

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

October 30, 2008

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

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Yanet Ochoa, Apache Junction
Dianne Kresich, ADOT
Alton Bruce, Coolidge
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
Rick Miller, Chair
Paul Jepson, Maricopa
*Sue Laybourn, Coolidge
*Gary Eide, Kearny
*Robert Mawson, Miami
Ray Erlandsen, Vice Chair
*Bob Lorena, Hayden
*Sylvia Kerlock, Winkelman

** Member not in attendance*

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Rudy Equivias, Apache Junction
Jack Tomasik, CAAG
Travis Ashbaugh, CAAG
Randy Simms, CAAG

Leila Demaree, Casa Grande
Angela Gotto, CAAG
Drew Ardary, CAAG

- I. **Call To Order**
The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Ray Erlandsen at 10:05am
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call & Introductions**
Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

- IV. **Approval of Minutes – June 19, 2008 & August 21, 2008**
Motion to approve by Alton Bruce, Seconded by Dave Williams, motion carried.

V. **New Business**

A. Planning Department focus through January 1

Mr. Tomasik talked to the committee about the planning departments current focus; getting databases as accurate as possible. Currently, the Census is a driving force. Travis Ashbaugh has worked diligently on getting information and materials for the Census ready for all members.

Mr. Tomasik spoke about the planning department's budget; discretionary items are off the table. Work scope will be as small as possible. Funding is an issue. He has received a couple of funding commitments, but it still isn't enough.

B. Census 2010 & Existing Population - Housing

Mr. Ashbaugh informed the committee that PSAP materials should be arriving anytime. They will arrive no later than mid November. He will be scheduling meetings with the cities to help them split their block-groups. There is a possibility that he may be able to obtain some information for Gila County and he is currently looking into that. He also informed the committee about a tool that is being made for CAAG and its member agencies that will help them go through the process quicker.

Mr. Ashbaugh then spoke to the committee about existing population. CAAG now has population number at the block group level, TAZ and RAZ level. Also, with the development of his population model, it is now possible for existing population to be calculated for 'special areas.' If a member agency has a specific area that they would like to know the population for, this can now be done with the new model.

C. Development Projects

Mr. Simms spoke to the committee about the cleanup process being done to development projects. In August and September staff went to each member agency within Pinal County and reviewed development projects with them. This review consisted of taking maps with the development projects and a corresponding spreadsheet. Members were asked to review project status and take out any projects that might not be going forward. Since then, the CAAG planning department has made revisions to the database based on member agency reviews.

Mr. Tomasik spoke to the committee about a meeting with Rose Law Group and their findings on entitled lots within Pinal County. Mr. Blanton, city of Eloy, commented that there are different levels of entitlement that need to be taken into consideration. Mr. Tomasik asked if the member agencies are tracking foreclosures. Coolidge and Maricopa are, but other member agencies would be interested in CAAG developing a GIS database of foreclosures in the county.

Mr. Simms also pointed out an issue that has been discovered while updating the development project database pertaining to residential completions. When comparing the aerial imagery with the residential completions to get built units for a project, it has been discovered that there are some projects whose completions have not been reported to CAAG. CAAG can not fix that this year as the reporting cycle is already completed, but those missed completions can be added in next year. CAAG planning staff will turn the development projects maps into PDF development projects where this has happened and send them to the corresponding member agency.

D. Future Land Use & Build Out

Mrs. Gotto spoke to the committee about Pinal County Future Land Use. Future Land Use is comprised of each cities general plan combined with development projects internal land use and state land conceptual plan land use. The current map shown (available in the corresponding POPTAC Presentation for 10/30/2008) has updated general plans for Florence, Queen Creek and a partial update to Eloy. It does not include the current second sixty day review for the unincorporated county. CAAG will be digitizing the second sixty day review to incorporate it into future land use and build out.

Mrs. Gotto spoke to the committee about the time intensive process that build out was in previous years. Previously, it took staff approximately two months to complete build out. With the help of their GIS Consultant, Howard Ward, they are building tools to streamline the more time intensive databases to reduce number of staff hours. With the current build out tool being developed by Howard Ward, staff hours should be reduced from two months to approximately two weeks.

E. Job Centers

Mr. Ardary presented the updated map (available in the presentation) on the county and municipality job centers. Due to the second sixty day review of Pinal County's comp plan, some additional job centers were added.

F. Transportation

Mr. Tomasik presented the current state of the Pinal County long range network. At the time of the meeting, the network was still undergoing revisions. A list of plans used for the edits to the network was also provided via a handout. When the final edits are made and reviews have been given, CAAG planning staff will work with the transportation consultant, Dan Marum of Wilson & Company, to formulate the networks for 2010, 2020, 2030 and 2040.

G. Projections Study

Mr. Tomasik spoke to the committee about the status of the current CAAG Projections Study. Currently, the consultants are waiting for the US population projection numbers to be released on November 16th. This is the latest that CAAG can wait to meet the schedule for the study. In January of 2008, there will be workshops held on the three county projection scenarios.

H. Budget Item: Community Profiles

Due to budget constraints, Mr. Tomasik was directed by the assessment committee to speak to the member agencies and find out if the agencies want community profiles done by CAAG. The planning department would assemble data for each city and some of the cities history into a book for a community profile. If profiles were not wanted, Mr. Tomasik asked the committee what they would like the planning department to do instead.

Some of the members liked the idea of the community profiles, some asked if it would be okay for an ala cart set up – could some members opt in and others opt out? If community profiles aren't provided, the majority of members would like to see a GIS database of foreclosures or an infrastructure database.

I. Aerials

Mr. Tomasik advised the POPTAC committee that the 2008 Aerials Express Imagery has arrived and it is ready for distribution. This year, there is expanded coverage for the county. Unfortunately, it excludes Kearny. In order to be picked up, members need to make arrangements with Travis Ashbaugh to have a hard drive with 500GB of space dropped off to CAAG and picked up on another day. Mr. Ashbaugh will be sending out notification emails as well.

At direction of the assessment committee, CAAG will ask the GIS Co-Op to form a smaller working group and include member agency engineering staff to provide guidance for specs, coverage, footage and other recommendations when acquiring aerial imagery in the future.

J. Member Agency Activities – Round Table Discussion

Member agencies spoke about the activities in their communities such as Marciopa's permit numbers dropping, but having an increase in their spec home sales as well as their annexation becoming closer to being final. Florence's general plan was approved and they will have a draft redevelopment plan early next year. Casa Grande stated that their annexations and planned area developments are slowing down, but they are working on the redevelopment and revitalization of neighborhoods in older areas.

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

The next CAAG POPTAC meeting will be held on December 18th 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 Mark Thompson, seconded by Yanet Ochoa. Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.