



PIMA COUNTY

PIMA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

33 N. Stone Avenue, Suite 700

Tucson, AZ 85701

Summary Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2018
Conference Room, 7th floor
33 N. Stone, Tucson, AZ
2:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Eric Betterton
Mr. Jeff Yockey
Dr. Paloma Beamer
Mr. Tom Ellis
Ms. Leslie Katz
Mr. Garth Bowers
Ms. Leah Proffitt

Members Absent:

Ms. Kylie Walzak
Mr. John Kozma

Others Present:

Ursula Nelson, Director, PDEQ
Richard Grimaldi, Deputy Director for EQ Div.
Beth Gorman, Sr. Program Manager, PDEQ
Karen Wilhelmsen, Program Manager, PDEQ
Vicki Bennie, Council Secretary, PDEQ
Ben Buehler-Garcia
Suzanne Cotty, PAG

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2018

Mr. Bowers nominated Dr. Betterton for Chair, seconded by Ms. Katz. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Ms. Proffitt nominated Jeff Yockey for Vice-chair, seconded by Mr. Bowers. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

IV. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Ms. Katz, to pass the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

V. EMISSION INVENTORY PRESENTATION

Sarah Reitmeyer, Program Manager for PDEQ, talked about emission inventory activities. Her presentation is at the link below:

[EQAC 18-01-25-Ozone-Precursors](#)

VI. TUCSON CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL

Tom Ellis, Executive Director of Tucson Clean and Beautiful, distributed copies of the annual report for 2017. The report provides the following information:

- Over 7,000 volunteers donated 30,883 hours to improve the environment;
- Five hundred forty-eight new trees shaded 29 schools'
- Over 3,000 school children participated in hands-on environmental learning. One hundred at-risk youth were empowered;
- Six thousand, five hundred pounds of electronic waste was collected and repurposed;
- Three hundred twenty-seven public sites were adopted and cleaned;
- Fifty-two adults gained employability skills;
- Fifty-two hands-on training workshops;
- Three thousand nine hundred sixty-five trees were planted in 2017;
- Thirty-six neighborhoods and 29 homeowners associations were impacted;
- Three thousand one hundred ninety recycling questions were answered;

Financial information was provided in the report as well.

For additional information about Tucson Clean and Beautiful, please visit their website at: <https://tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org>

VII. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Nelson provided the following information:

- Tucson Electric Power is proposing a major modification to their existing air quality permit. They are replacing two 1950's era steam units with ten natural gas fired combustion engines. Staff is hosting an open house on February 9 to receive public comments. Information is available on the PDEQ website. The final permit is expected to be issued in April.
- There has been a reorganization within the EQ Division. Enforcement for code violations was transferred from Development Services to PDEQ. Plan review functions performed in PDEQ and RWRD were consolidated in Development Services.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Betterton made a call to the public. There will be a celebration for work completed on the Loop on Saturday, March 17, 2018.

IX. NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be on March 22, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in the PDEQ conference room.

March agenda items include:

Report on Complete Streets – Kylie Walzak, Living Streets Alliance and EQAC

Future agenda items:

VOC Research – Dr. Paloma Beamer

Climate change-more green infrastructure-county owned facilities

GI/LID + Trees – Marie Light, PDEQ

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Garth Bowers and seconded by Jeff Yockey to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.