

# MARIN GENERAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 12, 2012  
**TO:** MGSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Paul Berlant, Executive Officer  
**SUBJECT:** AGENDA ITEM: F: Taxicab Regulation Program Update

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Recommendation Accept this update report. No action is requested.

Program Update There are currently 19 companies permitted, using 21 names. A new company has paid its initial \$1,000 fee and passed the background checks. The new company (Taxi Express) is currently getting its vehicle ready for service and should be operational within the next several weeks. Since the November report, four new vehicles have been added to the MGSA permitted fleet, with 91 vehicles now permitted and operating. Although drivers continue to come and go, the number is relatively stable with 169 drivers currently permitted. As reported in November, Mr. Rawles impression is that finding and keeping qualified drivers is a developing issue or trend.

Pursuant to the MGSA fee resolution that gradually increased the fee for companies that were grandfathered into the Marin County Taxi Regulation Program prior to November 13, 2008, the old companies are now paying MGSA an annual \$700 per vehicle fee, which is close to the \$1,000 paid by the new companies and accordingly the disparity is narrowing.

Although the monitoring and enforcing MGSA Taxi regulation requires some vigilance and follow through, overall, the taxicab industry is complying and cooperating with the program.

2011-12 Cost Recovery Attached is a table showing revenue and expenses through mid-December and estimated expenses through the remainder of the fiscal year. Revenue is based on receipts through mid-December and projected renewals and a small increase in permits, while expenses are projected within budget. Estimated revenues and expenses are expected to come close to balancing (not including indirect costs).

### Attachment

2011-12 Revenue/Expense Estimate