



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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HIGHLIGHTS

September 27, 2023

TAMC Board Receives Measure X Revenues and Annual Inflation Adjustment Information

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors received a presentation on the Measure X revenues and the annual adjustment to the Regional Projects and Programs. The presentation noted that prior to Monterey County voters adopting Measure X in November 2016, revenues were conservatively estimated to be \$20 million per year. Actual revenues have been significantly higher, with the fiscal year 2021/22 revenues exceeding \$38 million.

The Measure X program's existing fund balance, along with new revenues, will allow the Measure X program of projects to meet programmed local match requirements for the next five years. Since 60% of the Measure X funds are allocated to the cities and County, these increased revenues will primarily accrue for local road and street projects.

Priority regional projects that are expected to start construction during the five-year timeframe include the following projects:

- Imjin Road Widening project, which uses \$18 million in Measure X funds as match to a \$19 million Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program grant;
- Highway 218 Segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project, which used \$1 million in Measure X as a match to a \$10 million Active Transportation Program grant;
- State Route 156/Castroville Boulevard project, which received a \$20 million Senate Bill 1 Trade Corridors grant that is matched with \$10 million in Measure X and \$5 million in development impact fees; and
- SURF! Rapid Bus Corridor, which used \$15 million in Measure X funds as a match to \$1.4 million Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program funds, \$24.7 million Federal grants, and a \$25 million Transit and Intercity Rail capital Program grant.

During a review of the Policies and Projects Description for the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan (Measure X), Agency staff identified an approved policy for addressing inflation and increased

projects costs that had not previously been implemented. Since Measure X revenues have been consistently higher than expected, and project costs have risen dramatically in recent years, Agency staff proposed to enact the annual inflation adjustment going forward for regional programs and projects using the same construction cost index from the Engineering News Record that is used to index the Measure X Maintenance of Effort requirement.

TAMC Seeks Nominations for 22nd Annual Transportation Excellence Awards

The TAMC Board of Directors authorized the release for a call for nominations for the Transportation Agency 's 22nd Annual Transportation Excellence Awards. The award honors individuals, businesses, groups, or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

Examples of potential awards include:

- Projects that exemplify TAMC's mission to develop and maintain a multimodal transportation system that enhances mobility, safety, access, environmental quality, and economic activities in Monterey County;
- Innovative activities that promote safer or more efficient use of the local transportation network;
- Citizens or organizations that have made significant efforts to inform and educate the public about transportation issues;
- Successful efforts to improve transit services and encourage the use of smart commute options as alternatives to driving alone; and/or
- Transportation employees who excel at their jobs and go the extra mile to improve our transportation system.

The nomination form is available on the Transportation Agency website at www.tamcmonterey.org. The form can be submitted online or downloaded and sent to the attention of Theresa Wright at 55 B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA 93901, or theresa@tamcmonterey.org. The deadline to submit a nomination is December 1, 2023. The Transportation Agency Executive Committee will select the awards recipients at its January 2024 meeting, and the awards ceremony will take place during the regular January 24, 2024, Transportation Agency Board meeting.

TAMC Appoints Two New Members to Serve on the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee

The TAMC Board of Directors approved the appointment of Christie Cromeenes to serve as the Central Coast Builders Exchange representative on the Measure X Oversight Committee. With the retirement of the Alliance on Aging Executive Director, Teresa Sullivan, the Board approved the appointment of the Alliance's new Executive Director, John McPherson, to serve as the alternate representative for the senior and disabled services agency on the Oversight Committee.



MST HIGHLIGHTS
Board of Directors Meeting
October 9, 2023

RECOGNIZED OCTOBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The MST Board adopted resolution 2024-06 recognizing Vince Dang, Project Management Coordinator as the October 2023 Employee of the Month for his outstanding contribution to MST and to the entire community.

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

The MST Board recognized Roberto Cruz, Coach Operator for 25 years of service and his outstanding dedication and contribution to MST and to the entire community.

RECEIVED MST 50TH GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

The MST Board received a 50th Golden Anniversary recognition plaque from Luis Alejo on behalf of the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors.

RECEIVED CONGRESSIONAL RECORD HONORING MST 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The MST Board received a Congressional Record Honoring the 50th Anniversary of Monterey-Salinas Transit

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2024-07 FOR MST PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2024-07 approving the MST program of projects and authorizing the General Manager/CEO to execute grant documents for state transit assistance/ State of Good Repair Funds and authorizing the execution of program certifications and assurances.

AUTHORIZED DISPOSITION OF ELEVEN MST-OWNED VEHICLES

The MST Board authorized the disposition of eleven (11) MST-owned vehicles that have reached or exceeded their useful life.

AUTHORIZED JOE LLOYD WAY FACILITY LEASE DOCUMENTS

The MST Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to execute lease documents with US ARMY for the Joe Lloyd Way Facility (JLW) for continued MST fixed route and MST RIDES minibus operations and maintenance at a rate of \$230,856 per year for a term of two years.

AUTHORIZED WORKERS' COMPENSATION CONTRACT

The MST Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to enter into a three-year contract with Pacific Claims Management for workers' compensation managed care services with the option to extend for two (2) individual one (1) year terms, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$380,000 or \$76,000/year.

RECEIVED STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRANSIT OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDING

The MST Board received staff recommendations for transit operations and capital projects funding in the FY 2024 State Budget as promulgated in Senate Bill 125, Senate Bill 101, and Assembly Bill 102, and provided direction.

APPROVED UPDATED MST EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

The MST Board approved the updated version of the MST Employee Handbook.

AUTHORIZED FUEL CONTRACT WITH MANSFIELD ENERGY

The MST Board authorized General Manager/CEO to enter into a contract with Mansfield Energy for the purchase and delivery of fuel, valid from November 1, 2023, through February 10, 2027, with the option to extend one additional year thereafter, in an amount not to exceed \$22,200,578.

APPROVED 3% INCENTIVE POOL FOR MSTEAs AND CONFIDENTIAL UNIT

The MST Board approved the MST 3.0% FY 2023 incentive pay pool for eligible Monterey-Salinas Transit Employee Association (MSTEA) and Confidential Unit Employees (excluding the General Manager/CEO).

NEXT MST BOARD MEETING

The next regular MST Board meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2023.

Del Rey Oaks City Council's Representative to the
Monterey County Mosquito Abatement District (MCMAD) Board of Trustees

Report: October 2023

The MCMAD met at Noon on October 10, 2023. (See Agenda)

The meeting was held at 926 E. Blanco Road in Salinas

The board reviewed and approved the revised 5-Year Strategic Plan for the district, with minor corrections.

A number of board members and the manager will be attending the Monterey County Special District Chapter meeting at Bayonet-Black Horse Golf Course on Oct 17. The speaker will be from the California Joint Powers Authority Investment Fund.

Monthly Operations Report:

- a. The district received 17 calls for service since the last meeting (Sep 12, 2023), for among other things, mosquito fish and one for assistance in eradicating a yellow-jacket hive. (The yellow-jacket eradication is generally not in the district's purview, but they were glad to assist.)
- b. The district made two You-Tube videos.
- c. The district is treating Elkhorn Slough, and working with the county to address the malfunctioning tide gates. (These gates are meant to let out fresh water from the slough, while preventing the intrusion of salt water at high tide. They are not closing properly, and the incoming saltwater kills some of the slough plants.)
- d. Several employees will be participating in drone training at Tahoe.
- e. Several new employees will be attending a training conference in Montana.

Monthly Administrative Report:

- a. The district is working on modifying the Argos with spreaders, so no one will have to ride on the back to man one.
- b. The district has started trail clearing at The Frog Pond, so they can better access the mosquito breeding areas once the rains start.
- c. The district is evaluating options for providing service outside of the current footprint, such as contracting to provide services in south county on an as needed basis.
- d. The district worked on the videos that will be broadcast on Comcast. Previews of two were shown to the board.

The next meeting for the Monterey County Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees will be at Noon on November 14, 2023, at 926 East Blanco Rd, Salinas, CA 93901.



858th REGULAR MEETING

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

October 10, 2023

~AGENDA~

12:00 P.M. Noon

926 East Blanco Road
Salinas, CA 93901

(831) 422-6438 p
(831) 422-3337 f

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

We strive to host inclusive, accessible meetings that enable all individuals, including individuals with disabilities, to engage fully. To request an accommodation or for inquiries about accessibility, please contact the District.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

2. **ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:**

3. **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

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: September 2023
- B. PAYROLL WARRANTS: September 2023 \$89,030.55
- C. COMMERCIAL WARRANTS: September 2023 \$175,059.50
- D. UMPQUA BANK: August 2023 \$26,368.51
- E. TIME DISTRIBUTION: September 2023
- F. BALANCE SHEET: September 2023
- G. SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES: September 2023

5. **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- A. Discussion of the revised 5-Year Strategic Plan and consider for approval
- B. Discussion of proposed Succession Plan, possibly creating an ad-hoc committee to help further draft
- C. Consideration and approval of Ray Coopersmith and Don Cranford to serve a four-year term on the Monterey County Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees
- D. Special District Chapter meeting at Bayonet Blackhorse 10/17/23; Speaker Robert Schull, California Class Joint Powers Authority Investment Pool. Now also available by Zoom.

Jeff Cecilio
Board Chair
County at Large

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Vice Chair
County at Large

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City of Seaside

Ray Coopersmith
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Mary Ann Carbone
Trustee
City of Sand City

Louise Goetzelt
Trustee
City of Del Rey Oaks

Jim Tashiro
Trustee
City of Salinas

Diane de Lorimier
Trustee
City of Monterey

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 857th REGULAR
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
MONTEREY COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
September 12, 2023**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Monterey County Mosquito Abatement District was held on September 12, 2023, at the District Office in Salinas, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Cecilio, Chair, County of Monterey
Don Cranford, Vice Chair, County of Monterey
Jason Campbell, City of Seaside
Mary Ann Carbone, City of Sand City
Ray Coopersmith, County of Monterey
Louise Goetzelt, City of Del Rey Oaks

STAFF PRESENT:

Ken Klemme, District Manager
Mona Sloan, Administrative Assistant
Philip Maschmeyer, Operations Supervisor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Nancy Amadeo, Secretary, City of Marina
Diane de Lorimier, City of Monterey
Jim Tashiro, City of Salinas

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chair Jeff Cecilio called the 857th Regular Meeting to order at 12:02 PM

2. ROLL CALL:

Administrative Assistant Mona Sloan called roll; it was determined that a quorum was present

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

NONE

4. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: August 2023
- B. PAYROLL WARRANTS: August 2023 \$91,726.67
- C. COMMERCIAL WARRANTS: August 2023 \$46,487.03
- D. UMPQUA BANK: July 2023 \$9,771.55
- E. TIME DISTRIBUTION: August 2023
- F. BALANCE SHEET: August 2023
- G. SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES: August 2023
- H. DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Q4 2023

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

Manager Klemme spoke to Trustees and informed them that we have been working on the 2022-2023 audit with our CPA and auditing firms with a goal of presenting to the Board at the November 14th meeting. He also stated that staff and two Board members recently attended the California Special District Association (CSDA) annual conference in Monterey. He added that it was good exposure for our newer technicians who also received a chance to go. Klemme discussed the City of Salinas Vision 2030 California Environmental Qualities Act (CEQA) process, which is currently open for comments from both individuals and agencies. Klemme would like to make a few comments, especially since the City of Salinas Vision 2030 has to do primarily with global warming. Klemme made the correlation that with global warming the experts are saying that vectors will spread more disease faster and the City should take that into account with their broken drains and broken sidewalks that breed mosquitoes.

8. **TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

Trustee Goetzelt told Operations Supervisor Maschmeyer that she would like to send him a sample of how the veterans administration reports out monthly activities.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further inquiries, Board Chair Cecilio adjourned the meeting at 1:03 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 10, 2023 at noon.

Jeff Cecilio, Board Chair

ATTEST:

Nancy Amadeo, Secretary

6. **MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT:** Philip Maschmeyer, Operational Supervisor

7. **MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Ken Klemme, District Manager

8. **TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

Adjournment to: October 10, 2023

With no further inquiries, **Trustee Carbone** moved to approve the consent calendar as presented, **Trustee Amadeo** seconded; *the motion was passed unanimously.*

5. **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

A.

**Resolution No. 2324-01
Of the Monterey County Mosquito Abatement District
Board of Trustees to Cease Providing Health Benefits
to Future Board Members**

Discussion was held regarding the increasing cost of Health insurance and the burden it will eventually put on the District.

After consideration, **Trustee Goetzelt** moved to approve **Resolution No. 2324-01** as presented, **Trustee Amadeo** seconded; with the exception of (1) one "no" vote from **Trustee Campbell**, *the motion was passed successfully.*

B. Approval of Comcast Media Campaign

Manager Klemme presented the Comcast television advertising campaign to the Board for approval and confirmed there would be advertising in Spanish. He let the Board know that advertising could be adjusted to meet our needs.

Trustee Tashiro made a motion to accept the contract as presented, **Trustee Goetzelt** seconded; *the motion passed unanimously.*

6. **MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT: Paul Palomo, Operations Supervisor**

Paul Palomo briefed the Board on District activities for the month of July. Palomo informed Trustees that staff saw a slight drop in service call requests as opposed June and half of what we had in May. There were 22 service requests with 15 calls regarding mosquito activity, 6 calls for mosquito fish and 1 dead bird call. Three videos were produced for the District's Social Media account and mosquito techs have been doing a great job in their zones.

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: September 28, 2023, Veterans Transition Center

The following is an overview of issues reported to, and considered at, the September 28, 2023 meeting:

Veterans Transition Center (VTC)

- The VTC is currently at maximum capacity for all housing programs serving 104 veterans and dependents.
- Lightfighter Village wall raising is scheduled for October 30th. Congressman Panetta is scheduled to be the guest speaker.
- On September 29th the VTC received the Non-Profit Organization of the year Award in the Innovator Category from the Non-Profit Alliance of Monterey County.
- A VTC employee (Shane Strong) is one of the Veteran of the Year award recipients.

Central Coast Veterans Cemetery

- The placement of a sign at the Lightfighter exit off Highway One to direct vehicles to the cemetery is moving forward.

Cemetery Foundation

- A credible proposal for construction of the Donor Wall has been received.
- The Foundation is coordinating with the State of California and American Legion Post 591 for an 11:00 AM Veterans Day Cemetery event on November 11th.

Ord Military Community

- In the event of a possible government shutdown, all non-essential services will be shut down. DLI classes will continue to function, although some support entities will be affected.

Ft. Ord Retiree Council

- Please note: Louise Goetzelt attended the National Retiree Council meeting on August 1st. The Council will be meeting April 14, 2024 in-person. Replacement nominations will be due in six to eight weeks. There are listing requirements for each position (rank, active, reserve, etc.) National issues for discussion are due by Nov. 1, 2023. More information to follow.

VA-DOD Clinic

- Monterey County 4th District Supervisor Wendy Root-Askew toured the clinic with Jean Gurga, VA Palo Alto Medical Center Director, for a first-hand look at the facility and to discuss needs of the veteran community in our area.
- Jack Murphy commented that he has been in contact with the senior leadership at VA Palo Alto regarding the spike in complaints about mental health services at the clinic.

Municipalities

- The City of Monterey co-sponsored the Monterey Bay Veterans Fishing Derby by providing 25 parking passes for the event.
- Monterey is actively trying to recruit military spouses and veterans for job opportunities.
- Seaside's Mayor Ian Ogelsby was featured in a New York Times article regarding the former Fort Ord.

Military & Veterans Affairs Office (MVAO)

- AB 46 , the bill that would provide tax benefits for military veterans and surviving spouses receiving retiree benefits has been designated as a two-year bill and remains alive. **Note, the Bill addresses the fact that California is the only state that does not provide any tax relief in any form for military retirees.**
- Veteran of the Year tickets for the November 3rd dinner are available at the MVAO office.
- The Heroes Open is scheduled for October 28th.
- MVAO continues to address issues that will impact the veteran community in the event of a government shutdown. Please note that veteran benefits are fully funded and would not be affected in the event of a shutdown.
- Military Veterans Affairs Office Activity Reports for July and August are attached.
- The August and September Reports are attached offering a quick overview of the work being done on behalf of veterans in Monterey County.



County of Monterey Military & Veterans Affairs Office



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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

August 2023



**THE 2022
PACT
ACT**

11

Outreach Events

214

New Contacts



761

Phone Calls

484

Vet Rep Appointments

761 Claims Actions



387 Unique Veterans

263 VA Disability Awards

53 College

Fee Waivers

\$359,490

New Disability Compensation Awards

\$684,762

Retroactive Payments

\$108,515

Recurring Monthly Payments



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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

September 2023



National
**SUICIDE
 PREVENTION**
 Awareness Month

14
 Outreach Events
282
 New Contacts


590
 Phone Calls

343
 Vet Rep Appointments

461 Claims Actions
238 Unique Veterans
186 VA Disability Awards



12 College
 Fee Waivers
\$93,780

New Disability Compensation Awards
\$547,612
 Retroactive Payments
\$99,113
 Recurring Monthly Payments



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