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Population Estimates Committee

MINUTES

December 11, 1997

Present:

Natalie Gochnour, GOPB
Ron Durtschi, Mounatin Fuel
Peter Donner, GOPB
Courtney White, Utah Board of Regents
Patty Bowles, Utah Office of Education
Tom Williams, Utah Tax Commission
Ross Reeve, GOPB
Frank Hachman, Bureau of Eco. & Bus. Res.
Mike Toney, Utah State University
Barry Nangle, Utah Dept. of Health
Ken Jensen, Utah Dept. of Workforce Ser.
Lisa Hillman, GOPB

Absent:

Brad Barber, GOPB
Walter Busse, LDS Church
Jim Robson, Utah Foundation

I. Committee Membership and Charter

Natalie Gochnour welcomed the two new members of the Committee, Mike Toney from the Population Research Laboratory at Utah State University and Courtney White, from the Utah Board of Regents.

Natalie also explained that the Governor issued an Executive Order in September, 1997 officially establishing the Utah Population Estimates Committee. The Committee will be responsible for monitoring population issues and preparing official population estimates for the State of Utah. The Committee will also be responsible for holding public meetings and keeping official records.

II. Proposed 1991-1996 State and County Estimates Revision

Peter Donner discussed the proposed state and county estimates revisions for 1991-1996.

A motion was made by Frank Hachman to postpone the revision of state and county estimates until the 2000 census. The motion was seconded by Ken Jensen. The motion carried.

III. 1997 State and County Population Estimates

The Staff presented preliminary estimates using the established methodologies. The Committee discussed several data issues and problems with the estimates. It was agreed that additional information on household size over time (particularly in Salt Lake County) needed to be organized. Three sources were identified: The Utah Consumer Survey; Tax exemptions per return; and the Health Status Survey. Committee members were asked to help organize this data prior to the next meeting. It was agreed that the Staff should also redo the estimates by eliminating methodologies that produce an outlier and present these at the next meeting.

IV. 1996 Estimate for Taylorsville City

A motion was made by Ken Jensen to approve the proposed July 1, 1996 population estimate of 56,523 for the City of Taylorsville. The motion was seconded by Mike Toney. The motion carried.

V. 1996 Estimate for Midvale City

A motion was made by Frank Hachman to approve the proposed July 1, 1996 population estimate of 26,778 for the City of Midvale. The motion was seconded by Tom Williams. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.