

MST BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District
24580 Silver Cloud Ct., Monterey

Minutes
June 8, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

1-1. Roll call.

1-2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Downey called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and roll call was taken. Director LeBarre led the pledge of allegiance.

1-3. Review Highlights of the agenda.

Mr. Sedoryk reviewed the highlights of the agenda.

Present:	Fernando Armenta	County of Monterey
	Tony Barrera	City of Salinas
	Victoria Beach	City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
	Robert Bonincontri	City of Gonzales
	Kristin Clark	City of Del Rey Oaks
	Libby Downey	City of Monterey
	Mike LeBarre	City of King
	Dan Miller	City of Pacific Grove
	Frank O'Connell	City of Marina
	David Pacheco	City of Seaside
	David Pendergrass	City of Sand City
	Leah Santibañez	City of Greenfield
	Patricia Stephens	City of Soledad

Absent: None

Staff:	Carl Sedoryk	General Manager/CEO
	Hunter Harvath	Asst. GM/Finance & Administration
	Michael Hernandez	Asst. GM/COO
	Kelly Halcon	Director of HR & Risk Management
	Robert Weber	Director of Transportation Services
	Lisa Rheinheimer	Director of Planning and Development
	Andrea Williams	General Accounting & Budget Manager
	Mark Eccles	Director of Information Technology
	Tom Hicks	CTSA Manager
	Carl Wulf	Facilities Manager
	Deanna Smith	Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board
	Alex Lorca	De Lay & Laredo
	Sally Cota	MST Customer Service Representative

Public:	Robert Jaques	MST Customer
	MacGregor Eddy	Salinas Californian
	Dale Carson	Complete Coach Works
	Brad Carson	Complete Coach Works
	Ryne Shetterly	Complete Coach Works
	Richard Sullivan	Complete Coach Works
	Celeste Casas	Complete Coach Works
	Leona Peacher	MV Transportation
	Julia Luczau	MST Customer
	Sherna Stewart	MST Customer
	Percy Bryant	MST
	Christina Watson	TAMC
	Ariana Green	TAMC
	Heather Adamson	AMBAG

Apology is made for any misspelling of a name.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

MacGregor Eddy announced that June 18 was Dump the Pump day and asked why the event was not mentioned on the agenda. She thanked Directors Barrera and Beach who have both committed to observing the day.

Robert Jaques stated that this is the second time he has commented on problems with the routing on Line 3 serving CHOMP-Monterey, specifically some of the stops at Del Monte Center, which have still not been addressed. He also thinks the routing on Line 2 serving Carmel could be improved. MST staff will contact Mr. Jaques.

Julia Luczau stated that she is happy that the MST buses are still operating. She has been a long time rider and is a former HOPE Services employee.

Sherna Stewart would like to see the Monterey trolley provide a better visitor's experience by taking a more scenic route and avoiding truck and commuter routes. She provided staff with a handout of suggested route options.

3. CLOSED SESSION

4. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5-1. Adopt Resolution 2015-36 recognizing David Bielsker, Transit Scheduler, as Employee of the Month for June 2015.
- 5-2. Minutes of the regular meeting of May 11, 2015
- 5-3. Financial Report – April 2015.
- 5-4. Disposal of Property left aboard buses.

- 5-5. Adopt Resolution of Appreciation 2015-37 recognizing U.S. Congressman the Honorable Sam Farr.
- 5-6. Receive update on TAMC multimodal corridor.
- 5-7. Authorize the purchase of one bus engine.
- 5-8. Receive update on the Rail Extension to Monterey County and adopt Resolution 2015-38 reaffirming support for the project.

Chair Downey pulled agenda item 5-8 and requested a brief summary of the Rail Extension project. Director of Planning & Development, Lisa Rheinheimer, introduced Christina Watson of TAMC who handed out a Capitol Corridor Extension brochure and summarized the key benefits of the project.

Director Armenta asked that this item be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

Public Comment – none.

Director Armenta made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Director LeBarre. The motion passed unanimously.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6-1. Minutes of the Finance Committee – May 11, 2015.

Public Comment – none.

7. MAJOR PROCUREMENTS

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 9-1. Approve payment of \$338,054.34 to Monterey County Elections Department for Measure Q charges for November 4, 2014, General Election.

Hunter Harvath stated that the Monterey County Election Department has invoiced MST for the cost of putting Measure Q on the November, 2014, ballot. MST is allowed by law to pay for the cost of the sales tax measure out of Measure Q funds.

Public Comment – none.

Director LeBarre made a motion to approve the payment of \$338,054.34 to the Monterey County Elections Department and was seconded by Director Stephens. The motion passed unanimously.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- 10-1. Receive and adopt proposed FY 2016 Operating & Capital Budget, Action Plan, and Staffing Levels, and authorize grant applications and funding requests.

Hunter Harvath reviewed the Fiscal Year 2016 proposed budget. The addition of Measure Q revenue impacted both operating revenue and expenses. RIDES expenses have increased in response to an increase in demand which, by law, must be met. In response to increased demand, the RIDES capital budget has increased to allow for the purchase of four new buses. Overall staffing levels have increased by three positions.

Director Barrera asked what MST staff is doing to keep coach operators informed about the ongoing concern over the Amalgamated Transit Union/Department of Labor (ATU/DOL) dispute with the State of California over public pension reform (PEPRA). Director Beach agreed with the need to get ahead of another possible reduction of service and labor in FY 2016 through extensive communication with MST employees who are represented by the union.

Mr. Sedoryk and Kelly Halcon agreed to make a concerted effort to keep staff and labor informed, and explained some of the legal constraints surrounding certain communication with union members.

Chairperson Downey recognized Congressman Farr and invited him to say a few words about PEPRA.

Congressman Farr explained that the threat of grant funding being withheld has only been averted for FY 2015. Since the issue is between the State of California, ATU, and the DOL the same scenario will likely be faced again in FY 2016. An even larger threat is the lack of congressional action to fund transportation at the federal level. The Highway Trust Fund runs out of money in July of 2015, and there seems to be no will in Congress to raise the gas tax or identify other long term sources of revenue for public transportation.

Public Comment – none.

Director Armenta made a motion to approve the FY 2016 Operating and Capital Budget, Action Plan, and Staffing Levels; approve Resolution 2015-39; and authorize staff to apply to TAMC for Transportation Development Act Local Transportation Funds and State Transit Assistance. The motion was seconded by Director LeBarre and passed unanimously.

11. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

- 11-1. General Manager/CEO Report – April 2015.
- 11-2. Washington D. C. Lobbyist Report – May 2015.
- 11-3. State Legislative Advocacy Update – May 2015.

11-4. Staff Trip Reports.

11-5. Correspondence.

11-6. Staff Announcements.

Public Comment – none.

12. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

12-1. June Employee of the Month – David Bielsker.

Lisa Rheinheimer recognized David Bielsker, transit scheduler, for his positive contribution to MST and to the entire community.

12-2. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting – Hunter Harvath.

Carl Sedoryk recognized Hunter Harvath for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year 2014. Hunter Harvath recognized Andrea Williams, general accounting & budget manager, and Angela Dawson, accountant, for their support.

12-3. Resolution of Appreciation – U.S. Congressman, the Honorable Sam Farr.

Carl Sedoryk recognized U.S. Congressman Sam Farr for his continued assistance in securing over \$22 million in federal transit funds for MST, and for his support and influence during the dispute between the U.S. Department of Labor and the State of California which threatened over \$6 million in federal grant funds.

Congressman Farr expressed his appreciation for public transit and the service provided in Monterey County.

12-4. MST Electric Trolley dedication ceremony.

Carl Sedoryk announced the schedule and transportation options for those attending the Electric Trolley dedication ceremony at 201 Pearl St. Transportation was provided to members of the public as well as legislators and MST staff.

13. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

13-1. Reports on meetings attended by board members at MST expense (AB1234).

13-2. Board member Comments and Announcements

Director LeBarre requested transit assistance from MST for the Department of Education's summer free lunch program. Mr. Sedoryk will provide information on MST's

Summer Youth Pass which provides individuals 18 years and under unlimited rides on all of MST's routes from June 1 through August 31 for only \$38.

Director Barrera passed out copies of the March 2015 APTA Passenger Transport magazine, noting an article on page 6 written by MST General Manager/CEO, Carl Sedoryk.

13-3. Board member Referrals for future agendas.

Director Armenta requested that a presentation on the TAMC Rail Extension to Monterey County be placed on a future agenda.


14. ATTACHMENTS

14-1. Detailed monthly Performance Statistics and Disbursement Journal, April 2015. *(This item is located online within the GM Report at: <http://www.mst.org/about-mst/board-of-directors/board-meetings/>)*

15. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Downey adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m. and invited everyone to attend the Electric Trolley Dedication Ceremony at 201 Pearl Street in Monterey.

Prepared by



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