

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 19, 2004
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

George Pettit, Gilbert, Chairman
+Bryant Powell, Apache Junction
Adrian Williamson, Avondale
*Phil Garthright, Buckeye
*Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek
David de la Torre, Chandler
Mark Smith, El Mirage
*Dana Burkhardt, Fountain Hills
*Terry Yergan, Gila River Indian Community
Kate Langford, Glendale
Janeen Gaskin, Goodyear
Ramon, Leon, Guadalupe

*Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park
Wahid Alam, Mesa
Gary Norris for Matt Holm, Maricopa County
Prisila Ferreira, Peoria
Tim Tilton, Phoenix
*Shawney Ekadis, Queen Creek
Harry Higgins, Scottsdale
Stephanie Wilson, Surprise
Hector Tapia, Tempe
Cecilia Casillas for Mark Fooks, Youngtown
Anne MacCracken, Valley Metro

*Not in attendance
+Participated via videoconference

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Karen Flores, Peoria
Bridget Schwartz-Manock, Phoenix
Max Enterline, Phoenix
Anubhav Bagley, MAG
Heidi Pahl, MAG

Elaine Trammell, MAG
Rita Walton, MAG
Harry Wolfe, MAG
Don Worley, MAG
Bruce Hernandez, Behavior Research
Debbie Kohn, MAG Associate

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Pettit at 10:05 a.m.

2. Call to the Audience

There were no requests to address the MAG POPTAC.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 10 and September 21, 2004

It was moved by Prisila Ferreira and seconded by Kate Langford to approve the meeting minutes of August 10 and September 21, 2004. The motion carried unanimously.

4a. 2005 Census Survey

Heidi Pahl gave an overview of the Census Workshop held on October 7, 2004, discussed the time line for the project and reviewed office space needs. She noted that Phoenix would be providing space for a command central.

Ms. Paul asked for feedback on the Census Workshop.

George Pettit said that he was very impressed by the information presented and the thoroughness of the workshop.

David de la Torre noted that two Chandler Public Information Officers attended the Workshop and found it quite informative.

Prisila Ferreira said that the workshop answer all the questions she had regarding the Census Survey.

Heidi Pahl stated that the first meeting of the Oversight Subcommittee on the 2005 Census Survey would be held on November 16, 2004 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

4b. Identification of Jurisdictional Boundaries

Harry Wolfe reported that In order to ensure that each jurisdiction's September 1, 2005 population figure reflects its full jurisdictional boundaries, the corporate limits need to be identified. He noted that there were two maps on the MAG website that could be downloaded and examined. He explained that the first map contains 2000 Census Tracts and current jurisdictional boundaries is at, while the second more detailed map provides information on jurisdictional boundaries and census blocks. Mr. Wolfe stated that member agencies would have additional opportunities to review annexation information in January 2005 and July 2005.

4c. Projection of Housing Units for September 1, 2005

Harry Wolfe reported that the Census Bureau requested a draft September 1, 2005 housing unit figure for determining the housing unit sample size to be drawn. He noted that the housing unit figures were attached for review and comment. Mr. Wolfe commented that the projections were enclosed for review and asked that any revisions be provided by October 27, 2004.

5. Preparations for Draft July 1, 2004 County and Municipality Resident Population Updates

Harry Wolfe said that the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) was preparing the July 1, 2004 resident population updates for each county in the state. When developed, the Maricopa County update will become the control from which the municipality updates will be prepared. Mr. Wolfe commented that because of the deadlines for approving the updates and the schedule of MAG Management Committee and Regional Council, MAG staff developed a draft set of updates based on a preliminary control total for Maricopa County. He commented that the Draft July 1, 2004 Maricopa County and municipality resident population updates were attached for review. Because there may be changes to the State and county control totals by DES, MAG requested that POPTAC recommend approval of these updates to MAG Management Committee provided the County control total is within one percent of the final control total.

It was moved by Harry Higgins, seconded by Kate Langford and unanimously recommended to approve the updates as long as they were within one percent of the final county control total.

6. Streamlining the Data Dissemination Process to Member Agencies

Harry Wolfe mentioned that at the September 21, 2004 meeting of the MAG POPTAC the data dissemination process was discussed. He said that the Chair of the Committee pointed out that member agencies receive multiple requests for the same data from different public agencies. He requested that the different requests be examined and suggested that MAG could act as a Clearinghouse for disseminating the data to multiple agencies. In response to this request, a problem statement and tasks were identified. He added that work has begun on the project and we would be soliciting input from POPTAC members.

7. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Applications in the Region

At a recent MAG POPTAC meeting it was requested that a future agenda item address the use of GIS in the MAG region and the compatibility among GIS systems. Shawn Woolley, Technology Services Director for the Town of Gilbert, gave a presentation on the Town's use of GIS. He offered to provide assistance to any member agency that wanted to pursue some of the initiatives that Gilbert had pursued.

8. Suggestions of Agenda Items for Future MAG POPTAC Meetings

No potential items for future agendas were identified.

9. Next Meeting of the MAG POPTAC

It was noted that the next meeting of the MAG POPTAC was scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.