

AGENDA ITEM 2.E.

To: Matt Rexroad, Chair
and Members of the Board of Directors

From: Mat Ehrhardt, P.E., Executive Director/APCO

Date: January 13, 2010

Subject: Approve Membership in the Western Regional Air Partnership

Recommended Action

Approve the District to become a member of the Western Regional Air Partnership (WRAP).

Reason for Recommended Action

The WRAP provides a venue for western states, tribes, local air agencies, federal land managers and the United States Environmental Protection Agency to work on current and evolving regional air quality issues in the West, such as regional haze, ozone, fine and coarse particulate matter, nitrogen deposition and critical loads, and mercury and other hazardous pollutants.

Background

Membership in the WRAP is open to all states, federally recognized tribes, and local air agencies location in the geographical region encompassed by the states of : Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

The WRAP is a voluntary partnership. The partnership promotes policies that ensure fair and equitable treatment of all participating members of the WRAP. The partnership also recognizes state, tribal and local air agency authority and responsibility to develop, adopt, and implement individual air quality plans within their jurisdictions.

Budget Impacts

There is no fiscal impact.

Other Agency Involvement

The WRAP charter attached sets forth the purposes, principles and operating procedures for WRAP.

Attachment: WRAP Charter