

**MINUTES OF THE
CENTRAL ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

December 15, 2009

**Central Arizona Association of Governments
1075 S. Idaho Road, Apache Junction Arizona 85119**

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

*Yanet Ochoa, Apache Junction
Fred Baker, Apache Junction
*Dianne Kresich, ADOT
Alton Bruce, Coolidge
Mark Thompson, Florence
*Dave Williams, Queen Creek
*Shawny Ekadis, Queen Creek
*Rachelle Sanchez, Mammoth
Leila DeMaree, Casa Grande
*Chris Collopy, Globe
*Evonne Hernandez, Globe
*Belinda Cota, Eloy
*Joe Blanton, Eloy
*Robert Gould, Gila County
*Louis Felix, Pinal County
Jerry Stabley, Chair
*Sarah Luckie, Star Valley
*Rick Miller, Casa Grande
*Paul Jepson, Maricopa
Rodolfo Lopez, Maricopa
*Sue Laybourn, Coolidge
*Gary Eide, Kearny
*Robert Mawson, Miami
Ray Erlandsen, Vice Chair
*Bob Lorena, Hayden
*Sylvia Kerlock, Winkelman
Steve Cheslak, Marana

** Member not in attendance*

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jack Tomasik, CAAG
Angela Gotto, CAAG
Travis Ashbaugh, CAAG

- I. **Call To Order**
The meeting was called to order by Chair Jerry Stabley at 10:00 am.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call & Introductions**
Roll call was taken and a quorum was not established.

IV. **Approval of Minutes – October 30, 2008 & April 16, 2009**
Minutes tabled until next meeting

V. **New Business**

A. Regional Planning Projects Update

The Planning Department has been focusing on five major projects. The first project is the 2009 State Population Estimates. One of the major issues has been the unknown numbers for vacancy rates or persons per household. State population numbers were sent out prior to the POPTAC meeting and the numbers seem to fall close to what the previous estimates have been.

The second project that has been a main focus is the 2010 Census. Travis Ashbaugh has been focusing on the LUCA Appeal for the last month after finding several thousand addresses that the Census Bureau had thrown out from Pinal County. Travis Ashbaugh has been working with the members to go through the thrown out addresses, focusing on Maricopa and Apache Junction. Many of the members have had similar problems as Maricopa and Apache Junction. Casa Grande had older neighborhoods that were not recognized with approximately 6,000 that were being appealed.

Everyone should have received materials for New Construction addresses, which is separate from LUCA. It allows for forty-five days of review.

The third project that the Planning Office has been focusing on is on the planning databases and database summary reports. The summary reports are on the CAAG website for members review.

In November it was approved by Management Committee, TTAC, and Regional Council to use 15%, approximately \$387,000, of STP funds for regional planning projects, instead of construction of roads. Two projects will come out of the use of the STP funds. The first project is to building of Gila County Databases similar to those built for Pinal County, which is estimated to take approximately one year to build. The second project is to build a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for Pinal County. By completing an RTP it could line up projects for the annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Andy Smith will be the lead transportation planner for the RTP, which was donated by Pinal County. CAAG will try to get a donation of modeling and air quality expertise from MAG.

The EDA Adjustment Strategy is another focus of the planning department. The annual grant CAAG received from EDA is up to \$73,000 for this year. Two things should be accomplished with the EDA grant money, aiding members with economic development projects and goals throughout the two counties as well as produce a CEDS update every year. The adjustment strategy was applied for two years ago. It is an adjustment strategy for communities in economic distress throughout the two counties. The strategy allows CAAG to apply for additional grants. There are two tasks CAAG is trying to accomplish this year: take economic development to a higher level in the region and get more funding for everyone. The CEDS committee is hoping to change direction into more of a economic development committee.

B. TAZ Projections

The market area projection numbers will be used for TAZ projections. While the TAZ projections will be done by TAZ, CAAG is only looking for approval on the total population by RAZ projections for 2010 to 2030. A contract has been set up with MAG to use their Urban Allocation Model, SAMIAM, by giving them the

databases the Planning Department has compiled. The only draft results that will be created will be available January 25th. The drafts will be sent out to each member and managers to be reviewed in a timely manner. If there are any issues with the databases, CAAG Planning staff will go out to the members and review them one by one. CAAG hopes to have committee approval, to include POPTAC, in April. The TAZ projections will not be done annually, however they could be updated in conjunction with the state estimates.

C. POPTAC By-Laws & Mission

The purpose of the POPTAC committee, as seen in the POPTAC By Laws, is to review State and CAAG draft population estimates and projections, review and give input on the methodology for CAAGs population estimates and projections, and recommending to Regional Council approval of CAAGs population estimates and projections. Ray Erlandsen would like to see the committee as a discussion for planning issues. Fred Baker would like a planning and development group to review and discuss major planning projects. Regional Planning Transportation Committee would be a significant step ahead in which the POPTAC Committee is already moving towards. Jerry Stabley agrees that there needs to be a committee for planners to discuss projects. He states that it is important to consider TTAC & PCTPC so they don't feel we're trying to encroach in on their territory.

VI. **Round Table Discussion**

Fred Baker reported Apache Junction is going back and forth with the development agreement and will go public after the draft agreement is complete, which is approximately 60-90 days from now.

Alton Bruce reported that there is little building happening in Coolidge at the moment, but developers are starting to look into the area again. They have a lot of vacant lots ready for building as well as vacant homes.

Jerry Stabley reported that Pinal County Board of Supervisors have adopted a new Comprehensive Plan.

Florence reported that they are in discussion with CCA for a possible new prison with the possibility of 5,000 beds.

VII. **Date, Time, Location of next meeting**

The next CAAG POPTAC meeting is tentatively set for February 18th, 2009 at 10:00 am at the CAAG Main Office.

VIII. **Call To The Public**

No one answered the Call to the Public

IX. **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Mark Thompson, seconded by Fred Baker. Meeting adjourned at 12:17 a.m.