



PIMA COUNTY

PIMA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

33 N. Stone Avenue, Suite 700

Tucson, AZ 85701

Summary Meeting Minutes – July 25, 2019

Conference Room, 7th floor

33 N. Stone, Tucson, AZ

2:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Eric Betterton
Dr. Paloma Beamer
Ms. Katie Gannon
Ms. Leah Proffitt
Mr. Garth Bowers
Mr. John Kozma
Ms. Leslie Katz

Members Absent:

Mr. Jeff Yockey
Ms. Kylie Walzak

Others Present:

Ursula Nelson, PDEQ
Richard Grimaldi, PDEQ
David Eaker, PDEQ
Beth Gorman, PDEQ
Vicki Muñoz, PDEQ
John Mitchem, DMAFB
Francisco Garcia, Assistant County Administrator
Andrew Romanski, Intern, Pima County Health Department
Barbara Escobar, RWRD
Kim Tham, Pima County Health Department
Lee Comrie, PAG

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 23, 2019 MINUTES

A motion was made by Leah Proffitt, seconded by Mr. Bowers, to pass the minutes of the May 23, 2019 meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. PFOS/PFAS AT DAVIS MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE (DMAFB)

Ms. Leah Proffitt, Installation Air Quality Program Manager for DMAFB, gave a presentation about what the base has done to investigate perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS)/perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and their next steps.

The presentation is at this link: [EQAC\PFOS-PFOA-Presentation-DMAFB July 2019.pptx](#).

The EQAC thanked Ms. Proffitt for her informative presentation.

V. PDEQ STAFF REPORT

Ms. Nelson stated that staff has begun the closure process for the Ina Road Landfill.

The Code Compliance Program is now fully staffed. We had one resignation, one on medical leave and one on vacation leaving just one inspector to do the work of four inspectors. Daniel Robledo is our new inspector and everyone else is back, too.

PDEQ will be administering the lawn and garden equipment buy-back program, which went into effect July 1, 2019. This program will take old, gasoline powered equipment and issue a cash voucher for a portion of the purchase of a new, more environmental-friendly piece of equipment.

Jacqueline Ronstadt, Principal Hydrologist for DEQ, was interviewed by KVOA about the department's automated stormwater samplers. The story is available at this link: [KVOA Stormwater Samplers](#).

VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Betterton made a call to the public. Ms. Nelson commented that Dr. Betterton had been interviewed by KVOA on work that he is doing at the University of Arizona. The story is available here: [pima-county-cutting-idle-time-fleet-vehicles-helping-reduce-air-pollution/](#).

VII. NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for September 26, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the PDEQ conference room. We will be exploring other days and times for meetings. If you have any agenda items, would you please email Vicki Muñoz at PDEQ. Previous suggestions were:

UofA Research – Dr. Eric Betterton, EQAC
Tucson Electric Power – Jeff Yockey

VIII. ADJOURNMENT