

**Four Corners Ozone Task Force  
Steering Committee meeting  
December 11, 2002  
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Farmington, New Mexico**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members attending**

14 members present, 2 alternates also present (see attached attendance list)

**Minutes**

The December 2002 meeting of the Four Corners Ozone Task Force Steering Committee began at 5:10 PM with a welcome from Julia Barnes. The meeting was kept open to non-Steering Committee Task Force members, as well as the general public. The primary purposes for this meeting were to update the group on progress with the Early Action Compact (EAC) and discuss data gaps that currently hinder a comprehensive analysis of ozone in San Juan County.

At Julia's request, attendees introduced themselves.

Julia continued by giving a brief background of the caller who was slated to join the meeting by phone. Michael Morton works in the planning section of EPA – Region 6 in Dallas, and has been involved in EACs up to this point. Michael joined the meeting by phone at 5:30 PM to help provide answers to the group in response to their questions about EACs.

Once Michael was on the line, Mary Uhl gave an update on progress to date in meeting with local government officials to introduce and explain the EAC as an option for San Juan County to be proactive in addressing ozone. The Bloomfield City Council has voted to approve the EAC. A meeting was held with the Aztec Mayor, City Manager, and City Planner, and the EAC was placed as an action item on the agenda for the December 17, 2002 Aztec City Council meeting. A presentation was made to the Farmington City Council, and the EAC is now an action item on the agenda for the December 17, 2002 Farmington City Council work session. A meeting was held with the San Juan County Manager, County Attorney, and one of the County Commissioners, and the EAC is now an action item on the agenda for the December 17, 2002 San Juan County Commission meeting.

After Mary's summary of progress so far with the EAC, the meeting was opened to questions from attendees, which were answered by New Mexico Environment Department staff with help from Michael Morton. A summary of the questions is listed in the attached "Frequently Asked Questions" section.

At 7:30 PM, Mary Uhl gave a presentation on data gaps that exist in analyzing the occurrence of ozone in San Juan County. Many of the data gaps would be filled through inventory and modeling work done under an approved EAC.

### **Meeting Issues**

#### Pros of the meeting

- The Marriott hotel was a nice facility in which to hold the November meeting
- Flexibility to switch agenda

#### Things that could improve after this meeting

- One-at-a-time speaking
- Use a clearer, louder speakerphone for callers
- Distribute the agenda and relevant information earlier
- Provide the ability to add items to the agenda
- The 5 PM – 8 PM time is not great; switch to 4 PM – 7 PM

#### Schedule

The next meeting of the Four Corners Ozone Task Force Steering Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2003, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, location TBD.

#### Items for consideration at the next meeting

- The task force needs to discuss how they are going to interact with the governing bodies. There were comments at the Farmington City Council meeting by council members that indicated they were at a loss about how interactions would take place, in addition to comments that they should possibly appoint or constitute their own advisory group.

## Attendance List

| <b><u>Steering Committee Members</u></b><br>17 members    | <b>Number represented</b><br>13 of 17 |   | <b><u>In attendance</u></b>        |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
|   |                                       |   |                                    |
| <b>Environmental Activist Groups</b><br>2 representatives | <b>2 of 2</b>                         | Jan Reese                                   | <b>Yes</b>                         |
|   |                                       | Alan Rolston                                | <b>Yes</b>                         |
|   |                                       | Shirley McNall, alternate                   | <b>Yes, as a TF member, not SC</b> |
| <b>Local government</b><br>2 representatives              | <b>1 of 2</b>                         | Tony Atkinson                               | <b>Yes</b>                         |
|   |                                       | Maude Grantham-Richards                     | <b>No</b>                          |
| <b>Health groups</b><br>2 representatives                 | <b>2 of 2</b>                         | Nathan Ballenger                            | <b>Yes</b>                         |
|   |                                       | Brooks Taylor                               | <b>Yes</b>                         |
|   |                                       | Karen Bedwell Herhan                        | <b>No</b>                          |
| <b>Industry</b><br>4 representatives                      | <b>3 of 4</b>                         | David Bays                                  | <b>Yes</b>                         |
|   |                                       | Bruce Gantner                               | <b>No</b>                          |
|   |                                       | Brittany Benko alternate                    | <b>Yes</b>                         |
|   |                                       | Nancy Norem                                 | <b>Yes</b>                         |
|   |                                       | Richard Grimes alternate                    | <b>Yes, as a TF member, not SC</b> |
|   |                                       | Jim Rhodes                                  | <b>No</b>                          |
| <b>Air Quality Bureaus</b><br>3 representatives           | <b>1 of 3</b>                         | Virgil Frazier                              | <b>No</b>                          |
|   |                                       | Christopher Lee                             | <b>No</b>                          |
|   |                                       | Roger Polisar                               | <b>Yes</b>                         |
| <b>Federal Interest</b><br>2 representatives              | <b>2 of 2</b>                         | Jim Ramakka/                                | <b>Yes</b>                         |
|   |                                       | Dale Wirth alternate                        | <b>No</b>                          |
|   |                                       | National Parks Service<br>George San Miguel | <b>Yes</b>                         |
|   |                                       | Sylvia Oliva                                | <b>Yes, as a TF member, not SC</b> |
| <b>Community Groups</b><br>2 representatives              | <b>2 of 2</b>                         | Jack Scott                                  | <b>Yes</b>                         |
|   |                                       | Charlene Anderson                           | <b>Yes</b>                         |