



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

Summary Minutes – September 19, 2012
Bank of America Building, Conference Room, 7th floor
33 N. Stone, Tucson, AZ
1:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Mr. Warren Thompson
Mr. Peter Livingston
Mr. Jeff Yockey
Dr. Curt Lueck
Dr. Eric Betterton
Mr. Daniel G. Rowe
Ms. Linda Hanson
Ms. Mónica D. Ramírez-Andreotta

Members Absent:

Dr. Mark Witten

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Others Present:

Ursula Kramer, Director, PDEQ
Dave Eaker, Deputy Director, PDEQ
Beth Gorman, Sr. Program Manager, PDEQ
Vicki Bennie, Council Secretary, PDEQ
Susanne Cotty, PAG
Roxanne Linsley, ADEQ

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Thompson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 21, 2012 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Dr. Betterton, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. PIMA COUNTY SOLID WASTE PRESENTATION

Dave Eaker, Deputy Director for Solid Waste Division, used a power point presentation to provide information about Pima County's Solid Waste Program.

Pima County SW operates the following facilities:

- Tangerine Landfill located at 10220 W. Tangerine Road;
- Sahuarita Landfill located at 16605 S. La Canada Road, Sahuarita
- Ina Road Landfill temporarily closed
- Ajo Landfill located at 2000 N. Ajo Well #1 Road, in Ajo, Arizona
- Catalina Transfer Station located at 14425 N. Oracle Road
- Ryan Field Transfer Station located at 6455 S. Continental Road
- And several rural collection sites in Arivaca, Sasabe, Why, and Lukeville

The Tangerine Road Landfill is open Monday through Saturday, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and offers the following services:

- ABOP facility (antifreeze, batteries, oil and paint)
- Appliance recycling
- Single stream recycling
- Waste tire collection site (recycling contract with CRM)

The Tangerine Landfill was the first totally-lined landfill in Arizona.

When you purchase a tire, you pay a fee which goes into a state restricted fund to pay for recycling. The County's contractor, CRM, grinds up the tires which are used to make rubber asphalt and other items. The Tangerine Landfill is about 56 acres and has a life expectancy of 2017.

The Sahuarita Landfill is also open Monday through Saturday, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and offers the following services:

- ABOP facility
- Appliance recycling
- Single stream recycling
- Waste tire drop-off bins

The Ina Road Construction Debris Landfill is temporarily closed.

The Ajo Landfill is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and offers the following services:

- Used oil drop off
- Waste tire collection bins
- Metal recycling on Saturdays

The Solid Waste Division also operates 2 residential transfer stations:

- Catalina Transfer Station (open Thurs., Fri. and Sat. from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
 - Bagged, bundled, or boxed household waste only
 - ABOP (antifreeze, batteries, oil, and paint)
 - Single stream recycling
- Ryan Field Transfer Station (open Thurs., Fri. and Sat. from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
 - Bagged bundled, or boxed household waste only
 - ABOP
 - Single stream recycling
 - Green waste drop off for 6 months.

SW Division also operates 4 Rural Collection Sites which are fenced in gravel lots consisting of multiple, 6 to 8 yard collection bins serviced by private waste collection companies and accept household waste only.

- Arivaca is the largest (18 bins, emptied 3 times a week)
- Arivaca/Sasabe Jct (4 bins emptied 3 times a week)
- Why (8 bins emptied 3 times during winter and 2 times in summer)
- Lukeville (2 bins emptied 3 times during winter and 2 times in summer)

EQAC members thanked Mr. Eaker for his informative presentation.

V. PDEQ STAFF REPORT

Ms. Kramer, Director of PDEQ, reported on events occurring since the last EQAC meeting in March 21, 2012, within each division of PDEQ. PDEQ consists of two separate divisions: Environmental Quality Division (regulatory) and Solid Waste Management (operations for landfills and transfer stations in Pima County).

a. Environmental Quality Division

PDEQ issued air quality permit No. 6133 to DKL Holdings, Inc., dba Marana Regional Landfill. On August 29, 2012, ownership of this project (and air quality permit) was transferred to Waste Management.

An air quality permit was issued on July 2, 2012, to the Oracle Ridge Mine, an underground copper mine located approximately 7 miles north of Summerhaven. The permit is valid for 5 years.

The renewal of air quality permit No. 1571 for Materion Ceramics has gone through the public process and will be issued on October 10, 2012. PDEQ continues to monitor for beryllium.

ADEQ had taken over the air quality permitting process for Rosemont Copper Company. There is a public meeting on September 25 and a public hearing on October 9, 2012.

Copies of the air quality permits mentioned above are available on PDEQ's website at www.deq.pima.gov.

b. Solid Waste Management Division

Information on this division was covered in the previous presentation.

VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Thompson made a call to the audience. Ms. Lindsley of ADEQ reported that the state received funds to install retrofit devices on school buses to reduce diesel emissions. EQAC requested more information on this issue and it will be on the agenda for the November meeting.

VII. NEXT EQAC MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 28 18, 2012. It will be one week later in the month due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Agenda items are:

- Staff Report – Ursula Kramer
- Pima County's Environmental Justice Program
- School Bus Retrofit Program – ADEQ will provide speaker on this issue

Agenda items mentioned for future EQAC meetings were:

Dust and air monitoring update for 2013 – would like to hear summary

Tungsten update – Dr. Witten

Stormwater – hear more in the future

Ozone standard – when information is out by EPA

Water harvesting measures (in relation to low impact development)

Rainfall - (after rains) – One of Dr. Betterton's associates

Arsenic in food – EQAC's Monica Ramirez-Andreotta

Pima County's Draft outdoor smoking ordinance

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Lueck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rowe, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Thompson, Chair

Date _____

Vicki Bennie, Recording Secretary