



PIMA COUNTY

PIMA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

33 N. Stone Avenue, Suite 700
Tucson, AZ 85701

Summary Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2017
Bank of America Building, Conference Room, 7th floor
33 N. Stone, Tucson, AZ
2:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Eric Betterton
Ms. Kylie Walzak
Dr. Paloma Beamer
Mr. Jeff Yockey
John Kozma
Leslie Katz

Members Absent:

Leah Proffitt

Others Present:

Ursula Nelson, Director, PDEQ
Richard Grimaldi, Deputy Director for EQ Div.
Dave Eaker, Deputy Director for SW Div.
Carla Blackwell, Interim Director for DSD
Vicki Bennie, Council Secretary, PDEQ
Suzanne Coty, PAG

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 Dr. Betterton, and seconded by Dr. Beamer, to elect Jeff Yockey as Vice Chair. A motion was made by Mr. Yockey and seconded by Dr. Beamer, to retain Dr. Betterton as the Chair. The motions passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2016 MINUTES

A motion was made by Jeff Yockey, seconded by Dr. Beamer, to pass the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously. A comment was made that the links do not work in the draft minutes that were emailed. Staff will correct this problem.

V. PIMA PROSPERS

Carla Blackwell, Interim Director of Development Services, talked about Pima Prospers, the second update on Pima County's 1992 Comprehensive Initiative (Including economic development) for the area. Her presentation is available at the link below.

[Pima Prospers 2016-2017 Work Plan and Summary](#)

VI. CLOSURE OF TANGERINE LANDFILL

Dave Eaker, Deputy Director for SW Division, PDEQ, talked about the closure of the Tangerine Landfill located in Marana. This landfill was built in 1983 and has a liner.

[Tangerine Landfill Closure](#)

VII. 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. However, Mr. Yockey recommended that this no longer be a standing agenda item after today. The state has suspended their plan, the rule is still in place, though.

[Clean Power Plan Update](#)

VIII. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Nelson provided the following information:

- The new administration has placed a hold on all EPA federal grants. Staff heard from EPA that the state grants are going to be paid.
- There are two vacancies on the EQAC representing two different areas (automotive industry or small business; science or engineering)
- Staff is working on two rule making restructure of Title 17, air quality rules. Staff is changing the formatting, not the content of the rules. The formatting is not compatible with State Implementation Plan (SIP).
- Staff is removing the state provisions that we adopted in the 1990's Title 7, general environmental quality rules. These provisions are mentioned in our delegation agreement with ADEQ.
- We will be asking for a fee adjustment increase later this year to keep up with operating expenses.
- We have two PDEQ vacancies – Hydrologist position and Civil Engineering Assistant.

IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Betterton made a call to the public. There was no response.

X. NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be in March 23, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in the PDEQ conference room. Please email your March agenda items to Vicki.

May meeting agenda items:

Sustainable Energy Presentation – Mr. Yockey will contact the Az Corporation Commission in the spring to see if they can provide information for EQAC.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.