



PIMA COUNTY

PIMA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

33 N. Stone Avenue, Suite 700

Tucson, AZ 85701

Summary Meeting Minutes – September 27, 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
Ms. Leah Proffitt
Ms. Leslie Katz
Mr. Garth Bowers

Members Absent:

Mr. John Kozma
Ms. Kylie Walzak
Mr. Tom Ellis

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Others Present:

Ursula Nelson, Director, PDEQ
Richard Grimaldi, Deputy Director for EQ Div.
Jeff Guthrie, Office of Emergency Management Director
Beth Gorman, Sr. Program Manager, PDEQ
Vicki Bennie, PDEQ
Ben Buehler-Garcia, SAHBA
Roxanne Lindsey, ADEQ
Len Drago, ADEQ Ombudsman, Maricopa County and Tribal Liaison
Kim Tham, Pima County Health Department

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 24, 2018 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Bowers, seconded by Ms. Proffitt, to pass the minutes with clarification of the call to the audience section. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. EFFORTS TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN DIASERS

Ms. Paloma Beamer introduced Betsy Galluzzo and Richard Kwok, Ph.D. of the Epidemiology Branch of the National Institute of Environmental Health (NIH) Sciences.

The presentation: [NIH presentation.ppt](#)

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences webpage is: <https://dr2.nlm.nih.gov/>

V. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Nelson provided the following information:

The Sierra Club issued an appeal to the EPA Environmental Appeals Board asking that they deny the TEP permit issued by PDEQ for prevention of significant deterioration. PDEQ has responded and information is available on the PDEQ webpage under the Air tab (Air Program link).

We are recruiting for two Environmental Specialist positions and interviews have been scheduled. Jacqueline Ronstadt, Principal Hydrologist, is the newest addition to our Stormwater Program. We are required to collect stormwater samples from all five monitoring locations and she was able to accomplish that.

PDEQ staff is determining if we had a violation of the ozone standard. Pima County is currently designated as an attainment area. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said if this was a one-time exceedance, no action would be taken. However, if reoccurring violations were to occur, EPA would revisit our designation.

Beth Gorman and her team has instituted an anti-idling program at Innovations Academy (elementary school) in Marana. The teachers there have taken this project on along with their students. In January, the program will be offered to the rest of the community.

VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Betterton made a call to the public.

VII. NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be on November 29, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in the PDEQ conference room.

Agenda items include:

“All Electric” and Clean Cities – Colleen Crowninshield

Climate change-more green infrastructure-county owned facilities

VIII. ADJOURNMENT