

Governor's Agricultural Best Management Practices Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 7, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

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In-Person:

Arizona Rock Products Association 916 W Adams St # 1, Phoenix, AZ 85007

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Ollerton, Chairman, Cotton Producer

William Thelander, Grain Producer

William Paul Heiden, Beef Cattle Feedlots

Kimberly Butler, County Air Quality Department or Agency

James Boyle Jr., Dairy Operations

Robert Boyle, Alfalfa Producer

Sheldon Jones, AZ Department of Agriculture Director or Designee

Daniel Czecholinski, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Director or Designee

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Harold Payne, Citrus Producer

Alfredo Sotomayor, Swine Facilities

Dr. Joseph Blankinship, Soil Taxonomist of the College of Agriculture at University of Arizona

Dr. Dawn Gouge, Dean of the College of Agriculture at University of Arizona or Designee

Keisha Tatem, USDA NRCS Director or Designee

Jamilah McCoy, USDA NRCS Director or Designee

Vacant, Vegetable Producer

Vacant, Poultry Facilities

OTHER MEETING ATTENDEES:

Matthew Poppen, Maricopa Association of Governments

Lisa Beckham, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9

Jennifer Williams, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9

Alina Batool, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9

Rupesh Patel, Pinal County Air Quality Department

Jadee Rohner, Arizona Cotton Grower's Association

Chad Smith, Arizona Farm Bureau

Ana Kennedy-Otto, Arizona Farm Bureau

Daniel Harris, Arizona Farm Bureau

Nicole Clements, Maricopa County Farm Bureau

Harold Maxwell, Yuma County Farm Bureau

David Sharp, Yuma County Farm Bureau

Brittany Bingold, Cattle Growers Association

Russell Van Leuven, Arizona Department of Agriculture
Hether Krause, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Tiffany Andersen, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Tim Pippenger, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Chelsey Fenton, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Kelly Poole, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Steven Burr, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Lisa Tomczak, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Dennise Flanigan, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Lexi Ahmad, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Luke Messer, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Tara Ousley, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

I. CALL TO ORDER:

A. Introduction of Committee Members and Roll Call.

At 1:06 p.m., Chairman Ollerton called the meeting to order. Lisa Tomczak called roll call and a quorum was established.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

A. Review and approve April 2, 2026 meeting minutes.

Chairman Ollerton asked for a motion to approve the April 2, 2026 meeting minutes.

Robert Boyle moved for the Committee to approve the April 2, 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Sheldon Jones and the motion passed.

III. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

There were no disclosures of conflicts of interest.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION:

A. Review and consider approval of the AgBMP form for crop operations.

Chairman Ollerton said that farming has changed drastically in the last 40 years and now farmers can receive federal funding for things now that they could not have in the past. Chairman Ollerton said that the agricultural economy has not been doing well for some time now as fuel and fertilizer costs have increased drastically. Chelsey Fenton, ADEQ, discussed the revisions that have been made to the draft crop operations form and have been provided to the Committee for review and consideration. Chairman Ollerton said that he would like to schedule another meeting to review and consider approval of the draft crop operations form. Chairman Ollerton also said that he would also like to schedule another Pinal County air quality tour in the Fall of 2026 because some people are new and were not able to attend the tour that was held on October 21, 2025. Steven Burr, ADEQ, said that ADEQ has received good feedback from Yuma stakeholders with regard to the draft AgBMP rules for the Yuma PM10 Non-Attainment area, which is not subject to the statutory AgBMP program. Mr. Burr said that ADEQ has implemented many of the stakeholder suggestions received to date on the draft Yuma PM10 AgBMP rules, including concerns about the soil moisture content requirements being inconsistent with the testing

methods used to determine soil moisture content. Mr. Burr said that the AgBMP Committee (Committee) may want to consider reviewing the changes that have been proposed for the Yuma County rules and see if there is interest in amending the West Pinal County rules to include some of the changes that have been made to the Yuma County rules. Mr. Burr said that if the Committee were to adopt amendments to the West Pinal County rules, ADEQ would have to submit a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and obtain their approval. This is also true if the Committee wanted to add more Best Management Practices (BMPs) options to the West Pinal County rules, since these rules are in the SIP. Mr. Burr said that ADEQ and/or the Committee would have to identify the BMPs the Committee would like to add, the Committee would adopt amendments to the rule to add them, and then ADEQ would submit a SIP revision with the amended rules to EPA for review and approval. Chairman Ollerton said that he would like the Committee to review the suggested edits to the crop operations form that were discussed at this meeting and then have the Committee meet again in 30-45 days to approve the revised form.

B. Review and consider approval of the AgBMP form for dairy operations. Chairman Ollerton asked for a motion to approve the AgBMP form for dairy operations. Robert Boyle moved for the Committee to approve the AgBMP form for dairy operations, seconded by Sheldon Jones and the motion passed.

C. Review and consider approval of the AgBMP form for beef feedlots. Chairman Ollerton asked for a motion to approve the AgBMP form for beef feedlots. William Paul Heiden moved for the Committee to approve the AgBMP form for beef feedlots, seconded by Robert Boyle and the motion passed.

D. State Implementation Plan (SIP) updates, submission of rule revisions for Arizona Arizona Administrative Code R18-2-610.03 and R18-2-611.03 to the EPA. Steven Burr, ADEQ, stated that he wanted to ensure everyone had a clear understanding of the process for the SIP updates. Mr. Burr explained that before a SIP revision is submitted to EPA, it must first go through a public process that includes a 30-day public comment period and public hearing on the proposed SIP revision. If any comments are received during the public comment period or at the public hearing, ADEQ is obligated to respond to all of the comments before finalizing the SIP document, and then the SIP revision can be sent to EPA for their consideration. Mr. Burr stated that ADEQ will use parallel processing (meaning the ADEQ's public process for proposed SIP revision and EPA's public process for the action on the West Pinal PM10 nonattainment area could occur simultaneously), which could reduce SIP processing time by approximately one to two months. Under this approach, ADEQ submits the proposed SIP to EPA prior to the public process. Mr. Burr stated that the EPA can then propose their action on the West Pinal PM10 SIP. However, before EPA can take final action on the West Pinal PM10 SIP, ADEQ must submit the final SIP to EPA after its completion of the public process and other SIP procedural requirements.

E. The next AgBMP Committee meeting is scheduled for June 30, 2026, 1:00-3:00 pm.

F. Committee vacancies.

Chairman Ollerton said there are two Committee vacancies for the Vegetable Producer position and the Poultry Facilities position.

V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

A. This is the time for the public to comment. No members of the public spoke.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Ollerton asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheldon Jones moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Robert Boyle and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.