

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

President Salinas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Board Directors were present:

County of Monterey	Simon Salinas, President
County of Monterey	John M. Phillips (<i>arrived at 6:03 p.m.</i>)
City of Salinas	Gloria De La Rosa, Alt. Vice President
City of Salinas	Tony Barrera
City of Salinas	Kimbley Craig
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva
City of Soledad	Christopher K. Bourke
City of Greenfield	Avelina Torres
City of King	Robert Cullen, Vice President

The following Board Directors were absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO	Cindy Iglesias, Administrative Assistant II
Cesar Zuñiga, Asst. GM/Operations Manager	Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board
Brian Kennedy, Engineering & Environmental Compliance Manager	Thomas Bruen, General Counsel

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(6:01) President Salinas announced translation services were available. No member from the public requested the service.

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:01) General Manager/CAO reminded the Board to report their community work activities on behalf of the Authority.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:02) None

BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS

(6:02) Director Silva stated that the Alta Street Project is currently under way and most of Alta Street has been completely closed causing a significant increase in traffic on Fifth Street.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:03) Doug Kenyon, General Manager of Republic Services introduced Steve McCaffrey, whom will be assuming his position starting Jan 5, upon Mr. Kenyon's retirement.

Steve McCaffrey introduced himself and provided a summary of his experience in the solid waste industry.

RECOGNITIONS

A. A PROCLAMATION TO HONOR DOUG KENYON, GENERAL MANAGER OF REPUBLIC SERVICES UPON HIS RETIREMENT

(6:05) General Manager/CAO Mathews express his appreciation for Mr. Kenyon collaboration with the Authority and presented him with a proclamation.

Public Comment: None

Board Comments: The Board thanked Mr. Kenyon for his service, dedication, and collaboration with not only the Authority but with the community in providing support for veterans, wishing him well in retirement.

CONSENT AGENDA (6:12)

1. Minutes of November 16, 2017, Regular Meeting
2. October 2017 Claims and Financial Reports
3. November 2017 Member and Interagency Activity Report
4. Strategic Plan 2016-19 Goals & Objectives Monthly Progress Report
5. Monterey County Health Department, Environmental Health Bureau, Calendar Year 2016 Used Motor Oil and Filter Recycling Program Annual Report
6. Update on Succession Planning Program
7. Resolution No. 2017- 34 Approving Amendment No. 2 Authorizing a Two-Year Extension to the Professional Services Agreement with BC Laboratories Inc., for Laboratory Analytical Services in an Amount Not Exceed \$66,493.86
8. Resolution No. 2017-35 Approving the Emergency and Natural Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan
9. Resolution No. 2017-36 Awarding the Purchase of a New Replacement 2018 Walking Floor Transfer Trailer to Western Trailer for an Amount of \$80,611.00
10. Resolution No. 2017-37 Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing the General Manger/CAO to Dispose of Property
11. Self-Funding Programs and Services Report
12. Resolution No. 2017-38 Approving Amendments Nos. 5 Authorizing Four-Year Extensions and Modifications to the Memorandums of Understanding with Management and Non-Management Employees for Fiscal Years 2018-2019 through 2021-2022

Public Comment: None

Board Comments: President Salinas cited the following summary for Item No. 12 in compliance with Senate Bill 1436, "before the Board of Directors this evening, as part of agenda Item No. 12 is a recommendation to approve a Salary and Benefit package for the full-time Management Employees. The full-time management employees consist of four Department Managers. The benefit package before the Board of Directors includes: 1) A 3% cost-of-living adjustment for contract years 1 and 2, and an indexed increase of 2-3% for years 3 and 4. 2) A 1% increase in the employee's annual contribution towards health care premiums. 3) A 1% increase in the employee's annual contribution towards PERS retirement".

Motion: Director De La Rosa made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Director Bourke seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 9,0

Ayes: Salinas, Cullen, De La Rosa, Silva, Barrera, Torres, Craig, Bourke, Phillips

Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

PRESENTATION

13. UPDATE ON RECYCLING MARKETS

(6:14) General Manager/CAO Mathews presented a report on the current recycling market after China's announcement of the stricter standards for and reduced demand for importation of recyclables. He detailed the challenges facing the recycling industry with the new standards, the possible solutions being analyzed, and the efforts being made by the Solid Waste Association of North America to keep everyone informed of the potential industry impacts.

Public Comment: Jeff Lindenthal, Director of Communications and Sustainability from Monterey Regional Waste Management District (MRWMD) commented on the collaboration between MRWMD and the Authority in the development of an on-line application for County-wide cell-phone and web use that will assist the public with up-to-date recycling information and resources in an effort to educate, decrease contamination, and obtain a higher quality of recyclable materials.

Doug Kenyon, General Manager of Republic Services commented on the changes being seen since the strict standards were announced and potential solutions.

Board Comments: The Board discussed the presentation.

Motion: None; Informational only

CONSIDERATION

14. DISCUSSION TO ADJUST SOIL DISPOSAL FEES

(6:32) Assistant General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga provided a report on the soil tonnage received at the Johnson Canyon Landfill over the last eight years. He explained that the excessive increase seen in the last couple of years is related to the Johnson Canyon Landfill receiving an internal certification by PG&E as a designated disposal facility, therefore, receiving a significant amount of soil from PG&E projects in the Monterey and bay area region. Mr. Zuñiga indicated that despite the gradual rate adjustments made to the tipping fee for the disposal of soil it is nowhere near the tipping fee of bio-solids (sludge) or other commodities accepted as Alternative Daily Cover material.

Public Comment: None

Board Comments: The Board discussed the report inquiring about the possibility of decertification from PG&E and suggesting possible solutions.

Motion: By consensus the Board directed staff to further analyze the option of decertification from PG&E, analyze the percentage received from PG&E projects, and present further options to the Board in conjunction with the preliminary budget at the February meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

15. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(6:50) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

16. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to confer with General Counsel and real property negotiators General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews, Asst. General Manager/Operation Manage Cesar Zuniga, and Legal Counsel Tom Bruen concerning the possible terms and conditions of acquisition, lease, exchange or sale of 1) Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority Property, APNs 003-051-086 and 003-051-087, located at 135-139 Sun Street, Salinas, CA, and 2) Harrison Rd & Sala Rd, Salinas, CA 93907, APN 113-091-017

(6:51) President Salinas invited public comment.

Public Comment: None

(6:51) President Salinas adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss Item No. 16.

RECONVENE

(7:01) President Salinas reconvened the meeting to open session. General Counsel Bruen reported that the Board voted to not make the January 2018 payment on the Option and Purchase Agreement of the Harrison Road, Salinas, CA 93907, APN 113-091-017 property. The Agreement will expire on January 31, 2018.

ADJOURN

(7:02) President Salinas adjourned the meeting.

Attest: 
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED: 
Simón Salinas, President