I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS
Dr. Betterton called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The pledge of allegiance to the United States of America was recited.

III. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 5, 2021 MINUTES
An announcement was made by Jessica Surridge regarding an update, a motion was made by Mr. Garth Bowers to approve the minutes, another announcement was then made by Ms. Megan Garvey to request another correction, Mr. Bowers amended the motion to approve which was seconded by Ms. Katie Gannon. Dr. Eric Betteron then made a request to the council and the motion was passed unanimously.
IV. ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SURFACE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM (FORMERLY KNOWS AS WATERS OF ARIZONA)
Ms. Krista Osterberg of ADEQ, talked about the current proposed legislation to establish a surface water protection program, under house bill 2691. The presentation included the overview of the scope of the program, how we got to where we are today and the status of the bill.

The Storm Water Protection Plan (formerly known as Waters of Arizona) presentation is at this link: ADEQ Storm Water Protection Plan - EQAC presentation (03/02/2021)

Time was allotted for questions. There were questions taken after the presentation and Ms. Osterberg offered her contact information for further inquiries. This information is available in the final slide of the presentation.

The EQAC thanked Ms. Osterberg for her genuinely interesting presentation.

V. PDEQ STAFF REPORT
Ms. Ursula Nelson stated that things have now gotten into a really good system that allows us to track and coordinate our current telecommuting program with staff through Microsoft Teams and Outlook.

Mr. Richard Grimaldi gave an update on the current Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permit that PDEQ is currently working on for El Paso Natural Gas. Information was presented about a permit revision for a compressor station located in the South East area of Pima County used to move various petroleum products throughout the country. The station uses turbine to increase pressure to move petroleum products to Phoenix. This revision is installing a cooling refrigeration loop in the process to pump the material up to pressure and cool it to send it up the pipeline. PDEQ has been working closely with EPA and we are now moving into the public participation stage. PDEQ Air Quality staff are working on virtual process to move forward with public meeting and hearing in a virtual environment.

Questions were asked by Dr. Eric Betterton on where the energy comes from to provide the new cooling. Mr. Rupesh Patel responded to Dr. Betterton’s inquiry.

Ms. Ursula Nelson also reported on a current open vacancy being recruited for in PDEQ. Ms. Jessica Surridge reported she would send the job posting to each council member via email.

Ms. Nelson reported that the budget went through internal review with our Deputy County Administrator, Carmine DeBonis. It is fairly consistent with we have had in years past. We are anticipating consistent levels in grant fund. Revenues we receive from fees has been consistent and in some cases have been slightly higher with all the current building that is going on. We are not expecting any negative impacts on our budget.

Mr. Richard Grimaldi added that we have been working closely with ADEQ and TEP regarding regional haze. There are currently a number of outstanding issues that ADEQ is working on and there is an anticipated six-month delay for the actual submittal. Though we are currently behind we are still ahead of many of the other western states on this project. A request was made by Dr. Betterton for a presentation to be made on this subject in the future. Ms. Megan Garvey offered to be a part of a presentation on this subject.
VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC
Dr. Betterton made a call to the public. No public comments were made.

VII. NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS
The next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for May 4, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams. We will be exploring other days and times for meetings. If you have any agenda items, would you please email Ursula Nelson or Jessica Surridge at PDEQ.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT