

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

June 19, 2008

**Apache Junction Parks & Recreation Conference Center
1001 N. Idaho Road; Apache Junction, AZ 85219**

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

** Member not in attendance*

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Teri Kennedy, ADOT
Carl Metz, Casa Grande
Sandra Gilstad, Pinal County
Jack Tomasik, CAAG
Travis Ashbaugh, CAAG

Ian Crittenden, Apache Junction
Jeff Baker, Florence
Karen Thomas, Maricopa
Angela Gotto, CAAG
Randy Simms, CAAG

- I. **Call To Order**
Vice Chairman Ray Erlandsen called the meeting to order at 10:00am.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call & Introductions**

IV. **Approval of Minutes – April 3, 2008**

Motion to approve minutes was made by Mark Thompson and seconded by Dianne Kresich. Motion carried.

V. **New Business**

A. FY09 Program Overview

Mr. Tomasik spoke about the planning department schedule for the fiscal year 2009. He continued to discuss the challenges within the planning department. He discussed the problems with the funding of the department and the special assessment that is placed upon the member agencies. In September a formula for how the next fiscal year assessments will be handed out is to be discussed. He sighted the resignation of long time employee Robert Wilson. Twenty-five applicants submitted for the position and there will be four interviews. The new hire will start on August 4.

Mr. Tomasik spoke about GIS Consultant Howard Wards strides to add software improvements in an effort to make the planning department staff's work less laborious.

B. Projections, Database Updates & Member Reviews

Mr. Tomasik explained to the committee that the department is going through an update of databases currently. When the databases are finished, August through September will be a review period for the member agencies.

C. Census 2010

Mr. Tomasik talked about the planning department and its establishment due to an executive order for Regional Planning established in 1970. He explained that the department was formed on orders given to Maxine Leather by the Regional Council in 2005. He then explained the plans that the department is involved in such as Census 2010, State Population Estimates and Projections, assistance to member agencies and how it is now moving from building databases to interpreting, analyzing drawing conclusions and recommendations.

Mr. Tomasik talked about the use of CAAG data and the entities that use our data when doing regional planning. Mr. Tomasik explained that consultants that work for our member agencies receive CAAG data free of charge. Chairman Miller asked Mr. Tomasik to consider charging consultants where necessary as some consultants charge the agency for data research even if they get their data from CAAG. Discussion between Mr. Tomasik and the committee followed.

D. New Contracts (MAG, EDA)

Mr. Tomasik explained the new contracts that CAAG has acquired with MAG and the EDA Project. CAAG will validate MAG's future transportation network that is in Pinal County. The EDA project will be based on job centers and identify potential new job centers, needed infrastructure and appropriate industries. Mr. Tomasik explained that the Pinal County Comp Plan will be used as a base for the EDA project. Discussion between Mr. Tomasik and the committee followed.

E. GIS Group in CAAG

Mr. Tomasik spoke with the committee about a request from Karen Thomas of Maricopa. Currently she helps run a GIS Users Group and has requested that a CAAG Co-Op be formed. GIS members would attend and distribute information to their cities. Discussion with the committee followed.

F. Department Web Site

Mr. Tomasik updated the committee about the CAAG Planning Department website. It has undergone changes and there are now white papers for each database that has been developed by the planning department. There are also other materials included such as information on the 2010 Census, the CAAG Population Projections Study and Population Estimates.

G. State & Regional Activities

Mr. Tomasik informed the committee about an appeals process added to dispute population numbers. He also spoke about finding additional funding for the department. He explained the time initiative whose intent is to fund rural Council of Government's (COGs) to build databases the CAAG planning department is building now.

H. Member Plans & Studies – FY09

Mr. Tomasik turned the floor over to the member agencies to discuss any plans and studies they have going on in their cities for the 2009 fiscal year. Some of the plans include general plan updates, airport feasibility studies, impact fee updates, Census and PSAP programs, infrastructure and growth assessments and land exchanges.

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

The next CAAG POPTAC meeting will be held on August 21st at 10am. The meeting will be held at the Apache Junction Parks & Recreation Conference Center.

VII. **Call To The Public**

No one answered the Call to the Public

VIII. **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Dianne Kresich and was seconded by Mark Thompson. Meeting adjourned at 12:25pm.