

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 19, 2001
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

George Pettit, Gilbert, Chairman
Anthony Farier for Nathan Crane, Avondale
*Joe Blanton, Buckeye
*Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek
Bob Pazera, Chandler
*Rene Romero, El Mirage
Jesse Drake, Fountain Hills
*Terry Yergan, Gila River Indian
Community
*Ralph Vasquez, Gila Bend
Kate Langford, Glendale
*Duncan Miller, Paradise Valley

Karen Keith, Goodyear
*Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park
Tom Ellsworth, Mesa
Matt Holm, Maricopa County
Linda Charron, Peoria
Tim Tilton, Phoenix
Harry Higgins, Scottsdale
Miryam Gutier, Surprise
Mark Elma, Tempe
*Jerry Stricklin, Wickenburg
*Dick Gregory, Youngtown

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kyle McMaster, Chandler
Shawney Chadwell, Queen Creek

Harry Wolfe, MAG
Rita Walton, MAG

1. Call to Order
2. Call to the Audience

_____ There were no requests to address the MAG POPTAC by members of the audience.

3. Approval of Minutes of March 15, 2001

It was moved by Harry Higgins, seconded by Tim Tilton and unanimously recommended to approve the MAG POPTAC meeting minutes of March 15, 2001.

4. Release of Census 2000 Redistricting Data

Harry Wolfe noted that on March 28, 2001 Census 2000 redistricting data for the State of Arizona were released which included population and population 18 years and older by race and ethnicity down to the block level of geography. He explained that working in cooperation with DES, MAG was able to transmit the information in electronic format to each of its member agencies as soon as it was available. Mr. Wolfe explained that the data could also be retrieved by MAG POPTAC members from the Census Bureau's website and from the DES Website. Mr. Wolfe also provided a demonstration on how to extract block maps and coverages from the Internet.

5. Schedule for Release of Remaining Census Data

Harry Wolfe reviewed the schedule for the distribution of additional Census data. He noted that a demographic profile containing selected population and housing unit characteristics by place, Census Tract and Congressional District is expected to be released between May and July of this year; while the Summary File 1 which contains all short form information down to the block level of geography would be released sometime between July and September 2001.

6. Count Question Resolution Program

Harry Wolfe noted that the Census 2000 Count Question Resolution (CQR) program provides an opportunity for local jurisdictions and tribal governments to challenge Census 2000 housing unit and Group Quarter Counts. He said that the program will become effective on June 30, 2001, and will end on September 30, 2003. Mr. Wolfe also mentioned that in order to supply the Census Bureau with the type of information that will be needed to support a challenge, local jurisdictions will need to obtain the number of housing units and group quarters by block.

It was noted that the Census Bureau would only consider challenges based upon data already collected; that corrections for three types of challenges would be made through the CQR program; and that these corrections would include boundary corrections for January 1, 2000; geocoding corrections where housing units and/or population have been assigned to an incorrect geographic area; and coverage corrections.

Harry Higgins commented that he believed Scottsdale population count to be an underestimate by about 10,000 people. He added, however, that whether Scottsdale would file an appeal would rest with the City Council.

7. Building Permit Completion Status Report

Harry Wolfe reported that building permit completions for the quarter ending March 31, 2001 would be due on May 1, 2001. He requested that POPTAC members provide these completions by the due date and completions for any other quarter if you have not

already done so.

8. Process for Making Revisions to Municipal Planning Areas

Harry Wolfe explained that in preparation for the next round of socioeconomic projections, MAG staff will need to coordinate with member agencies regarding revisions to their Municipal Planning Areas (MPAs). He said that revisions to MPAs are needed where cities and towns have annexed outside their corporate limits and to incorporate other land that may be considered a part of their planning area in the future.

Mr. Wolfe continued that a review of annexations and General Plans that have taken place since the last set of projections were developed indicates that there will be a need to review and/or modify MPAs for Avondale, Peoria, Phoenix, Youngtown, Gilbert, Queen Creek, Scottsdale, and Gila Bend as well as any other MPAs identified by member agencies. He distributed maps to those POP TAC members for which MPA revisions would be needed.

George Pettit said that Gilbert and Queen Creek had worked out a letter of agreement over their respective boundaries and that he would forward it to MAG.

Anthony Farrier said that he would take the map back to Avondale for review.

9. Preparations for the Next Round of Socioeconomic Projections

Harry Wolfe indicated that the next set of socioeconomic projections would be developed in 2002. He said that MAG is undertaking a GIS and Database Enhancement Project to establish the base from which these socioeconomic projections will be developed. He commented that the Development Database was reviewed by member agencies in 2000 and input incorporated; and that, by the end of the month the entire updated MAG Street Centerline File would have been forwarded to member agencies for review. Mr. Wolfe also stated that a draft employment database will be distributed in the next month.

Harry Wolfe explained that in preparation for the update of the General Plan and Existing Plan Land Use Coverages MAG member agencies would need to review the proposed equivalency file establishing a correspondence between jurisdictional land use codes and MAG land use codes.

Rita Walton gave a computer slide presentation explaining the significance of the data that MAG collects, how MAG collects the database that is used to prepare projections, and the process for preparing the projections.