

Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee

November 13, 2012

Minutes

PPAC Members Present

Richard Abramowitz, called in
Christine Banks
Jeremy DuMond
John Howard
Robert Larsen
Lynne Nava
Rachel Hering (nee Perry)

TCEQ Staff Present

Ted Hazen, Manager, PPE
Karen Goelkel, PPE
Mark Harmon, IGR

Other Attendees

Charlene Heydinger, Keeping PACE in Texas

9:30 Welcome

Rachel Hering

9:35 Legislative Update

Mark Harmon from Intergovernmental Relations gave a brief update on the upcoming legislative session. Pre-filing began the previous day and approximately 250 bills have been filed. Water and how to fund the state water plan will be a main issue of this legislative session. A copy of the TCEQ's Legislative Appropriations Request was provided as a follow-up to committee member questions.

9:55 Update on the Statewide Survey to Assess Recycling Activity in Texas

Rachel Hering provided a brief overview of the coalition's mission and goals and recent discussions on establishing bylaws and naming the steering committee to make it more recognizable. Mrs. Hering requested PPAC to review and sign the steering committee's Letter of Agreement. The Letter of Agreement is attached.

10:15 Property Assessed Clean Energy

Charlene Heydinger, the Executive Director of Keeping PACE in Texas
Jeremy DuMond invited Ms. Heydinger to discuss Property Assessed Clean Energy and why Texas needs to keep the program. Ms. Heydinger explained that Texas was an early adopter of PACE and passed legislation in 2009, but it is not effective. Keeping PACE in Texas seeks to improve the existing legislation, add water conservation projects, and build support for the program. Ms. Heydinger discussed the typical barriers companies face to making energy efficiency improvements and the solutions PACE can offer. She said interest in this program dramatically increased last year as a result of the drought.

A copy of the presentation and other information materials were sent to the committee following the meeting. For more information, please contact Charlene Heydinger at Charlene.Heydinger@KeepPACE.org.

10:45 Discussion on the continuation of PPAC

The committee discussed whether PPAC has been fulfilling its mission according to its legislative mandate. Most members thought that the committee has not been recently playing an effective advisory role for the Commission on pollution prevention issues. PPAC discussed other ways members might more effectively participate in agency

issues that would not be limited by their mandate. The committee was interested in reviewing their legislative mandate so they may reevaluate how to move forward.

PPAC's charge is set forth in the Solid Waste Disposal Act, [Section 361.0215](#), of the Texas Health and Safety Code. PPAC is also to advise the commission on the recycling market development implementation, which is authorized under [Section 361.423](#). This information was provided following the meeting.

11:15 Discussion of next meeting topics and date

The committee agreed to reevaluate the continuation of PPAC in a conference call in January.

Robert Larsen was also interested in discussing the lessons learned from waste management issues from the F1 Race and the environmental impact of large venue events. Dr. Larsen raised the possibility of the agency developing resources on the topic. Existing event recycling resources were sent to the committee following the meeting.

11:30 The meeting was adjourned.