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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 644

Introduced by Assembly Member Caballero

February 25, 2009

An act to add Part 17 (commencing with Section 106000) to Division 10 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 644, as amended, Caballero. Monterey-Salinas Transit District Act.

Existing law establishes various local entities to carry out transportation functions within their respective areas of jurisdiction.

This bill would enact the Monterey-Salinas Transit District Act. The bill, operative July, 1, 2010, would dissolve the Monterey-Salinas Transit Joint Powers Agency and create the Monterey-Salinas Transit District within Monterey County to succeed to the rights, powers, duties, and obligations of the agency. The bill would establish a board of directors to govern the district. The act would provide that upon the dissolution of the Monterey-Salinas Transit Joint Powers Agency its employees shall become employees of the district. The bill would authorize the district to hire independent staff and contract with public entities to implement the provisions of the act. The bill would authorize the district to raise moneys by issuing bonds payable from revenues of any facility or enterprise acquired or constructed by the district. The bill would establish other powers and duties of, and conditions for

membership in, the district. By imposing new duties on a local agency, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Part 17 (commencing with Section 106000) is
2 added to Division 10 of the Public Utilities Code, to read:

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4 PART 17. MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT DISTRICT

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6 CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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8 106000. This part shall be known and may be cited as the
9 Monterey-Salinas Transit District Act.

10 106001. As used in this part, the following terms have the
11 following meanings:

12 (a) "Agency" means the Monterey-Salinas Transit Joint Powers
13 Agency, a joint exercise of powers agency.

14 (b) "Board of directors" means the Board of Directors or
15 "board" of the Monterey-Salinas Transit District.

16 (c) "Board of supervisors" means the Monterey County Board
17 of Supervisors.

18 (d) "County" means Monterey County.

19 (e) "District" means the Monterey-Salinas Transit District
20 created by Section 106010.

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22 CHAPTER 2. FORMATION OF DISTRICT

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24 106010. There is hereby created the Monterey-Salinas Transit
25 District. The jurisdiction of the district extends throughout the
26 county, including all of the incorporated and unincorporated
27 territory.

106011. On and after July 1, 2010, the agency is dissolved and the district succeeds to, and is vested with, all of the rights, powers, duties, and obligations of the agency. The district is the successor to the agency's interests in any property, its rights and obligations under any contract, any outstanding indebtedness of the agency, and its rights under any grants, without the necessity of any further action.

106012. (a) The district shall assume the duties of public transit provider performed by the agency. On and after July 1, 2010, the Cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Salinas, Seaside, Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, King City, Sand City, the County of Monterey, and other jurisdictions that subsequently qualify as members pursuant to the requirements set forth in Section 106020 are included within the district.

(b) Additionally, the district is deemed to be, with all of the powers and duties attendant thereto, the consolidated transportation services agency for the county, with the concurrence of the regional transportation planning agency.

106013. Upon dissolution of the agency, employees of the agency shall be deemed to be employees of the district without any break in service or any loss or reduction of compensation or benefits, except as may be imposed by express action of the board.

CHAPTER 3. GOVERNMENT OF DISTRICT

Article 1. Board of Directors

106020. (a) The district shall be governed by a board of directors which shall be composed of one representative from each member jurisdiction. Each member of the board of directors shall have one vote. Each member jurisdiction shall appoint one regular member and one alternate member to the board of directors and shall notify the district in writing of its appointments or any change of representative.

(b) Membership of the district shall be limited to the County of Monterey and incorporated cities within the county and includes the county and each city that gives the district the right of first priority for use of any local, state, or federal funds allocated specifically for public ~~transportation~~ *transit* systems and to which

1 the city member might otherwise be entitled to claim as, but not
2 limited to, local transportation funds pursuant to Chapter 4
3 (commencing with Section 99200) of Part 11. The county shall
4 give the district the right of first priority of use of any local, state,
5 or federal funds allocated specifically for public ~~transportation~~
6 *transit* to which the county might otherwise be entitled to claim
7 as, but not limited to, local transportation funds pursuant to Chapter
8 4 (commencing with Section 99200) of Part 11 according to a ratio
9 of unincorporated population ~~served by the district within~~
10 *three-quarters of a mile of the district transit routes* to the total
11 unincorporated population of the county.

12 (c) Each member shall serve solely at the pleasure of the
13 appointing member jurisdiction. Members shall be either elected
14 officials or officers or employees of the appointing member
15 jurisdiction.

16 (d) If any portion of the unincorporated area of the county is
17 annexed to a member city, that city shall assume the obligation of
18 the county for that area. If any portion of the unincorporated area
19 of the county becomes incorporated, that city shall assume the
20 obligations of the county for that area.

21 106021. The board shall adopt bylaws for its proceedings
22 consistent with the laws of the state.

23 106022. The board shall do all of the following:

24 (a) Adopt an annual budget.

25 (b) Adopt an administrative code, by ordinance, which prescribes
26 the powers and duties of the district officers, the method of
27 appointment of the district employees, and methods, procedures,
28 and systems of operation and management of the district.

29 (c) Cause a postaudit of the financial transactions and records
30 of the district to be made at least annually by a certified public
31 accountant.

32 (d) Do any and all things necessary to carry out the purposes of
33 this part.

34 106023. The board of directors shall adopt priorities reflecting
35 the district's goals.

36 Article 2. Meetings

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39 106030. The board, at its first meeting, and thereafter annually
40 at the meeting designated by the board, shall elect a chairperson

1 who shall preside at all meetings, and a vice chairperson who shall
2 preside in the absence of the chairperson. In the event of his or her
3 absence or inability to act, the members present, by an order entered
4 in the minutes, shall select one of their members to act as
5 chairperson pro tempore, who, while so acting, shall have all the
6 authority of the chairperson.

7 106031. All meetings of the board shall be conducted pursuant
8 to Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of
9 Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code.

10 106032. A majority of the board of directors entitled to vote
11 constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. All official
12 acts of the district require the affirmative vote of a majority of the
13 board of directors entitled to vote.

14 106033. The acts of the board shall be expressed by motion,
15 resolution, or ordinance.

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17 CHAPTER 4. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

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19 Article 1. Personnel

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21 106040. (a) The district may hire an independent staff of its
22 own or contract with any department or agency of the United States
23 or with any public agency to implement this part.

24 (b) The district may contract with private entities in conformance
25 with applicable procurement procedures for the procurement of
26 engineering, project management, and contract management
27 services.

28 106041. The board of directors shall fix the compensation of
29 the district's officers and employees.

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31 Article 2. Annual Budget

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33 106045. (a) Notice of the time and place of a public hearing
34 on the adoption of the annual budget shall be published pursuant
35 to Section 6061 of the Government Code not less than 15 days
36 prior to the day of the hearing.

37 (b) The proposed annual budget shall be available for public
38 inspection at least 15 days prior to the hearing.

Article 3. Corporate Powers

106050. The district may sue and be sued, except as otherwise provided by law, in all actions and proceedings, in all courts and tribunals of competent jurisdiction.

106051. All claims for money or damages against the district are governed by Division 3.6 (commencing with Section 810) of Title 1 of the Government Code, except as provided therein, or by other statutes or regulations expressly applicable thereto.

Article 4. Contracts

106055. The district may make contracts and enter into stipulations of any nature whatsoever, either in connection with eminent domain proceedings or otherwise, including, but not limited to, contracts and stipulations to indemnify and hold harmless, to employ labor, and to perform all acts necessary and convenient for the full exercise of the powers granted in this part.

106056. The district may contract with any department or agency of the United States, with any public agency, including, but not limited to, the Department of Transportation, any county, city, or district, or with any person or a private entity upon the terms and conditions that the district finds in its best interest for the procurement of engineering, project management, and contract management services.

106057. The district shall adopt procurement procedures that comply with Federal Transit Administration Circular 4220.1D, as amended, relative to third-party contracting.

Article 5. Financing

106060. (a) The district has no authority to impose property, sales, general, or special taxes, but may, with the concurrence of a majority of the member jurisdictions represented on the board of directors, cause to be submitted to voters of the district a ballot measure for the imposition of those taxes.

(b) If approved as required by law, the district may impose and administer fees and other funding sources secured for transportation system operation, maintenance, and improvement.

1 (c) The board of directors may set fares for public transit service
2 by resolution or minute order.

3 106061. As an alternative procedure for the raising of funds,
4 the district may issue bonds, payable from revenues of any facility
5 or enterprise to be acquired or constructed by the district, in the
6 manner provided by the Revenue Bond Law of 1941 (Chapter 6
7 (commencing with Section 54300) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title
8 5 of the Government Code), all of the provisions of which are
9 applicable to the district.

10 106062. The district is a local agency within the meaning of
11 the Revenue Bond Law of 1941 (Chapter 6 (commencing with
12 Section 54300) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government
13 Code). The term “enterprise” as used in the Revenue Bond Law
14 of 1941 shall, for all purposes of this part, include transit facilities
15 and any and all parts thereof and all additions, extensions, and
16 improvements thereto and all other facilities authorized to be
17 acquired, constructed, or completed by a district or, in the
18 alternative, may issue revenue bonds under the Revenue Bond
19 Law of 1941, for the acquisition, construction, and completion of
20 any one of those facilities. Nothing in this article shall prevent the
21 district from availing itself of, or making use of, any procedure
22 provided in this part for the issuance of bonds of any type or
23 character for any of the facilities or works authorized under this
24 part, and all proceedings may be carried on simultaneously or in
25 the alternative, as the directors may determine.

26 106063. The district may advocate and act on behalf of all
27 district member jurisdictions with their concurrence to further
28 Monterey County transportation system interests, funding, projects,
29 and priorities.

30 106064. The district may promulgate a plan for funding
31 transportation projects within its jurisdiction.

32 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
33 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
34 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
35 district are the result of a program for which legislative authority
36 was requested by that local agency or school district, within the
37 meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code and Section
38 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.