

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 16, 2004
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

George Pettit, Gilbert, Chairman	*Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park
*** Bryant Powell, Apache Junction	Tom Ellsworth, Mesa
Rachel Burke for Adrian Williamson, Avondale	**Matt Holm, Maricopa County
*Liz Zeller, Buckeye	Karen Flores for Prisila Ferreira, Peoria
*Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	Tim Tilton, Phoenix
David de la Torre, Chandler	*John Kross, Queen Creek
Mark Smith, El Mirage	Harry Higgins, Scottsdale
*Denise Lacey, Fountain Hills	*Scott Phillips, Surprise
*Terry Yergan, Gila River Indian Community	Hector Tapia, Tempe
**Kate Langford, Glendale	Mark Fooks, Youngtown
Far for Janeen Gaskin, Goodyear	*Anne MacCracken, Valley Metro
*Gary Smith, Guadalupe	
* Not in attendance	
** Participated via audioconference	
*** Participated via videoconference	

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

John Lynch, McDOT	Anubhav Bagley, MAG
Susan Kanzler, DES	Mark Roberts, MAG
Linda Strock, DES	Elaine Trammell, MAG
Heidi Pahl, MAG	Harry Wolfe, MAG

1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Harry Higgins at 10:10 a.m.

2. Call to the Audience

There were no requests to address the MAG POPTAC.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2004

Mark Smith noted a correction to item #10 in the minutes: the need to delete the last phrase after the period at the end of the second paragraph. George Pettit stated that in the last sentence in item #4 “importance” should be changed to “important.” It was moved by David de la Torre, seconded by Hector Tapia and unanimously recommended to approve the meeting minutes of January 20, 2004 as amended.

4. Preparation of July 1, 2004 Resident Population Updates

Harry Wolfe stated that in preparation for the development of 2004 Resident Population Updates, the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) would be requesting that MAG member agencies provide them with updated information on annexations and population in Group Quarters.

Harry Wolfe noted that DES had inadvertently sent out to MAG member agencies a request for residential completion data, when such data was to be collected by MAG. Linda Strock of DES, apologized for the oversight.

She said that while MAG staff had offered to collect Group Quarter and annexation information for DES, she didn’t want to revise their data collection procedure until the implementation of some of the Auditor General’s recommendations.

5. Release of Census 2000 Information

Harry Wolfe mentioned that on March 4, 2004, the Census Bureau released new Census 2000 tabulations on the Voting-Age Population by citizenship for each state and county. He said that because this is an election year, there will probably be interest in knowing (even with Census 2000 data) the proportion of the 18 and older population in our states and counties that is eligible to vote.

Harry Wolfe also noted that on March 10 the Census Bureau released to the public Estimates of State Populations by Age: July 1, 2003. This release includes the estimated state populations by specific age groups, such as the adult population (18 and over), elementary school-age (5 to 13) and older (65 and over). He said that these estimates can be used to cross check the composite method applied by DES for producing annual population estimates.

Hector Tapia asked if MAG had compared the Census estimates with the DES estimates. Harry Wolfe said that MAG hadn’t checked it, but that Alberta Charney from the University of Arizona was conducting an analysis of the two. Mr. Wolfe said that he would share it with the Methodology Subcommittee.

6. Regional Annual Report

Jack Tomasik provided an overview of the first Annual Regional Report. Mark Fooks of Youngtown inquired about the data on page 4 that showed the population attributed to net migration versus natural increase.

Rita Walton emphasized that it was important for POPTAC members to review the data compiled for the Regional Annual Review.

7. Collection on Non-residential Permits

Rita Walton stated that since April 1, 1990, MAG has been collecting on a quarterly basis residential permit completions from its member agencies. She added that MAG tried to collect non-residential permits in the past, but has not collected them for some time. Ms. Walton explained that these permits could be used to help update the existing land use file and the employment database.

George Pettit asked whether there might be confusion over the request for information pertaining to the value of the structure.

8. Update of Employment Database

Anubhav Bagley said that MAG had been working on an update of the employment database developed in 2000. He indicated that a draft database would be circulated to member agencies for review this week.

The new database reflects changing economic conditions since 2000. It also contains employers of three or more employees, while the 2000 database only included employers of five or more employees.

9. Preparations for 2005 Census Survey

Harry Wolfe reported on preparations for the 2005 Census Survey. He said that a contract with the Census Bureau needs to be signed this month and that MAG staff will be coordinating with the Census Bureau on the survey process. He added that member agencies need to give particular attention to filling out the Census 2004 Boundary and Annexation Survey, providing residential completions in a timely manner and updating its list of Group Quarter facilities.

10. Preparation of DES County Population Projections

Harry Wolfe noted that the last official DES State and County projections were adopted in February of 1997. He said that DES has been awaiting the arrival of county to county migration data by single year of age from Census 2000 to develop an updated set of resident population projections for counties in Arizona.

11. Common Socioeconomic Projections Strategy

It was reported that at the February 18, 2004 meeting of the Arizona Council of Governments Directors, the concept of building a common approach to socioeconomic data collection and modeling throughout the state was discussed. Harry Wolfe stated that subsequently, a meeting with Council of Governments staff was held on March 5, 2004 to discuss a common approach to socioeconomic data collection and modeling which builds on existing modeling capabilities to create the "next generation" of socioeconomic models. He added that preparation for creating this enhanced model suite will require an assessment of socioeconomic needs and a detailed description of what the models should do, including submodel interactions and database standards, prior to finalizing the development of the databases and models. The Pima Association of Governments and MAG have already contributed the funds to prepare the complete requirements document.

12. Nominations for 2004 Desert Peaks Awards

Harry Wolfe reported that the Desert Peaks Awards Evening will be held in conjunction with the Regional Council Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 23, 2004. He encouraged POPTAC members to submit nominations in recognition of individuals and groups who have made contributions to the benefit of the region.

13. Next Meeting of the MAG POPTAC

Harry Wolfe stated that the next meeting of the MAG POPTAC is scheduled for Tuesday April 20, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.