

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 18, 2004
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

George Pettit, Gilbert, Chairman	*Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park
*** Bryant Powell, Apache Junction	Wahid Alam, Mesa
Adrian Williamson, Avondale	Matt Holm, Maricopa County
*Phil Garthright, Buckeye	Karen Flores for Prisila Ferreira, Peoria
* Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	Tim Tilton, Phoenix
David de la Torre, Chandler	John Kross, Queen Creek
Mark Smith, El Mirage	Harry Higgins, Scottsdale
*Denise Lacey, Fountain Hills	Stephanie Wilson, Surprise
*Terry Yergan, Gila River Indian Community	Hector Tapia, Tempe
**Kate Langford, Glendale	*Mark Fooks, Youngtown
Farhad Tavassoli for Janeen Gaskin, Goodyear	Anne MacCracken, Valley Metro
*Gary Smith, Guadalupe	

* Not in attendance
** Participated via audioconference
*** Participated via videoconference

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Gary Neiss, Carefree	Jack Tomasik, MAG
Max Enterline, Phoenix	Heidi Pahl, MAG
Sintra Hoffman, Surprise	Anubhav Bagley, MAG
Randall Overmyer, Surprise	Mele Koneya, MAG
Scott Lininger, McDOT	Harry Wolfe, MAG

1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Harry Higgins at 10:10 a.m.

2. Call to the Audience

There were no requests to address the MAG POPTAC.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2004

It was moved by Harry Higgins, seconded by Mark Smith and unanimously recommended to approve the meeting minutes of March 16, 2004.

4. Regional Annual Report

Jack Tomasik provided an update on the status of the Regional Annual Report. He noted that the consultant was behind in the data collection.

Harry Higgins asked whether Don Hadder served on Planners Stakeholders Group. Jack Tomasik responded that he was on the Stakeholders Group.

Harry Higgins asked for clarification on the thresholds used to identify residential and non-residential developments. Anubhav Bagley stated that residential developments included 40 acre subdivisions and 300 or more dwelling units. For non-residential developments, he said that he would find out the thresholds and get back to Harry.

5. Preparations for 2005 Census Survey

Harry Wolfe noted that in April 2004, MAG contracted with the Bureau of the Census to conduct a 2005 Census Survey. He said that Phoenix has identified five subregions for the survey and Mesa is currently working on the definition of two subareas. Mr. Wolfe also explained that MAG would be providing the Census Bureau with residential units built since the 2000 Census.

Harry Higgins asked if the blocks would be the same as were used in Census 2000. Harry Wolfe responded that they would be the same blocks.

6. Preparation of July 1, 2004 Resident Population Updates

Harry Wolfe explained that in preparation for the development of 2004 Resident Population Updates, the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) is examining the methods that will be used to derive the Updates. He continued that at the May 7, 2004 meeting of the DES POPTAC, DES staff was encouraged to examine the use of a method – the Composite Method -- to supplement the Housing Unit Method. DES staff was also requested to apply the Composite Method for 2001 and 2002 to see how it performed over time and for the DES POPTAC to consider a recommendation on the method at its June 25, 2004 meeting.

Karen Flores asked how DES obtained annexation data for member agencies. Harry Wolfe responded that they obtain the data directly from member agencies through a survey that is conducted.

7. Preparation of Socioeconomic Projections

Harry Wolfe noted that at the May 7, 2004 meeting of the DES POPTAC, DES staff reported that the data had been received that was necessary to prepare updated state and county socioeconomic projections. He said that the Maricopa County projection that is developed will become the control total for preparing an official set of MAG subregional projections; and that the new set of projections would require MAG to update its databases working in collaboration with MAG member agencies.

8. Update of Municipal Planning Areas (MPAs) for Next Round of Socioeconomic Projections

In preparation for the next round of socioeconomic projections, MAG is requesting that member agencies identify any potential changes to their Municipal Planning Area (MPA) boundaries. The rationale for the creation of MPAs and the process used to create them will be discussed.

9. Common Socioeconomic Projections Strategy

Mele Koneya gave a demonstration of the enhanced MAG ArcIMS Website.

10. Regional Update

None of the members of the MAG POPTAC offered a status report on the activities of their jurisdiction.

11. Residential Completions Update

Harry Wolfe reviewed the residential permit completion status report for the first quarter of Calendar Year 2004. He noted that several jurisdictions had not forwarded their residential completions and urged them to do so. Two jurisdictions had also not forwarded their completions for the last two quarters of 2003.

12. Next Meeting of the MAG POPTAC

It was noted that the next meeting of the MAG POPTAC is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.