

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ADHOC SUBCOMMITTEE

February 21, 2006
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Tim Tilton, Phoenix, Acting Chairman	Sonny Culbreth, Litchfield Park
David DeLaTorre, Chandler	*Wahid Alam, Mesa
Karen Flores, Peoria	*Sherri Lesser, Tempe
Mark Fooks, Youngtown	*Matt Holm, Maricopa County
*Kate Langford, Glendale	* Harry Higgins, Scottsdale

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Harry Wolfe, MAG	Rita Walton, MAG
Anubhav Bagley, MAG	Stephen Gross, MAG

1. Call to Order

Acting Chairman Tim Tilton called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. Call to the Audience

There were no requests to address the MAG POPTAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

3. Approval of Minutes of January 17, 2006

It was moved by Mark Fooks, seconded by David De La Torre and unanimously recommended to approve the meeting minutes of January 17, 2006.

4. Arizona Department of Economic Security (ADES) Socioeconomic Projections

Anubhav Bagley noted that on January 27, 2006 DES staff distributed a draft set of projections as noted in the attachment. He added that DES has made some revisions to those projections that change the Maricopa County population by less than 1,000 people.

Mr. Bagley said that the DES draft projections were within a reasonable range. However, he said that MAG has concerns regarding the methodology used and the projections for Pinal and Pima Counties.

Mr. Bagley said that based on those concerns MAG would vote to abstain on the projections.

David De La Torre asked at what DES POPTAC meeting the projections would be approved. Harry Wolfe responded that DES POPTAC would be considering the projections at their March 22, 2006 meeting. He added that if the projections were approved by the DES POPTAC, then MAG would use them for preparing its subregional projections.

Karen Flores noted that the DES projections were based on the 2005 estimate as opposed to the Census Survey. Anubhav Bagley said that was another concern over about voting for the projections.

Tim Tilton said that since the projections were already three years late, why adapt them based on an estimate when a survey is forthcoming.

Anubhav Bagley said that was one of the reasons that MAG was abstaining on the vote.

Karen Flores asked if the projections would be amended when the Census Survey numbers are released. Anubhav Bagley responded that they would probably not be revised.

5. July 1, 2005 Resident Population Updates

Harry Wolfe indicated that while MAG is undertaking a Census Survey for distributing state-shared revenues, DES is still required to prepare resident population updates. Therefore a set of unofficial July 1, 2005 estimates were produced for MAG member agencies. These were unofficial because they did not go through the MAG approval process and because they will be superseded by the 2005 Census Survey figures when they are released.

Harry Wolfe indicated that MAG staff had concerns with the methodology that was used by DES to produce the July 1, 2005 estimates. However, he explained that because the DES estimates would be superseded by the Census Survey results, that he would make recommendations to enhance the methodology for the preparation of the July 1, 2006 estimates.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.