

**Monterey County Regional Tax Authority
MINUTES**

July 25, 2016
10:00 a.m.

Frank J. Lichtanksi Administration Building
19 Upper Ragsdale Dr., Suite 100. Monterey 93940

Present:	Carolyn Hardy	City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
	Frank O'Connell	City of Marina
	Libby Downey	City of Monterey
	Dan Miller	City of Pacific Grove
	Tony Barrera	City of Salinas
	David Pacheco	City of Seaside
	David Pendergrass	City of Sand City
	Mary Ann Leffel	Monterey Peninsula Airport District
Absent:	Kristin Clark	City of Del Rey Oaks
	Fernando Armenta	County of Monterey
Staff:	Carl Sedoryk	General Manager/CEO
	Hunter Harvath	Asst. GM of Finance & Administration
	Tom Hicks	Mobility Services Manager
	Dave Laredo	De Lay & Laredo
	Deanna Smith	Deputy Secretary
	Sally Cota	Customer Service Representative
Public:	Michael Cardinali	Salinas Yellow Cab
	John Cardinali	Salinas Yellow Cab
	Karen Faurot	Monterey Police Department
	Tom Mancini	TAC Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

1-1. Roll Call.

Chairperson Leffel called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and roll call was taken.

1-2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Pacheco led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1-3. Review highlights of the agenda.

Carl Sedoryk reviewed the highlights of the agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Tom Mancini, TAC member representing the senior community, commented on the status of the Senior Voucher Program.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3-1. Minutes of the regular meeting of July 25, 2016.

3-2. Minutes of the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee of July 15, 2016.

3-3. Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee of July 18, 2016.

3-4. Receive July 2016 – September 2016 Financial Statements.

Public Comment – none.

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

4. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

4-1. Receive update from RTA staff and the July 2016 – September 2016 Report from RTA Administrator.

Hunter Harvath provided an update on RTA activities. Vehicle and driver permits continue to trend downward, largely due to competition from Transportation Network Companies (TNC) like Uber. Comments from the public regarding local taxi service are overwhelmingly positive. Random inspections have picked up from previous months and RTA staff will continue to work with the administrative staff at the Monterey Police Department to keep vehicle inspections on track.

Public Comment

Michael Cardinalli stated that Salinas Yellow Cab has been losing drivers to Uber. He requested that the RTA board encourage member jurisdictions to follow the lead of San Francisco and San Jose and require all Uber and other TNC drivers to obtain business licenses. He believes that many Uber drivers are operating in Monterey County because they are not required to obtain business licenses.

Close Public Comment

Director Downey asked RTA General Counsel, Dave Laredo to provide direction on Michael Cardinali's request. Mr. Laredo stated that to his knowledge, there are no local exemptions for private contractor business license requirements specific to TNC drivers, and each city could choose to enforce this requirement. He stated that each individual jurisdiction would need to agree to this enforcement of the code; the RTA does not have the authority to act on its own. The RTA could, however, request that each member jurisdiction apply the business license requirements.

- 4-2. Receive report on recent updates to transportation network regulation in California.

Mr. Sedoryk provided a summary of current California legislation making its way through Congress. The current status of TNC regulation by the PUC makes it difficult to address local issues of competition due to inequitable regulation between TNCs and the taxi industry.

Public Comment – none.

Director Pendergrass made a motion to authorize the General Manager/CEO to write a letter of opposition to the proposed bill and was seconded by Director Pacheco. The motion passed unanimously.

5. BIDS/PROPOSALS

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. ACTION ITEMS

- 7-1. Approve Fiscal Year 2017 Budget.

Mr. Harvath presented the FY 2017 Budget, noting that since the first draft was presented to the Finance Committee and the RTA Board in April, staff has further reduced annual revenue to reflect anticipated permit fee reductions due to reductions in permitted vehicles and the possible loss of taxicab company revenue.

The budget reflects an anticipated 15 percent reduction in total revenue from FY 2016. Even with lower than usual revenues, the RTA is in a position to repay start-up costs to jurisdictions requesting repayment due to the accumulation of cash reserves over the last several years. Staff will be coming back to the board to present a mid-year update on the budget. The Finance Committee met prior to the board meeting and recommended approval of the budget.

Public Comment

John Cardinali stated that Salinas Yellow Cab is looking at permitting 10 fewer cabs this year. Both leased vehicles and call volume has been down by 19 to 30 percent depending on the month.

Close Public Comment

Director Barrera made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2017 RTA Budget and was seconded by Director Pendergrass. The motion passed unanimously.

7-2. Approve amendment to bylaws.

Mr. Sedoryk stated that RTA staff is recommending an amendment to the RTA bylaws that would change the term of office from one year to two years. The change would allow officers to serve one term before requiring an interceding one term break before being eligible to serve as an officer again. This amendment would postpone current election of officers to January 2017, allowing time for the results of local elections taking place later in the year since there is currently only one board member who is not up for election on the November ballot. The RTA Ad Hoc Nominating Committee met on July and recommended the bylaw amendment.

Public Comment – none.

Director Pendergrass made a motion to approve the proposed amendment to the RTA bylaws, as recommended, and was seconded by Director Hardy. The motion passed unanimously.

7-3. Conduct Election of Officers

With the approval of the bylaw amendment, Carl Sedoryk proposed tabling the motion until the January 2017 meeting.

Public Comment – none.

Director Downey made a motion to table consideration of officers until the January 2017 meeting of the RTA Board of Directors and was seconded by Director Hardy. The motion passed unanimously.

7-4. Approve repayment of RTA start-up costs.

Mr. Harvath stated that the Finance Committee met prior to the board meeting and recommended board approval of the repayment of start-up costs. The jurisdictions of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Pacific Grove, and Seaside request reimbursement, for a total reimbursement amount of \$38,615. The jurisdictions of Salinas, Monterey, and the County of Monterey have forgiven the start-up costs and will not be reimbursed.

Public Comment – none.

Director Barrera made a motion to approve the repayment of RTA start-up costs totaling \$38,615 to the cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Marina,

Pacific Grove, and Seaside and was seconded by Director Miller. The motion passed unanimously.

8. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- 8-1. Reports on meetings attended by board members at RTA expense. (AB1234).
- 8-2. Board member Comments and Announcements.
- 8-3. Board member Referrals to TAC or future RTA agendas.

Director Leffel requested that RTA staff send a letter to all member jurisdictions requesting their participation in requiring TNC drivers to pay for a business license to operate within the RTA jurisdiction. Director Barrera asked that board members be copied on all correspondence and that any drafted language be consistent. Director O'Connell requested that the practices of San Francisco and San Jose be included in the letter.

The Board requested RTA staff to send a letter to California legislators opposing AB 650 that would place taxi regulation under the PUC.

Director Leffel requested that a strategic workshop be agendized for January 2017, with discussion agendized in October 2016.

9. CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS

10. CLOSED SESSION

11. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

12. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Leffel adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Prepared by:


Deanna Smith, Deputy Secretary