

DUST EMISSIONS JOINT FORUM CONFERENCE-CALL MINTUES

November 14, 2003

Attending:

Lee Alter
Ed Barry
Alice Edwards
Carrie MacDougall
Duane Ono
Mary Woods
Lee Gribovicz
Wayne Leipold

Absent:

Robert Farbar
Roger Isom
Tom Pace
Mel Joseph
Jean-Paul Huys
Bruce White
Marc Pitchford
Toni Richards
Tom Moore

Carrie and Duane gave a recap of what was discussed during the October 29 & 30 Dust Forum meeting, specifically discussing the proposed projects and increasing membership/participants.

Carrie referenced page five of the October meeting minutes that shows a list of groups that the forum would like to have represented with additional members, and the forum member that has the lead to find a representative for that group.

- States (1 or 2 more)/Lead-Carrie MacDougall
- Tribes (1 or 2 more)/Lead-Toni Richards
- Agriculture (NRCS)/Lead-Roger Isom
- Environmental Group/Lead-Lee Alter
- Construction/Lead-Carrie
- DOT/PW/Lead-Carrie

A member recommended Bob Palsar from the environmental industry as a participant on the Forum. He is currently on the WRAP Emissions Forum and is considering the invitation.

Lee Alter stated that the Forum talked about selecting a Federal Land Manager to be on the Forum, possibly from the Park Service or BLM. Ed Barry offered to e-mail Carrie some suggested names of prospective members/participants.

A question was raised about membership approval. Members were informed that the Forum Co-chairs have the discretion to add members. It was brought to the member's attention that Lee Gribovicz recommended someone from the agricultural industry as a participant on the Forum. Carrie and Duane will respond to this nomination.

Carrie suggested that Forum members forward a list of prospective members to her or Duane and they would review the list and inform the prospective members of the co-chair's agreement to their membership on the Forum, as well as the commitment they have made.

The official membership letters will be sent. Then they will be added to the membership roster. The Forum members agreed to that process.

Carrie emphasized that Forum participation is open to all interested parties not just forum members. Any interested parties will be added to the email contact list. Possible interested parties include representatives from agriculture, academics, research, mining industry, construction, public works, departments of transportation, EPA Regions VIII, IX and X and the BACM Working Group. A member stated that he recommended Karen Irwin from EPA Region 9 to participate on the Forum and is waiting on a response. Members asked that the Fugitive Dust Expert Panel, which was previously formed by the WRAP, be involved as participants on the Forum. A member asked that Don Arkell, Lee Gribovicz, Bob Gruenig, and Pat Cummins be added to the participation list. Carrie stated that the Forum is seeking to get tribal representation from other geographical areas, such as Alaska and the Montana Region.

Carrie reiterated the fact that there should be open meetings and that any decisions would be made based on the consensus of the members and would be voted on only as a last resort. If the Forum members are strongly divided, the matter will be referred to the technical or policy oversight committee. Carrie also stated that it was recommended that the Forum have conference calls and send emails and have meetings only if necessary.

The Forum agreed to hold the next meeting in conjunction with the Emission and Modeling Forum meetings scheduled for January 26- 28 in Phoenix, AZ. A plenary session on the January 28th would be for forum co-chairs and any members that can attend.

Lee Gribovicz said that he would develop the organization of the Phoenix meeting with Lee Alter and Tom Moore, and they will discuss it on the TOC conference call on December 4th at 2:30pm Mountain Time.

Carrie went over the following projects and objectives of the Forum:

- Refine wind blown fugitive dust (emissions model) Lead/Carrie and Tom Pace
- Develop definition for natural and anthropogenic events (facilitator suggested) Lead/Rob Farber and Lee Alter
- Emission Estimates, Controls, SIPs, Regulations compendium of contacts for PM₁₀ /SIP writers guide - Lead/Duane Ono.
- 20% Worst Days Analysis - Dust contribution by location of Class I visibility (contractor suggested) - Lead/Mark Pitchford
- 2.5 Fraction? Are the current size cuts correct/AP-42 factors. Lead/Roger Isom

The Forum agreed to wait on further research from Tom Pace before adding the Transferable Fraction of PM to the project list.

Duane asked members to review the short scope of work he put together regarding a proposed Fugitive Dust Handbook and website and send him comments or suggestions.

Carrie said that Rob Farber is putting together a definition questionnaire (natural vs. anthropogenic) that he will send out to Forum members for their input.

Carrie and Alice discussed the wind blown dust emissions project. A draft report, including the latest sensitivity runs should be posted on the website soon for Dust Forum & Emissions Forum members to review.

Duane suggested that the Forum have a conference call prior to the January meeting in Phoenix to discuss what will be on the agenda, and who will be doing presentations. The Forum agreed that before the conference call, members who are in charge of any of the five dust forum projects send their project summary to the other Forum members to look over. Lee Alter volunteered to collect all of the project summaries to compile the information and distribute it to members. Lee informed the members that he has started a draft of the project summaries and has placeholders for each assigned project. It was suggested that a copy of the draft be sent to project leads as a reminder of their commitment to submit project summaries.

The Forum will develop a draft agenda for the Phoenix meeting. The Forum agreed to schedule a conference call in December to set a preliminary agenda, and another prior to the January 26th meeting to finalize the agenda.

The first conference call is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16th at 10:00 am Pacific Time. The second conference call is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13th at 10:00 am, Pacific Time.

Carrie informed members that an e-mail would be sent today regarding the upcoming conference calls. The Co-chairs will work on the agenda for the next two calls and project summaries.

Lee asked that Ken Hamilton be added to the participation list.