

Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (EPAC)

Oct. 2, 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 scheduled for Oct. 6, 2009. Agenda items include a presentation from PAG staff on the Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory update. Additionally, staff members from the City of Tucson's Office of Conservation and Sustainability Development and the County Administrator's Office will summarize its plans and recent activities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

2. Watershed Planning Subcommittee

The Watershed Planning Subcommittee met last on Sept. 28, 2009. Hans Huth, ADEQ, shared information on practices, including water harvesting techniques, that are being applied and considered for watershed management in Nogales, Sonora, to protect or enhance stormwater and sewer conveyance infrastructure. Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation, presented ways that she and regional partners are pursuing enhanced recharge rates of treated effluent in the Lower Santa Cruz Riverbed. John Chesley described services available including testing, research, outreach and professional training at the UA Laboratory for Emerging Contaminants. The next Subcommittee meeting will be held on Oct. 26, 2009.

3. Statewide Water Quality Management Working Group

The Statewide Water Quality Management Working Group (WQMWG) last met on Aug. 18, 2009, and the next meeting will be held at the League of Cities and Towns building (1820 W. Washington, Phoenix) on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009, at 10 a.m. At the upcoming meeting, the Working Group will consider CAAG amendments for the Red Rock Utilities Company, the Picacho Cove Utilities Company and for the City of Casa Grande Designated Management Agency.

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. An online survey is available online at www.PAGstorm.com to assess success of the outreach. The group will take a hiatus for a few months and will meet again in November 2009.