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**MEETING NOTES**

Meeting of March 13, 2008

The meeting came to order in the Corte Madera Town Council Chambers at 10:05 AM.

PRESENT: Ken Nordhoff called the meeting to order with Wayne Bush, George Rodericks and Clarissa Daniel, and Dan Keen present. Hamid Shamasapour and Gary Broad arrived late. Staff present: Executive Officer Paul Berlant; Legal Counsel Dave Byers; Auditor John Maher; Wireless Marin Consultant Tom Robinson of CBG Communications; and Barbara Thornton, MTA Executive Officer

- A. The minutes of the January 10, 2008 meeting were approved.
- B. Ken Nordhoff was elected Chair and George Rodericks was elected Vice Chair.
- C. Berlant reported on the MGSA Web page, his attendance at the MCCMC JPA Oversight Committee meeting of March 6, 2008, and progress of the BAAQMD grant process.
- D. The Board received an update on progress of the taxicab regulation program. Since the last Board meeting in January, a meeting with taxicab company owners was held on February 13, 2008, a drug/alcohol monitoring training session was conducted on March 6, 2008 by Norton Medical Labs, the third party administrator of the MGSA's drug/alcohol testing program, and enrollment meetings for drivers will be scheduled for the latter part of April 2008.

Taxicab company owners expressed concerns with the progress of the permitting program, particularly the lack of the requirement for new companies seeking to provide service in the county to demonstrate the need to add additional cabs to those already operating here. The owners also expressed concerns about limousine and "Town Car" services, which have not been treated and regulated like taxicabs, yet are providing the same service without the requisite permits and subject to the same regulations.

The Board asked staff to look into the question of regulating limousines in the same manner as taxicabs and into what process would be required should the member jurisdictions wish to set limits on the number of cabs operating in the County.

- E. The Board approved the professional services contracts with Jeffrey Rawles for the Taxicab Regulation and Abandoned Vehicle Abatement programs.
- F. John Maher gave a presentation on the FY 2006 - 2007 Audit Report. The Board accepted and filed the report.

- G. Tom Robinson gave a report on the completion of Phase 2, Task 1 of the Wireless Marin Broadband System. Barbara Thornton responded to questions about the role of MTA in the broadband program. The Board approved moving forward with Task 2 and asked that the Wireless Advisory Committee review and comment on the results.
- H. Bush provided an update on MarinMap, including noting that the MarinMap.org web page would soon provide public access to many more layers.
- I. Nordhoff presented the Executive Officer's Work Program, which was approved by the Board.
- J. The Board approved the Budget Amendment to add \$6,000 in revenues and expenditures in Professional Services to cover the startup costs of the BAAQMD grant. The Board also approved a professional services contract with Richard Schorske to perform the startup services.
- K. Public Comment. Mark Levine expressed interest in Community Choice Aggregation and asked about a possible role for MGSA. Richard Schorske requested that the Board ask member jurisdictions to designate an official representative to MCEP Steering Committee. The Board asked staff to contact all towns/cities to request such designations.
- H. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: May 8, 2008 (10:00 AM)**



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Paul Berlant, Executive Officer

APPROVED May 8, 2008