

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

May 20, 2025

FROM

LUTHER SNOKE, Chief Executive Officer, County Administrative Office

SUBJECT

Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement for the Morongo Basin Transit Authority

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Approve **Amendment No. 7 to Contract No. 89-911**, the Basin Transit (formerly Morongo Basin Transit Authority) Joint Powers Agreement, between the County, City of Twentynine Palms and Town of Yucca Valley to allow the Basin Transit governing board to set by resolution any compensation for its board members to attend board meetings.

(Presenter: Luther Snoke, Chief Executive Officer, 387-4811)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Create, Maintain and Grow Jobs and Economic Value in the County.

Ensure Development of a Well-Planned, Balanced, and Sustainable County.

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). Amendment No. 7 (Amendment) to Contract No. 89-911, the Basin Transit (formerly Morongo Basin Transit Authority) Joint Powers Agreement, (Agreement) is non-financial in nature.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Basin Transit is a joint powers authority that was initially formed to include the County and the City of Twentynine Palms. Its purpose was to provide public transportation to the Morongo Basin. The County approved the Agreement that created the Morongo Basin Transit Authority with the City of Twentynine Palms on October 16, 1989 (Item No. 39).

On September 28, 1992 (Item No. 42), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved Amendment No. 1 to add the Town of Yucca Valley as a member of the Basin Transit. On August 27, 2002 (Item No. 38), the Board approved Amendment No. 2 to include language in the Agreement relating to administrative matters, such as the sharing of administrative duties among members. On August 27, 2002 (Item No. 39), the Board approved Amendment No. 3 to allow the Basin Transit to provide taxi-cab regulation services for the member jurisdictions that provided such services. On March 20, 2007 (Item No. 15), the Board approved Amendment No. 4 to revise the Agreement to allow the removal of the resident board member by a vote of five other board members. In addition, language was added so Basin Transit board members could be compensated for their attendance at governing board meetings in the amount of \$100 per

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meeting attended. On October 7, 2008 (Item No. 50), the Board approved Amendment No. 5 to adjust the number of Basin Transit board members and alternates. On October 23, 2012 (Item No. 47), the Board approved Amendment No. 6 which adjusted the number of members and alternates per member entity and added certain required qualifications for board members of the Basin Transit.

Approval of the recommended Amendment No. 7 will allow the governing board of Basin Transit to set by resolution any compensation for board members to attend board meetings. A Basin Transit board member may decline compensation for attending board meetings by sending a letter to the Basin Transit declining the compensation.

This Amendment to the Agreement is only effective if it is approved by all parties to the Agreement.

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Julie Surber, Principal Assistant County Counsel, 387-5455) on May 8, 2025; Finance (Penelope Chang, Administrative Analyst, 387-4886) on May 8, 2025; and County Finance and Administration (Stephenie Shea, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-4345) on May 9, 2025.

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Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors
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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Joe Baca, Jr. Seconded: Curt Hagman
Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.
Absent: Jesse Armendarez

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: May 20, 2025



cc: CAO - Shea w/agree for sign
Contractor - c/o CAO w/agree
File - w/agree
CCM 05/22/2025