



AIR AND CLIMATE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ACPAC)

July 20, 2026
5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Webinar information provided to members via email.

Chair: Ian Marcus

FINAL VIRTUAL MEETING SUMMARY

ACPAC ATTENDEES: Stacey Garfinkle, Alex Johnson, Julie Kimmel, Jack Lyman, Ian Marcus, Peter Mecca, Era Pandya, Janet Phoenix, Cameron Ramey, Chris Tandy, James Wang, William Washburn

COG STAFF: Leah Boggs, Sunil Kumar

**5:30 P.M. 1. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL
AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Ian Marcus, ACPAC Chair

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ian Marcus. The meeting had a quorum and there were no amendments to the agenda. The May 2026 meeting summary was approved with no amendments.

5:45 P.M. 2. CHAIR'S REPORT
Ian Marcus, ACPAC Chair

Chair Marcus reminded members Bill Washburn volunteered to attend the policy committee meetings (CEEPC and MWAQC) as an alternate to ACPAC officers. Bill attended ill agreed to attend the May and He asked for volunteers to attend the September and November meetings. There were no volunteers.

Chair Marcus reviewed the July 29 CEEPC meeting agenda and invited ACPAC members to identify any items that should be included in the committee's update. No recommendations were made.

6:00 P.M. 3. OZONE SEASON SUMMARY
Sunil Kumar, COG Staff

Sunil Kumar briefed members on the 2026 ozone season air quality data. There were three ozone exceedances and two PM2.5 exceedances this year until July 12. Both ozone and PM2.5 design values remain below their corresponding standards. July 4th -5th PM2.5 exceedance data were affected by the July 4th fireworks.

Discussion

- The limitations of PM 2.5 monitoring for understanding local air quality trends was discussed.
- Janet Phoenix recommended black carbon monitoring, noting that it provides better insights into neighborhood-specific air pollution exposure.
- Chris Tandy introduced ultrafine particulate sensors, which detect very small particles that can affect human health.
- Sunil Kumar will follow up on the potential impacts of PJM emergency requests on local air quality related to backup generators during heat waves.

6:35 P.M. 4. CLIMATE AND ENERGY LEADERSHIP AWARDS JUDGING

Ian Marcus, Chair (Moderator)
ACPAC Members

Members judged the 2026 Climate and Energy Leadership Awards applications in the categories of small and large government, non-governmental organization, for-profit, and educational institution. Winners will be announced at the COG Board meeting in October.

The deadline to submit completed score sheets was extended to noon on July 21.

7:25 P.M. 5. NEXT ACPAC MEETING AND ADJOURN

The next ACPAC meeting is September 21, 2026. Chair Ian Marcus adjourned the meeting.

Meeting Documents:

<https://www.mwcog.org/events/2026/7/20/air-and-climate-public-advisory-committee/>