

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

October 28, 2008
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Tim Tilton, Phoenix, Chair
Harry Higgins, Scottsdale
Wahid Alam, Mesa
*Jason Crampton, Chandler

Thomas Ritz, Glendale
* Matt Holm, Maricopa County
* Lisa Collins, Tempe

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Max Enterline, Phoenix
Heidi Pahl, MAG

Rita Walton, MAG

1. Call to Order

Chair Tim Tilton called the meeting to order at 9:34 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 July 22, 2008

It was moved by Thomas Ritz, seconded by Harry Higgins and unanimously recommended to approve the meeting minutes of July 22, 2008.

4. July 1, 2008 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates and Methodology

Tim Tilton introduced the agenda item. Rita Walton said the Arizona Department of Commerce (DOC) is preparing the July 1, 2008 resident population updates for each county in the state. She noted that when finalized, the Maricopa County update will become the control from which the municipality updates will be developed. She reported that MAG has received a draft 2008 County population update for Maricopa County. She explained that because of the deadlines for approving the updates and the schedule of MAG Management Committee and Regional Council, MAG staff has developed a draft set of municipality updates based on the draft control

total for Maricopa County. She said the draft July 1, 2008 Maricopa County and MAG municipality resident population updates along with a summary of the methodology used to produce them are included as Attachment One in the agenda packet. She explained the housing unit method and composite method. She remarked that because there may be changes to the State and county control totals by DOC, the Ad Hoc POPTAC subcommittee is requested to recommend approval of these updates to the MAG POPTAC provided the Maricopa County control total is within one percent of the final control total.

Harry Higgins questioned the number of people per occupied housing unit in Surprise. Rita Walton noted that the persons per unit in Surprise is the exact number from the 2005 Census Survey. Harry Higgins said he thought Surprise was a retirement community. Thomas Ritz said not anymore, explaining that Surprise has four high schools, but the area north of Bell Road is primarily retirees.

Max Enterline asked how Maricopa County's total population of 3.99 million compares to other counties in Arizona. Rita Walton replied that Maricopa County has about 60 percent of the state's population.

Tim Tilton mentioned that there has been some discussion at the State about decreased Medicare enrollment and how that may impact the draft July 1 estimates. Rita Walton replied that the state is discussing whether to use last year's Medicare enrollment if this year's numbers appear to be too unreliable.

Max Enterline asked for clarification on which parts of Attachment One use the HUM method and which part uses the composite method. Rita Walton provided that clarification.

Harry Higgins made a motion to recommend to the MAG POPTAC to approve the July 1, 2008 Maricopa County and MAG Municipality Resident Population Updates provided the Maricopa County control total is within one percent of the final control total. Wahid Alam seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 am.