



PIMA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
33 N. Stone Avenue, Suite 700
Tucson, AZ 85701

Summary Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2017
Bank of America Building, Conference Room, 7th floor
33 N. Stone, Tucson, AZ
2:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Eric Betterton
Mr. Jeff Yockey
Ms. Kylie Wala
Dr. Paloma Beamer
Mr. John Kozma
Ms. Leslie Katz
Mr. Garth Bowers
Ms. Leah Proffitt

Members Absent:

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

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 MARCH 23, 2017 MINUTES

A motion was made by John Kozma, seconded by Leah Proffitt, to pass the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. INTEGRATED POWER PLAN

Mr. Jeff Yockey, EQAC and Tucson Electric Power Company, talked about TEP's Integrated Power Plan. Mr. Yockey's presentation is at the link below:

[Yockey EQAC 2017 IRP Presentation 05-25-17.pdf](#)

V. Active Transportation Update from Living Streets Alliance

Kylie Walzak, EQAC and Living Streets Alliance (LSA), provided a summary of some of the programs and projects happening in the Tucson area to promote biking and walking. LSA distributed free bike lights and helmets, funded by Pima Association of Governments (PAG). Ms. Walzak's presentation is at the link below:

[LSA EQAC Presentation 2017.pdf](#)

VI. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Nelson provided the following information:

- The Pima County Board of Supervisors tentatively adopted the budget this week. PDEQ's budget presentation was well received and mirrored last year's funding.
- This fiscal year, PDEQ's funding from our EPA grant will remain the same. In the President's budget, there is a 30% budget cut to EPA.
- The emissions inventory will be presented to EQAC in the near future.
- PDEQ is proposing rule changes to Title 17, Air Quality Control. The public comment period will end June 12 and the Board of Supervisors hearing will be on July 11, 2017. Anyone interested in receiving updates can sign up on PDEQ's webpage.
- Staff is proposing revisions to the County's solid waste facilities fees, including changes to commercial and residential fees. The fees will remain at the current rates or decrease. The Board of Supervisors' public hearing will be on June 6, 2017.

VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Betterton made a call to the public. Ms. Cotty reported that PAG's air quality forum had approximately 40 people in attendance. There were numerous presentations such as greenhouse gas, the economic impact of air pollution on the tourist industry, Phoenix transit system, climate change, etc. All of the presentations will be available on the PAG website.

VIII. NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be in July 27, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in the PDEQ conference room.

July agenda items include:

Emissions Inventory – Ursula Nelson and Richard Grimaldi
Emerging Contaminants & Vapor Intrusion – Leslie Katz

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by John Kozma and seconded Mr. Bowers by to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.