

Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (EPAC)

Feb. 5, 2010

EPAC Chair, Committees, Members and PAG Staff Reports

1. Air Quality Subcommittee

The Air Quality Subcommittee meets quarterly and last met on Jan. 14, 2010. Colleen McKaughan, EPA, presented information on regional topics including the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the Navajo Generating Station to control pollutants that impact visibility in Class I wilderness areas, including the Grand Canyon. In addition, Ms. McKaughan discussed EPA's proposed revisions to the federal ozone standards, and provided a summary of the proposed recommendations for Pinal County's particulate nonattainment designations. The next AQS meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 2010. An Air Quality Forum is planned for the spring of 2010.

2. Watershed Planning Subcommittee

The Watershed Planning Subcommittee last met on Jan. 25.

Jeff Tannler, Area Director of the ADWR Tucson AMA Office, informed the Subcommittee of the recent budget cuts, reduction in force and direction toward self-funding for the state agency. The Subcommittee discussed potential project delays and databases of importance to our region.

James MacAdam presented the Watershed Management Group's Green Streets and Green Neighborhoods Program; a community-driven program which addresses stormwater quality issues through natural processes. An ADEQ grant may help fund the creation of a neighborhood watershed plan in the Tucson Arroyo Subwatershed and expand education across the state. He is also creating a lay person's manual and design standards.

Kristine Uhlman, Water Resources Research Center, presented the Santa Cruz NEMO plan which identifies areas of high risk, sources and management measures for water quality issues. She reviewed the modeling tool AGWA, which ranks non-point source problem areas in Arizona. She also demonstrated the WRRRC Internet Mapping Service program which allows watershed residents to learn to create watershed maps and could be particularly useful for grant applications.

The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 22, 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 Company, Picacho Cove Utilities Company 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, Feb. 9, 2010, at 10 a.m. At the upcoming meeting, the group will consider two CAAG amendments: one for Gold Canyon Sewer Company service area expansion and one for the Town of Miami Wastewater Reclamation Facility. Updates on ARRA funded 208 projects will also be provided to the group.

4. Stormwater Management Working Group

The Stormwater Management Working Group met on Jan. 20, 2010. At the meeting, the group discussed various regulatory and permitting issues. They also initiated plans for an outreach seminar to inform the construction industry about best management practices, local inspections and the statewide construction general permit. The seminar will be held on May 11, 2010, in the downtown library. The group also discussed staffing changes at PAG and initial ideas for the summer stormwater outreach campaign. The next meeting of the SWM WG will be held in late February or early March 2010.