

May 10, 2004

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

Monday, May 17, 2004 - 12:00 noon
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Cholla Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

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 Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Executive Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public will be requested not to

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

2. Information and discussion.

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 Executive Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items will be given an opportunity at the time the item is heard.

3. Approval of the April 19, 2004 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

4. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative bills of importance to MAG.

5. Update on Air Quality Issues

On April 15, 2004, the Environmental Protection Agency officially designated this region as a nonattainment area for the eight-hour ozone standard. The area is located mainly in Maricopa County as well as Apache Junction. Also, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality is working on air quality control measures for the Salt River PM-10 State Implementation Plan Revision to reduce particulate matter. On May 10, 2004, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Court issued an opinion that vacated portions of EPA's final approval of Arizona's State Implementation Plan for Maricopa County. An update on key air quality issues will be presented.

6. Update on MAG joining the Arizona State Retirement System

On May 13, 2003, the Executive Committee approved MAG joining the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS). The attorney for ASRS questioned MAG's eligibility and subsequently issued an opinion that MAG was not eligible to join the System. Since then, MAG has been working with ASRS and their attorney to develop legislative language to clear up any ambiguity regarding MAG and similar organizations that are already in the System. This legislation, HB 2049, has passed the House of Representatives and is being considered by

3. Review and approve the April 19, 2004 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

4. Information and discussion.

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6. Approval for MAG to join the Arizona State Retirement System.

the Senate. We are hopeful that the legislation will be enacted and MAG will be allowed to join the System. We have been informed by ASRS staff that we will need to resubmit our application, which includes a resolution from MAG. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Compensation Study Update

On February 9, 2004, the Executive Committee agreed to move forward with a compensation study for MAG staff with Public Sector Personnel Consultants (PSPC). A mid-point meeting was held on April 14th to discuss the progress of the study. Public Sector Personnel Consultants will provide the Executive Committee with the Draft Summary of Findings and Recommendations for the MAG Compensation Study.

8. Draft FY 2005 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

In May 2004, the draft FY 2005 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is being presented for approval. As adjustments to the budget were made, the draft document was updated and presented to the Management Committee, Executive Committee and Regional Council. If legislation is approved, MAG would join the Arizona State Retirement System. If the retirement change is made, the overall 2005 budgeted costs would not change. A compensation study begun in February and is expected to be completed by May 14th. The impact of the salary adjustments will be presented in the Compensation Study Update agenda item. Two projects currently included in the budget are under review, "Building a Quality Regional Community" and the "Building Codes Compilation and Web Addition." Information on these projects will be presented to the Executive Committee. This item is on the May 12, 2004 Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Adjournment

7. For information, discussion and possible action on the Draft Summary of Findings and Recommendations for the MAG Compensation Study.

8. Recommend approving the resolution adopting the FY 2005 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the member dues and assessments.