



## Tucson/Pima County Metropolitan Energy Commission

**APPROVED: March 19, 2015**

### **Minutes**

**Thursday, 19-Feb-15 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Ward III Council Office**

**1510 E. Grant Rd., Tucson, AZ 85719**

Bruce Plenk  
Solar Enthusiast

Carol Larson, P.E.  
GLHN Architects & Engineers

David Gebert  
Tucson Electric Vehicle  
Association

Hank Krzysik, AIA  
Architect

Javier Lopez  
JAL Construction

Jerry Kachenko  
Arizona Petroleum

Matthew McDonnell, Secretary  
Attorney

Michael Baruch  
Tucson Electric Power Company

Neil Markowitz  
Environmental Education  
Exchange

Nicole Sweeney  
Sustainability Professional

Norma Gutierrez  
Southwest Gas

Robert Bulechek, Chair  
Energy Efficiency Consultant

Susanne Cotty, Vice-Chair  
Ward 4 Representative

Ex-officio members

Vinnie Hunt, Treasurer  
City of Tucson  
Architecture & Engineering  
Division

Jing Luo  
Sustainability & Energy  
Management Office  
Pima County Wastewater

#### **1. Call to Order - Role Call/Political Contacts/Introduction of Guests**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bulechek, Chair, at 8:05 a.m. A quorum was established. Members present: Plenk, Larson, Gebert, Krzysik, Lopez, Kachenko, McDonnell, Baruch, Markowitz, Gutierrez, and Bulechek. Guests: Susan Waites, Lee Comrie, PAG Sustainability Coordinator, Julie Robinson, Pima County Sustainability Manager, Kathy Watson, Ron Proctor, Tucson Climate Change Committee, John Farrell, Institute for Local Self-Reliance, Dan Millis, Sierra Club, and Dave Martin, Pima County.

#### **2. Approval of TPCMEC Minutes: 15-Jan-15 Meeting**

Motion made by Lopez to approve January 15, 2015 meeting minutes; seconded by Plenk. Members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as submitted.

#### **3. Treasurer's Report – Vinnie Hunt**

No report this month.

#### **4. City of Tucson Energy Projects – Jason Laros**

Mr. Laros gave an update on the Vincent Mullins Landfill solar project, which will provide power to Udall Park. An RFP will go out for the project and, while the City is flexible with financing, a PPA is a likely option. The City Manager has approved recommended water and energy goals—a City first.

#### **5. Pima County Energy Projects – Dave Martin**

Mr. Martin reported that County is in the planning stage for solar energy units on 3 subregional wastewater reclamation centers. The projects will be financed through PPA and may be close to operational in 2015. The County has awarded an energy audit project to audit three subregional wastewater facilities; draft report to be received in March 2015, with recommendations to remove/replace pumps. The County entered into an agreement with Anaergia to design-build-finance-own-operate a large-scale biomethane upgrading facility. The County and Anaergia are finalizing an agreement with an offtaker and project is likely 12-18 months from completion.

#### **6. Minneapolis's Clean Energy Partnership – John Farrell**

Mr. Farrell presented on the Institute for Local Self-Reliance's efforts to establish a clean energy partnership with Xcel Energy that called for an 80% reduction in emissions by 2050. Discussion held, no action taken.

#### **7. Call to the Audience/Announcements**

No comments provided

#### **8. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Prepared by Matthew McDonnell, Secretary; Submitted by Susanne Cotty, Acting Secretary