

Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (EPAC) Meeting

At or after 9:30 a.m., Thursday, October 23, 2025

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Notice is hereby given to the public and to the Committee members that the Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (EPAC) of Pima Association of Governments (PAG) will meet at the above stated time and date.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Members of the EPAC will attend the meeting remotely. The meeting room will not be open to the public. However, members of the public are invited to attend the meeting via the public access link above. Committee members will be provided with a separate link to participate. Members of the public may submit written comments relating to this meeting to info@pagregion.com within twenty-four hours of the meeting's posted start time. These comments will be filed with the committee's records.

EPAC is a technical advisory committee established by PAG to make regional environmental planning recommendations to the Management Committee and PAG Executive Director. EPAC provides technical review and develops recommendations on studies, reports, plans, programs and submittals in support of continuous, comprehensive and cooperative planning and programming within the PAG planning area and in full compliance with PAG policies and procedures. Committee members are prohibited from interfering with the administrative functions of the organization.

Pima Association of Governments is committed to maintaining high standards of conduct and prohibits harassment and retaliation against all employees pursuant to PAG's Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation. It is the responsibility of all committee members to comply with and to report violations or suspected violations of the Rules of Conduct, PAG policies, federal or state laws and regulations.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Introductions

2. In-kind Form

The participants will be asked to confirm their estimated in-kind time so the meeting can count as a local match to PAG's federally funded programs.

This is an information item.

3. Approval of EPAC May 1, 2025, Meeting Summary

Action: Approval of the Meeting Summary.

4. Invasive Species and Hazard Mitigation

Representatives from the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and University of Arizona School of Government and Public Policy will provide an update on the current status of invasive plant

species in Pima County, management practices to maintain native biodiversity, county and state efforts to mitigate the risk of invasive species-driven wildfire, and the value to our community, including water quality and watershed resilience.

Representatives from the Sky Island Alliance and Watershed Management Group will provide updates on Arundo removal projects and progress for springs and creeks.

This is an information item.

5. Assessing Effluent Recharge Instream Potential in Green Valley

Representatives from the Sonoran Institute and the University of Arizona will present the results of a Bureau of Reclamation-funded survey of potential collaborators and sources of water for instream projects. The effluent-dependent flow scenarios study for the Middle Santa Cruz River encompasses an examination of potential flow miles, explores new collaborative regional facilities, and identifies the benefits and constraints to be considered. Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department representative will provide perspective on regulatory oversight of the process.

This is an information item.

6. EPAC Draft Top Environmental Issues List for 2026

PAG staff will present the updated draft of EPAC's Top Environmental Issues List for 2026 that was distributed to EPAC, AQS, and WPS on October 2, 2025 for comments and feedback.

This is an information item.

7. Future Agenda Items

Speaker suggestions for future agenda topics to be considered by PAG may be suggested by committee members.

****Pursuant to open meeting laws, the committee cannot discuss or act on any matters raised that are not listed on this agenda.*

8. Adjournment

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