



## **Watershed Planning Subcommittee**

1:30 p.m., January 25, 2010

### **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 October 26, 2009 – 5 min.**
- 4. Call to the Audience/Announcements/Comments – 10 min.**
- 5. Sustainability of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) in 2010 – 20 minutes**

Jeff Tannler, Area Director of the ADWR Tucson AMA Office, was invited to inform the Subcommittee of the directions, priorities and challenges for the state regulator agency. Mr. Tannler will present information on ADWR staffing updates, current and upcoming fiscal year agency budget issues, and self-funding options that the agency has been discussing with stakeholders. The Subcommittee will have the opportunity to discuss how budget cuts and funding proposals may affect the region.

- 6. A Neighborhood Model to Address Urban Stormwater Pollution – 25 minutes**

James MacAdam will present an over view and progress report on “Creating a Neighborhood Model to Address Urban Stormwater Pollution” – Watershed Management Group’s (WMG) 2-year grant funded by ADEQ Water Quality Improvement Grants. WMG is a Tucson-based non-profit organization that has been running an educational program in the Rincon Heights neighborhood in Tucson, which is focused on teaching and mobilizing residents to implement small-scale stormwater BMPs. The success of this project and the demand for similar work in other neighborhoods has led to the development of WMG’s Green Streets - Green Neighborhoods Program which addresses issues on natural resources, including stormwater quality, through collaborative community-driven activities. They are moving into phase II of the grant and looking for partners to implement the plan.

- 7. New resources at WRRRC and NEMO – 30 minutes**

#### **Santa Cruz NEMO Plan**

Kristine Uhlman, Assistant Area Agent for the Cooperative Extension at the University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center, (WRRRC) will be presenting the Santa Cruz NEMO

plan. Arizona NEMO helps improve water quality by developing realistic watershed-based plans to achieve water quality standards and protection goals for watersheds, such as the Santa Cruz Watershed. The NEMO Santa Cruz Watershed Based Plan identifies areas that are susceptible to water quality problems and pollution, sources that need to be controlled, and management measures that must be implemented to protect or improve water quality. The report identifies the following areas as being at high risk for surface water degradation: Sonoita Creek for metals, Tanque Verde Creek-Rillito Wash for sediment, Potrero Creek for organics, and Greene Wash for selenium.

#### **Internet Mapping Service (IMS)**

Carie Deatherage, GIS Manager for the WRRRC, will be presenting information on the WRRRC IMS program. The IMS program allows watershed residents to learn watershed mapmaking skills for use on their home or office computer. The training course introduces an ArcIMS Internet Map Server. Course content includes how to access the NEMO ArcIMS site, basic ArcIMS functions like panning, zooming and display, how to do attribute and spatial queries, and how to print maps at home. Maps that show precipitation, average annual temperature, or ADEQ listed river reaches could be particularly useful to grant writers who would like to attach maps to their next grant application.

#### **8. Call to the Audience / Future Agenda Items – 5 minutes**

#### **9. Adjournment**