

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

Nov. 6, 2009

### **EPAC Chair, Committees, Members and PAG Staff Reports**

#### **1. Air Quality Subcommittee**

The Air Quality Subcommittee meets quarterly and last met on Oct. 6, 2009. During the last meeting, presentations were made by PAG staff on the Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory update and by the City of Tucson's Office of Conservation and Sustainability Development and the County Administrator's Office staff on their plans and recent activities aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The next AQS meeting is scheduled for January 2010.

#### **2. Watershed Planning Subcommittee**

The Watershed Planning Subcommittee last met on Oct. 26, 2009. They heard from the Local Drought Impact Group and discussed extrapolating the impacts of an acute drought to Cienega Creek to the region in general. There was also discussion and presentation on public perceptions of water reuse in Arizona and measurements of discharge locations into ephemeral waterways. Finally, they discussed revisions of the Watershed Planning section of the EPAC issues list. The next meeting will be merged with the Environmental Planning Advisory Committee meeting on Dec. 4, 2009, to discuss overlapping issues with water and energy. The Nov. 30 and Dec. 28, 2009, meetings are canceled and will reconvene on Jan. 25, 2010.

#### **3. Statewide Water Quality Management Working Group**

The Statewide Water Quality Management Working Group (WQMWG) last met on Oct. 13, 2009. At the meeting, the Working Group considered three CAAG amendments; for the Red Rock Utilities Co., Picacho Cove Utilities Co. and for the City of Casa Grande Designated Management Agency. All three of these amendments were forwarded by the committee to ADEQ with a recommendation for approval. The next meeting will be held at the League of Cities and Towns' building (1820 W. Washington, Phoenix) on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009, at 10 a.m. At the upcoming meeting, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality will provide overviews of various programs.

#### **4. Stormwater Management Working Group**

The Stormwater Management Group (SWMWG) met in July 2009 and will meet again in December 2009, and resume its activities. The Annual Stormwater Outreach for 2009 received a first place in the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA) "Excellence in Communications 2009" award in the "improvement in water quality" category. Clips from PAG's summer outreach were shown at the NAFSMA award ceremony. Also, NAFSMA has compiled a DVD showcasing campaign strategies of all the winners and have distributed it nationwide. PAG had collaborated with the Town of Oro Valley to apply for this award. In the next meeting, the SWMWG group will initiate discussions about 2010 stormwater outreach and seminar.