, WA, presented Washington's experience with [Wildfire smoke and air quality communications](#)
15. The final session on Wednesday was presented by Craig Kenworthy and Joanna Gangi, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency who presented on environmental equity in a presentation on [Equity Issues](#). Craig and Joanna noted that PSCAA reviewed EPA's EJ Screen tool, but found that the age of the data as well as the overstatement of some risks and understatement of others rendered the tool less than helpful. California has an EJ tool and Washington has a tracking database for diesel exposure to assist with VW settlement funding that were more useful.
16. Thursday morning was devoted to the WRAP Board meeting.
17. The meeting adjourned at 12 noon on April 25.

