



## **Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (EPAC)**

9:30 a.m., Oct. 2, 2009

### **Pima Association of Governments**

177 N. Church Ave., Transamerica Building  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Main Conference Room, Suite 501

### **Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions (5 min)**
- 2. In-kind form**
- 3. Approval of Minutes of Sept. 4, 2009, meeting**
- 4. EPAC Chair, PAG Staff Reports and EPAC Member Updates (30 min)**

PAG Staff Updates: brief verbal updates on PAG's environmental program activities, EPAC subcommittees, task forces and other PAG environmental/sustainability committees. Written committee and task force summaries also are provided at the meeting.

EPAC Member Updates: members are encouraged to inform the rest of the Committee about recent and ongoing activities related to the organization they represent.

- 5. EPAC Administration**

Each year, PAG's EPAC develops a list of priority environmental issues facing the PAG region. After approval by the committee, the issues list is forwarded to PAG's Management Committee and Regional Council. The current 2009 list is available at this link: <http://www.pagnet.org/documents/environment/EPAC-2009-Issues.pdf>, and EPAC members will be offered an opportunity to provide input to update this issues list.

PAG staff will introduce nominees to fill currently vacant positions on the committee. As appropriate, a vote of endorsement will be called for each nominee. Upon endorsement by EPAC the nominees name will be submitted to the PAG Regional Council with a recommendation for formal appointment.

- 6. Oro Valley Police Department Pharmaceutical Take Back Program**

Sergeant Amy Sloane, Community Resource Unit of the Oro Valley Police Department will provide an overview of their pharmaceutical take back program.

The Oro Valley Police Department hosted its first pharmaceutical take back event on Saturday August 22, 2009 taking in over 50 pounds of unused and expired prescription and over the counter medication. These events have been made possible by the outstanding partnerships with the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Meth Free

Alliance, Golder Ranch Fire Department, Pima County Regional Waste Water Reclamation Department, Northwest Fire Department, Oro Valley Optimist Club, the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy, Walmart Marketplace and the Pima Association of Governments. Communities across the United States have been struggling to implement programs to address the public safety impacts of leftover medicines in resident's homes and the environmental impacts of improper disposal of unwanted medicines. Through monthly take back programs, the Oro Valley Police Department will provide a safe and efficient way for the community to dispose of all unwanted medications.

## **7. PAG Pharmaceutical Take Back Survey Results**

Claire Zucker, PAG's Watershed Planning Manager, will present results from a recently survey of long-term health care facilities to determine if they would like to participate in a pharmaceutical take back program and how they are currently disposing of unused pharmaceuticals.

## **8. Pharmaceutical Resolution**

PAG staff will introduce a resolution encouraging member jurisdictions to promote proper disposal of pharmaceuticals. The committee will have an opportunity to provide comment on the resolution and if directed by the committee, PAG staff will introduce a final resolution at the November EPAC meeting for possible action by the committee.

## **9. Planning Tucson's Urban Greenways**

The City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department is planning a number of inner city urban greenways primarily along existing washes and drainage channels. They will connect to the perimeter regional trail system and they will provide inner city connectivity for recreational use and multi-modal transportation. The greenways are planned to co-exist with the riparian environment and habitat found along the washes and drainage channels. Julie Parizek, Project Manager, City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department, Walt Rogers, ASLA, Landscape Architect, Olsson Associates, and Justin Dykstra, ASLA, Landscape Architect, Olsson Associates will make the presentation.

## **10. Request for Future Agenda Items**

## **11. Call to the Audience**

## **12. Adjournment**

**Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02 notice is hereby given to the public and to the committee members, that the Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (EPAC) of Pima Association of Governments will have a meeting at the above stated time and location. This meeting is open to the public. The following is an agenda of the matters to be considered, discussed, and acted upon. The sequence of the agenda may be changed by order of the committee.**