



Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (EPAC)

9:30 a.m., Feb. 5, 2010

Pima Association of Governments

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

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions (5 min)**
- 2. In-kind form**
- 3. Approval of Minutes of Dec. 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.

Updates on various topics and events will include:

3rd Annual Beat Back Buffelgrass Day – Feb. 6, 2010

EPA presentation regarding Navajo Generating Station (NGS) air quality controls at AQS 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 Membership Update**

The following member nominations will be considered for approval at the meeting:

Town of Sahuarita - Sheila Bowen (primary) and Orlanthia Henderson (alternate)
COT Dept. of Transportation – Jennifer Donofrio (alternate)

- 6. Fuel Production and Energy Specific to Arizona**

Dr. Colin Kaltenbach, Vice Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and Director of the Arizona Agricultural Experiment Station will provide a presentation on biofuels in Arizona. Biofuels are being pushed heavily at the Federal level. Can Arizona be a player in this arena? A few thoughts on what might work for this state.

7. Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSCP)

Pima County recently released their Multiple Species Conservation Plan, which provides a blueprint for how the County, over the next 30 years, will mitigate for impacts to endangered species that will result from development and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) activities. Brian Powell, Program Manager at the Pima County Office of Conservation Science and Environmental Policy, will discuss the conservation measures in the plan and how the recent acquisition of open-space land is critical to the long-term success of the MSCP.

8. Pima County Department of Environmental Quality Air Programs

Beth Gorman, Senior Program Manager for the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ), will present an overview of PDEQ's air quality services. PDEQ is a regulatory agency serving Pima County by protecting public health and the environment and this presentation will specifically focus on the Department's work to monitor air quality, issue air permits; adopt air quality regulations, respond to public complaints and inquiries with investigations and enforcement, and provide public outreach, education, and citizen assistance. If time allows, PDEQ staff will demonstrate one or two of their air quality educational tools developed to enhance school and community group presentations.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

10. Call to the Audience

11. 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.