

Arizona Urban Forestry Roundtable
Meeting # 33 Agenda
Thursday, 5/15/2025
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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Join Zoom Meeting

Goal: We will work collaboratively to improve tree care and planting in Metro Phoenix in ways that will measurably mitigate urban heat island, improve local air quality and prioritize environmental and social justice outcomes through municipal and private investment in trees, particularly in vulnerable neighborhoods currently lacking tree canopy.

9:00 – 9:03:

- **Zoom Meeting Considerations**

9:03– 9:05:

- **Welcome and Introductions**
 - Lorena Saldana-AZSA
 - Please write your name, Title and Organization you are with in the Chat.
 - Remember to complete AZ UFRT survey for your chance to win the swag bag!
[Link in the chat](#)

09:05-09:15

- **Workgroup Updates:**
 - **Workforce Development**
 - Jake Simon (American Forests) to overview main points from March's Workforce Development breakout session
 - Contractors have to know multiple scopes
 - MAG standards just got updated
 - Early career opportunities
 - Certification- less than ISA certification that is more accessible and less costly
 - Rich and diverse markets
 - Retention and pay
 - Funding
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 - **Tree Species**
 - Facilitator: Kayla N. Killoren, City Of Phoenix
 - Update provided by Kayla N. Killoren
 - Next meeting will be held next Monday @ 11am. Since then,

09:15 - 9:30

- **Municipalities Committee:**
 - Preview of Municipalities toolkit and timeline for completion, discuss next steps with group
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09:30- 09:40

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Breakout Session

- Discuss opportunities and challenges and identify key priorities of this committee
 - One member from each group to share out their discussion

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Breakout Session Discussion

- Each group to share out opportunities, challenges and priorities
 - Jake will compile notes from this presentation and share with group
 - IRA funding cuts: partnerships with nonprofits and other groups has been hit and often can't complete projects started
 - Tree removal on private property
 - AZDFFM may have funding for pine removal
 - Removals written into grants
 - contractors
 - City processes can sometime delay project implementation
 - Pruning cycle- documentation or practices and what the standards should be
 - Department jurisdiction on right of ways
 - Planting on right of ways and accepting liability
 - Tempe maintains some but not all- some are done by property owners
 - Change of language depending on administration cycle. Reprioritizations
 - Policy: more steps on policy in the workgroup. What needs to be added to a new workgroup
 - New workgroup focused on policy
 - Tall pots
 - Campaign manager who can advocate what each city is doing
 - Turf grass removal- offering incentives- concerns about the health of the trees on removals

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- **Mesa Public Schools Workforce Development Program**
 - Dawn Giles to overview MPS's Workforce Development program and opportunities for municipalities, nonprofits and businesses Valley wide
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- **AZ Conservation Corps- Young tree care program**

Ad-Hoc Discussion Topic Updates

10:30-10:50

- **Survey Results:**

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- Presentation on what we have so far

10:50-11:00

Announcements

- Looking for a location to hold the July 17th in person Roundtable meeting and CEU education session. We will have another one in the fall so we could do one on the east side and another on the west side

- **Job Opening:**

- TITLE
 - Link and information here

- **Open to other announcements/trainings available**

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