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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 14, 2011
TO: MGSA Board of Directors
FROM: Paul Berlant, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM: D: Taxicab Regulation Program Update

Recommendation Accept this update report. No action is requested.

Program Update There currently are 17 permitted companies using 19 names, an increase of four companies using 16 names at this time last year. Two taxi company applications are pending. There are currently 81 permitted vehicles, which is a reduction of three vehicles from last year. There are currently 166 permitted drivers for all companies, up from 135 last year. Permit renewals for 2011 are almost complete; there are a few that will be renewed over the summer. All companies have been cooperative in processing renewals.

County Weights and Measures is completing their annual inspection of taxi meters. Mr. Rawles receives reports of taxi companies without MGSA permits. Mr. Rawles has also met with Whistlestop Transit and Marin Transit, both of which are looking to improve transit options for those with disabilities.

Revenues from permits during 2010-11 amounted to \$62,000. Overall costs are approximately \$91,000, including about \$30,000 in legal expenses. We had budgeted \$10,000 for legal costs directly related to taxicab regulation. Thus, absent the extraordinary legal costs, we would have been close to cost recovery. The permit fee for vehicles will increase by \$200 in November of this year, bringing fees and costs to a break even point for 2011-12 as planned.