

**DRAFT Meeting Minutes****Governor's Agricultural Best Management Practices Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, June 30, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

**Zoom Link:**<https://azdeq.zoom.us/j/87253073748?pwd=HjSTlsGNoF4fi2OokZaKOuXxSbvua4.1>

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Ollerton, Chairman, Cotton Producer  
William Thelander, Grain Producer  
Harold Payne, Citrus Producer  
Kimberly Butler, County Air Quality Department or Agency  
Dr. Joseph Blankinship, Soil Taxonomist of the College of Agriculture at University of Arizona  
Alfredo Sotomayor, Swine Facilities  
Dr. Dawn Gouge, Dean of the College of Agriculture at University of Arizona or Designee  
Jamilah McCoy, USDA NRCS Director or Designee  
Sheldon Jones, AZ Department of Agriculture Director or Designee  
Daniel Czecholinski, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Director or Designee

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Robert Boyle, Alfalfa Producer  
William Paul Heiden, Beef Cattle Feedlots  
James Boyle Jr., Dairy Operations  
Vacant, Vegetable Producer  
Vacant, Poultry Facilities

**OTHER MEETING ATTENDEES:**

Matthew Poppen, Maricopa Association of Governments  
Laura Ballard, Maricopa Association of Governments  
Lisa Beckham, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9  
Anu Jain, Pinal County Air Quality Control District  
Rupesh Patel, Pinal County Air Quality Control District  
Jadee Rohner, Arizona Cotton Growers' Association  
Brittany Bingold, Arizona Cattle Growers' Association  
Jeremy Gerlach, Veridus  
Nicole Clements, Maricopa County Farm Bureau  
Balaji Vaidyanathan, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality  
Hether Krause, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality  
Tim Pippenger, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality  
Chelsey Fenton, 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  
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 1:21 p.m., Chairman Ollerton called the meeting to order. Tara Ousley called roll and a quorum was established.

**II. REVIEW AND APPROVE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:**

A. Review and approve May 7, 2026 meeting minutes.

Chairman Ollerton asked for a motion to approve the May 7, 2026 meeting minutes. Daniel Czecholinski moved for the Committee to approve the May 7, 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Kimberly Butler 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.

Chelsey Fenton, Air Quality Improvement Planning Section Manager, with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), presented the suggested edits that were discussed at the last meeting to the Pinal County Crop Operations Best Management Practices (BMP) Program General Permit Record Form. The updates made to the form were:

- Increased the font size on the form which increased the pages from one page to two pages.
- Added additional space for text to describe the specifics of the BMP's for each of the category options, as applicable.
- Added additional space for text to describe any deviations from the prior year's form, the version of the form that was submitted to the department along with additional space for text to describe the specifics of those deviations.

Sheldon Jones moved for the Committee to approve the AgBMP Form for Crop Operations as presented, seconded by Daniel Czecholinski and the motion passed.

B. State Implementation Plan (SIP) Updates.

Steven Burr, Sr. Environmental Consultant, with the ADEQ, gave a presentation on the SIP updates. Mr. Burr said that ADEQ is pursuing parallel processing of the SIP as a way to speed up the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) review and approval of the SIP revision. In this process, ADEQ submits the proposed SIP prior to the public comment period, EPA can then use ADEQ's proposed SIP to move forward with EPA's

proposed approval of the SIP. Mr. Burr said that after ADEQ completes the public process and has finalized the SIP, that ADEQ submits the final version of the SIP revision to EPA. This must be completed before EPA can finalize their approval of the SIP. Mr. Burr said that, essentially, parallel processing reduces the overall time for EPA to review and approve the SIP by allowing the two public processes being conducted by ADEQ and EPA to overlap and occur at the same time. Mr. Burr said that ADEQ's SIP revision for the amended AgBMP rules is on schedule and is nearing completion. ADEQ held a 30-day public comment period which closes on July 1, 2026. ADEQ has not received any public comments to date. Mr. Burr said that if ADEQ receives any public comments, that ADEQ will consider the comments, respond to the comments, and include the comments and responses in the final version of the SIP. Mr. Burr said that Daniel Czecholinski, Director, Air Quality Division, ADEQ, will then adopt the final SIP and submit it to EPA, which will allow EPA to promulgate final approval of the SIP. Mr. Burr said that EPA's approval of the SIP would allow the West Pinal nonattainment area (NAA) to avoid the consequences that Matthew Poppen, with the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), has discussed previously. However, if EPA were to propose disapproval, MAG would have to withdraw the SIP to avoid a conformity lapse to occur in Pinal County.

C. Future Meeting.

Chairman Ollerton did not request to schedule a future meeting.

D. 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 Dr. Gouge and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.