



May 2, 2014

Subject: Charter amendments and changes to administrative support for activities and membership

Dear Tribal Nation members of the WRAP:

The Board of Directors of the Western Regional Air Partnership (WRAP), an association of western states, tribes, local air agencies, federal land managers, and the U.S. EPA, is requesting the WRAP membership to amend the current WRAP Charter to address a new administrative support arrangement for the staff, budget, and work activities of the WRAP. The Board will also be seeking to better define the activities and membership support needs through a work planning process over the next few months.

Background

Since 1997, the Western Governors' Association (WGA) has hosted and, in coordination with the National Tribal Environmental Council from 1997-2009, staffed the WRAP program, continuing the tribal-state collaborative process of the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission. In early 2013, WGA began the process of reorganizing their programs and staffing and, as a result, will no longer be hosting the WRAP program. On March 20th, the WRAP Board unanimously voted to approve moving the WRAP organization to be administratively supported by the Western States Air Resources Council (WESTAR, <http://www.westar.org/>). In May, WESTAR accepted the WRAP's request.

As of October 1, 2013, WRAP staff are now employed by WESTAR and will continue to staff and fully support the WRAP program. Active WRAP technical studies and projects have been administratively transferred from WGA to WESTAR, with the support of funding agencies and under the oversight of the WRAP Board. An Integrated 2014-18 WRAP Workplan across all projects and activity areas is in development. Information about WRAP Board and WESTAR Council actions and decisions during 2013 can be found at: <http://www.wrapair2.org/About.aspx>.

Amending the WRAP Charter

The current WRAP Charter was last amended in December 2009 and is posted at: http://www.wrapair2.org/Revised_WRAP_Charter_approved_December_2009.pdf. On August 23, 2013, the WRAP Board unanimously approved a new group of proposed amendments to the current WRAP Charter. The August 2013 proposed amendments are attached separately. The current Charter has the following requirement for amending the Charter:

Charter Amendments

This charter may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the current membership of the organization, with each member state, tribe, local air agency, and federal agency having one vote. Amendments to the charter shall be introduced 14 days prior to any vote to amend the charter.

The proposed amendments to the WRAP Charter are now being distributed to the full WRAP membership for their "Yes" or "No" vote to amend. While many tribes in the WRAP region participate in WRAP activities and projects, tribes who are official WRAP members as of the 2009 Charter amendments are listed in the table below. The table below also lists the votes of the tribal members of the WRAP Board from August 23rd.

The proposed Charter amendments are intended to clarify that the tribe's official WRAP membership representative does not have to be an elected official of the tribe; instead the emphasis is on technical and environmental program management, such that the tribe's Air Quality or Environmental Program Manager or

Director could be the official representative for the tribe, in terms of participating in the WRAP. Along with submitting a vote on the proposed WRAP Charter amendments, please also take this time to affirm membership by updating the contact information for the tribe’s primary and alternate WRAP representatives.

WRAP Member Tribes (requested membership at time of December 2009 Charter amendment)	August 23, 2013 Tribal WRAP Board Member Vote on Charter Amendments of 2013
Pueblo of Acoma – Stanley Paytiamo	
Campo Kumeyaay Nation - Mike Connolly, Alternate - Lisa Gover	
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes – Mike Kenmille, Board Tribal Co-Chair, Alternate - Randy Ashley	
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation – Jack Butler	
Fort Belknap Indian Community – Kermit Snow, Jr.	
Hopi Tribe - Morris Paukgana, Alternate - Gayl Honanie	
Hualapai Tribe - Ron Quasula, Jr.	
Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria - Sirirat (Tia) Chullakorn	
Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation – Mel Joseph, Board Member, Alternate - Justin Raglin	Yes
Nez Perce Tribe – Gabriel Bohnee, Board Member, Alternate - Julie Simpson	Yes
Northern Cheyenne Tribe - William Walksalong, Alternate - Jay Littlewolf	
Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo - Charles Lujan, Alternate - Lawrence Cata	
Orutsararmut Native Council (ONC) - Rosalie Kalistook	
Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians – Andrew Masiel, Board Member,	Yes
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe - Donna Lamb	
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes – Penny Weymiller	
Zuni – Dixie Tsabetsaye, WRAP Board Member	

Action Items

- 1) WRAP member tribes from the table above, who have not yet voted, are asked to vote Yes or No on the August 2013 proposed Charter amendments, following the procedure described in the attached, separate document.
- 2) WRAP member tribes are asked to affirm membership, also on the attached form, by confirming the contact information for the tribe’s WRAP representative and alternate. Please E-Mail Tom Moore (tmoore@westar.org) with the confirmation and any updated information. The WRAP appreciates and encourages participation of tribes, whether official WRAP members or not.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any of the information above, or the proposed amendments to the WRAP Charter, please contact Tom Moore, WRAP Air Quality Program Manager at 970-491-8837, or by E-Mail at tmoore@westar.org.

Tribal WRAP Board representatives or their alternates are also available to help with questions.

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Mel Joseph	Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation	760- 876-4690	Mel.joseph@lppsr.org

Thank you for your support of the WRAP.