



## WRAP Technical Steering Committee Call Summary

December 10, 2015

### Attendance

Patrick Barickman, State of Utah, Division of Air Quality, TSC Co-Chair  
Julie Simpson, Nez Perce Tribe, Air Quality Program, TSC Co-Chair  
Kristin Hall-Stein, Tehama County APCD, CA  
Richard Grimaldi, Pima County DEQ, AZ  
Bob Downing, Maricopa County AQD, AZ  
Gordon Pierce, State of Colorado, Air Pollution Control Division  
Phil Allen, State of Oregon, Air Quality Division  
Kris Ray, Confederated Colville Tribes  
Jason Walker, Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation  
Mary Uhl, NM State BLM Office and incoming WESTAR Executive Director  
David Jones, CA-NV State BLM Office  
Mike George, NPS Intermountain Region  
Bob Kotchenruther, EPA R10  
Kirk Baker, EPA OAQPS Assessment Division  
Tim Allen, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bret Anderson, U.S. Forest Service  
Tom Moore, WRAP-WESTAR staff

### Summary

- 1) **Introductions** were facilitated by Tom Moore. Call participants each gave brief self-introductions describing themselves, organizational responsibilities, and involvement in regional air quality work.
- 2) **Technical Steering Committee operations.** Patrick Barickman reviewed the structure and operations of the TSC based on the Board-approved description. He noted the 12 Members of the TSC have a more formal 2-year commitment. He and Julie wanted to include a diverse set of Technical Advisors to support the TSC with a less formal commitment than for the Members. The Advisors will bring specific experience, interests, and expertise to assist the TSC. Advisors may be added and change over time. Patrick noted that the Advisors and Members are encouraged to give input and feedback, and the TSC calls and meetings will use an “open microphone” approach by topic to accomplish that.
- 3) **CALM project.** Mary Uhl gave an overview of the Collaborative Air Landscape-Scale Management Pilot Study - Oil and gas development impacts in the intermountain west, developed by the federal land management agencies. CALM is focused on analysis of cumulative future air quality impacts of oil and gas development in the intermountain west, especially for federal mineral resources, and will leverage the Intermountain West Data Warehouse – Western Air Quality Study modeling platform. She noted that federal land managers are currently identifying funding and are seeking additional

involvement from state, tribes, and local air agencies, and hope to have it included in the WRAP 2016 Workplan.

- 4) **Preparation of WRAP annual 2016 Workplan.** Julie Simpson gave brief overviews of the [WRAP Charter](#) and [WRAP Strategic Plan](#) that were developed and approved by the Board during 2014-15, and are the basis of the TSC and the need for a Workplan. Tom Moore reviewed key aspects to be addressed in the Workplan:
  - a. TSC “steers” - defining the membership, mission, and responsibilities of each Work Groups and owns the Workplan.
  - b. The Work Groups defined by the TSC will be responsible for planning and executing work in topic area, including review and direction of individually-funded projects in the Workplan the WRAP has agreed to complete, that are funded by individual agency or organization sponsors.
  - c. The Workplan will define the core foundational activities of the WRAP Regional Technical Center capacity that need to be in place and continue year-to-year – scope, funding, and deliverables.
  - d. Building around the RTC foundation, what additional regional analysis and planning needs during 2016-17, defined by WRAP member air programs, will be included in the Workplan - scope, funding, and deliverables?

A draft Workplan will be sent to the TSC for review in early Jan.

- 5) The call participants discussed a regular day of month and time for the TSC call. The second Thursday of the month at 200 PM Mountain time was selected, although for the Jan. call, at least one Member will not be able to participate. Going forward, no obvious conflicts were identified. The next call is Thursday Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> at 200 PM MST.

### Action Items

- Follow-up with Jason Walker and Kris Ray, as well as Minnie Grant and Ryan Eberle about filling WRAP tribal TSC seats – Julie and Tom
- Distribute CALM project proposal for TSC review and discussion on next call – Tom
- Distribute draft workplan in early Jan. for discussion on next TSC call and request participation in a small (3-5 people) sub-group to work offline with Tom on drafting of workplan - Tom
- Pat Dolwick of EPA OAQPS Assessment Division (he will be another Technical Advisor) will brief TSC on EPA’s Background Ozone white paper on Jan. TSC call - confirmed
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