

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

Minutes
March 3, 2014
10:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1-1 Roll call.
- 1-2 Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Orozco called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Present:	Tony Barrera Victoria Beach Alan Cohen Libby Downey Alvin Edwards Terry Hughes Randy Hurley Frank O'Connell Maria Orozco David Pendergrass	City of Salinas City of Carmel-by-the-Sea City of Pacific Grove City of Monterey City of Seaside City of King City of Greenfield City of Marina City of Gonzales City of Sand City
Absent:	Fernando Armenta Kristin Clark Patricia Stephens	County of Monterey City of Del Rey Oaks City of Soledad
Staff:	Carl Sedoryk Hunter Harvath Michael Hernandez Deanna Smith Kelly Halcon Andrea Williams Angela Dawson Angelina Ruiz Carl Wulf Mike Gallant Robert Weber Tom Hicks Zoe Shoats Dave Laredo Miriam Gutierrez	General Manager/CEO Asst. General Manager/Finance & Administration Asst. General Manager/COO Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board Director of Human Resources & Risk Management General Accounting & Budget Manager Accountant Human Resources Generalist Facilities Manager Business Development Planner Director of Transportation Services CTSA Manager Marketing Manager De Lay & Laredo Customer Service Representative
Public:	Jim Fink Greg Findley	MST Rider Cassidy Turley

Apology is made for any misspelling of a name.

2. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Orozco moved to Closed Session at 10:02 a.m.

2-1. Conference with property negotiators. (Parcel # APN 259-011-067, 259-011-060, 003-171-024, 003-171-027, 002-248-009-010, 013-312-015-000 011-486-004, 032-171-005, 001-693-002-000, 013-313—002, 259-031-040, L.2.1, 1.2.4.3, L.2.4.2, L.2.2.1, L.2.2.2, L.2.3, L.2.4.1).

2-2. General Counsel Performance Evaluation.

3. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

3-1. Report on Closed Session and possible action.

MST General Counsel, Dave Laredo, reported on action taken in Closed Session.

Director Pendergrass made a motion on item 2-1, to authorize staff to submit a grant proposal for property acquisition and to commence property negotiations. The motion was seconded by Director Edwards and passed unanimously.

The MST Board of Directors unanimously accepted the results of the General Counsel Performance Evaluation, item 2-2, and directed MST General Manager/CEO, Carl Sedoryk, to provide the results to MST General Counsel, Dave Laredo, at the next board meeting.

Public Comment – none.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4-1. Review highlights of Agenda.

Carl Sedoryk provided the highlights of the agenda.

4-2. Adopt Resolution 2014-17 recognizing Agustin Ruelas, Advanced Mechanic, as Employee of the Month for February, 2014.

4-3. Adopt Resolution 2014-18 recognizing Angelina Ruiz, Human Resources Generalist, as Employee of the Month for March, 2014.

4-4. Disposal of property left aboard buses.

4-5. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2014.

4-6. Financial Report – December, 2013 and January, 2014.

- 4-7. Highlights of the Regular Meeting of the RTA January 27, 2014.
- 4-8. Authorize Hastus (Giro, Inc.) one-year service maintenance and support contract agreement.
- 4-9. Receive FY 2013 Combined Annual Financial Report (CAFR).
- 4-10. Receive and accept Physical Inventory Report.
- 4-11. Receive and approve Revised MST Procurement Policies and Procedures.
- 4-12. Claim Rejection – McGaughran, Elizabeth.

Mr. Fink pulled item #4-4 and asked if any of the cell phones, backpacks, or credit cards were his. Chair Orozco directed him to contact MST customer service for this request.

Public Comment – none.

Director Barrera made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Director Edwards. The motion carried unanimously.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 5-1. February Employee of the Month – Agustin Ruelas, Advanced Mechanic.

Michael Hernandez recognized Agustin Ruelas, advanced mechanic, as the February Employee of the Month for his positive contribution to MST and to the entire community.

- 5-2. March Employee of the Month – Angelina Ruiz, Human Resources Generalist.

Kelly Halcon recognized Angelina Ruiz, human resources generalist, as the March Employee of the Month for her positive contribution to MST and to the entire community.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Jim Fink stated that MST should value connectivity over time when buses are running late. He requested that all buses be held until the late bus arrives to ensure that riders make their connections.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8. MAJOR PROCUREMENTS

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10-1. Board Referral – Public Restroom Information Request.

Michael Hernandez presented an update on restroom facilities at MST locations and a previous public request to install restrooms on MST's large MCI coaches. Given the cost to install and maintain additional restrooms on buses, as well as the problems of drug use, crime, and sanitation issues, staff does not recommend installing restrooms on MST buses. Staff recommends addressing the issue and costs of increasing guard service hours for increased restroom availability at its Salinas and Marina transit centers during the budget cycle for FY 2015. Mr. Hernandez stated that there has been an increase in crime and drug use in the restrooms at the Salinas transit station since increasing their hours of operation.

Director Downey asked if there had been any requests for restroom facilities at the Monterey transit station. Mr. Hernandez stated that since MST does not own the Monterey facility, it is not possible to install a restroom at that location; however, there is a possibility of relocating the transit station where facilities could be provided.

Director Beach feels that MST has not exhausted all options for safe and accessible public restrooms. She asks that staff further research European models that seem to work well.

Director Barrera stated that Chinatown in Salinas has been successful with the public restroom they installed and that the residents of Chinatown "self police" to keep them clean and have a sense of ownership over the facilities. Director Downey agreed with Director Beach and encourages MST staff to continue to find viable solutions to this problem.

Public Comment

Mr. Fink suggested MST contract with Salinas and Marina police departments to provide restroom security. He requests that MST move its bus stop at the Prunedale Park & Ride to the Chevron station where there are public facilities.

Close Public Comment

Director Pendergrass asked whether there are many public requests for increased restroom hours. Mr. Hernandez said there were occasional requests. Miriam Gutierrez, customer service representative, stated that there is a very real problem of crime and drug use in the restrooms, particularly when it gets dark.

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

12-1. General Manager/CEO Report – November and December, 2013.

12-2. Washington D. C. Lobbyist report – January, 2014.

12-3. State Legislative Advocacy Update – January, 2014.

12-4. TAMC Highlights – December, 2013.

12-5. Staff trip reports.

12-6. Correspondence.

12-7. Staff Announcements.

Hunter Harvath introduced Andrea Williams, MST's new general budget and accounting manager.

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 Edwards asked for more information on the recent traffic accident involving an MST bus. Mr. Sedoryk stated that there was a major traffic accident in the rural Elkhorn area of Prunedale. A vehicle pulled into a major traffic lane and the MST bus was not able to slow down sufficiently to avoid the collision.

Dave Laredo stated that special counsel has been retained for MST's defense, and the accident is currently under technical review. The MST bus is out of operation while the investigation continues. Mr. Laredo has been in contact with the family of the driver, who has sustained profound injuries. No further update can be provided at this time.

13-3. Board Member Referrals for future agendas.

14. ATTACHMENTS

14-1. Detailed Monthly Performance Statistics and Disbursement Journal, December, 2013.

15. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Orozco adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Prepared by:


Deanna Smith, Deputy Secretary