

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 15, 2005
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

George Pettit, Gilbert, Chairman	Gary Smith, Guadalupe
*Bryant Powell, Apache Junction	*Mike Cartsonis, Litchfield Park
Adrian Williamson, Avondale	Wahid Alam, Mesa
*Phil Garthright, Buckeye	Gary Norris for Matt Holm, Maricopa County
Ian Cordwell, Cave Creek	Prisila Ferreira, Peoria
David DeLaTorre, Chandler	Max Enterline, Phoenix
Mark Smith, El Mirage	Shawney Ekadis, Queen Creek
Dana Burkhardt, Fountain Hills	Harry Higgins, Scottsdale
/Bev Turner, Gila Bend	Stephanie Wilson, Surprise
*Terry Yergan, Gila River Indian Community	Hector Tapia, Tempe
Kate Langford, Glendale	* Mark Fooks, Youngtown
* Brett Burnham, Goodyear	Anne MacCracken, Valley Metro

*Not in attendance

/Participated via video conference

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sam Andreas, Chandler	Heidi Pahl, MAG
Karen Flores, Peoria	Jack Tomasik, MAG
John Lynch, McDOT	Elaine Trammell, MAG
Mark Hellfritz, Census Bureau	Rita Walton, MAG
Bill Leister, Central Arizona Association of Governments	Harry Wolfe, MAG
	Don Worley, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Call to the Audience

There were no requests to address the MAG POPTAC.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2005

Comments on the minutes were requested. Karen Flores noted that she was in attendance at the January 18, 2005 Committee meeting. It was moved by Kate Langford, seconded by Hector Tapia to approve the meeting minutes of January 18, 2005 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

4a. Development of Maricopa County Projections

Harry Wolfe noted that Executive Order 95-2 requires that official population projections be prepared every five years. He added that DES staff had presented a draft set of projections at the January 28, 2005 DES POPTAC meeting; and that DES staff would be developing a refined draft. He stated that the refined draft had not yet been received and that as soon as it was received, it would be forwarded to the MAG POPTAC for consideration. Once approved, the county projections will become the control total for the subregional projections prepared by MAG.

4b. Status Report on MAG Subregional Projections

Harry Wolfe reported that MAG staff was currently working on the development of subregional projections. He explained that as part of the projections process member agency knowledge is solicited and constraints are also applied for open space, flood plains, steep slopes and water. Mr. Wolfe said that as had been done in the past, MAG would be forwarding a letter to members of the Management Committee asking them to confirm that they have or will have enough water to support their population growth. He added that if there were not enough water, the Manager would be requested to provide the maximum population the current and anticipated water supply would support by 2030.

Prisila Ferreira stated that if we look out to 2030 water is a consideration.

Max Enterline asked if we had considered water scenarios in our projections. George Pettit responded that Gilbert has a water plan with reclaimed water. He stated that each community has its own plan for having an adequate supply of water for meeting future demand.

Rita Walton stated that while we can run scenarios, we must approve one set of projections.

4c. Approval of Additional Assumption for the 2005 MAG Socioeconomic Projections

Harry Wolfe explained that at the January 2005 meeting of the MAG POPTAC a set of assumptions were approved for use in developing a new set of socioeconomic projections. He said that an additional assumption on the method for projecting post high school enrollment also needed to be approved. Mr. Wolfe noted that the MAG POPTAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee had unanimously recommended the assumption regarding the method for determining post high school enrollment.

It was moved by Harry Higgins, seconded by David DeLaTorre to approved the assumption recommended by the Ad Hoc Subcommittee. The motion carried unanimously.

4d. Review of 2000 and 2004 Base Data and 2004 Inventory Databases.

Harry Wolfe explained that as a starting point for the preparation of subregional projections, MAG has posted population, housing and employment base data for 2000 and 2004 on the MAG IMS Website; as well as 2004 inventory databases for post high school enrollment, hotels/motels, and retirement areas. Mr. Wolfe requested that POPTAC members review the data and provide any comments by Thursday, February 24, 2005.

5. 2005 Census Survey

MAG staff provided an update on preparations for the 2005 Census Survey including media, recruitment, office space and the Census questionnaire. The homeless street count conducted last month was also reviewed.

Heidi Pahl noted that MAG had been notified that the cost of the 2005 Census Survey had increased and that MAG was working with the Census Bureau on methods to reduce the cost. This included collecting certain geographic data for the Census Bureau.

6. Assistance for Compiling a List of Group Quarters for the 2005 Census Survey

Harry Wolfe commented that on February 1, 2005 MAG staff had sent out a preliminary listing of Group Quarter facilities by jurisdiction for review and comment. He stated that the list represents a starting point for updating Group Quarters and that member agency representatives had been requested to make updates to the Group Quarters and return the updates to MAG by March 1, 2005. He continued that MAG would then forward the list to the Census Bureau for them to assemble a master list of Group Quarters.

7. Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS)

Harry Wolfe said that the Census Boundary and Annexation survey was recently distributed to member agencies. The survey provides member agencies with an opportunity to update their corporate limits through the end of 2004.

Mr. Wolfe explained that having an updated set of corporate limits will be important for the September 1, 2005 Census Survey. He urged member agencies to complete the Boundary and Annexation Survey soon as possible to facilitate the inclusion of new corporate limits in the Census Bureau boundary file.

Wahid Alam said that it was important to ensure that the maps are sent to the correct person. In the past the maps had been lost.

8. Recommendations for Streamlining the Data Collection and Dissemination Process

Harry Wolfe stated that in late 2004 the MAG POPTAC requested that MAG undertake a project to look into measures to streamline data collection and dissemination efforts for MAG member agencies. He explained that MAG staff had made progress, noting that DES had agreed that MAG could collect Group Quarters and annexation data on behalf of our member agencies, instead of DES collecting the data.

9. 2005 Regional Report

Jack Tomasik stated that on January 25, 2005 MAG released a Regional Report which presents an overview of the region and a tool for measuring the performance of the region on key indicators. He thanked members of the MAG POPTAC for providing a substantial amount of data which contributed to the success of the report. Mr. Tomasik noted that a video on the Regional Report would be presented at noon in the Saguaro Room.

10. Next Meeting of the MAG POPTAC

It was noted that the next meeting of the MAG POPTAC was scheduled for Tuesday March 15, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.