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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 26, 2008

**TO:** Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers' Joint Powers Oversight Committee

**CC:** MGSA Board of Directors, Marin City/Town/County/CSD Managers

**FROM:** Paul Berlant, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** JPAOC Report on MGSA dated June 5, 2008

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In an effort to maintain good communications with the JPAOC, as well as document the efforts of the MGSA, this memorandum is intended to respond to some of the comments forwarded in your report, dated June 5, 2008. The form of this memo, with bulleted comments, will simply follow your report and will only address those comments for which it seems a response or clarification may be warranted.

- **Interaction with other JPA's:** The Executive Officers of MGSA, MERA and MTA have been meeting on a monthly basis since February 2008. We discuss issues common to the three of us, including supervision of our shared Administrative Services staff person, shared office and support services, accounting issues, and joint activities, which may be of mutual benefit.
- **Taxicab Regulation Program:** As MGSA began the permitting process of drivers and cab companies this spring, the drivers were charged a permit fee by MGSA of \$100 for a five-year permit (no further permit fees until renewed in five years), a fee of \$100 by a third-party testing, record keeping and reporting company for the drivers' initial drug/alcohol screening and one random test during their first year under the program, and up to \$86 for the one-time police background check. The drug/alcohol testing regime will cost the drivers \$95 per year hereafter for random testing and reporting. The cab companies were charged by MGSA a \$250 fee for a five-year permit and a \$100 per year fee for each vehicle. The MGSA Board reaffirmed its intent to require annual random drug/alcohol testing of drivers at its June 12, 2008 meeting. Staff updates the MGSA Board on the program's progress at each regular Board meeting. The Staff Reports and Minutes of the meetings are posted on our web page.
- **Streetlights:** The 80 remaining inventoried Metricom devises are scheduled to be removed by the July 31, 2010 deadline to avoid PG&E charges. The poles on which the devises are located represent about one-half of one percent of the 14,000+/- lights

maintained by Republic ITS. The City of Mill Valley is about to begin an LED streetlight pilot project. Mill Valley staff has agreed to keep the MGSA Board apprised of the progress and results of this project. MGSA will assist in the dissemination of Mill Valley's reports. MGSA may be able to be of assistance to its members with regard to emergent technologies, acquisition of systems that are not currently owned, and perhaps dealing with PG&E as new types of lighting, e.g., LED, are installed.

- Wireless Marin Project: MGSA staff agrees that the MTA is best suited to be the lead policy agency. A meeting of the Wireless Marin Advisory Committee can be called at any time policy issues or other decision points occur.
- Posting of "By-laws" on web page: If by reference to By-laws, the JPAOC means the agreement under which the MGSA was formed, per your suggestion, we will post the agreement on our web page.

I look forward to working with you and your staff. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

*Paul Berlant*