

State Caucus Meeting
Incline Village, NV
April 15, 2002

1. Review of Air Managers Committee-

Dan Olson gave a brief overview of Air Managers Committee, its formation from the Northern Air Managers, its purpose to provide a forum for state and tribal air managers to communicate among themselves and with other WRAP forums and workgroups.

2. WESTAR directors acting as State Caucus-

After a brief discussion, all present agreed that they were comfortable in the role of the WRAP AMC State Caucus. (NV present, HI, ID, SD not present)

3. WRAP technical work to date, near-term deliverables-

Don gave a presentation with summary of SIP process timelines; WRAP work to date; review of information states should have and not have in June, 2002; approximate due dates of work in progress.

The presentation emphasized that for 309 eligible states, deciding 308/309, much of the WRAP work critical to those decisions would be finished but some significant uncertainties would remain. WRAP forums would continue to work to provide additional SIP components prior to the 309 SIP submittal deadlines. Also the RH SIP process is very difficult to explain concisely.

4. Review of the WRAP 2002-2005 workplan development schedule-

Don presented current workplan development and meeting schedule through early 2003. Discussion was directed to assuring that critical air manager needs are adequately identified, prioritized and communicated to appropriate WRAP forums and committees, incorporated into 1/3-year workplans and the 5-year narratives. (One of my priorities will be to ensure air manager needs are communicated to various forum co-chairs)

There was considerable discussion, concern (CA) about whether the projected \$4m WRAP budget was secure, given demands of other RPO's and states with other SIP priorities, (e.g. PM2.5, 8-hour O3 non attainment.)

5. Discussion of means, frequency of communication-

Discussion focused on need for coordinator attention to state air managers as primary constituency. We will regularly utilize e-mail, website, to provide meeting

summaries, analyses; quarterly conference calls with directors or as specific issues come up. It is important too, to facilitate information exchange among states. Maintain contact with IOC, TOC, Forums, Tribal Caucus Coordinator, etc. States would keep coordinator up as possible with individual state/regional issues.

6. Issues for AMC meeting--MTF proposal to AMC for model rule/MOU update/workshop-

Concern with the short amount of time to have results prior to 309 SIP due date. WESTAR is presently staffed to begin technical review of model rule. Need to consult with Tribal Caucus. (Met later with Bob Gruenig, agreed to a Monday conference call with other Tribal principles to discuss current thinking.

Project concept: Form a small working committee of "experts" from states, tribes, WRAP to develop SOW to a.) Looking at draft rules to ensure they meet minimum EPA criteria of approvability, fill identified gaps in rules; b.) Simultaneously review draft MOU to identify specific state/state, state/tribe, tribe/tribe issues that may need to be addressed; c.) Plan a Fall workshop for planners, air managers to educate them about rules/MOU; d) working committee continue to work on draft rule/MOU, schedule completion of work product in time for review and approval by MTF, AMC, inclusion in 309 SIP's