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## MINUTES OF THE MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS BUILDING CODES COMMITTEE

August 21, 2002  
Maricopa Association of Governments Office  
Saguaro Room  
Phoenix, Arizona

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Leon Manuel, Chairman, El Mirage	*Crystal Pearl, Mesa
*Ken Sowers, Avondale	V -Armando Rivas, Paradise Valley
Mike Tibbett, Carefree	Mike Baker for Dennis Marks, Peoria
Bob Lee, Cave Creek	Joe McElvaney for Rick Doell, Phoenix
A- Alex Banachowski, Chandler	*Tim Wegner, Queen Creek
* Unappointed, Fountain Hills	*Anthony Floyd, Scottsdale
*Ralph Vasquez, Gila Bend	*Forrest Fielder, Surprise
A- JoRene Deveau, Gila River Indian Community	A- Michael Williams, Tempe
Ben Cox for Ray Patten, Gilbert	Mario Rochin, Tolleson
*Deborah Mazoyer, Glendale	*Skip Blunt, Wickenburg
*Steve Burger, Goodyear	Bob Cooperider, Youngtown
*Chuck Ransom, Litchfield Park	Tom Ewers, Maricopa County
	Rus Brock, Home Builders Association

\*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

A -Those members participating via audioconference

V -Those members participating via videoconference

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kelly Orrick, Mesa	Michelle Green, MAG
Ric Stephenson, SRP	Harry Wolfe, MAG
Karen Cupps, SRP	DeDe Gaiस्था, MAG
Jerry Thieken, SRP	Heidi Pahl, MAG
Courtney Gilstrap, Gilstrap & Associates	Elaine Trammel, MAG

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by acting Chairperson Tom Ewers. Mr. Ewers introduced Videoconferencing participant Armando Rivas; and audioconferencing participants Alex Banachowski, JoRene Deveau, and, Michael Williams. He then had people introduce themselves.

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## 2. Approval of June 19, 2002 Meeting Minutes

Bob Lee moved to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mario Rochin. A vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed with one member, Rus Brock abstaining because he was present at the previous meeting.

## 3. Call to the Public

Mr. Tom Ewers asked if anyone from the public or the committee would like to comment. Hearing none, he took the opportunity to introduce Michelle Green, a Regional Development Planner from MAG's Regional Development Division. Michelle will be staffing the building codes committee for the next fiscal year. Harry Wolfe was thanked for his diligence and hard work over the years and was asked why. Harry Wolfe responded by saying that his responsibilities related to aviation and demographics made it very difficult for him to continue to staff this committee without working many extra hours. It was felt that the Regional Development Division would be the most logical division to take on the responsibility.

Tom also took a moment to welcome Bob Cooperider, representing the Town of Youngtown, to the Committee.

## 4. Request by Salt River Project (SRP) to be Recognized by MAG as Having an Energy Program that Complies with the Energy Provisions of the IRC.

Karen Cupps, an SRP Analyst, came forward to present and clarify SRP's position. She indicated that after speaking with Mr. Charlie Gohman, Manager of Energy Conservation & Engineering for the Energy Office of the Arizona Department of Commerce, SRP has decided that they do not need to be recognized by this committee as having an energy program that complies with the energy provisions of the IRC. She described the various forms of compliance, which their program already meets or exceeds. (See attached presentation) SRP will provide code compliance documentation as determined by REM/*Design* software, which will determine compliance with CABO Model Energy Code, ASHRAE 90.2, and the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) 1998/2000. This is a HERS approved tool. Builders will bring papers showing compliance to Building Officials.

Joe McElvaney asked about compliance with commercial standards. Karen stated that this is a residential program only.

Anthony Floyd asked if there would be training on this new software available to members of the building codes committee. Karen indicated that that would be possible.

Bob Lee asked why SRP was not going to continue to seek approval if everything they do is compliant anyway. Karen Cupps responded by explaining that it would

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take some time, effort and money on their part to prepare the case to be included. Based on discussions with Mr. Gohman, this would be unnecessary, as builders will have paperwork with SRP clearly identified on it. The program SRP has in place now meets its goals and code so there really is no need to continue.

## 5. City of Phoenix Presentation Status Report NFPA 5000.

Joe McElvaney explained that the City of Phoenix is at step 3 in a five-step process for adopting NFPA 5000. (see attachment) He stated that things are going well and the City is looking for participants to help them out at this point.

## 6. Ventless Attics

Mr. Ewers asked where this item came from indicating that it might be helpful to begin with a discussion of how this item came to the committee. Bob Lee indicated that he brought the issue forward because he had concerns that vented attics, while appropriate in some climates, may not be appropriate in the desert climate we live in. He said the intent is to develop a policy statement. Mr. Lee requested input from the group as to how they handle the issue currently. Armando responded by stating that they allow ventless attics if the plans are stamped by an architect or engineer. At this point, there were technical difficulties resulting in a loss of attendees via audio conference. Since there was no longer a quorum, we cannot take action. This item was deferred to the next meeting. Bob Lee decided to e-mail a survey to members of the committee and provide a report on the results at the next meeting.

## 7. Proposed MAG Amendments to the 2000 International Building Code, the 2000 International Residential Code and the 2000 International Mechanical Code.

Bob Lee presented copies of the Arizona Building Officials (AZBO) Code Review & Development Committee Report of Final Actions for 2001-2002. The International codes were reviewed to address five basic areas as follows: 1. Errors in printed codes; 2. Coordination between the codes; 3. Climatic/geographic considerations; 4. Life & safety issues; and 5. Local community issues. This review was done at the bequest of the MAG Building Codes Committee. The issues that were addressed by the structural subcommittee were all minor in nature.

The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for September 6, 2002. Rus Brock agreed to host the meeting at the Homebuilders Association Offices located at 3200 East Camelback. Bob asked that an endorsement of the Final Actions be voted on at the next Building Codes committee meeting.

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## 8. Status of Regional Plan Review Program

Ben Cox gave a brief update on the status of the program stating that the seven municipalities involved are using plan review meetings and it looks as though the program is going to be a success.

## 8. Legislative Issues

It was reported that the bill that would abolish the Plumbing Commission (HB 2628) did not make it through the Legislature but the energy code bill (HB 2541) did.

## 9. Plumbing Code Commission

The appointment of Bill Sullivan to the Plumbing Commission was discussed.

## 10. Updated MAG Building Codes Committee Membership

Bob Cooperider, who was introduced at the opening of the meeting, is the new representative for the Town of Youngtown.

## 11. Topics for Future Agendas

Tom Ewers asked that anyone with ideas regarding agenda items for the next meeting pass them along to Michelle Green.

## 12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.