



Environmental Integrity Focus Area
WORKING GROUP: Energy and Climate Change, Green Infrastructure, Water, and Environmental Quality

MEETING SUMMARY

Below is a summary of the Environmental Integrity Working Group meeting, August 19, 2011, 1:30-3:30 PM, Sentinel Building, 320 Commerce Park Loop, Tucson. The meeting was led by Plan Tucson staff from the City's Housing and Community Development Department, Planning and Community Development Division. The summary is based on the meeting agenda, and concludes with a list of handouts and maps that were provided at the meeting. Meeting presentation material, along with transcripts of the participants' responses to the exercise noted in the summary, are posted on the Plan Tucson website at www.tucsonaz.gov/plantucson.

Welcome and Introductions: Thirty-four people signed in for the Environmental Integrity Working Group representing a variety of interests including non-profits organizations, neighborhoods, utilities, government agencies, and the general public.

Note: A PowerPoint presentation was used to cover the next four agenda items.

Plan Tucson Process to Date: Staff began with highlights of Plan Tucson activities to date.

Policy Working Group Role and Schedule: Staff then presented the master schedule for the Policy Working Group meetings, and explained that the Working Group meetings are organized under three focus areas (Socioeconomic Prosperity, Environmental Integrity, and Smart Growth) and cover 17 elements. Staff reviewed the schedule of upcoming meetings in the Environmental Integrity Focus Area.

Environmental Integrity Focus Area: Narrowing the discussion to the specific topic of the Working Group, staff noted the four elements that comprise the Environmental Integrity Focus Area, i.e., Energy and Climate Change, Green Infrastructure, Water, and Environmental Quality, and reviewed Challenges and Opportunities that were identified for each of these Elements at the *May 20, 2011 Agency and Organization Stakeholder Orientation Meeting* were described.

Goals and Policies Primer: Staff reviewed the definition of a "goal" and a "policy" and provided examples of each from another jurisdiction. Staff then introduced the group exercise – i.e., identifying preliminary goals and policies for each of the four elements. .

Exercise: More than half of the meeting was dedicated to an interactive exercise. Participants began by breaking into four groups, with each group focusing on one of the four elements in the Environmental Integrity Focus Area. Next the participants in each group individually jotted down on exercise sheets goals for the element and the policy concepts / statements related to those goals. Then participants in each group took turns sharing goal and policy ideas from their sheets. Each group's facilitator recorded the shared ideas and highlights of the ensuing them along with highlights of ensuring discussion. (This continued for as long as time allowed.) Each group then selected a spokesperson to report discussion highlights with the all meeting participants.

Comment Sheets: Each participant was provided with an "Additional Information Input Form" on which they were asked to provide the names of studies, reports, ordinances, or other policy guidance

documents that have been produced in since the 2001 Tucson General Plan was adopted and may have relevance for the development of policies in the Plan Tucson Environmental Integrity Focus Area.

Meeting Handouts and Maps: Following is a list of the materials provided at the Working Group meeting and available on the Plan Tucson website.

HANDOUTS	
<i>Specific Working Group Material</i>	<i>General Working Group Information</i>
Agenda & Schedule of Environmental Integrity Meetings	Policy Preparation Guidance – Working Document
Environmental Integrity – Four Working Documents – covering Energy and Climate Change, Green Infrastructure, Water, and Environmental Quality	Policy Working Groups – Schedule of Meetings
General Plan Existing Policies Related to the Environment	Diagram of Plan Tucson Focus Areas & Elements
Challenges & Opportunities re Environmental Integrity Elements (presented at May 20, 2011, Stakeholders' Orientation Meeting)	Guiding Principles – Working Document
Exercise Instructions & Exercise Worksheet	
Additional Information Input Form	
MAPS	
On Display: Base Map of Tucson	One set at each table:
	Habitat Identification
	Trails, Parks, River Parks and Protected
	Open Space
	Reclaimed Water Service Area
	Water Service Map
	Washes and Riparian Areas
	EPA Brownfields Project Areas
	Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan CLS
	100-year Flood Plana



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