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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 10, 2013
TO: MGSA Board of Directors
FROM: Paul Berlant, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM: E: Taxicab Regulation Program Update

Recommendation Accept this update regarding the Marin County Taxi Regulation Program.

Inventory Update

There currently are 19 companies using 21 “brand” names which have permits to operate. These are the same numbers as we reported in November. However, three companies have ceased business and four have paid for new permits and will presumably start in the near future.

Even with fewer businesses, there are currently 114 permitted vehicles, which is an increase of eight vehicles since the last report. Permitted drivers currently total 195, which is an increase of nine drivers since November.

Taxicab Regulation Activity

Permit activity continues to be brisk with companies changing drivers and vehicles. Mr. Rawles also spends considerable time maintaining the data base and assuring program participants remain in with compliance required vehicle insurance and annual drug testing.

It is interesting to note that a number of cities in Sonoma County, as well as the County of Sonoma, are beginning to regulate taxicabs. There does not seem to be a coordinated county-wide effort however, and the method of enforcement varies by jurisdiction.