

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 21, 2006
RPTA Office, 7th Floor Conference Room
302 North 1st Ave, Phoenix

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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| George Pettit, Gilbert, Chairman | **Shawn Murray for Wahid Alam, Mesa |
| *Bryant Powell, Apache Junction | John Verdugo for Matt Holm, |
| **Megan Neal for Scott Wilken, Avondale | Maricopa County |
| *Brian Rose, Buckeye | **Duncan Miller for Molly Hood, |
| *Gary Neiss, Carefree | Paradise Valley |
| **Luke Kautzman for Usama Abujbarah, | Karen Flores for Chad Daines, Peoria |
| Cave Creek | Max Enterline for Tim Tilton, Phoenix |
| **David de la Torre, Chandler | **Shawny Ekadis, Queen Creek |
| **Mark Smith, El Mirage | *Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa |
| *Terry Yergan, Gila River Indian Community | Indian Community |
| **Thomas Ritz, Glendale | **Harry Higgins, Scottsdale |
| **Rick Williams for Katie Wilken, Goodyear | **Janice See, Surprise |
| **Rosemary Arellano, Guadalupe | *Sherri Lesser, Tempe |
| **Sonny Culbreth for Michael Cartsonis, | *Miles Johnson, Wickenburg |
| Litchfield Park | *Ann McCracken, Valley Metro |
| **Ken Valverde, Fountain Hills | **Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown |

* Not in attendance

** Participated via audioconference

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Don Worley, MAG
Anubhav Bagley, MAG

Steve Gross, MAG
Amanda Tovey, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair George Pettit.

2. Call to the Audience

There were no requests to address the audience.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2006

No comments were provided on the minutes. It was moved by John Verdugo and seconded by Janice See to approve the meeting minutes of October 24, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

4. July 1, 2006 Maricopa County Resident Population Estimates

Anubhav Bagley explained that the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) is in the process of developing a draft July 1, 2006 resident population update for Maricopa County. Mr. Bagley explained the two methods (Housing Unit Method (HUM) and the Composite Method) used by DES for developing the population estimates. DES sent draft HUM and Composite method numbers for review to MAG on Nov. 14. At the Nov. 17 meeting of DES POPTAC a number of issues with regards to the methodology used for the estimates were discussed. Since DES needs to meet a statutory requirement to prepare population estimates by Dec. 15, DES suggested that preliminary estimates be prepared. These estimates would then be revised based on analysis conducted by DES staff and their consultant, Dr. Warren Brown.

Mr. Bagley explained to POPTAC that two new tables prepared by MAG staff had been sent to POPTAC Members. These tables show two preliminary versions of the population estimates at sub-county level. The tables show the preliminary resident population estimates by jurisdiction by using (i) just the Housing Unit Method, (ii) a weighted average of HUM (70%) and Composite (30%). Mr. Bagley explained that since there were a number of outstanding questions regarding the methodology used by DES in preparing the County level estimates and since the numbers provided by DES were preliminary, MAG POPTAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee recommended to withhold POPTAC action on these estimates. Once DES provides final County level numbers, the sub-county population estimates will be brought back for POPTAC review and approval.

George Pettit asked if POPTAC needed to forward the current sub-county population estimates to Management Committee. Anubhav Bagley responded that the two tables of preliminary population estimates were prepared for MAG member agency information. Since there was no meeting of the MAG Management Committee in December, these numbers could possibly be forwarded to MAG Regional Council for information.

George Pettit asked when the final set of numbers would most likely be available for use. Anubhav Bagley responded that they most likely should be available by February, 2007, but it is dependent on DES.

5. Next Meeting of the MAG POPTAC

George Pettit noted that the next meeting would be held on December 19, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.