



MARCH 11, 2010

AGENDA ITEM # 6

**SELECTION OF PUBLIC MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE
MEASURE A INDEPENDENT TAXPAYERS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Action Requested: Select public members of committee

Key Staff: Brian Williams, Executive Director

Recommendation

Select the three public members of the pending Measure A Independent Taxpayers Oversight Committee.

Background

The **New** Measure A ordinance provides for the creation of an Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) *“to supervise fiscal and performance audits regarding the use of all sales tax funds and provide for independent review to ensure that all Measure funds are spent in accordance with provisions of the Expenditure Plan and Ordinance as approved by the voters.”* The Ordinance requires that the committee be formally established by April 1, 2010. The ITOC will work with staff to procure a professional auditor(s) to conduct annual fiscal and periodic performance audits of the expenditure of all sales tax funds, report audit findings to your Board and to the public, and recommend any additional audits or review procedures to improve financial operation and the integrity of program implementation relative to the provisions of the Ordinance. Performance audits will assess the implementation of Measure A relative to program performance standards proposed for adoption at today’s Board meeting (Item #5). The ITOC will conduct public meetings to present its findings and recommendations. Some of these meetings may be conducted as part of regularly scheduled Board meetings.

In addition to reviewing fiscal and program performance through audits, the ITOC is charged with advising the Authority on how to improve program implementation and with studying and reporting on other issues related to the use of Measure A funds as requested by your Board.

The ITOC will consist of three “voting” members and three *ex-officio* non-voting members. Your Board is to select the three voting members through an open solicitation for interested persons that reside in Sacramento County and who possess the required professional and/or community credentials:

- A professional with senior-level decision-making responsibility in the field of municipal auditing, finance, and/or budgeting
- A licensed civil engineer or trained transportation planner
- A manager of large development or construction projects

These members can be actively employed or retired, but they cannot have any commercial interest or employment with the Authority or any entity that receives funding via the Measure A sales tax program. The ITOC’s three *ex-officio* members will be the STA Board Chair, Executive Director, and the County Auditor-Controller.

Discussion

In response to a public solicitation, we received 11 applications from persons interested in serving as public members on the committee. Per your Board's direction last month, a selection team consisting of the Board Chair (Slowey) and Vice Chair (Yee) was convened to review the applications and select a preferred candidate for each of the three open positions. After careful consideration, the selection team recommends that your Board appoint the following individuals to the ITOC:

- **Maureen Zamarripa** – Municipal finance/audits/budgets
- **John Van Berkel** – Civil engineer/transportation planner
- **Matthew Kelly** – Project management

Maureen Zamarripa is the administrator of the Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District. She has over 20 years experience in municipal agency management and finance. She lives in the Wilton area of unincorporated Sacramento County.

John Van Berkel served almost 40 years as a civil and transportation engineer at Caltrans, including many years in a variety of program management positions. He is retired and lives in the Arden Arcade area of unincorporated Sacramento County.

Matthew Kelly is currently the business manager and financial secretary for the Sacramento Building Trades Council. He has prior experience as a project engineer and manager of commercial construction projects. Mr. Kelly lives in the Arden Arcade area.

Staff recommends that your Board accept the selection team's recommendation, and appoint the identified individuals as public members of the Measure A Independent Taxpayers Oversight Committee. Staff anticipates that the ITOC will begin meeting in the next couple of months. All ITOC meetings will be noticed and open to public participation.

C: Maureen Zamarripa
John Van Berkel
Matthew Kelly