

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
AIR QUALITY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, June 3, 1999
MAG Office
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dick Bowers, City of Scottsdale, Chairman	*Connie Wilhelm-Garcia, Homebuilders Association of Central Arizona
*Bill Bates, City of Avondale	H. Maynard Blumer, American Institute of Architects- Central Arizona
Patrice Kraus, City of Chandler	*Peter Allard, Valley Forward
Danielle Typinski, Town of Gilbert	*Ian Calkins, Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
Doug Kukino, City of Glendale	*Monica Pastor, University of Arizona - Cooperative Extension
Christine Zielonka, City of Mesa	*Tom Russell, Arizona Nursery Association
Gaye Knight, City of Phoenix	Pat Cupell for Stephanie Bondeson, Arizona Department of Transportation
Mike Short for Mary O'Conner, City of Tempe	Peter Hyde for Randy Sedlacek, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
*Walter Bouchard, Citizen Representative	Jo Crumbaker, Maricopa County Environmental Services Department
Arve Dahl, Citizen Representative	*Dennis Ehrhart, Arizona Department of Weights and Measures
David Feuerherd, Arizona Lung Association	Jennifer Hoas Brown for Dennis Mittelstedt, Federal Highway Administration
Bobbi Sparrow for W. Knox Ramsey, Jr., Arizona Automobile Dealers Association	Judi Nelson, Arizona State University
*Greg Witherspoon, Salt River Project	*James Klinker, Arizona Farm Bureau
Brian O'Donnell, Southwest Gas Corporation	B. Bobby Ramirez, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Jim Mikula for Scott Davis, Arizona Public Service Company	*David Rueckert, Citizen Representative
Gina Grey, Western States Petroleum Association	
Bryan Jungwirth, Regional Public Transportation Authority	
Dave Berry, Arizona Motor Transport Association	
Jeannette Fish for Michael Kidd, Maricopa County Farm Bureau	
*Samuel Aubrey, Arizona Rock Products Association	
*David Martin, Associated General Contractors	

*Those members were neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Larry D. Person, Scottsdale	Cathy O'Connell, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Peggy Carpenter, Scottsdale	Cari Anderson, Maricopa Association of Governments
Jennifer Anderson, Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest	Andrea Martincic, TOSCO
Sandra Gilbert, Arizona Department of Transportation	Mary Jo Pitzel, Arizona Republic
Suzie Stevens, Western States Petroleum Association	Kelly McMullen, Maricopa County DOT
Judy Wood, Arizona State Land Department	Kevin Adam, Mesa
Phil DeNee, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality	Cathy Arthur, Maricopa Association of Governments
Allan Kosecki, Maricopa Association of Governments	Lindy Bauer, Maricopa Association of Governments

Call to Order

A meeting of the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee was conducted on Thursday, June 3, 1999. Richard A. Bowers, Scottsdale City Manager, Chairman, began a discussion of the agenda items at 1:30 p.m. since a quorum was not present.

3. Finding of Conformity for the Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the Long Range Transportation Plan and 1999 Update and Supplemental Conformity Analysis for the Current Approved 1998 Conformity Finding

This item was presented out of order since a quorum was not present. Cari Anderson, MAG, provided a summary of the response to comments on the 1999 Air Quality Conformity Analysis. It was noted that no comments were received on the Supplemental Emissions Reduction Tests for the Approved 1998 Conformity Analysis.

Comments were received from a citizen who conducted air quality modeling which predicted exceedances of the carbon monoxide and PM-10 air quality standards as a result of the opening of SR-51. The response referred to a letter from the Assistant Attorney General regarding the matter and several concerns regarding the validity of the modeling submitted, including lack of documentation. In addition, the MAG 1999 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide and Particulate Plans demonstrate attainment by the required dates and the regional air quality modeling analysis does not predict any exceedances of the standards.

Ms. Anderson stated that the item was on the agenda for possible recommendation of approval to the MAG Management Committee.

Chairman Bowers stated that the Committee would consider the item once a quorum was present.

4. Draft MAG 1999 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area

Lindy Bauer, MAG, provided an overview of the response to public comments on the Draft MAG 1999 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan. Each comment received and corresponding response was summarized. Ms. Bauer stated that the item was on the agenda for possible recommendation to the MAG Management Committee for adoption.

Chairman Bowers stated that the Committee would consider the item once a quorum was present.

2. Approval of the May 13, 1999 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Bowers indicated that a quorum was now present. The Committee reviewed the minutes from the May 13, 1999 meeting. Bryan Jungwirth, Regional Public Transportation Authority, moved, Gaye Knight, City of Phoenix, seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the May 13, 1999 meeting.

Chairman Bowers stated that the Committee would revisit agenda items 3 and 4 now that a quorum was present.

For Agenda Item 3: Mr. Jungwirth made a motion to recommend approval of the Finding of Conformity for the Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the Long Range Transportation Plan and 1999 Update and Supplemental Conformity Analysis for the Current Approved 1998 Conformity Finding. Ms. Knight seconded the motion. Before a vote was taken, Chairman Bowers called for discussion.

Maynard Blumer, American Institute of Architects - Central Arizona, stated that the Committee should be provided the complete set of documents for review prior to making a recommendation for approval. Ms. Bauer responded that the Executive Summary had been distributed to the Committee in the last agenda packet; a presentation was made at the last committee meeting; the committee was invited to the public hearing conducted on June 1, 1999; and that the documents had been available for the required 30-day public review period in the MAG library.

Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed with Mr. Blumer and Arve Dahl, Citizen Representative, opposed.

For Agenda Item 4: Mr. Jungwirth made a motion to recommend adoption of the Draft MAG 1999 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area and that MAG commit to annually updating the forecast of vehicle miles traveled and submitting the annual report to the Environmental Protection Agency. Ms. Knight seconded the motion. Before a vote was taken, Chairman Bowers called for discussion.

Mr. Blumer stated that the Committee should be provided the complete set of documents for review prior to making a recommendation for adoption. Ms. Bauer responded that the Executive Summary had been distributed to the Committee in the last agenda packet; a presentation was made at the last committee meeting; the committee was invited to the public hearing conducted on May 20, 1999; and that the documents had been available for the required 30-day public review period in the MAG library. Chairman Bowers noted that the plan documents exceeded 3000 pages.

Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed with Mr. Blumer opposed.

Chairman Bowers indicated that the Committee would return to Agenda Item 5.

5. Draft MAG 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10 for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area

Cathy Arthur, MAG, provided an overview of the response to comments on the Draft MAG 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10. Each comment received and corresponding response was summarized. Ms. Arthur stated that the item was on the agenda for possible recommendation to the MAG Management Committee for adoption.

Bobbi Sparrow, Arizona Auto Dealers Association, asked if the plan had been distributed to the committee. Ms. Arthur responded that the Executive Summary had been distributed to the Committee in the last agenda packet and a presentation was made at the last committee meeting.

Gina Grey, Western States Petroleum Association, asked about the schedule for the development of the Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan. Ms. Bauer, responded that it would probably be two to three years since the 1999 Periodic Inventory would be required from Maricopa County.

Dave Berry, Arizona Motor Transport Association, asked if all pollutants would be included in that 1999 Periodic Inventory. Jo Crumbaker, Maricopa County Environmental Services Department responded that the carbon monoxide inventory would take approximately 18 months after the end of the calendar year to complete.

Mr. Berry then asked what happens to the comments and responses. Ms. Bauer indicated that the documentation would be included in an appendix to the plan along with the public hearing documentation. Mr. Berry also asked if the opportunity for public comment had closed. Ms. Bauer, indicated that the comment period closed one day after the public hearing.

Ms. Knight made a motion to recommend adoption of the Draft MAG 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10 for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area. Bryan Jungwirth seconded the motion. Before a vote was taken, Chairman Bowers called for discussion. Hearing no discussion, the motion passed with Arve Dahl, Citizen Representative opposed.

Brain O'Donnell, Southwest Gas Corporation, asked about the process for redesignation to attainment for carbon monoxide. Ms. Bauer responded that in addition to two years of clean monitoring data, the Serious Area Plan recommended today needs to be approved by EPA, as well as a Maintenance Plan.

6. Court Ruling on the New Ozone and Particulate Standards

Ms. Bauer indicated that the U.S. Court of Appeals issued an opinion in the lawsuit challenging the new ozone and particulate standards. The Environmental Protection Agency has indicated that it intends to either appeal the decision or go to Congress for a legislative fix. As a result, the implications are uncertain at this time. The Maricopa County area has had two years of clean monitoring data and EPA had intended to revoke the 1-hour ozone standard with another clean summer. The new 8-hour ozone standard would then apply. In addition, MAG has contributed to the Governor's Ozone Alert Program to help ensure a violation-free summer.

Ms. Grey asked for the source of the information contained in the agenda packet. Ms. Bauer responded EPA.

7. Call to The Public

An opportunity was provided to members of the public to address the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee. No comments were presented.

8. Next Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee is tentatively scheduled for July 8, 1999.

Mr. Blumer requested a presentation for the next meeting regarding the purpose and charge of the Committee. Mr. Dahl stated that the presentation should include an overview of the relationship with EPA.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.