

February 26, 2002

TO: Members of the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: George Pettit, Gilbert, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, March 5, 2002 - 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) will be held at the time and place noted above.

Members of the POPTAC may attend **either in person or by telephone conference call**. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call 602-261-7510 between 9:55 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. After prompting, please enter the meeting ID number 767822 (POPTAC) on your telephone key pad followed by the pound key. If you have a problem or require assistance, dial 0 after calling the number above.

If you are driving, please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the RPTA will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Please be advised that under procedures approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership, or 11 people for the MAG POPTAC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Harry Wolfe at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Call to the Audience

Persons wishing to address the MAG POPTAC will be provided an opportunity to comment.

3. Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2001

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

2. For information.

3. Review and approve meeting minutes of December 4, 2001.

4. 2005 Special Census

With rapid population growth in the region, MAG is currently investigating whether to pursue a Special Census in 2005, or consider alternatives to the Special Census for deriving a mid-decade population count. The Special Census would be used to distribute about \$1 billion in state-shared revenue annually between 2005 and 2010 and to provide data for local human services, land use, transportation and air quality planning programs. Based on information from the Census Bureau, a 2005 Special Census for the entire County is estimated to cost \$30 million.

An alternative to undertaking a Special Census is to use a population estimate. On March 5, 2002, the MAG Management Committee will be briefed on a 2005 Special Census. MAG staff will review some of the analysis conducted to evaluate the merits of conducting a Special Census in 2005 versus using an estimate.

5. Other Census Issues

The following issues related to the Census have arisen since the last meeting of the MAG POPTAC in December 2001: a decision by the Census Bureau to adjust the Town of Buckeye Census 2000 population count; the distribution of the 2002 Boundary and Annexation Survey to MAG member agencies; and the District Court ruling requiring the Census Bureau to release adjusted 2000 Census Bureau figures. These matters will be briefly discussed. Please see Attachment One.

6. Resident Population Estimates 1990 -2000

—The annual resident population estimates for Maricopa County and municipality that were developed are being revised to reflect the results of the 1995 Census and 2000 Decennial Census. MAG staff has been working with DES staff on revisions to the historical estimate series. A status report will be presented. Please see Attachment Two.

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information and discussion.

6. For information and discussion.

7. Revisions to MAG Geography

In order to accommodate MAG transportation modeling requirements, the TAZ geographies have been revised. Input from transportation staff of MAG member agencies was incorporated into the revisions. The revised system, TAZ 2002, contains 1947 TAZs compared to the 1516 that were used to produce the last set of socioeconomic projections in June 1997. This includes 67 additional TAZ zones in Pinal County and one additional TAZ in Yavapai County. There have also been revisions to the Gilbert, Chandler, Surprise, Fountain Hills, Gila Bend and Queen Creek Municipal Planning Area boundaries to take into account recent annexations and/or other new information received. A map of the geography will be presented at the meeting.

8. Implications of the MAG GIS and Database Enhancement Project by TAZ

Last year, MAG staff collected a variety of data from MAG member agencies and/or requested member agencies to review data that would form the base from which MAG projections would be developed. These data are being distributed to Traffic Analysis Zones and will be circulated to members of the MAG POPTAC for further review and comment. Specific data to be distributed by TAZ include 2000 base year population and employment, build-out population and employment, new developments and post high school enrollment. A status report will be provided by MAG staff.

9. Maricopa County Resident Population Projections

The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) is currently in the process of preparing new Maricopa County resident population projections for 2005-2055. These projections will serve as control totals for the next round of subregional socioeconomic projections prepared by MAG. A status report will be provided.

7. For information and discussion.

8. For information and discussion.

9. For information and discussion.

10. Amendment to Executive Order Covering the Development of Socioeconomic Estimates and Projections

Executive Order 95-2, issued in 1995, specified the process for preparing official population estimates and projections and the role of DES and Councils of Governments in developing those estimates and projections. The Executive Order called for estimates to be prepared annually and projections, once every five years. DES is currently considering changes to the Executive Order. Over the past several years, MAG member agencies have expressed concern about the frequency with which the projections are prepared. MAG and other COGS have recommended that the projections be submitted to the Director of DES annually to allow for revisions to the projections based on known development and changes in the policies of local jurisdictions. MAG has recommended specific changes to Executive Order 95-2 which were circulated at the February meeting of the State POPTAC. Please see Attachment Three.

11. Building Permit Completion Status Report

Building permit completions for the quarter ending December 31, 2001 were due on February 1, 2002. If you have not already provided the completions for this quarter or the previous quarter please forward them to us as soon as possible. Please see Attachment Four.

12. Adjournment

10. For information and discussion.

11. For information and discussion.

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 4, 2001
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

George Pettit, Gilbert, Chairman	Janeen Hollomon Goodyear
Lauren Brooks, Avondale	*Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park
*James Crean, Buckeye	Tom Ellsworth, Mesa
*Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	Matt Holm, Maricopa County
Bob Pazera, Chandler	Tim Bolton for Prisila Ferreira, Peoria
*Shirley Berg, El Mirage	Tim Tilton, Phoenix
*Jesse Drake, Fountain Hills	Harry Higgins, Scottsdale
*Terry Yergan, Gila River Indian Community	*Rosa Herrera, Surprise
*Ralph Vasquez, Gila Bend	Mark Elma, Tempe
*Kate Langford, Glendale	*Dick Gregory, Youngtown
Mary Hoy, Guadalupe	
*Duncan Miller, Paradise Valley	

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

John Zupon, Chandler	Rita Walton, MAG
Anubhav Bagley, MAG	Harry Wolfe, MAG
Mele, Koneya, MAG	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Chairman George Pettit.

2. Call to the Audience

There were no requests from the audience to address the MAG POPTAC.

3. Approval of Minutes of October 16, 2001

It was moved by Bob Pazera, seconded by Harry Higgins and unanimously recommended to approve the meeting minutes of October 16, 2001.

4. Review and Approval of Socioeconomic Information, Assumptions and Methods for the June 2002 Socioeconomic Projections

George Pettit asked Harry Higgins, Chair of the MAG POPTAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee, for a report on the socioeconomic information, assumptions and methods for the June 2002 socioeconomic projections. Mr. Higgins stated that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee had approved all of the information presented by MAG staff and asked for the full MAG POPTAC to recommend approval. He also noted that MAG staff was questioned on the material and provided suitable responses. It was moved by Harry Higgins, seconded by Bob Pazera and unanimously recommended to approve the socioeconomic information, assumptions and methods for the June 2002 socioeconomic projections.

5. MAG POPTAC Meeting Schedule for 2002

Harry Wolfe reported that for the coming year the MAG POPTAC meetings and the Ad Hoc subcommittee meetings would be held on the third Tuesday of each month. The Ad Hoc Committee would meet at 8:30 a.m. and the MAG POPTAC at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

ATTACHMENT ONE

February 26, 2002

TO: Members of the MAG POPTAC

FROM: Harry P. Wolfe, Senior Project Manager

SUBJECT: CENSUS ISSUES

In early January the Census Bureau notified the Town of Buckeye that it will adjust its Census 2000 population based on the appeal that Buckeye filed as a part of the Count Question Resolution Program. The adjustment will reallocate population in the Lewis prison from the unincorporated portion of Maricopa County to the Town of Buckeye. A final population count has not yet been received.

During the first part of February, the Census Bureau forwarded to MAG member agency contacts a 2002 Boundary and Annexation Survey. This survey provided jurisdictions with an opportunity to update their corporate boundaries based on any annexations that occurred subsequent to December 31, 1999. The survey was to be filled out and returned to the Census Bureau within 15 days of receipt.

On February 4, 2002 two federal district court judges, ruling in separate lawsuits, ordered the Census Bureau to release publicly the statistically adjusted numbers based on the results of the Census 2000 Accuracy and Coverage Evaluation (A.C.E.) survey. Last year the Director of the Census Bureau ruled against releasing the numbers arguing that there were flaws in the survey method used. to make the adjustment. The Court, however, concluded that the Bureau could not withhold the adjusted numbers based on requests made for them under the Freedom of Information Act.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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ATTACHMENT FOUR
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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Jurisdiction	Population on July 1,										
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Avondale	16345	19790	20550	21065	21595	22245	24365	26035	28765	32220	36395
Buckeye	5040	5000	4960	4920	4880	4840	4920	4985	5125	6065	6655
Carefree	1675	1790	1880	1985	2090	2245	2420	2570	2720	2830	2965
Cave Creek	2950	2980	3145	3210	2765	3055	3205	3370	3475	3615	3765
Chandler	91305	95140	100610	108045	117040	129155	141320	152100	160830	170340	178655
El Mirage	5010	5160	5290	5385	5550	5740	5765	5805	5865	5930	8385
Fountain Hills	10115	10475	10900	11430	12465	13855	15180	16510	17690	19245	20490
Gila Bend	1745	1745	1740	1735	1730	1725	1780	1830	1885	1935	1990
Gila River	n/a	2705	2690	2675	2660	2650	2660	2670	2680	2690	2700
Gilbert	29805	33470	38585	43670	50110	57085	67570	80230	92540	103140	111600
Glendale	148645	150925	155525	161545	169285	177125	183430	190920	199955	213015	219625
Goodyear	6300	6435	6640	6905	7675	8925	10215	12175	14290	16910	19605
Guadalupe	5475	5455	5435	5415	5390	5370	5340	5315	5285	5260	5230
Litchfield Park	3310	3355	3375	3460	3595	3740	3755	3770	3785	3805	3820
Mesa	288730	297270	304350	313760	325775	336550	345580	354165	366825	379250	401180
Paradise Valley	11710	11780	12000	12095	12200	12350	12725	12980	13225	13475	13725
Peoria	50995	53580	56555	61895	68410	73520	78085	83215	89970	101005	110015
Phoenix	987220	1010020	1032880	1061520	1094415	1141555	1183915	1223780	1250395	1284400	1326080
Queen Creek	2680	2760	2805	2865	2945	3060	3165	3355	3595	3890	4300
Salt River	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5910	6010	6110	6205	6305	6405
Scottsdale	130880	135390	139780	146800	156110	165735	174370	182500	190400	197885	204195
Surprise	7150	7425	7775	8090	9455	10490	11395	14290	18770	25770	32460
Tempe	142030	143450	144310	145565	147140	153325	154385	155420	156775	158225	158825
Tolleson	4435	4400	4365	4330	4295	4260	4455	4590	4915	4940	4995
Wickenburg	4530	4575	4610	4640	4690	4730	4815	4885	4965	5045	5095
Youngtown	2540	2540	2565	2620	2645	2695	2740	2870	3010	3010	3010
Balance of County	169780	163185	167555	172900	181190	176765	180035	184530	191060	197825	204460
Total	2130400	2180800	2240875	2318525	2416100	2528700	2633600	2740975	2845000	2968025	3096625

Sources: U.S. Bureau of the Census Year 2000 Census, Maricopa Association of Governments.
Prepared by the Maricopa Association of Governments, December 2001.

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ATTACHMENT THREE

D R A F T EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 02-xx

DESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY AS THE STATE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING OFFICIAL POPULATION ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS FOR ARIZONA

WHEREAS, Arizona is concerned with the preparation of one set of official population estimates and projections **on an annual basis** for planning purposes other than the distribution of state funds, except where provided for by State law, and reapportionment of the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Economic Security was designated by the Governor's Office in 1967 to represent the State of Arizona in a Federal-State Cooperative Program of Population Estimating with the U.S. Bureau of the Census; and

WHEREAS, there is a desire to revise Executive Order 95-2 designating the Arizona Department of Economic Security as the State agency responsible for official population estimates and projections in order to clarify its authority;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jane D. Hull, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby designate the Arizona Department of Economic Security as the official population estimating and projecting agency for Arizona, with the following responsibilities:

1. The Department of Economic Security shall carry out the State's function of preparing official population estimates under the Federal-State Cooperative Program for Population Estimating in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of the Census; and
2. The Department of Economic Security shall prepare annual **resident** population estimates for the State and its counties and municipalities; and
- 3(A). The Department of Economic Security shall **annually** prepare **resident** population projections for the State and its counties, cities, towns and unincorporated areas, covering a fifty-year period with single year projections for the current and immediately succeeding five years and for each decennial and mid-decade year thereafter; and
- 3(B). The Regional Councils of Governments may provide population projections for each decennial and mid-decade year, up to fifty succeeding years, to the Department of Economic Security for all cities, towns and unincorporated areas within the designated regional planning district in cooperation with the Department of Economic Security in Section 3(A). Also, they may provide annual population estimates for all cities, towns, and unincorporated areas in cooperation with the Department of Economic Security in Section 2. The population estimates and projections provided by the Councils of Governments must be consistent with the Department of Economic Security's countywide figures and shall comply with standards established by the Department of Economic Security for developing population estimates and projections. **These figures will be utilized by the Department of Economic Security in preparing the official population estimates and projections for cities, towns and unincorporated areas in Arizona; and**
- 4(A). The population estimates and projections made **annually** by the Arizona Department of Economic Security shall be subject to review and advisory recommendation by a Population Technical Advisory Committee prior to submission to the Director as provided in section 5. Also, the standards established by the Department of Economic Security for developing population estimates and projections shall be subject to review and advisory recommendation to the Director by the Population Technical Advisory Committee before implementation. The committee shall be comprised of one voting representative from each of the following agencies and institutions:

Department of Commerce
Department of Economic Security
Department of Education
Department of Environmental Quality
Department of Health Services
Department of Revenue
Department of Transportation
Department of Water Resources
Arizona State University
Northern Arizona University
University of Arizona
Each Regional Council of Governments
County Supervisors Association of Arizona
League of Arizona Cities & Towns
Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona
The Navajo Tribe

- 4 (B). For purposes of population estimates and projections other nonvoting members may be added to the Population Technical Advisory Committee by a majority vote of the members; and
- 4 (C). A chairman shall be selected at the December annual meeting of the Population Technical Advisory Committee. The chairman shall be selected from the state agency members on an annual rotating basis; and
5. Upon review and advisory recommendation by the voting members of the Population Technical Advisory Committee, population estimates and projections shall be transmitted to the Director of the Arizona Department of Economic Security for consideration. The population estimates and projections approved by the Director shall become the official State population estimates and projections and shall be used by all State agencies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Jane D. Hull

G O V E R N O R

Done at the Capital in Phoenix this xxx day of xxxxx in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-XXXX.

ATTEST:

Betsey Bayless

Secretary of State

