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

Minutes
July 13, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

1-1. Roll call.

1-2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Downey called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m., and roll call was taken. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

1-3. Review Highlights of the agenda.

Mr. Sedoryk reviewed the highlights of the agenda.

Present:  
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:  
Fernando Armenta  County of Monterey

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
Zoe Shoats  Marketing Manager
Deanna Smith  Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board
Dave Laredo  De Lay & Laredo
Isamar Velazquez  MST Customer Service Representative
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Allan Boehne applied to be an MST Navigator on March 29, agreeing to volunteer 10 hours per week in exchange for an MST bus pass. He was interviewed in April and submitted to a drug test in May. He has not heard back from MST staff and is unhappy with the process. He uses Line 20 and stated that the service drops from every half-hour to every 45 minutes on Saturday and to every hour on Sunday. He does not believe this is adequate service for the weekends, particularly for those who work. He also likes Line 17, but would like it to run when CSUMB is not in session. This is a very important bus route for many locals. He would also like to see Line 16 remain consistent and not change to Line 18, as it is confusing for passengers.

3. CLOSED SESSION


3-2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Gov. Code § 54956.9(b): One potential case. (D. Laredo, C. Sedoryk)

Public Comment – none.

4. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

4-1. Report on Closed Session and possible action.

Item 3-1 was discussed and direction was provided, but no reportable action was taken. Item 3-2 was not discussed as the threat of litigation is no longer anticipated.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5-1. Adopt Resolution 2016-01 recognizing Carl Wulf, Facilities/Capital Projects Manager, as Employee of the Month for July 2015.

5-2. Minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2015.


5-4. Disposal of Property left aboard buses.
5-5. Adopt Resolution 2016-02 recognizing Genaro Verba for his 33 years of service.

5-6. Adopt Resolution 2016-03 authorizing the examination of Measure Q sales and use tax records.

5-7. Adopt Reasonable Modification Policy: Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities.

5-8. Adopt Resolution 2016-04 authorizing MST’s General Manager/CEO to execute all revised required documents of the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program.

5-9. Adopt Resolution 2016-05 authorizing MST’s General Manager/CEO to submit and execute all required documents of the Parks, Open Space and Coastal Preservation Grant Program.

5-10. Adopt new MST Social Media Policy.

5-11. Approve FY 2016 APTA dues.

Director Downey pulled item 5-8 and requested a staff presentation on the item.

Public Comment – none.

   Director LeBarre made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda excepting item 5-8 and was seconded by Director Clark. The motion passed unanimously.

   Hunter Harvath explained that staff is requesting authorization to file revised grant application materials for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) to assist the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD) in transferring its allocation of $182,694 to MST, to be added to the approved Transit Service in East Salinas project, for which this grant was originally submitted. SCMTD’s project was rejected by LCTOP, but by collaborating with them in this way, MST can proceed with its East Salinas project and, under a future allocation cycle of LCTOP, MST will transfer back the $182,694 to SCMTD, thus ensuring that these funds remain in the Monterey Bay Area. Caltrans forwarded this request to the State Controller’s office and they have determined that this redirection of funds would be permitted.

   Chairperson Downey asked MST General Counsel, Dave Laredo, if he believed this was advisable. Mr. Laredo stated that he was not aware of any problem with the arrangement, but that he would look more closely into the matter.

   Director Downey made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-04 authorizing MST’s General Manager/CEO to execute all revised required documents of the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program, upon concurrence of MST’s General Counsel. Director LeBarre seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

6-1. July Employee of the Month – Carl Wulf.

Michael Hernandez recognized Carl Wulf as the July Employee of the Month for his positive contribution to MST and to the entire community.


Michael Hernandez recognized Genaro Verba, coach operator, for his 33 years of service with MST upon his retirement.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7-1. Minutes of the Human Resources Committee – June 8, 2015.

Public Comment – none.

8. **MAJOR PROCUREMENTS**

8-1. Authorize $500,000 for the purchase of cameras and associated hardware from SEON to upgrade camera surveillance functionality on the MST fixed route fleet.

Mr. Eccles stated that funding for this purchase is available from Prop 1B State of California Bonds and future operational funds for annual maintenance costs. The funds are included in the FY 2016 Capital Budget.

Public Comment

Bob Parks, president of ATU Local 1225, understands the importance of the live feed for security purposes, but is concerned that the feed will be used to surveille coach operators. Mr. Eccles stated that it is not the policy of MST to monitor coach operators through the live feed and that it is used for security purposes.

**Director LeBarre made a motion to authorize $500,000 for the purchase of cameras and associated hardware from SEON, a division of Safe Fleet. The motion was seconded by Director Pacheco and passed unanimously.**

9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9-1. Hold Public Hearing and adopt Resolution 2015-06 adopting the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and approve the Monterey Bay Operations and Maintenance Facility Project.

A correction was requested to the reference to Resolution 2015-06 in the agenda item title of 9-1. The correct number for this resolution is 2016-06.
Lisa Rheinheimer, director of planning & development, delivered a PowerPoint presentation which provided details on the proposed Monterey Bay Operations & Maintenance Facility Project (OMF) including photos of the current facility and renderings of the final project, a summary of the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and all public comments that were received and responded to in accordance with public notice requirements, and the projected project schedule and total cost.

The Project will renovate the existing 17,000 square foot building and expand it to 31,500 square feet to improve the efficiency of the MST Monterey Bay OMF property through site improvements and building and bus parking expansion. The Project will reconfigure the existing facility to focus on operations and would relocate most of their management and administrative functions off-site.

The project is estimated to cost a total of $18 million. To date, $10 million in Cap-and-Trade funding and $5.5 million in Prop 1B Modernization funds have been secured, and $400,000 in Prop 1B Security funds have been programmed into TAMC’s Transportation Improvement Program. $2.6 million remains to be financed privately.

Chair Downey opened the public hearing and requested questions from the board.

Director Barrera asked about the status private financing. Hunter Harvath, assistant general manager of finance and administration, stated that MST staff has discussed the project with several local bankers about private financing for the project. Rabobank has provided preliminary assurance that private financing would be available to MST.

Public Comment

Allan Boehne commented on deadhead issues on Line 10 and problems with Line 20. Staff will follow up on the comment; however, this comment did not reveal any new information about the analysis of the environmental issues contained in the Final IS/MND.

Close Public Comment

Director Downey asked if there were further comments from the board; no comments were made and the public hearing was closed.

Director LeBarre made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-06 adopting the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. The motion was seconded by Director Pacheco and passed unanimously.

Director Downey made a motion to approve the Monterey Bay Operations
and Maintenance Facility Project and was seconded by Director LeBarre. The motion passed unanimously.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

12-5. Staff Trip Reports.
12-6. Correspondence.
12-8. Staff Announcements.

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 Beach stated that the County of Monterey will be re-paving a stretch of Rio Rd. in Carmel and requested a letter of support from MST for the project. Mr. Sedoryk stated that board approval was not required for this kind of support letter; therefore, unless there were any objections from the board, staff would be happy to prepare the letter. No objections were made.


14. ATTACHMENTS

14-1. Detailed monthly Performance Statistics and Disbursement Journal, May 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 11:21 a.m.

Prepared by: ______________________________
Deanna Smith, Deputy Secretary