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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 5, 2009
TO: MGSA Board of Directors
FROM: Paul Berlant, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM C: TAXICAB REGULATIONS PROGRAM UPDATE

Recommendation: Receive this report.

Background:

The taxi permitting process moves along. As of February 24th we have issued 122 taxi driver permits and 25 vehicle permit stickers to seven companies. In addition five company and 50 vehicle permits are about to complete the application process. There are three companies that have not followed up on their applications, two of which are new applicants and do not have vehicles yet.

On February 19th, Jeff Rawles and I met with San Rafael City Manager (and MGSA Board Chair) Ken Nordhoff and Police Chief Matt Odetto to discuss enforcement of taxicab regulations. One of the more obvious areas of compliance is the San Rafael Transit Center, where there is a taxi stand and where a relatively large number of fares are picked up and dropped off. The San Rafael police, with our assistance, expect to take a proactive role in the next several weeks to help enforce our regulations. We will provide advanced notice of this enforcement activity to the taxi companies. In addition, staff will attend the Police Chiefs' regular meeting in March to provide an update and seek enforcement assistance,

By March 2nd, Jeff Rawles will send a letter to all taxi companies that have filed applications which states, among other things, that we will deny pending permits for which all required materials have not been submitted by March 16, 2009 (i.e., full applications, fees, drug tests, insurance certificates, etc.). As noted above, we expect that there will be only three companies in this situation.

Staff will be prepared to respond to questions at the March meeting.