



MST HIGHLIGHTS

Board of Directors Meeting

December 9, 2024

RECOGNIZED DECEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2025-10 recognizing Esteban Garcia, Utility Service Technician, as the December 2024 Employee of the Month for his outstanding contribution to MST and to the entire community.

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

The MST Board recognized Richard Higoy, Facilities Technician, for 25 years of service and his outstanding dedication and contribution to MST and to the entire community.

2024 ADMINISTRATIVE PEER OF THE YEAR

The MST Board recognized Courney Neff, Operations Superintendent, Auggie Ruelas, Mechanic A, and Jose de Jesus Ramirez Gomez, Coach Operator as the 2024 Peer of Year and for their outstanding dedication and contribution to MST and to the entire community.

2025 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR AND CONFERENCE DATES

The MST Board received the 2025 Board meeting calendar, committee meeting schedule, and conference dates.

SENTRY ALARM CONTRACT

The MST Board authorized the General Manager/CEO or their designee to enter into a contract with Sentry Alarm for alarm system replacement in the amount of \$123,997, and a three (3) year service contract, with the option to extend for two (2) additional one (1) year periods at \$3,398 per month, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$327,877, including option years.

2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The MST Board approved the 2025 State Legislative Program.

2025 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The MST Board approved the 2025 Federal Legislative Program.

2025 BOARD STRATEGIC SESSION AGENDA

The MST Board reviewed the agenda for the Board Strategic Session in January 2025.

GREENFIELD ON-CALL SERVICES

The MST Board approved the extension of Greenfield on-call services beyond December 31, 2024.

NEXT MST BOARD MEETING

The next regular MST Board meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2025 at 9:00 AM.



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Board of Directors Meeting

January 13, 2025

RECOGNIZED 2024 EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2025-11 recognizing Jacob Huggins, IT Specialist as the 2024 Employee of the Year for his outstanding contribution to MST and to the entire community.

RECOGNIZED 2024 MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNER

The MST Board recognized Jarred Augusta, Risk & Security Manager as the 2024 recipient of the Manager Excellence Award for his outstanding contribution to MST and the entire community.

BOARD MEMBER SERVICE RECOGNITIONS

The MST Board recognized Mayor Mike LeBarre, City of King and David Pacheco, City of Seaside for their 10 years of service and for their outstanding contribution to MST and to the entire community.

CONDUCTED STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

The MST Board conducted its annual strategic planning workshop; reviewed strategic progress to date and emerging issues; received the FY2023-2025 Strategic Plan and 2-year action plan update from staff. The Board and staff also reviewed and discussed six Board Policy and Performance items; 1) Contactless Fare Payment Transition Plan, 2) Zero Emissions Bus Transition Plan; 3) Future of Contracted Transportation Services; 4) MST Land Utilization; 5) MST Board Code of Conduct; and 6) Four-Year Strategic Plan.

NEXT MST BOARD MEETING

The next regular MST Board meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2025.



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Board of Directors Meeting

February 10, 2025

MST BOARD SERVICE RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2025-15 in recognition and appreciation of Anna Velazquez for her eight years of service on the MST Board and contribution to the entire community.

RECOGNIZED JANUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2025-12 recognizing Ursulla Scardina, Communications Specialist, as the January 2025 Employee of the Month for her outstanding contribution to MST and the entire community.

RECOGNIZED FEBRUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2025-13 recognizing Daniel Merillana, Safety Training Officer, as the February 2025 Employee of the Month for his outstanding contribution to MST and the entire community.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RESOLUTION 2025-14

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2025-14 authorizing the General Manager/CEO to execute all required documents for the Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) Program.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROADEO AWARDS

Mike LeBarre was awarded with the 2025 Board of Directors Roadeo trophy and Lorraine Worthy received the "Orange Crush" award for their participation at the 2nd Annual Bus Driver Training.

APPROVED MEASURE Q OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

The MST Board reappointed Juan Pablo Lopez to a new 3-year term and appointed new members Anna Velazquez and Dan Albert each to 3-year terms.

AUTHORIZED PURCHASE OF FIVE TOYOTA HYBRID VEHICLES

The MST Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to purchase five (5) Toyota Prius hybrid vehicles at the lowest price/best options at the time of purchase utilizing the

California Department of General Services (DGS) Contract #1-22-23-10 in an amount not to exceed \$162,000.

ENHANCING MOBILITY INNOVATION GRANT

The MST Board authorized the General Manager/CEO or their designee to execute contracts related to the Federal Transit Administration Enhancing Mobility Innovation Program award in an amount not to exceed \$449,860.

AWARD CONTRACT FOR PARATRANSIT AND FIXED ROUTE SERVICES

The MST Board authorized the General Manager/CEO or their designee to negotiate and execute a five (5) year contract with Transdev Services, Inc. for paratransit and fixed route services, with the option to extend for one (1) additional two (2) year term, in an amount not to exceed \$67,890,014 for the initial term, and \$33,107,556 for the option term.

AWARD CONTRACT FOR CITY OF GREENFIELD BUS STOP CONSTRUCTION

The MST Board authorized the General Manager/CEO or their designee to enter into a contract with the F. Loduca Company for construction of the South County circulator bus stops in the City of Greenfield in an amount not to exceed \$323,113.

AWARD CONTRACT FOR CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE BUS STOP CONSTRUCTION

The MST Board authorized the General Manager/CEO or their designee to enter into a contract with the Granite Rock Company for bus stop construction in the City of Pacific Grove in an amount not to exceed \$211,180.

NEXT MST BOARD MEETING

The next regular MST Board meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2025.



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

www.tamcmonterey.org

HIGHLIGHTS

January 22, 2025

TAMC Board Elects New Officers and Executive Committee Members

The Board of Directors of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County elected the following members to serve as their officers and members of the Executive Committee:

- Wendy Askew, Chair
- Chaps Poduri, 1st Vice Chair
- Luis Alejo, 2nd Vice Chair
- Chris Lopez, Past Chair
- Glenn Church, County Representative
- Jose Rios, City Representative

Their terms began upon their election at the beginning of January 22, 2025 Board meeting through the next election of officers in January 2026.

23rd Annual Transportation Excellence Awards

The Transportation Agency presented their 23rd Annual Transportation Excellence Awards to honor community members, programs and projects that make a significant contribution to improving transportation networks in Monterey County. This year's awards honorees are:

- Individual: Dwight Stump, for his leadership behind the public campaign to install Adaptive Signal Controls along an eight-mile stretch of the Highway 68 corridor.
- Group: Toro Park Cut-through Traffic Pilot Project Community Group: Residents who acted to address their safety concerns regarding traffic that used their neighborhoods to bypass traffic on Highway 68.

- Program: “Safe Routes to School Participatory Budgeting Steering Committees” in the cities of Greenfield, Gonzales, Soledad, and King City to identify projects that would cost under \$250,000 and could be constructed within a three-year timeline and would serve as a safe route to school.
- Program: Monterey-Salinas Transit’s “Commute with Enterprise Vanpool Program,” to increase transportation options for commuters in Monterey County.

Summaries of each honoree and their achievements are available on the TAMC website:

<https://www.tamcmonterey.org/2024-transportation-excellence-awards>

TAMC Board Members Appointed to the California Association of Councils of Governments

TAMC Board members Chaps Padori and Mike LeBarre have been appointed to the California Association of Councils of Government (CalCOG). CalCOG is a nonprofit organization formed to serve regional governments. Director Padori was appointed as representative, and Director LeBarre was appointed as the alternate.

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County is one of 49 members. Like TAMC, most CalCOG members are involved in planning and funding transportation infrastructure. CalCOG provides a forum to share information between members, to learn how proposed State policies could impact TAMC's ability to deliver projects and create opportunities for CalCOG members to partner to advocate for solutions that benefit their constituents.

Toro Park Cut-Through Traffic Pilot Project

The TAMC Board received an update and provided input on the recommendations for the Toro Park Cut-Through Traffic Pilot Project.

TAMC has led the pilot project to address cut-through traffic using roads in Toro Park to bypass excessive congestion on State Route 68. Kimley-Horn is conducting a study on the pilot project that included partial road closures. The pilot project is scheduled to end in January when it will become the County of Monterey's responsibility to implement and maintain any interim and long-term solutions.

Phase I of the pilot project began on July 12, 2024, with a partial road closure at Torero Drive and Bravo Court which blocked over 500 drivers who were attempting to use neighborhood streets to bypass congestion. Improvements near the school improved drop-off traffic flow.

Phase II of the project began on September 27, 2024, with a partial road closure on Portola Drive and Creekside Court to address new cut-through routes. Some commuters were rerouted to congested areas.

The success and challenges of the project include:

- The pilot project reduced cut-through traffic.
- CHP monitored compliance and emergency response times were unaffected.
- The school district reported improved traffic flow but noted challenges for rerouted school buses.
- Workshops gathered public input, showing strong support for the road closures. However, concerns included increased commute times, business access issues, and neighborhood bifurcation.

Recommendations and next steps going forward are:

- Develop a multiuse path linking the school to a nearby parking lot.
- Relocate Phase I and II closures to better locations.
- Maintain partial closures until a long-term solution is found.
- Use higher quality traffic control measures.
- Improve traffic flow at the school.
- Investigate safety concerns at State Route 68 and Torero Drive.
- Consider a transit-activated gate for buses during peak hours.

Future plans are to complete the Toro Park Cut-Through Traffic Study, incorporate findings into the Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Study, coordinate with County staff for interim and long-term projects, and apply for grants to fund improvements.

The Toro Park Cut-Through Pilot Project was funded with \$150,000 of Regional Measure X funds to plan and install the Toro Park Cut-Through Traffic pilot project. Contingent on future Board action, any funds remaining from the pilot project may be made available to implement interim solutions or conduct environmental documentation for the long-term solutions.

For more information on these and other agenda items, please visit the TAMC website at www.tamcmonterey.org.



873rd REGULAR MEETING

OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
926 East Blanco Road
Salinas, CA. 93901

February 11th, 2025

~AGENDA~

12:00 P.M. Noon

926 East Blanco Road

Salinas, CA 93901

(831) 422-6438 p

Office Hours:
Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Jeff Glass
Trustee
City of Monterey

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A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. AGENDA MANAGEMENT:

C. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

D. PUBLIC INPUT: (Limited to 3 minutes)

The consent calendar includes routine items than can be approved with a single motion and vote. A member of the Board of Trustees may request that any item be pulled from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: January 2025**
- B. PAYROLL WARRANTS: January 2025; \$90,174.36**
- C. COMMERICAL WARRANTS: January 2025; \$65,149.23**
- D. UMPQUA BANK: January 2025 \$7,509.26**
- E. TIME DISTRIBUTION: January 2025**
- F. BALANCE SHEET: January 2025**
- G. SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES: January 2025**

F. BUSINESS ITEMS:

- A. Appoint an ad-hoc committee for fiscal year 25/26 budget**

G. MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Ken Klemme, District Manager

H. TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Adjournment to: March 11th, 2025

**MINUTES OF THE 872nd REGULAR
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
MONTEREY COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
January 14th, 2025**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Monterey County Mosquito Abatement District was held on January 14th, 2025, at the District Office in Salinas, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Cecilio, Chair, County of Monterey
Don Cranford, Vice Chair, County of Monterey
Nancy Amadeo, Secretary, City of Marina
Jeff Glass, City of Monterey
Ray Coopersmith, County of Monterey
Louise Goetzelt, City of Del Rey Oaks
Mary Ann Carbone, City of Sand City
Ian Oglesby, City of Seaside
Jim Tashiro, City of Salinas

STAFF PRESENT:

Ken Klemme, District Manager
Kelli Gutierrez, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT:

None

Guest Present

Jose Aguilar

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chair Jeff Cecilio called the 872nd Regular Meeting to order at 12:00 PM

2. AGENDA MANAGEMENT: NONE

3. ROLL CALL:

Administrative Assistant Kelli Gutierrez called roll; it was determined that a quorum was present

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: October 2024 (no Nov/Dec 2024 meeting)
- B. PAYROLL WARRANTS: Oct/Nov/December 2024
\$88,243.02/\$84,615.16/\$84,743.48
- C. COMMERCIAL WARRANTS: Oct/Nov/Dec 2024; \$116,374.71, \$18,661.62
\$199,968.99
- D. UMPQUA BANK: Oct/Nov/Dec 2024; \$8,150.95/\$16,015.49/\$2,340.29

- E. TIME DISTRIBUTION: October/November/December 2024
- F. BALANCE SHEET: October/November/December 2024
- G. SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES: October/ November/ December 2024

With no further inquiries, **Trustee Tashiro moved to approve the consent calendar, Trustee Goetzelt seconded; the motion was passed unanimously.**

6. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Approval of Deposit to Ameriprise Financial Deposit (\$500,000)

After discussion, **Trustee Amadeo moved to approve the motion to Approval of Deposit to Ameriprise Financial Deposit (\$500,000), Trustee Goetzelt seconded; the motion was passed unanimously.**

B. Reminder of 700 Filings due April 1st

C. Approval of trade of Tractor & Mower toward new equipment purchases

A discussion ensued regarding our old tractor/mower for a trade in on a new mower from RDO to go along with the new tractor purchase. **Trustee Goetzelt moved to approve the motion to Approval of trade of Tractor & Mower toward new equipment purchases, Trustee Amadeo seconded; the motion was passed unanimously.**

D. SDA Meeting Bayonet Golf Course 6pm, Dr Allen Radner President Salinas Valley Health

Manager Klemme and Administrative Assistant Gutierrez would be attending and asked if any board members would like to attend, Trustee Canford will attend, and Trustee Tashiro would let Administrative Assistant Gutierrez know this afternoon.

7. MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Ken Klemme, District Manager/Biologist

Manager Klemme updated the Board on marsh area treatments, noting that the current lack of rain has been beneficial.

Our CEQA document is nearing completion, and all pesticide and drone usage records have been updated for the addendum.

Kelli finalized the financials for the last fiscal year and submitted them to the auditors for review.

On January 23rd, we will host a booth showcasing our equipment at Farm Day in King City.

At the end of the month, employees will attend the annual conference in Oakland.

9. **TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

Trustee Goetzelt commented about the minutes at the Del Ray Oaks board meeting showed only 2-year term and not the 4-year term. Both Klemme and Gutierrez said they would investigate that.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further inquiries, Board Chair Cecilio adjourned the meeting at 12:19 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 11th, 2025 at noon.

Jeff Cecilio, Board Chair

ATTEST:

Nancy Amadeo, Secretary

Monterey County Veterans Issues Advisory Committee ((VIAC)

Report to the Del Rey Oaks City Council

The Monterey County Veterans Issues Advisory Committee (VIAC), is part of the Military & Veterans Affairs Office (MVAO). VIAC meets the last Thursday of the month at the Veterans Transition Center (VTA) in Marina.

Approximately 10% of the overall population of Del Rey Oaks is either veterans or active duty military service members. This number increases significantly when spouses and dependents are factored in. VIAC is committed to the wellbeing and welfare of all who have answered the call to our nation's service. If any of you have questions about possible benefits, or have concerns related to your service, please don't hesitate to contact me through City Hall, or email me at rlj.dro@gmail.com.

-Rick Johnson

Date and location of Meeting January 23, 2025, Military & Veterans Affairs Office (MVAO)

The following is an overview of issues reported to, and considered at, the January 23, 2025

Please note that VIAC did not meet in November or December, 2024. The January 2025 meeting was primarily an organizational meeting to begin the new year.

VIAC Organization.

Ian Ogelsby was elected as 2025 Chair of the VIAC Committee, Dan Presser was elected Vice Chair unanimously by the committee.

Veterans Transition Center (VTC)

- Lightfighter Village will have an official ribbon cutting event around the end of January. This is an especially exciting time as the project has been completed, and will serve homeless, low income, and very low income military veterans.
- VTC was honored to be awarded the 2024 Veteran Employer of the Year from the California Employer Advisory Council.

Central Coast Veterans Cemetery

The Central Coast Veterans Cemetery staff, Foundation and CALVET continue to discuss the need to be able to enclose the gathering facility for funerals.

Ft. Ord Retiree Council

- Nothing to report at this time.

Ord Military Community

- Moving ahead with plans for the 250th Anniversary.

VA-DOD Clinic Update

- New imaging equipment is arriving for the clinic.

Municipalities

- **City of Del Rey Oaks**

Construction continues on the Del Rey Oaks on the first segment of the Fort Ord Recreation Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) Project passing under Canyon Del Rey Boulevard (Highway 218).

- **City of Monterey**

The Monterey Bay Defense Alliance will present the Monterey County Economic Impact Report at the quarterly MBDA Breakfast later this month.

- **City of Seaside**

Nothing to Report

- **City of Marina**

Nothing to Report

Military & Veterans Affairs Office (MVAO)

- MVAO is seeking applications for the 2025 Veteran of the Year. Please send them to MVAO.org.
- Jack briefed the Committee on the County and State Budget Climate and gave a short legislative update.
- Progress has been made with Monterey County government relating to Veteran related HR Initiatives: These programs include: The Veterans Preference Policy, Military Spouse Hiring Policy, The Military Leave Policy, DoD Skillbridge Program, and Operation Greenlight.



County of Monterey Military & Veterans Affairs Office



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FY 25 Semi-Annual Report

(01 Jul – 31 Dec 24)



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Counties to Best
Serve Veterans



3,233

Phone Calls



2,133

Vet Rep Appointments

2,592 Claims Actions

1,525 Unique Veterans

868 VA Compensation Awards



147

College Tuition
Fee Waivers

\$1,052,995

Disability Compensation Awards



\$2,988,034

Retroactive Payments

\$3,605,741

Annualized Recurring Monthly Payments



\$113,750 in Grants and Contracts

\$111,730 in State Subvention



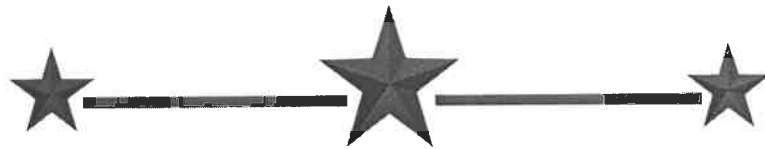
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2025 Veteran Stand Down and Resource Fair

**Hosted by the County of Monterey
Military and Veterans Affairs Office**

**Friday, April 18th, 2025
County of Monterey Coastal Offices
2620 1st Ave
Marina, CA 93933**

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