

April 21, 1998

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Elaine M. Scruggs, Glendale, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 29, 1998

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room (see enclosed map)

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 300

Please park in the garage under the Norwest Bank Building. Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council members on the first and second levels of the garage. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a progressive dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG offices on the 3rd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

Please note, the April study session will feature an important discussion regarding growth management proposals for our region. We are tentatively planning to film this Regional Council session and making the tape available for broadcast on your local cable station.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
March 25, 1998**

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

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| <p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p> | |
| <p>2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u></p> | |
| <p>3. <u>Approval of March 25, 1998 Meeting Minutes</u></p> | <p>3. Review and approve March 25, 1998 meeting minutes.</p> |
| <p>4. <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <p>An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.</p> | <p>4. For information.</p> |
| <p>5. <u>Showcased Agency Introduction</u></p> <p>As part of the MAG restructuring effort, an opportunity is provided for a MAG member agency to showcase its community. The Town of Fountain Hills will be featured at this meeting.</p> | <p>5. For information and discussion.</p> |
| <p>6. <u>Executive Director's Report</u></p> <p>The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.</p> | <p>6. For information and discussion.</p> |
| <p>7. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.</p> | <p>7. For information, discussion and approval of the Consent Agenda.</p> |

*ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT

AIR QUALITY ITEM

*8. Consultant Selection for the 1998 MAG FIP Conformity Analysis

Under the 1991 Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) for Carbon Monoxide in Arizona, transportation plans and transportation improvement programs prepared by MAG are required to meet certain air quality conformity criteria that are not required in other U.S. metropolitan areas. The required analysis involves intersection data collection and carbon monoxide "hotspot" modeling. The MAG Unified Planning Work Program for fiscal year 1998 includes \$35,000 in Federal Highway funds for consultant assistance for the FIP conformity analysis. A Request for Proposals was advertised, and one consultant proposal was received. A multi-agency technical review team reviewed the proposal, and MAG is recommending the consulting firm Earth Matters to conduct the conformity analysis for an amount not to exceed \$35,000. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. For information, discussion and approval to select the consulting firm Earth Matters for an amount not to exceed \$35,000 to conduct the 1998 MAG FIP conformity analysis for the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan: Draft 1998 Addendum.

GENERAL ITEMS

*9. Region 2025 Vision Committee Consultant Assistance

The FY 1998 MAG Unified Planning Work Program includes funding for consultant assistance for the Region 2025 Vision Committee effort. On February 24, 1998, a request for proposals to provide expertise and support on an on-call basis for the Region 2025 Vision Committee was advertised. Four proposals were received and on March 30, 1998, a proposal review team interviewed two consulting firms and recommended a team led by Vernon Swaback Associates to provide assistance to the committee. On April 1, 1998, the Region 2025 Vision Committee concurred with the recommendation of the review team. MAG is recommending that the consulting firm Vernon Swaback be selected to provide on-call consulting assistance for the Region 2025 Vision projects. On April 9, 1998, the Regional Council Executive Committee approved

9. For information, discussion and ratification of the Regional Council Executive Committee action to approve the consulting firm Vernon Swaback Associates as the on-call consultant for the Region 2025 Vision project.

the consultant assistance. The Management Committee concurred with the approval of the Executive Committee. Ratification of the Executive Committee action is requested. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*10. Small Plant Review and Approval Process for the Proposed ASPC Lewis Complex Wastewater Treatment Facility

Maricopa County is requesting that the Small Plant Review and Approval Process, which is part of the MAG 208 Plan, be initiated for the Arizona State Prison Complex (ASPC) - Lewis Complex. The facility will have an estimated capacity of 0.75 mgd and will reuse the treated wastewater on-site. The Town of Buckeye is within three miles of the plant and has no objections to the facility. In accordance with the MAG 208 Water Quality Plan process, on April 2, 1998, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee recommended approval of this facility. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation to approve the facility. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. For information, discussion and approval of the proposed ASPC Lewis Complex Wastewater Treatment Facility, located south of Buckeye, as a part of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan.

STUDY SESSION ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

AIR QUALITY ITEM

11. Serious Area PM-10 Plan Most Stringent Measures

In October 1997, the Regional Council approved contracting with the consulting firm Sierra Research to provide assistance in preparing an up to five-year extension request for PM-10. One requirement of an extension request is that the Serious Area PM-10 Plan, include the most stringent measures in state plans, or in practice in any other state which are feasible for the area. These measures have been examined by Sierra Research, and a preliminary report was made to the Regional Council on February 25, 1998. The potential implementing entity for each measure has now been identified. A number of the measures need to be considered by the State and County government. For cities and towns, PM-10 efficient street sweeping is one of the fourteen potential measures for consideration. This measure will be subject to a test protocol being developed by the end of 1998 by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) in conjunction with the South

11. For information, discussion and approval of the fourteen potential measures for consideration which may be the most stringent in any state for PM-10 sources located in the Maricopa nonattainment area and request that the potential implementing entities consider them for implementation, if feasible.

Coast Air Quality Management District. After the SAE protocol is established, MAG, through a consultant study, will examine the efficiency, effectiveness and operating characteristics of SAE certified street sweepers under local conditions. In April, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee and the Air Quality Policy Committee will be considering the measures. Plan submittal is expected in early Fall. The feasibility of these measures for implementation in this area will be determined by the potential implementing entity. Commitments to implement the measures which are feasible will be needed by July 31, 1998. The Management Committee recommended approval of the fourteen potential measures for consideration which may be the most stringent in any state for PM-10 sources located in the Maricopa nonattainment area and requested that the potential implementing entities consider them for implementation, if feasible. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEMS

12. Growth Management Proposals

A group named the Citizens for Growth Management is circulating petitions for signatures for a Citizens Growth Management Act. As noted on the petition, this initiative would require cities and counties to adopt growth management plans to limit urban sprawl. The plans would have to set urban growth boundaries, limit development and new city services outside the boundaries, require developers to pay for roads and schools to serve their new subdivisions, and protect air and water quality. Plans could not be substantially changed without voter approval, and citizens could also adopt plans and amendments by initiative.

Another growth proposal recently introduced in the Legislature is H. 2361, Growing Smarter. The purpose of this legislation as noted in the legislative summary is to create an urban growth management framework by: (1) strengthening land planning processes; (2) provide for the acquisition and preservation of open space areas through extended planning, appropriation and bond financing; and (3) establish a Growing Smarter

12. For information and discussion.

Commission to make recommendations regarding long-term issues surrounding urban growth. In FY 1998-99 the bill would appropriate approximately \$10 million from the state general fund for the purchase and planning of state trust land and planning for such land.

Each of the proposals will be presented and discussed at the Regional Council meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. Announcement of Appointments to the MAG Nominating Committee

Each April, the Chairman of the Regional Council appoints a five-member Nominating Committee from the Regional Council. According to the Nominating Process, revised by the Regional Council in September 1996, the Nominating Committee develops a slate of five candidates. These candidates include a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, the Past Chairman, and one member-at-large. If the Past Chairman is not a current member of the Council, the Nominating Committee nominates an additional at-large member. The past Chairman of the Regional Council, if still a current member, serves as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is required to provide a balanced slate of officers. The slate of nominations is forwarded to all of the Regional Council members at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting in June.

13. Announcement of the appointment of the members of the Nominating Committee by the Chairman of the Regional Council.