

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

August 28, 2007
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Tim Tilton, Phoenix, Chairman	Caroline Ruiz for Chad Daines, Peoria
David de la Torre, Chandler	* Lisa Collins, Tempe
John Verdugo for Matt Holm, Maricopa County	* Wahid Alam, Mesa
Thomas Ritz, Glendale	

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sam Andrea, Chandler	Janet Strauss, Valley Metro
Jason Crampton, Chandler	Harry Wolfe, MAG
Max Enterline, Phoenix	Jason Howard, MAG
Roy Nourse, Phoenix	Steve Gross, MAG
Don Worley, MAG	Peter Burnett, MAG
James Clancy, CAAG	Anubhav Bagley, MAG

1. Call to Order

Chairman Tim Tilton called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Call to the Audience

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

3. Approval of Minutes of April 24, 2007

David DeLaTorre said that he attended in person the meeting of April 24, 2007 although the minutes indicated that he was on audio conference. Tim Tilton asked for the words “of Phoenix” to be added to the first sentence of paragraph 3 of Item 5 to read: Tim Tilton displayed a map of Phoenix. He also asked for the fourth paragraph of Item 5 to be deleted. It was moved by David de la Torre, seconded by John Verdugo and unanimously recommended to approve the meeting minutes of April 24, 2007.

4. July 1, 2007 Maricopa County Resident Population Estimates

Anubhav Bagley informed the Committee of discussions from the August 10 Arizona Department of Economic Security Population (AZDES) Technical Advisory Committee meeting. AZDES will be using the same methodology to develop the 2007 Maricopa County estimates that was used in 2006. Mr. Bagley further explained in detail the components of the methods used for population estimates. He also noted that two working groups had been created by DES to further explore estimates issues. One working group headed by Jeff Romine of MAG would deal with methodology issues related to potential metropolitan effects between counties. The Pima Association of Governments would be leading a group that will examine (1) linkages of economic, residential, and demographic data, and (2) seasonal population and labor.

Tim Tilton mentioned that he was encouraged to see AZDES working with other agencies.

5. Census 2010 Update

Mr. Tilton indicated that in August jurisdictions received an invitation to participate in and registration materials for the Census Local Update of Census Address (LUCA) program. He said that the registration materials went directly to the Highest Elected Officials, but staff received a copy of the invitation letter.

Drawing attention to handout titled Draft Census 2010 Work Schedule; Mr. Tilton urged that the registration materials be brought to the Census LUCA workshop. He said that in order to have the full 120 day review period, jurisdictions would need to register for LUCA by November 19, 2007. He added that the final deadline for LUCA registration was December 31, 2007. David de la Torre inquired when the 120 days review period start. Mr. Tilton said that according to the timeline, 120 days could be anytime in the seven month period.

Tim Tilton distributed and referred to a Summary File 3 definition of group quarters from 2000 and a detailed explanation from Summary File 1. Mr. Tilton said that he had forwarded to MAG staff a list of licensed group quarters from the Department of Health Services. He mentioned that MAG had geocoded the group quarters and would make the information available to MAG member agencies. Harry Wolfe cautioned that the data were in draft form and were not complete. He said that when the DHS group quarter information was distributed, MAG would include a number of caveats.

David de la Torre inquired about the data attributes on the geocoded database. Jason Howard informed the POPTAC that the data only included the type of facility, name and address. Tim Tilton pointed out that the Census Bureau would be holding a LUCA workshop at MAG on Thursday, September 27, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

Tim Tilton explained that new Census Bureau population size criteria for census tracts and block groups was intended to make them more statistically accurate and was needed for the American Community Survey. Mr. Tilton continued that the minimum size of a block group was increased from 600 persons to 1200 persons. Mr. Tilton distributed a table showing the comparison of Census Geographies for the Census Participant Statistical Areas Program from

2000 and 2010. Mr. Tilton also said that he compared 1990 and 2000 Census Tracts in Phoenix and noted that 29 census tracts in Phoenix were not numbered in accordance with Census Bureau criteria. Mr. Tilton distributed two maps showing examples of Phoenix census tract problems and indicated that the Census Bureau acknowledged the problems needed to be addressed. He said that a staff member from the Denver Census office would be coming to Phoenix to discuss corrections to tracts. Mr. Tilton pointed out that some Census Tract boundaries had changed from 1990 to 2000 but that the numbers had remained the same. He also said that because of numbering problems and changing boundaries it was difficult to compare 1990 and 2000 data for certain census tracts.

Mr. Wolfe said that the data from Census 2000 was correct, but that the numbering was incorrect. He said that MAG staff had prepared a map of tracts that had similar problems with numbering in 2000.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.