

Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee

Minutes

April 9, 2010 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Bldg. F Room 2210

12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, TX 78753

Co-Chair
Fred Kelly

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Catrennia Williamson

Members in attendance

Catrennia Williamson, Co-chair
Fred Kelly, Co-chair
Jeremy DuMond
John Howard
Don Renchie
Ben Weinheimer
Rachel Perry

TCEQ Staff

Brian Christian
Ted Hazen
Mike Lindner
Mary Kelley

10:00 Welcome and Introductions

Catrennia Williamson opened the meeting with introductions.

10:15 Approval of last meeting's minutes and current agenda

The minutes of the November 20, 2009 meeting were approved after making a change of adding the year to the date of the meeting.

The agenda for today's meeting was approved.

10:30 Welcome from the TCEQ

Brian Christian, Director, Small Business and Environmental Assistance Division, TCEQ
Welcome and opening remarks.

Mr. Christian welcomed the committee members. He gave an overview of what the Small Business and Environmental Assistance Division does. He also briefly explained the Sunset Review the TCEQ is currently undergoing.

10:45 Mike Lindner, TCEQ, explained the charge of the PPAC.

10:55 The Benefits of Recycling Teamwork

Rachael Perry, Executive Director for the Cooperative Teamwork and Recycling Assistance (CTRA) gave a presentation about the organization. Mostly working with rural communities, CTRA's mission it is to provide cooperative marketing of recyclable commodities, promote the development of end-markets for recyclables in Texas, and to promote education about recycling.

11:45 Lunch

12:45 Computer Equipment Recycling

Paul Munguia, TCEQ, talked about the computer law, enacted in 2008, requiring manufacturers who sell new computer equipment in or into Texas to provide a program for collecting and recycling of consumers' used computer equipment. Each manufacturer is responsible only for its own brand(s) of computer equipment. The collection and recycling must be convenient and free. Paul also noted that the first year of the law yielded 14.4 million lbs total collected.

1:35 Clean Texas

Memi Cardenas, TCEQ, talked about the Clean Texas program, the different membership levels of the program, examples of current members, and how to become a member. Fred Kelly, from 3M, talked about some of the things 3M is doing as a Clean Texas member. He also talked about going above compliance requirements to become a member, implementing an Environmental Management System, and the many benefits of being a member.

2:25 The committee discussed topics for future meetings and the next meeting date. June 17 was chosen for the next meeting. Topics suggested were:

- The Comptroller's 1st Choice/environmental purchasing program
- Pharmaceutical disposal, SB 1757, and how it is moving forward
- The Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Committee
- How to get Clean Texas successes like 3M's communicated to other businesses
- Sunset update and how PPAC can help
- Discuss mandates of PPAC and 1) if it would make sense to eliminate the focus on hazardous waste; and 2) whether having both PPAC and MSWMRRAC makes sense or if they are duplicative

3:00 Meeting Adjourned