



PIMA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
33 N. Stone Avenue, Suite 700
Tucson, AZ 85701

Summary Meeting Minutes – May 26, 2016
Bank of America Building, Conference Room, 7th floor
33 N. Stone, Tucson, AZ
2:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Eric Betterton
Ms. Denise Moreno Ramírez
Mr. Richard W. Murphy
Mr. Jeff Yockey
Dr. Peter Livingston
Ms. Sandi Richey

Members Absent:

Dr. Paloma Beamer
Ms. Kylie Walzak
Mr. Daniel G. Rowe
Ms. Corin Marron

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Others Present:

Richard Grimaldi, Deputy Director, PDEQ
Dave Eaker, Deputy Director, PDEQ
Beth Gorman, Sr. Program Manager, PDEQ
Vicki Bennie, Council Secretary, PDEQ
Susanne Cotty, PAG
Brian Powell, P.C. Office of Sustainability

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Betterton, Chair, called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledged of allegiance to the United States of America was recited.

III. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

A motion was made by Jeff Yockey, seconded by Richard Murphy, nominating Eric Betterton for Chair and Peter Livingston for Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2015 MINUTES AND JANUARY 19, 2016, SUBCOMMITTEE NOTES

A motion made by Peter Livingston, seconded by Sandi Richey, to pass both the minutes and notes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

V. SECTION 10 PERMIT

Mr. Brian Powell, Program Coordinator for the County's Office of Sustainability, provided information about the Section 10 permit and permit process. His presentation is available at the link below:

[Powell Section 10 PDEQ.ppt](#)

VI. CLEAN POWER PLAN

Mr. Jeff Yockey of Tucson Electric Power (TEP) and EQAC, talked to the group about EPA's Clean Power Plan in November, 2015 and there was interest in having this be a standing agenda item. Mr. Yockey's report is at the link below:

[CleanPowerPlanUpdate-JYockey-01-19-16.pptx](#)

VII. PDEQ EDUCATION OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Ms. Beth Gorman, Senior Program Manager for PDEQ, spoke about the many outreach activities and the work that PDEQ is doing to educate Pima County residents how they can improve our air quality and the environment. Her presentation is below:

[PDEQ_Seasonal_Outreach_Education.pptx](#)

VIII. PIMA COUNTY SOLID WASTE UPDATES

Mr. Dave Eaker, Deputy Director for the SW Division of PDEQ, provided information about the closure of the Tangerine and Sahuarita Landfills. His presentation is available at the link:

[Pima County Solid Waste Update.pptx](#)

IX. STAFF REPORT

Mr. Grimaldi stated that the department has been working on the following:

- Ms. Nelson presented the budget to the Board of Supervisors in April 2016. It is identical to last year's budget.
- An Order of Abatement was issued to an asphalt facility.
- Staff received numerous odor complaints on the northwest side of Tucson. It turned out to be operational problems at the Ina Road Wastewater treatment facility. Repairs will need to be made.
- It looks like Pima County will be in attainment for ozone. The standard is 70 ppm and we are around 69 ppm. On May 4, there was an exceedance at one of the monitoring stations.
- If Pima County does go non-attainment, an emissions inventory would be due in two years from the date non-attainment is achieved.
- We are updating the Pima County Code, Title 17, to conform to changes made by the state. The public comment period is May 12 through June 20. There was a stakeholders' meeting on May 12.
- In the fall of 2016, PDEQ staff will be restructuring our rules. No new rules will be made.
- Staff will be submitting a revision of the SIP to EPA. The process is that EPA adopts the SIP rules and then they are federally enforced through them.
- All Public Works Departments are now using the Accela software. PDEQ went online in February for the air programs. We are accepting permits online and the public will be able to submit plans for review in the near future. PDEQ will be consolidating with RWRD on sewer review.

X. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Betterton made a call to the public. Ms. Suzanne Cotty of PAG stated that the Regional Council approved the 40-year and 5-year Transportation Plan.

XI. NEXT EQAC MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be May 21, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Tentative agenda items include:
ADEQ – ozone boundary recommendations
Ozone at National Monument East – Dr. Betterton
Clean Power Plan Update – Jeff Yockey
Staff Report – Ursula Nelson

XII. EQAC ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Livingston, seconded by Mr. Yockey, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.