

**MINUTES OF  
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 15, 2018**

**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
City of Salinas	Tony Barrera
City of Salinas	Kimbley Craig
City of Salinas	Joseph Gunter ( <i>Alternate</i> )
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva
City of Soledad	Christopher K. Bourke
City of King	Robert Cullen, Vice President

The following Board Directors were absent:

City of Salinas	Gloria De La Rosa, Alt. Vice President
City of Greenfield	Avelina Torres

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	Scott Gordon, General Counsel
Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager	

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:02) General Manager/CAO Mathews informed the Board that with the remodeling of the Gonzales City Council Chambers the microphones now need to be turned on before speaking for the audio to be captured. He provided the flyer for the Special District Leadership Academy Conference hosted by the California Special District Association, extending an invitation to any Board member that would be interested in attending on behalf of the Authority. Mr. Mathews stated that design and engineering for Johnson Canyon Landfill Modules VII & VIII is about to begin and indicated there is an item in the consent agenda related to that work.

**DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:03) Asst. General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga informed the Board of the notification received from Waste Management, whom manages the Maddison Lane Transfer Station, regarding a 20% rate increase effective March 1, 2018. He explained this will have a significant impact on the cost of the over-flow of the Salinas waste that is redirected to that facility. Mr. Zuñiga stated staff will be working with Republic Services on analyzing if direct haul to the Johnson Canyon Landfill will be more cost effective. He indicated he will keep the Board informed.

**BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

(6:04) Director Cullen reported on his attendance to Farm Day in King City commending the Authority staff for the set up and great representation of the Authority. He also commended staff for their participation at the Trash and Show in King City earlier in the day. Director Silva commented on her attendance as well to the Trash and Show explaining that over 300 people from Monterey County attended this charity event that benefits Alliance on Aging. Director Phillips commented on an article in the Weekly newspaper regarding trash becoming a problem in Monterey County. He stated trash along the highway is a real concern throughout the county. Director Salinas commented on a letter received from the Farm Bureau regarding scheduling a meeting to develop a task force to help identify possible solutions for the litter issue.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:07) None

**CONSENT AGENDA** (6:07)

1. Minutes of January 18, 2018, Regular Meeting
2. December 2017 Claims and Financial Reports
3. Member and Interagency Activity Report for January 2108 and Upcoming Events
4. Tonnage and Diversion Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2017
5. Resolution 2018-02 Approving an Agreement with Geo-Logic Associates for Consulting and Engineering Services for Johnson Canyon Landfill for an Amount of \$262,123.00
6. Resolution 2018-03 Awarding the Purchase of One Used Caterpillar 938K Loader to Quinn Company for an Amount of \$168,870.93
7. Resolution 2018-04 Awarding the Purchase of Two New 2019 Peterbilt 567 CNG Transfer Trucks for the Sun Street Transfer Station Operations to Coast Counties Truck and Equipment for an Amount of \$386,276.60
8. Resolution 2018-05 Approving Amendment No. 7 to the Revised and Restated Agreement Between the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority and R. Patrick Mathews for Services as General Manager/Chief Administrative Office
9. Resolution 2018-06 Approving an Adjustment to the Grant and Capital Improvement Projects Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18
- ~~10. Resolution 2018-07 Approving the Regular Board of Directors and Executive Meetings Calendar for 2018~~
11. Resolution 2018-08 Approving Change Order No. 1 for \$21,379.68 to the Professional Service Agreement with Salinas Pump Company for the Replacement Groundwater Well Construction Services at the Johnson Canyon Landfill

**Board Comments:** President Salinas cited the following summary for Item No. 8 in compliance with Senate Bill 1436, “before the Board of Directors this evening, as part of agenda Item No. 8 is a recommendation to approve Amendment No. 7 to the Employment Agreement between the Authority and R. Patrick Mathews for Services as General Manager and Chief Administrative Officer. The Amendment before the Board of Directors includes: 1) A 5% merit increase in current Base Salary effective January 1, 2018. 2) Amended language on the General Manager’s performance rating system to allow more Board discretion on merit increases. 3) Adjusting PERS contribution language to increase the General Manager’s contribution to 8% effective July 1, 2018.”

Director Cullen requested to pull Item No. 10 for separate discussion.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** Director Phillips made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented with the exception of Item No. 10 to be discussed separately. Director Gunter seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 8,0

**Ayes:** Salinas, Cullen, Silva, Barrera, Craig, Bourke, Phillips, Gunter (Alt.)

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** De La Rosa, Torres

**10. RESOLUTION 2018-07 APPROVING THE REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE MEETINGS CALENDAR FOR 2018**

(6:10) Director Cullen reported that the Executive Committee had discussed the October meeting scheduled to started at 5:00 p.m. that would include a Strategic Planning Session. He stated their recommendation is that the start time for that meeting be earlier in the day.

**Board Comments:** Director Craig, Director Bourke, Director Barrera, and Alternate Director Gunter, commented on their opposition to the Executive Committees recommendation. Director Salinas, Director Silva, and Director Cullen commented on their support for the Executive Committee’s recommendation. Director Phillips stated he has no preference.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** Director Craig made a motion to approve the item as presented. Director Bourke seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 8,0

**Ayes:** Salinas, Cullen, Silva, Barrera, Craig, Bourke, Phillips, Gunter (Alt.)

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** De La Rosa, Torres

**PRESENTATION**

**12. UPDATE ON LONG-TERM FACILITY NEEDS PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND DUE DILIGENCE STUDIES/ACTIVITIES**

(6:14) General Manger/CAO Mathews provided a report on the status of the Long-Term Facility Needs (LTFN) Project activities explaining that the work related to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is temporarily suspended due to the elimination of the Harrison/Sala Road project option caused by the termination of the purchase option agreement for that property and the elimination of the Crazy Horse Landfill option due to its size. He stated the development of a revised CEQA project description is being considered and provided information on relevant meetings held. Mr. Mathews explained that the draft Financial/Rate model preparation will continue on the remaining projects only and is awaiting information from the CEQA studies and information from MRWMD negotiations to be able to populate various financial model and CEQA chapter components. The Economic Benefits Report will not be finalized until the draft EIR and Financial/Rate Impact Analysis are near completion. Mr. Mathews explained that when development of a revised CEQA project description is completed, re-noticing would be conducted projecting it could occur after April’s strategic plan discussion.

**Board Comments:** The Board discussed the presentation inquiring about the funding of CEQA and the agreement between Global OrganicS and the Authority related to CEQA with Authority staff and Legal Counsel Gordon responding. Director Craig requested a copy of the said agreement. Director Phillips commented

on his support for the elimination of the Crazy Horse Landfill from the LTFN options list. There was consensus to support the potential addition of the Madison Lane Transfer station to the LTFN option list.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** None; Informational Only

**CONSIDERATION**

**13. FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

(6:50) General Manager/CAO Mathews presented a report with the projected revenues and expenses for a balanced 2018-19 fiscal year budget. He detailed the foreseen program increases for the Authority and the limited rate adjustments being recommended that will assist in the balancing of the budget. Mr. Mathews explained that the Authority is working with Republic Services on the revised green waste agreement to eliminate the subsidized rates and presented the organics fee adjustments that anticipate the changes to that agreement.

**Board Comments:** The Board discussed the report.

**Public Comments:** Steve McCaffery from Republic Services commented on the company's support of the City of Salinas opinion relative of the green waste agreement between the Authority and Republic Services.

**Motion:** By consensus the Board accepted the report and directed staff to schedule the rate hearing and final budget consideration for the March meeting.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**


**14. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE**

(7:31) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

**ADJOURN**

(7: 33) President Salinas adjourned the meeting.

Attest:   
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED:   
Simón Salinas, President