
The monthly WESTAR Council call began at 1:00 pm PST/2:00 pm MST/3:00 pm CST. Council members and delegates present included:

AK-Jason Olds
AZ-Daniel Czecholinski
CA-Michael Benjamin
CO-
HI-Marianne Rossio
ID-Tiffany Floyd
MT-Liz Ulrich
NV-Beth Graine
NM-
ND-Jim Semerad
OR-Michael Orman, Ali Mirzakhali
SD-Rick Boddicker
UT-Bryce Bird
WA-Rob Dengel, Kathy Taylor
WY-Nancy Vehr
WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Jay Baker, Rhonda Payne, Jeff Gabler

Agenda:

1. WESTAR Spring Business meeting agenda and logistics, attached (Mary Uhl)
2. Exceptional Events workshop agenda and logistics, attached (Mary Uhl)
3. WESTAR Leadership Training (Jeff Gabler)
4. Funding the Air Data Management System update (Mary Uhl and Rhonda Payne)
5. Ad hoc travel funds update (Mary Uhl)
6. Other items as time and interest permit

Minutes:

1. WESTAR Spring Business meeting agenda and logistics

Mary noted that some typos in the draft agenda have been corrected. She provided a brief overview. It was discussed that the new PM_{2.5} standard should be included as a session, especially wood stoves, the EPA testing issues, changeout programs that replaced older stoves with newer stoves where emissions are in question and the new NSPS. In some rural counties that could be nonattainment for the new

standard, there are few other sources besides residential wood heating. Mary will revise the agenda to include a PM_{2.5} session and residential wood heating discussion.

2. Exceptional Events workshop agenda and logistics

Mary reviewed the draft agenda and encouraged attendance at the workshop.

3. WESTAR Leadership Training

Jeff noted that he had just sent an email with a flyer about this training. Jeff was asked what level of prior experience is required for the training; he responded that states should decide who they want to send. States will pay travel expenses; WESTAR will pay for the training.

4. Funding the Air Data Management System update

Mary said she has received an email from the EPA regional offices that they are still working on a response to the letter requesting funding. Mary said that she would draft a yearly assessment for the 15 WESTAR states by March to cover the gap between federal funding and the cost of the ADMS. There were no objections.

5. Ad hoc travel funds update

Mary sent an email to air directors about ad hoc/state travel funds and the need to expend these funds before the current WESTAR grant expires September 30, 2024. The funds can be used for anything.

6. Other items as time and interest permit

There were no additional items brought forth.

The call duration was 40 minutes.