



PIMA COUNTY

PIMA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Summary Minutes – November 12, 2014
Bank of America Building, Conference Room, 7th floor
33 N. Stone, Tucson, AZ
1:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Eric Betterton
Mr. Jeff Yockey
Ms. Linda Hanson
Mr. Warren Thompson
Ms. Kylie Walzak
Dr. Peter Livingston

Members Absent:

Mr. Daniel G. Rowe
Dr. Mark Witten
Ms. Denise Moreno Ramírez
Mr. Richard W. Murphy

Others Present:

Ursula Nelson, Director, PDEQ
Richard Grimaldi, Deputy Director, PDEQ
Beth Gorman, Sr. Program Manager, PDEQ
Vicki Bennie, Council Secretary, PDEQ
Susanne Cotty, PAG

The group met as a subcommittee until 2:00 p.m. when a quorum was established.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Betterton, Chair, called the meeting to order after a quorum was established. Everyone introduced themselves.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Betterton led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 16, 2014 MINUTES

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

IV. AIR QUALITY SURVEY BY FMR ASSOCIATES

Beth Gorman, PDEQ Senior Program Manager, shared information with the group regarding the annual survey conducted by FMR Associates. The purpose of the telephone survey was to:

- Evaluate the effectiveness of PDEQ's Clean Air Campaign,
- Report any differences in attitudes or behavior among those surveyed
- Determine travel behavior and use of alternative modes of transportation;
- Learn what actions are being taken to benefit air quality, and
- Use the information gained to improve the program.

Five hundred two interviews were done among men and women, 16 years of age and older, that live in Pima County. One interview was done per household and was done proportionately based upon zip codes of defined regions (northwest, central, south and east).

Ms. Gorman stated that the majority of the random calls are in the early evening with the remaining throughout the day. Usually the survey is taken in early May, but it was later this year. Ms. Walzak stated that percentage of people walking or riding bikes to work or school is the highest it has ever been in Pima County (3.4%). She suggested having the survey done in January when more students and snowbirds are in the area.

Ms. Gorman's power point presentation is available at the link below:

http://webcms.pima.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6/File/Government/Environmental%20Quality/PDEQ_FMR_Survey_EQAC.pptx

The full FMR Survey is on PDEQ's webpage at the link below:

http://webcms.pima.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6/File/Government/Environmental%20Quality/Reports_and_Publications/Pima%20Air-Stormwater%202013-2014%20report.pdf

V. MATERION CERAMICS

Mr. Grimaldi talked about Materion Ceramics' (formerly Brush Ceramics) request for a significant air quality permit revision. There will be a 30-day comment period and an open house at a date and time to be announced in January 2015. PDEQ will go to the school board and the Board of Health.

PDEQ's beryllium monitoring network is being revised. There is no such thing as a beryllium monitor. PDEQ's new system will have real-time data. Right now it takes three months to get the data.

Mr. Grimaldi's power point presentation is at the link below:

http://webcms.pima.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6/File/Government/Environmental%20Quality/EQAC_%20Materion_%20Nov_2014.pptx

VI. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Nelson, PDEQ Director, reported that EPA's new ozone standard will be out next month for public comment and finalized in the fall of 2016.

Staff has been working on the new budget. Currently we have three vacant air positions which are funded by fees.

VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Betterton made a call to the public. Dr. Livingston reported that at the last EQAC meeting, there was some discussion about college kids working with the Forest Service. He stated that the college youth are working on developing an automated, self-cleaning system for the toilets for the Forest Service.

VIII. NEXT EQAC MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 21, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. Agenda items include:

Election of Officers for 2015 (currently Dr. Betterton, Chair; Jeff Yockey, Vice-Chair)
PAG Regional Gas Emissions – Susanne Cotty
EPA Clean Power Plant 111(d.) – Jeff Yockey
Draft Ozone Standard – Ursula Nelson

Dr. Betterton thanked Warren Thompson and Linda Hanson for their service to EQAC. This is their last meeting as members of EQAC.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Hanson, and seconded by Mr. Thompson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.