

September 17, 2014

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Michael LeVault, Town of Youngtown, Chair

SUBJECT: **REVISED MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA**

Meeting - 11:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, September 24, 2014  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

The next MAG Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Regional Council may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. Supporting information is enclosed for your review. The meeting will include a working lunch.

Please park in the garage underneath the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MAG does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to or participation in its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Valerie Day at the MAG office. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation. Assisted listening devices are available from MAG staff at the meeting. If you have any questions, please call the MAG Office.

c: MAG Management Committee

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL  
REVISED TENTATIVE AGENDA  
September 24, 2014**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

<p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p>	
<p>2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u></p>	
<p>3. <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <p>An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council <u>ON ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF MAG</u>, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.</p>	<p>3. Information.</p>
<p>4. <u>Executive Director's Report</u></p> <p>The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.</p>	<p>4. Information.</p>
<p>5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).</p>	<p>5. Approval of the Consent Agenda.</p>

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\***

**MINUTES**

<p>*5A. <u>Approval of the August 27, 2014, Meeting Minutes</u></p>	<p>5A. Review and approval of the August 27, 2014, meeting minutes.</p>
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GENERAL ITEMS

- \*5B. Approval of Appointments of the MAG Economic Development Committee Business Member Positions

On August 21, 2013, the Regional Council approved changes to the MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures that included changes to the composition of the EDC by increasing the business members from 11 members to 12 members. The EDC business members serve a two-year term, with possible reappointment by recommendation of the Executive Committee and approval of the Regional Council. The EDC business member positions are up for appointment/reappointment. On August 7, 2014, a memorandum was sent to the EDC business members, soliciting letters of interest. On September 15, 2014, the MAG Executive Committee recommended approval of the EDC business member positions, not including one of the two transportation seats. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 5B. Approval of the appointments of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) business member positions.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

- 6. Coordinating to Save Lives: A Regional Response to Domestic Violence

Domestic violence calls are among the most frequent, dangerous, and costly calls law enforcement responds to throughout the region. The MAG Protocol Evaluation Project has coordinated a regional response to domestic violence through the criminal justice system since 2010. This saves lives, time, and resources. A new partnership with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office proposes to enhance the process to transfer domestic violence cases among Maricopa County and municipalities. Each year, cases are transferred between the County and municipalities when determining if the case will be tried as a felony by the County or by municipalities as a misdemeanor. Pending funding from the Governor's Office for Children, Youth, and Families through a Services, Training, Officers and Prosecution (STOP) grant, this project will

- 6. Approval of the 2014 resolution supporting October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

assess the process currently used to transfer domestic violence cases, identify challenges and gaps, and develop strategies to improve the process. All cities, towns, and Native American Communities are invited to partner on the project and to support events and a resolution supporting October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Arizona Water Quality Management Plan and Streamlining of the 208 Water Quality Management Plan Process

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is working to update the Arizona Water Quality Management Plan, which was completed in 1979. ADEQ is also proposing to streamline the 208 Water Quality Management Plan Process, which is conducted by five Councils of Governments (COGs) as well as Yuma, La Paz, and Mohave Counties. ADEQ has been streamlining various processes to issue permits faster. The 208 streamlining approach currently being considered by ADEQ would result in the issuance of permits for wastewater treatment facilities without first going through the MAG 208 Process and receiving Regional Council approval. This approach would jeopardize local control over the desired wastewater treatment configuration identified in the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan. On September 10, 2014, the proposed ADEQ 208 streamlining approach was presented to the MAG Management Committee. Several members expressed concern with the streamlining approach and provided comments in support of the current MAG 208 Process. The comments received will be conveyed to ADEQ. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest Petition for Review of the EPA Approval of the MAG 2012 Five Percent Plan for PM-10

On August 20, 2014, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notified MAG that the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest filed

7. Information and discussion.

8. Approval for MAG’s Washington legal counsel to file a motion for MAG to intervene on behalf of the respondent in the lawsuit filed by the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest to challenge the EPA approval of the MAG 2012 Five Percent Plan for PM-10.

a petition for review of the EPA approval of the MAG 2012 Five Percent Plan for PM-10 in the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. According to the mediation questionnaire, the Center for Law in the Public Interest indicated that the most significant issue is the reliance upon the EPA Exceptional Events Rule to demonstrate attainment of the standard. The Center for Law in the Public Interest contends that the EPA concurrence in excluding the exceptional event exceedances is an abuse of discretion. The Center's opening brief is due on October 17, 2014, and the respondents' answering brief is due on November 17, 2014. On August 28, 2014, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality filed a motion to intervene in the lawsuit on behalf of the respondent. The MAG Regional Council will be requested to approve MAG's Washington legal counsel to file a motion for MAG to intervene on behalf of the respondent in the lawsuit filed by the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest to challenge the EPA approval of the MAG 2012 Five Percent Plan for PM-10. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Regional Council would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

11. Comments from the Council

An opportunity will be provided for Regional Council members to present a brief summary of current events. The Regional Council is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Adjournment

9. Information, discussion, and possible action.

10. Information.

11. Information.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR

# Domestic Violence Awareness Month

A Resolution of Support for October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Whereas, domestic violence is prevalent throughout the region as reported by 40 percent of MAG survey respondents saying that they personally knew someone who has experienced domestic violence, and

Whereas, the trauma and suffering caused by domestic violence destroys families, threatens the safety of neighborhoods, and weakens the ability of communities to thrive, and

Whereas, the region spends an estimated \$18-\$26 million a year addressing domestic violence through the criminal justice system as reported in a MAG study, and

Whereas, the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council was formed in 1999 to provide a forum for communication and action to effectively address, prevent, and eradicate domestic violence, and

Whereas, the MAG Regional Council is dedicated to ensuring the safety of domestic violence survivors and holding abusers accountable, now therefore,

Be it resolved that the members of the MAG Regional Council express our support of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2014

ATTEST:

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Mayor Michael LeVault, Chair, MAG Regional Council

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Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director