

November 14, 2002

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Queen Creek, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR THE MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 21, 2002 - 12:00 noon  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Cholla Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

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A meeting of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend either in person, by telephone conference, or by video conference. If you have any questions, please contact me at (480) 968-4474 or Dennis Smith, MAG Interim Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

#### TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of the October 21, 2002 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes</u>	2. Review and approve the October 21, 2002 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

#### **TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

3. <u>Transportation Policy Committee Update</u>	3. For information and discussion.
Staff will provide a report on the activities of the October 23, 2002 and November 23, 2002 Transportation Policy Committee meetings.	

4. Request for Qualifications for the Transportation Policy Committee Information Program

At the November 13, 2002 Transportation Policy Committee meeting, the TPC recommended that Interim Executive Director negotiate a contract with the consulting firm SR Beard and Associates to implement a TPC Information Program for an amount of \$60,000. If approved by the Executive Committee, the contract would be negotiated and the contract would be initiated. Ratification of the action by the Executive Committee would occur at the December 11, 2002 Regional Council meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4. Approval to authorize the MAG Interim Executive Director to negotiate a contract with SR Beard and Associates to implement a TPC Information Program for an amount not to exceed \$60,000 and for the Executive Committee action to be ratified at the December 11, 2002 Regional Council meeting.

**AIR QUALITY ITEM**

5. Air Quality Update

Staff will provide an update on the lawsuit filed by the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest. The Center is challenging the Environmental Protection Agency approval of the Revised MAG 1999 Particulate Plan for PM-10. If the plan approval is vacated, federal transportation funds could be lost and major transportation projects could be stopped. Meetings have been held with stakeholders regarding this issue and a report will be provided on these meetings.

5. For information and discussion.

**GENERAL ITEMS**

6. Discussion and Recommendation of Regional Development Scope of Work and Preferred Funding Option

At the October meetings of the Management Committee, Executive Committee and Regional Council, the proposed scope of work for regional development was discussed. In these discussions, there appeared to be support for an incremental approach for addressing regional development that is information based and supportive of addressing the complex growth issues facing the member agencies. There also appeared to be support for an 18 month trial period and for hiring the GIS Analyst position and conducting the remainder of the work using consultants. During

6. Possible recommendation to approve the Regional Development Scope of Work and preferred funding option.

this time period, MAG would work with the members agencies in defining the criteria regarding regionally significant projects, provide information to the member agencies regarding their developments, and produce an annual report. The recommendation from the November 20, 2002 Management Committee regarding this item will be reported to the Executive Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Discussion of Regional Council Retreat

7. For information and discussion.

For several years, the Regional Council has held a retreat to discuss goals for the coming year and to review major regional issues. The upcoming retreat is scheduled for January 10, 2003. The retreats have been held in the morning, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and concluding with a lunch. In prior years, the material from the Management Committee Retreat was presented at the Regional Council Retreat. This year, the consensus of the Management Committee was to have their retreat follow the Regional Council Retreat and assist the Regional Council in implementing their policy initiatives. Executive Committee members will be requested to share their ideas on a productive retreat.

8. Executive Director's Recruitment Update

8. For information.

An update will be provided on the recruitment of the MAG Executive Director.

9. Adjournment

9. Adjourn the Executive Committee.