

Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (EPAC) Meeting

At or after 9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 7, 2026

Public Access to Meeting Audio/Presentation: <https://www.youtube.com/live/NQbR8QfNMa8>

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 (PAG) will meet at the above stated time and date.

In compliance with open meeting laws, PAG-RTA meeting agendas requiring public notice are posted at the official address referenced above and are available for public review during official PAG/RTA business hours, excluding weekends and legal holidays.

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.

PAG is committed to maintaining high standards of conduct and prohibits harassment and retaliation against all employees pursuant to Pima Association of Governments' 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/RTA policies, or state laws.

PAG's Rules of Conduct require committee members to observe high standards of conduct and personal ethics in the conduct of their duties and responsibilities. Committee members are prohibited from interfering with the administrative functions of the organization and must comply with the open meeting law and all other applicable laws, regulations and policies.

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 February 5, 2026, Meeting Summary

Action: Approval of the Meeting Summary.

4. Pima County Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan

Representatives from the Pima County Conservation Lands and Resources Department will present on cultural resources and the 25th anniversary of the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan.

This is an information item.

5. EPAC Committee Update

A representative from PAG will present an update on the PAG committee structure.

This is an information item.

6. Future Agenda Items

Members of the committee may request agenda topics to be considered for discussion at a future meeting.

Committee members will be given the opportunity to share announcements from their organizations that are relevant to the business of the committee.

****Pursuant to Arizona open meeting laws, the committee cannot discuss or take action today on any matters raised under this agenda item. Under this agenda item, committee members are also prohibited from returning to other agenda items which have been previously discussed and concluded earlier in this meeting.*

7. Adjournment

The EPAC meeting packet containing materials related to the meeting is available at www.PAGregion.com for public review. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), those requiring special assistance, such as large typeface print, sign language or other reasonable accommodations, may request those through the administrative offices at: (520) 792-1093 at least two business days before the meeting.

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Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (EPAC) Meeting Summary

Summary of 9:30 a.m., Thursday, February 5, 2026, Meeting

Full Video Recording (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GK4JdCdNvo>

ATTENDEES

Voting Members

Aidelis Moyet, Town of Sahuarita Alternate
Alejandra Fraijo Arce, Kimley-Horn
Andrew Agnew, City of Tucson Citizen Rep.
Camden Walsh, Tohono O'odham Nation
Christina McVie, Tucson Bird Alliance
David Barnes, Freeport-McMoRan
Frank Bonillas, City of Tucson
Howard Myers, SAHBA Alternate
Jared Suydam, Pima County
Jessica Rodriguez, City of Tucson Alternate
Kimberly Baeza, Pima County
Luke Cole, Sonoran Institute
Lydia Barker, City of Tucson
Lyn Loveless, League of Women Voters
Michael Garcia, Town of Oro Valley
Natalie Shepp, PDEQ

Charles Stack, Oro Valley Citizen
David Mack, ADOT
Mirela Hromatka, Pima County Alternate
Taylor Simmons, Tucson Water

Presenters

Alejandra Fraijo Arce, Kimley-Horn
Craig Roberts, Pima County
Craig Wengar, Kimley-Horn
Desi Stanerson, Kimley-Horn
Frank Bonillas, City of Tucson

Staff Lead

Dustin Fitzpatrick, Environmental Planning Administrator

Non-Voting Members

Aaron Tews, ADEQ
Chad Lapora, City of Tucson

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was conducted in a virtual format and called to order at 9:36 a.m.

2. In-kind Form

PAG Environmental Planning Administrator Dustin Fitzpatrick informed participants of the in-kind form, and members were asked to confirm their estimated in-kind time for the meeting.

3. **Nomination and Election of EPAC Chair and Vice Chair**

Action: A motion to nominate Alejandra Fraijo Arce, Kimley-Horn, as EPAC Chair and Kimberly Baeza, Pima County, as EPAC Vice Chair was made by Christina McVie, Tucson Bird Alliance, and seconded by Natalie Shepp, PDEQ. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of EPAC December 11, 2025, Meeting Summary**

Action: A motion to approve the December 11, 2025, meeting summary was made by Christina McVie, Tucson Bird Alliance, and was seconded by Kimberly Baeza, Pima County. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Sahuarita Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility**

Video Timestamp: [13:29](#)

After a brief introduction, Craig Wenger, Kimley-Horn, and Craig Roberts, Pima County, provided the members with a presentation of the Santa Rita Resource Recovery Facility Overview. This overview included the program's scope, schedule, execution strategies and stakeholder engagement. Additionally, Alejandra Fraijo Arce, Kimley-Horn, reviewed the key technologies and considerations of the facility, which include draft site layouts and effluent use strategies.

Members were given the opportunity to engage in discussion.

This was an information-only item. The presentation can be found [HERE](#).

6. **Los Reales Sustainability Campus (LRSC) Planned Area Development (PAD)**

Video Timestamp: [57:42](#)

After a brief introduction, Frank Bonillas, City of Tucson, provided the members with a review of the Los Reales Sustainability Campus PAD development, revisions and goals. This review included 2025 development changes, proposed facility designs, and cross program considerations, such as food waste composition, material recycling, and commercial partnerships within Sustainability Campus and Open Space and Recreation Districts.

Members were given the opportunity to engage in discussion.

This was an information-only item. The presentation can be found [HERE](#).

7. **EPAC Bylaws**

Video Timestamp: [1:28:31](#)

PAG Environmental Planning Administrator Dustin Fitzpatrick provided the members with a presentation of the proposed updates to the EPAC bylaws. This included a review of the most recent revisions and proposed changes, which include amending Articles II, III, IV and V. Members were advised there will be opportunity to provide feedback and recommendations before the next EPAC meeting.

Members were given the opportunity to engage in discussion.

This was an information-only item. The presentation can be found [HERE](#).

8. Future Agenda Items

Members requested the following items:

- Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan 25th Anniversary and Incidental Take Permit 10th Anniversary presentation
- Tucson Electric Power (TEP) update for renewable energy strategies presentation
- Santa Rita Resource Recovery Facility project Tohono O’odham perspective presentation

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

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.