

# CALIFORNIA VANPOOL AUTHORITY

## Board of Directors

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**Meeting Date:** June 9, 2016

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**Place:** Kings County Association of Governments  
CalVans office at 1340 North Drive, Hanford, CA 93230

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- Merced County Association of Governments, Conference Room, 369 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA 95340
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<u>Item #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	CALL TO ORDER	
	Roll Call – Clerk of the Board	
2.	PUBLIC COMMENT (Unscheduled Appearances)	
	The public may address the committee on any item relevant to the authority. To comment on an agenda item, speakers should notify the staff member at the meeting location, when the agenda item is announced. The staff member will indicate whether speakers are to make their comments before or after any staff comment or report. Public comment shall precede discussion of the item by the committee. Comments by individuals and entities will be limited to five minutes or as may be reasonable as determined by the conducting officer.	
3.	Consent Items	Action
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## **STAFF REPORT**

### **3. Consent Items**

#### **A. Minutes of May 12, 2016**

The attached minutes from the last meeting are ready for approval, pending any changes from the members.

#### **B. Resolution 01-16 Authorizing submittal of AHSC Grant application**

CalVans has been invited to submit a final application for \$3.3 million in AHSC (Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities) funds. The funds will be used to purchase an additional 80 vehicles for expanding the farm worker vanpool program. The funding will be important, as it will allow us meet the demand that is expected, once everything is in place with the USDOL.

The attached resolution 01-16 authorizes the submittal of the application. Staff recommends approval of the resolution and authorization of the Chairman's signature.

#### **C. Resolution 02-16 Self-Help Enterprises Lindsay Village project**

Staff is working with Self-Help Enterprise Staff as a co-applicant on an AHSC application for up to \$5.6 million of funding for Lindsay Village (Dinuba) and associated infrastructure improvements. The project includes a total of 49-units, transportation improvements at southeast corner of Hermosa Street and Westwood Avenue, and funding for an on-site vanpool which will be operated in partnership with California Vanpool Authority.

CalVans role as a co-applicant requires the submittal of resolution authorizing submittal of the AHSC application. Staff recommends approval of the resolution and authorization of the Chairman's signature.

#### **D. Resolution 03-16 Self-Help Enterprises Dinuba Village project**

Staff is working with Self-Help Enterprise Staff as a co-applicant on an AHSC application that involves an application for up to \$4.7 million of funding for Sierra Village (Dinuba) and associated infrastructure improvements. The project includes a total of 44-units, transportation improvements at Davis and Crawford, and funding for an on-site vanpool which will be operated in partnership with California Vanpool Authority.

CalVans role as a co-applicant requires the submittal of resolution authorizing submittal of the AHSC application. Staff recommends approval of the resolution and authorization of the Chairman's signature.

### **4. System Update**

#### **A. Recent USDOL meeting**

As Staff mentioned at the last meeting, USDOL is working on an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for the purpose of allowing all individuals who transport farm workers the option to use CalVans. Presently USDOL regulations prevent those who are registered as FLCs (Farm Labor

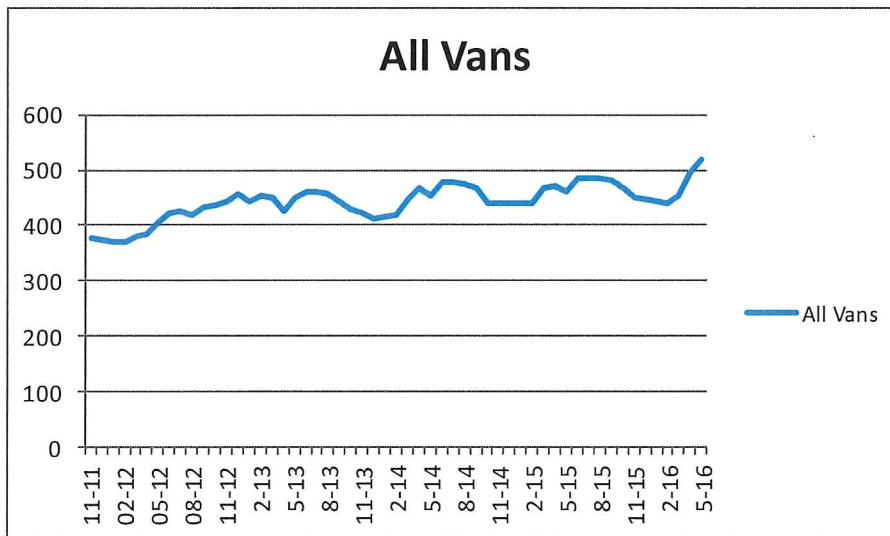
Contractors) or those who recruit, supervise or are paid to transport form using a CalVans vehicle. The MOU is being circulated within the USDOL and may take some time before the review is completed.

Region 9 Staff would like to move forward on establishing a relationship that would open up the possibility of using CalVans sooner rather than later. To that end Staff met with USDOL Staff a second time to work out the steps or procedures to make this happen. The meeting focused on what changes CalVans may have to make and what USDOL staff is expecting as far as approval prior to issuing a van, as well as what they expect to find when conducting an inspection in the field. It was agreed that CalVans will modify its Driver agreement to reflect insurance coverage and vehicle service. The agreement now mentions the \$10 million coverage and the fact that vehicle are serviced in compliance the California Vehicle Code section covering maintenance of vanpools.

It is anticipated that everything will be in place within the next several weeks allowing any farmworker the ability to operate a CalVans vanpool without fear of violating USDOL regulations.

**B. Demand is exceeding supply**

Staff is experencing a marked increase in the number of agricultural vanpools assigned, even before anything is in place with the USDOL. The number of vans assigned to farm workers now exceeds 250. This brings the the total number of vanspools assigned to over 500. The following graph shows total vans assigned by month for the past several years. Over that time the number of vanspools assigned to farm workers has grown each year. Our growth will be constrained this summer as we will be out of available vans later this month.



The overall distance traveled agricultural vanpools has also continded to grow. Last May we billed for at total of 252, 442 miles, this May it was 397,280. This is a 57% increase over last year. As the miles have grown so have the number of growers or contractors supporting the use CalVans by their employees.

Additional vehicles will secures through grants or lease/purchased, with the lease/purchase cost being passed on to growers or contractors who are providing vouchers to their employees. It is anticipated that most new vans being assigned under the USDOL MOU will be of this type.

The following list notes the various companies and the number of vanpools used by their employees:

<u>County</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Vans</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Vans</u>
Monterey	Fresh Harvest	48	Ventura	Buena Farms	1
Imperial	Sunrise Packing	29	Fresno	Cala AG	1
Monterey	Western Packing	19	Kings	El Bajio Packing	1
Fresno	Peri & Sons Farms	15	Ventura	Encino Valley Farming	1
Monterey	D&J Packing	11	Monterey	F.M.G	1
Kern	Safety Harvesting	8	AZ	Four Seasons	1
Monterey	Premium Packing	6	Fresno	Fred Garza	1
Imperial	Double Lucky	5	Fresno	G&G	1
Monterey	Elkhorn Packing	5	Fresno	Golden Hill	1
Fresno	Family Ranch	5	Fresno	Guadalupe Antuna	1
Fresno	Fruit Harvesting	4	Fresno	Harris Ranch	1
Fresno	Y&T Harvest	4	Ventura	J&D Harvesting	1
Tulare	Cream of the Crop	3	Yuma	Jett Harvest	1
Santa Barbara	DB Specialty Farms	3	Tulare	JV Labor	1
Santa Barbara	Oseguera	3	Fresno	Leopoldo Garcia	1
Ventura	Buena Ventura Ranch	2	Fresno	Leyva Farms	1
Monterey	Central Coast Packing	2	Fresno	LGP	1
Ventura	Coastal Farmlabor	2	Fresno	Llamas	1
AZ	Dominguez Farms	2	Fresno	Lorado Tree Planters	1
Fresno	Garza Contracting	2	Tulare	Margret Gonzales	1
Monterey	GC Harvesting	2	Kern	Maricopa	1
Fresno	Gerawan Farming	2	Monterey	MB	1
Monterey	Hacienda Farms	2	Tulare	Mc Clurry Farms	1
Fresno	JSV Farm Labor	2	Fresno	Mendoza Farms	1
Monterey	Lucky AG	2	Fresno	Mike Kreger	1
Fresno	Mission Ventures INC	2	Monterey	Preferred	1
Fresno	PPL Farmlabor	2	Monterey	Ramco	1
Monterey	Rancho Purisima	2	Tulare	Rand o Farms	1
Ventura	Rio Farms	2	Santa Barbara	Rincon	1
Fresno	Rodriguez Farms	2	Tulare	Rivas	1
Kings	Sunrise Farms	2	Fresno	Saravian Farms	1
Fresno	Wawona Packing	2	Tulare	Sierra Labor	1
Tulare	WMJ	2	Fresno	Sinai Farms	1
Fresno	A&B Labor	1	Monterey	Somoco	1
Fresno	Adalberto Razo Perz	1	Ventura	South Land Sod	1
Tulare	AGR Contracting	1	Tulare	Sun Valley	1
Kings	Alberto Raza	1	Ventura	Total Labor Force	1
Fresno	Alila Farmlabor	1	Monterey	Urquidez	1
Ventura	Alta Quality Farm	1	Ventura	V & V Harvesting	1
Fresno	AMB Ranch	1	Fresno	V.F.S	1
Monterey	Azcona	1	Fresno	Vista Verde	1
Fresno	Bills Nursey	1	Santa Barbara	VTC Enterprises	1

**6. MOU with Self-Help Enterprise**

The attached MOU outlines the relationship or role CalVans will have in the two projects Self-Help is proposing as described earlier in the agenda. Self-Help Enterprise and CalVans share the common goal of providing transportation options to individuals who might be economically or environmentally challenged. Self-Help Enterprise will provide outreach and funding for vanpool vehicle for each project, while CalVans will provide the administration and oversight as part of the overall CalVans program. The goal of both agencies is to promote and expand the program to all of its project areas.

Staff recommends approval and authorization to sign the attached MOU.

**9. Approval Final FY 16-17 Budget**

The proposed budget was reviewed and approved at the last meeting. There have been no changes since that time and staff is recommending approval of the final FY 16-17 budget.