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

Minutes
October 14, 2013
10:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1-1 Roll call.

1-2 Pledge of Allegiance.

In the absence of Chair Orozco, Vice-Chair Downey called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance followed. Vice-Chair Downey welcomed the teachers and students from the Salinas Transitional Center.

Present: Fernando Armenta County of Monterey
Tony Barrera City of Salinas
Kristin Clark City of Del Rey Oaks
Alan Cohen City of Pacific Grove
Libby Downey City of Monterey
Alvin Edwards City of Seaside
Randy Hurley City of Greenfield
Frank O’Connell City of Marina
David Pendergrass City of Sand City
Patricia Stephens City of Soledad

Absent: Victoria Beach City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Terry Hughes City of King
Maria Orozco City of Gonzales

Staff: Carl Sedoryk General Manager/CEO
Hunter Harvath Asst. General Manager/Finance & Administration
Michael Hernandez Asst. General Manager/COO
Deanna Smith Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board
Kelly Halcon Director of Human Resources & Risk Management
Robert Weber Director of Transportation Services
Mark Eccles Director of IT
Tom Hicks CTSA Manager
Zoe Shoats Marketing Manager
Mike Gallant Business Development Planner
Dave Laredo De Lay & Laredo
Miriam Gutierrez Customer Service Representative

Public: Jim Fink MST Rider
Annemarie Valdez SUHSD Special Education Teacher
Marlyn Cortez Student
Sandra Gonzales Student
2. CONSENT AGENDA

2-1. Review highlights of Agenda.

2-2. Adopt Resolution 2014-06 recognizing Angela Dawson, Accountant, as Employee of the Month for October, 2013.

2-3. Disposal of property left aboard buses.


2-9. Mobility Advisory Committee appointments.

Public Comment

Mr. Fink requested that Item 2-8 be pulled from the agenda.

Close Public Comment

Director Edwards made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, excepting Item 2-8 and was seconded by Director Hurley. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hicks provided a brief summary of the proposed changes to the MST RIDES Operational Policies and recognized MV Transit, MST Rides service provider.
Director Armenta arrived at 10:06 a.m.

Public Comment

Mr. Fink stated that he commended MST for making the change from curb-to-curb service to door-to-door service. He knows a 91 year-old local man, Mr. Jesus Cortez, who is an inpatient at Ridge Skilled Nursing Home and relies on this service for dialysis treatment.

Close Public Comment

Director O’Connell made a motion to approve Consent Item 2-8 and was seconded by Director Hurley. The motion carried unanimously.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

3-1. October Employee of the Month – Angela Dawson, Accountant.

Mr. Harvath recognized Angela Dawson as Employee of the Month for her excellent work on behalf of MST and the entire community.

3-2. Transit 101: Current and Emerging Transit Technology

Mark Eccles provided a PowerPoint presentation detailing MST’s current and emerging transit technology including GPS Vehicle Locator, Surveillance system, and Real Time arrival and departure technology.

3-3. APTA AdWheel Award - JAZZ BRT TV Advertisement.

Carl Sedoryk recognized Zoe Shoats, Solomon Atherton, and Phil Wellman who were responsible for the production of the JAZZ BRT television advertisement. MST was chosen as the 1st place winner of the prestigious AdWheel Award and was recognized at the American Public Transportation Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, on September 30, 2013.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Annemarie Valdez, a special education teacher of 18 – 22 year old moderate, mild to severe disabled students at the Salinas Union High School Transitions Program, introduced her group of students to the Board. Her students regularly ride MST’s Line 48. The Salinas Adult School, where the Transitions Program resides, purchases 200 Go Passes and 30, 31-day passes per month and helps students access services including employment opportunities.

Nicole Amsberry, a Special Education Specialist, stated that the Line 48 bus has been replaced with a bus able to carry only 17 passengers. She stated that the bus is regularly so full many individuals must stand. She takes large groups of students on field trips at many as 5 days per week and requested that a larger bus be considered to ensure the safety and comfort of the riders.
Deborah Foster stated that she is physically and mentally handicapped and is currently displaced, requiring that she carry 5 bags, including one large suitcase, with her at all times. She has ridden the bus since January and requests assistance obtaining more taxi vouchers to provide her the mobility she needs. Ms. Foster was told that Mr. Hicks, MST’s CTSA Manager, would speak with her and help her obtain the best transportation for her needs.

Mr. Fink stated that with his disabilities, the least distance he must walk to bus stops, the better it is for him. He requested that MST implement a system similar to VTA in Santa Clara whereby passengers may de-board the bus by request for reasons of personal safety at locations other than designated flag stops. He also requested that MST implement a skeleton service on Sundays and Holidays to aid those who need transportation in the evenings.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5-2. ADAPTR Minutes from December 13, 2012.
5-3. ADAPTR Minutes from April 11, 2013.
5-4. CTSA Advisory Minutes from March 27, 2013.
5-5. CTSA Advisory Minutes from May 29, 2013.

Public Comment – none.

6. BIDS/PROPOSALS

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

10-2. TAMC Highlights – September.
10-5. Correspondence

Public Comment – none.
11. **COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

11-1. Reports on meetings attended by Board Members at MST expense (AB1234).

11-2. Board Member Comments and Announcements.

Director Edwards requested that the MST, on behalf of the Board, send a letter to the Mayor of King City to discuss the city’s lack of representation at MST Board meetings. Directors Cohen and Stephens agreed.

Mr. Sedoryk stated that Chair Orozco had spoken to the Mayor of King City and the issue is being addressed. Mr. Laredo stated that in order for a recommendation to be made, the item must be placed on a future agenda. Director Edwards stated that since Mr. Sedoryk had already initiated action, he should continue to follow through.

Director Barrera stated that he recently attended the APTA Annual Meeting in Chicago, and was impressed with how well connected MST staff are within the larger public transit industry. He stated that Mr. Sedoryk is truly a lobbyist and advocate for MST and all transit agencies. He was able to see public transit in a different light, particularly how well MST buses are operated and how difficult is the job of a bus driver. He thanked Mr. Harvath for taking care of the Transitional Students at Salinas Union High School.

11-3. Board Member Referrals for future agendas.

Director Armenta requested that the Board be informed of the changes to Line 48 in response to the requests of Salinas Transitional Students.

12. **ATTACHMENTS**


Attachments can be found online within the GM Report at [http://www.mst.org/about-mst/board-of-directors/board-meetings/](http://www.mst.org/about-mst/board-of-directors/board-meetings/)

13. **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board moved to Closed Session at 11:07 a.m.

13-1  Conference with Legal Counsel – Litigation - Existing Litigation, (§54956.9(a)): Monterey County Superior Court Case No. M 122629 Cal Signal Corp. v. County of Monterey et al. (D. Laredo, C. Sedoryk)

13-3 Conference with Legal Counsel – Litigation - Existing Litigation, (§54956.9(a)): Monterey County Superior Court Case No. M 124539 Ket Lam v. Monterey-Salinas Transit, George Balian. (D. Laredo, C. Sedoryk)


13-5 Conference with Labor Negotiators – Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 1225, and MST, (§54957.6). (D. Laredo, K. Halcon)

14. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

15-1. Report on Closed Session and possible action.

No reportable action taken.

15. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Vice-Chair Downey adjourned the meeting at 11:47a.m.

Prepared by: Deanna Smith, Deputy Secretary