



## Tucson/Pima County Metropolitan Energy Commission

### Minutes- Approved 4-16-15

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

Ward III Council Office

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Solar Enthusiast

Carol Larson, P.E.  
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Architect

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Sustainability Professional

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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 - Roll 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, Baruch, Markowitz, Gutierrez, Cotty and Bulechek. Ex-officio members: Julie Robinson (Pima County for Jing Luo), Jason Laros (City of Tucson). Guest: Alex Oden, Pima County.

Political Contacts: Since the last TPCMEC meeting, Mr. Gebert met with Ryan Anderson of the City of Tucson's Mayor's Office and Mr. Lopez met with County Supervisor Eliás. There are three Pima County TPMEC vacancies.

#### 2. Approval of TPCMEC Minutes: 19-Feb-15 Meeting

Motion made by Plenk to approve February 19, 2015, meeting minutes; seconded by Lopez. Members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as submitted.

#### 3. Treasurer's Report – Jason Laros

TPCMEC budget is \$4,933.36, reflecting payments for Web hosting and a contribution to cover expenses for the John Farrell Sustainable Tucson visit in Feb. 2015.

#### 4. Pima County 2015 Solar Energy Report- Alex Oden

Mr. Oden summarized the County's new report. Since 2009, the County has installed 9 solar projects, generating 9.6 million MWh of solar electricity (11 percent of the County's total electrical consumption); saved 9.4 million gallons of water, avoided producing almost 15,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e and saved over 1.9 million dollars.

Eight of the nine projects are either through a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) or a Solar Service Agreement (SSA) in which the solar-generated electricity rate is less than or equal to the current utility-purchased electricity rate. This rate is in place for 20 years. The County has planned four additional solar installations for the near future. The report is available on the Website: <http://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=52026>

#### 5. City of Tucson Energy Projects – Jason Laros

Updates: Mr. Laros mentioned that Michael Ortega, the new City Manager, will start July 1, 2015. The City in cooperation with TEP will host a March 27<sup>th</sup> Energy Summit. Currently the City meets between 11 and 12 percent of its energy needs through renewable energy sources.

The Mayor's Two-Year Plan includes numerous goals including: cap government energy and potable water use to fiscal year 14/15 levels and create a revolving fund for renewable energy projects. Mr. Laros will be meeting with City department heads to discuss ways to meet the Mayor's goals discussed in the Two-Year Plan.

#### **6. Actions/Decisions Review**

A new policy established at this meeting is to have TPCMEC members summarize the major outcomes at the end of each meeting. Decisions made at this meeting were to explore the City of Tucson's policy on employee use of City government-owned electric vehicle recharging units; request talking points from City staff prior to TPCMEC meetings with City Council members and invite County Supervisor Ray Carroll to an upcoming TPCMEC meeting.

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

Sustainable Tucson plans to produce a videotape of the John Farrell presentation from its February 2015 meeting.

#### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Susanne Cotty, Acting TPCMEC Secretary