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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 8, 2015
TO: MGSA Board of Directors
FROM: Paul Berlant, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM F: Taxicab Regulation Program Update

Recommendation

Accept this update regarding the Marin County Taxi Regulation Program

Inventory Update and Permit Fees

Staff continues to add and delete vehicles and drivers as permit applications are submitted. There has been one company turnover in the past few months. One new driver who failed the initial drug test several months ago, reapplied after the required waiting period, having completed substance abuse professional (SAP) program and additional testing. Current taxi permit data is as follows:

Drivers: 195 (compared to 184 in September)

Companies: 29 using 31 names (the same as September)

Vehicles: 112 (compared to 108 in September)

The live scan background check process has slowed down, with the Sheriff's Department currently accepting appointments approximately one month out to fingerprint new drivers. As a means to accelerate the process, applicants have been going to some of the local police departments and private, permitted live scan agencies to get finger-printed at a slightly higher cost. In addition, the California Department of Justice website has also slowed down its reporting, with reports on applicants sometimes exceeding 30 days. This increased delay has been difficult for some applicants, but appears unavoidable.

The new billing system continues in its first year of operation. Invoices are being issued by MGSA office staff each month as the data base and accounting system suggested by John Maher is implemented.