

Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (EPAC)

Sept. 4, 2009

EPAC Chair, Committees, Members and PAG Staff Reports

1. Air Quality Subcommittee

The Air Quality Subcommittee meets quarterly and last met on April 14, 2009. The next AQS meeting is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 6, 2009.

The 2009-10 Air Quality Forum that was anticipated for fall of 2009 has been postponed to spring of 2010 to avoid a conflict with another air quality conference in Maricopa County.

2. Watershed Planning Subcommittee

Melaney Seacat presented an overview of the technical papers from Phase II of the joint City/County Water and Wastewater Study. She reviewed the key themes, common goals and recommendations for water resource development and conservation.

The Town of Marana's 208 Plan Amendment to become the Designated Management Agency (DMA) for its planning area has been under review by the PAG Scope of Work committee. Information on the town's 208 Amendment was presented by Dorothy O'Brien, Town of Marana Utilities Director, and Thom Martinez, P.E., Westland Resources Inc.

Claire Zucker, Pima Association of Governments, presented the results from a recently conducted PAG survey of long-term health care facilities to determine interest in participation in a pharmaceutical take-back program and how they are currently disposing of unused pharmaceuticals. The subcommittee discussed how the region is moving forward to prevent introduction of pharmaceuticals to our water quality.

The next meeting will be on Sept. 28.

3. Statewide Water Quality Management Working Group

The Statewide Water Quality Management Working Group (WQMWG) last met on April 14 and the next meeting will be held at the League of Cities and Towns building (1820 W. Washington, Phoenix) on Tuesday, June 9. At the last meeting, an amendment for Wickenburg Ranch Subdivision located near the boundary between southern Yavapai County and northern Maricopa County was approved and forwarded to ADEQ for consideration. In addition, the group received a presentation on rural water and wastewater systems and best management practices for energy efficiency.

4. Stormwater Management Working Group

The group met on July 7, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in PAG's small conference room. The meeting was held to discuss the annual stormwater outreach campaign and stormwater pollution prevention plan templates used by PAG's member jurisdictions and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). About 1,500 stormwater outreach brochures were distributed to the members of the group. This meeting was attended by SWMWG members, stormwater inspectors from jurisdictions and ADOT and members of Southern Arizona of Home Builders Association (SAHBA) stormwater committee. The group will take a hiatus for a few months and will meet again in October 2009.