

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Rail Stipends for Director of Finance and Director of Planning/Marketing

FROM: Michael Tree, Executive Director

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**Action Required**

This is an informational item.

**Background**

Per AB 758 (Eggman/Baker) LAVTA administration serves for at least the first year as administration for the Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Regional Rail Authority). In December 2018, the Regional Rail Authority reviewed and approved their budget for the next 12 months (attached). Within the approved budget are stipends for the following positions within LAVTA administration: Executive Director, Finance Director and Planning Director. The intent of the stipends is to compensate LAVTA administration for time spent working for the Regional Rail Authority that is above and beyond their normal workloads at LAVTA.

The stipend for the LAVTA Executive Director has been discussed in prior LAVTA Board meetings. Staff seeks to discuss with the LAVTA Board the approved \$25,000 annual stipends for the LAVTA Director of Finance and LAVTA Director of Planning/Marketing. Both stipends are the equivalent to approximately 1 hour of overtime per workday for the LAVTA positions involved.

**Discussion**

Attached are the anticipated areas of work for the Regional Rail Authority to be completed by the Director of Finance and the Director Planning/Marketing. Both the Director of Finance and the Director of Planning/Marketing have indicated that they can accomplish the work, in addition to their current workload.

The Executive Director is anticipating that the stipends will be effective retroactively to January 1, 2019 due to the Regional Rail Authority workload currently being performed by the Director of Finance and the Director of Planning/Marketing. Both the Director of Finance and the Director of Planning/Marketing understand that no LAVTA or Regional Rail Authority benefits accompany the stipends and that the stipend are for a temporary time period to assist the Regional Rail Authority with its current workload.

**Recommendation**

The recommendation is that the LAVTA Board discuss the stipends.

Attachments:

1. Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority Staff Report dated December 12, 2018
2. Anticipated Regional Rail Authority Workload for LAVTA’s Director of Finance and Director of Planning/Marketing

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