



## PIMA COUNTY

### PIMA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

Summary Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2017  
Bank of America Building, Conference Room, 7<sup>th</sup> floor  
33 N. Stone, Tucson, AZ  
2:00 p.m.

#### Members Present:

Mr. Jeff Yockey  
Ms. Kylie Walzak  
Dr. Paloma Beamer  
Mr. John Kozma  
Ms. Leslie Katz  
Ms. Leah Proffitt

#### Members Absent:

Dr. Eric Betterton  
Mr. Garth Bowers  
Mr. Tom Ellis

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#### Others Present:

Ursula Nelson, Director, PDEQ  
Richard Grimaldi, Deputy Director for EQ Div.  
Vicki Bennie, Council Secretary, PDEQ  
Suzanne Cotty, PAG

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Yockey 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 JANUARY 26, 2017 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Leah Proffitt, seconded by Dr. Beamer, to pass the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously. It was requested that staff include the whole URL in links in the minutes.

#### **IV. CLIMATE CHANGE**

Dr. Julie Robinson, Sustainability Manager for the Pima County Office of Sustainability and Conservation, talked about climate change and its effects on our economics, food supply, energy, etc. Dr. Robinson referenced Yale University's website for climate change.

Ms. Nelson talked about what the department is doing to promote sustainability such as the Travel Reduction Program, contacting businesses within ½ mile of the LOOP, installing more bicycle lockers for county employees, bikes to share program, etc.

Dr. Robinson asked the EQAC for their input. Suggestions mentioned were:

- Reduce air conditioning and use more solar
- Electrification of vehicles
- Walkability versus zoning restrictions within subdivisions
- "Complete Street" multiple use development ideas

Dr. Robinson's presentation is at the link below:

[JRobinson-ClimateChange\\_PimaCounty3-23-17.pdf](#)

**V. STAFF REPORT**

Ms. Nelson provided the following information:

- A contract is in place with a consultant to perform an emission inventory and to identify the key pieces that we want them to look at instead of default values. Information such as demographics, fuel, and waste data is being provided by PAG. A draft is due in May.
- 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; however, there are rumors of a 30% cut in the future.
- PDEQ is in the recruitment process for a vacant Civil Engineering Assistant to perform septic inspections.
- There is one vacancy on the EQAC representing the area of automotive industry or small business.
- PDEQ is promoting remote virtual septic inspections to reduce driving and air pollution.

**VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Yockey made a call to the public. Suzanne Cotty of PAG, announced an upcoming air quality forum on May 24 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the PAG Building. She will email staff the flyer for distribution. The PAG Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory 2012 – 2014 is complete and available on PAG's website.

Ms. Walzak distributed posters for the next Cyclovia event which is scheduled for April 2, 2017.

Ms. Proffitt complimented Richard Grimaldi on his presentation as a part of the air quality panel at the recent Gatekeeper Regulatory Roundup in Tempe.

**VII. NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS**

The next meeting will be in May 25, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in the PDEQ conference room.

May meeting agenda items:

Integrated Resource Plan Presentation – Mr. Yockey  
Alternate modes of transportation – Kylie Walzak

Future agenda items include:

Development Services and Zoning Standards – DSD Staff  
Emerging Contaminants & Vapor Intrusion – Leslie Katz

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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