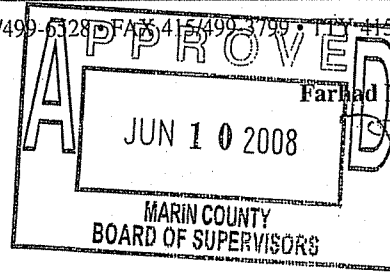


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June 10, 2008



Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
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SUBJECT: Report on the second quarter results of the Green Commute Program

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: Accept report

SUMMARY: On September 11, 2007, your Board approved a one-year pilot program to provide stipends to regular hire employees to promote commute alternatives. The registration for this program, now referred to as the "Green Commute Program", started on September 24, with the first day of the commute reimbursement starting on October 7. The amount of the stipend is \$4 per day, with a maximum of \$20 per week, for employees who commute to work by public transit, vanpooling, carpooling, bicycling or walking as opposed to a single occupant motor vehicle. The first quarter results were reported to the Board on March 4, 2008 and on that date your Board approved including extra hire employees in the program.

The following are the second quarter results from the pay period starting December 30, 2007 to the pay period ending April 5, 2008.

- Number of registrants: 498 or 19% of approximately 2,600 regular and extra hire employees. Of these, 480 are regular and 18 are extra hire employees. The number of registrants increased by 79 from the first quarter (419).
- Average number of participation per pay period: 235 up by 8 from the first quarter
- Average days of Green Commute per participant per pay period: 6.3 up by 0.4 from the first quarter
- Total stipend paid: \$51,500, an increase of \$11,350 from the first quarter (\$40,150)
- Total CO2 reduction: 220 tons or equivalent to about getting 6,400 cars off the road*
- Average CO2 reduction per commute day: 2.8 tons*

The most popular commute mode was carpool with 77% of participants using this mode, followed by public transit at 12%, bicycle at 7%, and walking at 4%.

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Attached are two charts indicating the registration and participation for each pay period and modes of transportation utilized.

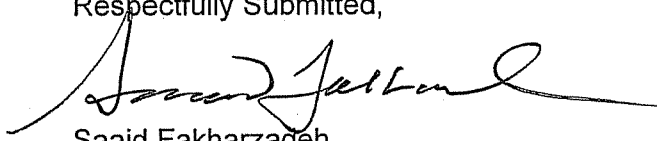
In the first quarterly report, we indicated that some employees had requested that hybrid vehicles and motorcycles/mopeds be included as eligible modes of transportation. We have discussed this with the steering committee representatives from the Administrator's Office, Auditor Controller's Office, Human Resources, Information Services Technology, and Public Works. The steering committee unanimously agreed that the primary goal of the Green Commute Program is to reduce congestion with a secondary benefit of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Even though single occupant hybrid vehicles and motorcycles/mopeds may have some environmental benefits, the committee felt that they are not consistent with the primary goal of the pilot program to reduce congestion and the committee recommends that these modes not be eligible for a stipend in the pilot program. It should be noted that both of these modes are eligible under a carpool if they are used by more than one passenger commuting.

FISCAL IMPACT: The total stipend cost paid for the first half of the pilot program is about \$92,000. Funds are available in this year's transportation budget in Fund Center number 9000018000.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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Assistant Director

** The total CO2 reduction numbers were not correctly reported in the first quarter. The correct number for the total CO2 reduction is 160 tons instead of the 305 tons reported. The equivalent number of cars off the road is 5,200 instead of 12,000 reported. Also, the correct number for the average CO2 reduction per commute day is 2.7 Tons instead of 5.3 tons reported.*

Attachment: Registration/Participation
Modes of transportation

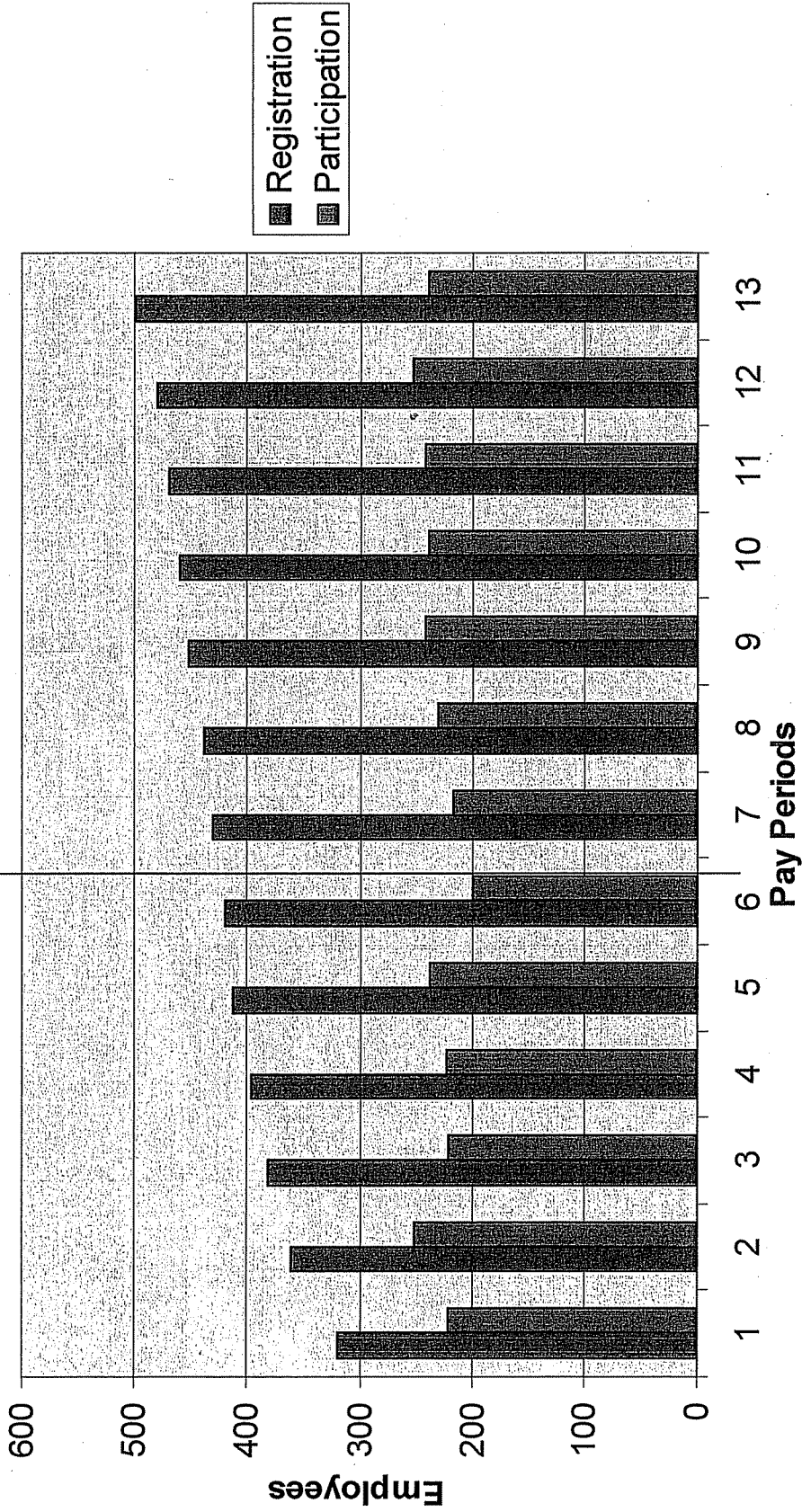
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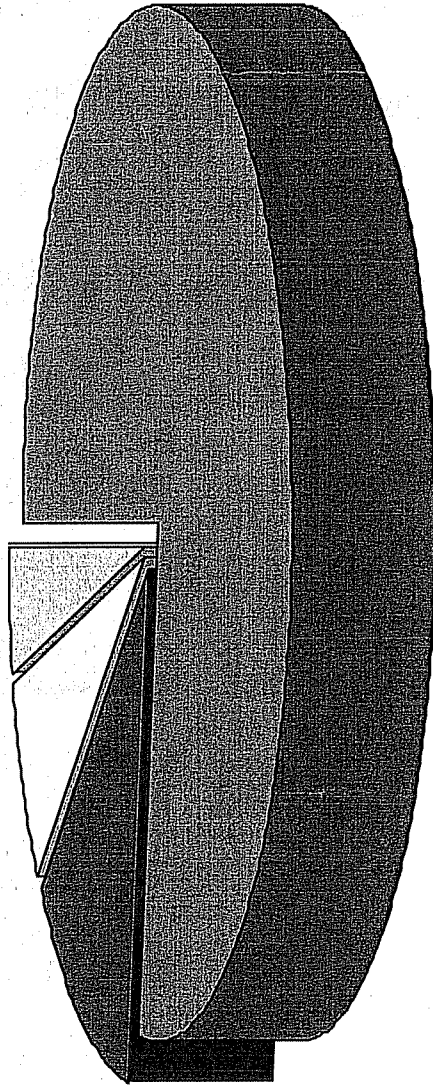
Green Commute Registration & Participation

2nd Quarter
December 30, 2007 to April 5, 2008

1st Quarter
October 7, 2007 to December 29, 2007



**Green Commute Program
Transportation Modes
December 30, 2007 to April 5, 2008**



■	Carpool	77%
■	Transit	12%
□	Bicycle	7%
□	Walk	4%
■	Vanpool	0%