

# CALIFORNIA VANPOOL AUTHORITY

## Board of Directors

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**Meeting Date:** June 11, 2015

**Time:** 10:00 AM

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

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- Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, 147 Fourth Street, Community Room, Gonzales, CA 93936
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- Imperial County Transportation Commission, 1405 N Imperial Ave, Suite 1, El Centro, CA 92243 and 128 Heffeman Ave., Calexico, CA 92231
- Kern Council of Governments, Conference 1401 19th Street, Board Room, Bakersfield, CA 93301, and 3000 W Cecil Avenue, Delano, CA 93216
- Madera County Transportation Commission, Citizens Business Bank, Room 101, 2001 Howard Road, Madera, CA 93637
- Merced County Association of Governments, Conference Room, 369 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA 95340
- Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, Solvang City Hall, 1644 Oak Street Solvang, Ca. 93463
- Tulare County Association of Governments, Porterville City Hall, 291 North Main, Porterville, CA 93257
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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
	A. Minutes of May 14, 2015	
	B. Authorize RFP (Request for Proposal) for up to 100 GMC 15-passenger vans.	
	C. Authorize the lease-purchase of up to 10 Mercedes 12-passenger Sprinters.	
	D. Authorize the lease-purchase of up to 15 Toyota Sienna 8-passenger vans.	
4.	System Update	Information
	A. Use of the H2A program by Growers/Contractors	
	B. Additional funding identified in ARB FY 2015-16 Funding Plan	
	C. FY 14/15 5307 funds generated through NTD reporting	
	D. Reporting by TCAG	
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5.	Title VI Plan	Action
6.	Review of Final FY15/16 Budget	Action
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Attachments:

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**STAFF REPORT**

**3. Consent Items**

A. Minutes of May 14, 2015

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

B. Authorize RFP (Request for Proposal) for up to 100 GMC 15-passenger vans.

Staff anticipates funding from various sources that will be used to purchase new 15-passenger vans. These sources include Fresno Area Rural Transit, State Transit Allocation and State grant funding. In anticipation, Staff would like to be ready to send out an RFP once the funding sources are in place, this should happen in the early part of July.

C. Authorize the lease-purchase of up to 10 Mercedes 12-passenger Sprinters.

The 11 Sprinter vans we acquired over the past 6 month are assigned. We have requests for additional vans and would like to acquire additional vans as needed, up to 10 additional vans. The following lists where the existing Mercedes vans are being used:

<u>Van #</u>	<u>Mi/Day</u>	<u>Origination</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Destination</u>
344	135	Fresno	Fresno Com College	Fresno
345	88	Hanford	Avenal SP	Avenal
346	80	Porterville	Kern Valley SP	Delano
347	120	Fresno	Coalinga State Hospital	Coalinga
348	300	Kerman	Pleasant Valley SP	Coalinga
349	260	Visalia	North Kern SP	Delano
350	260	Visalia	North Kern SP	Delano
351	126	Fresno	Pleasant Valley SP	Coalinga
352	64	Lemoore	Pleasant Valley SP	Coalinga
353	72	Ventura	Santa Barbara CC	Santa Barbara
354	120	Kingsburg	North Kern SP	Delano

D. Authorize the lease-purchase of up to 15 Toyota Sienna 8-passenger vans.

We will need to add to our 8-passenger vanpool fleet in the future. The Toyota Sienna is the one we have been acquiring in the past. We get them used from the rental van fleet. They are generally 1 to 2 years old with 20,000 to 30,000 miles. Getting them used allows us to save about \$10,000 per van and pass the savings on those who use them.

**4. System Update**

A. Use of the H2A program by Growers/Contractors

Several years ago, the Chicago office of the FDOL (Federal Department of Labor) approved the use of CalVans by those transporting H2A workers. Last summer some of the enforcement officers for Region 9 FDOL began to disagree with Chicago's determination told growers and contractors that their workers could no longer use CalVans vehicles, to do so would result in fines for all those involved. Since that time there has been a formal appeal that has worked its way through the process. At a hearing last

month the opinion of Region 9 Staff was overturned. The appeals judge hearing the case stated that the use of CalVans does not violate DOL laws and the use for H2A workers is approved.

This will have a major impact on the CalVans program as the use of CalVans for H2A workers is a preferred choice by grower/contractors out of a desire to comply with all federal and state farm labor laws. The ability to use vouchers allows the grower/contractors to ensure a free ride as required by H2A regulations. A number of grower/contractors, who bought buses last fall, are talking about suing the DOL to recover the money they had to spend on buses.

**B. Additional funding identified in Governor's May revise.**

The proposed ARB budget for 2015-16 includes \$3 million in funding for turning over the agricultural vanpool fleet in the San Joaquin Valley. Staff has been working with various state and local staff for inclusion of this item in next year's budget. The goal is to identify and purchase plug-in electric vans that could be used to replace the existing gasoline powered fleet. This transition will take place over several years as the technology and vehicle options improve.

**C. FY 14/15 5307 funds generated through NTD reporting.**

Traditionally Staff has looked at federal 5307 funding generated by it reporting in one of two ways. Large UZAs such as Fresno and Visalia were analyzed based on a formula that broke out the amount generated by CalVans. Small UZAs such as Hanford and Porterville were analyzed for any STIC (Small Transit Intensive Cities) generated. These are basically efficiency points that generate a set amount of funds per point. An area can receive up to 6 points.

Staff decided to look at the small UZAs in the same fashion as the large UZAs to see if CalVans reporting was generating revenue in the same fashion. Staff found it does, resulting in funds generated for all small UZAs for which CalVans reports ridership data. This significantly raises the amount generated, and although it does not return any funds to CalVans, it does increase CalVans' bragging rights as it relates to how much it brings to member agencies and their respective transit operators.

The following list includes only half of the UZAs that had reported revenue miles of greater than 100,000. CalVans' reporting generated funds for these as well, but the small amount was not worth tracking down. What is interesting is that the federal funds generated for others come close to matching CalVans' operating budget.

UZA	Urbanized Area	5307 Formula	5307 STIC	Total
63	Fresno, CA	2,269,364	-	2,269,364
333	Hanford, CA	508,695	838,270	1,346,965
162	Visalia, CA	882,454	-	882,454
394	Porterville, CA	85,858	167,665	253,523
423	Paso Robles-Atascadero, CA	298,701	504,098	802,799
238	Yuma, AZ-CA	386,062	336,065	722,128
79	Bakersfield, CA	208,673	-	208,673
362	Madera, CA	74,706	-	74,706
188	Salinas, CA	213,171	167,665	380,836
112	Lancaster-Palmdale, CA	92,679	-	92,679
289	El Centro-Calexico, CA	116,073	-	116,073
471	Delano, CA	85,858	-	85,858
Totals		5,222,293	2,013,763	7,236,056

D. Reporting by TCAG

Staff for TCAG (Tulare County Association of Governments) contacted staff as they were preparing their long range transit plan. They wanted to include the CalVans program as part of their overall plan. Staff can provide this same type of information to other planning agencies when they are doing their updates.

E. Driver Stories

Attached are three driver stories that highlight those involved with the CalVans program.

**5. Title VI Plan**

The Title VI Plan was set for approval last month, but was pulled so that staff could do further analysis on the minority populations served. Staff had originally identified Spanish as the only language that needed to be addressed in the plan. However, this left an undefined group of 7% means there was the potential for another subgroup of 5%. Staff looked at the next 4 language groups of Hmong, Chinese, Tagalog and Portuguese to reduce the undefined group to 4.3 %, eliminating the potential for a group of greater than 5%.

The revised plan is attached and Staff is recommending its approval and the authorization of the Resolution 02-15.

**6. Review Final FY 15/16 budget**

There have been no changes made to the draft FY15/16 budget that was approved by the Board at its last meeting. Staff is proposing that the final budget be adopted and amended next year as funds become available for the purchase of additional vehicles. The adjustments could range from 6 to 9 million, depending on the grant awards made by the State and the amount of STA money allocated by the Controller's office.

Staff is recommending approval of the final FY 15/16 budget.

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