

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 17, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

The following Board Directors were present:

County of Monterey	Fernando Armenta
County of Monterey	Simon Salinas, <i>Vice President</i>
City of Salinas	Gloria De La Rosa
City of Salinas	Jyl Lutes, <i>President</i>
City of Salinas	Tony Barrera
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva
City of Soledad	Richard Perez, <i>Alt. Vice President</i>
City of Greenfield	Avelina Torres
City of King	Robert Cullen

Staff Members Present:

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO	Cesar Zuniga, Operations Manager
Susan Warner, Asst. GM/Diversion Manager	Erika Trujillo, Acting Clerk of the Board
Ray Hendricks, Finance Manager	Thomas Bruen, General Counsel
Dave Meza, Authority Engineer	

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(6:00) President Lutes announced the availability of translation services. No member from the public requested the service.

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:01) General Manager/CAO Mathews made the following comments:

- Monterey Bay Community Power Project's feasibility study has been completed and it looks very positive. A presentation will be given by the project committee to this Board in April. The decision process to move the project forward will begin in the fall.
- He will be absent from the May Board meeting due to his son's graduation.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:03) Operations Manager Zuniga reported that March 29 is the deadline for proposals for the Jolon Road operations. Waste Management has still not provided a proposal. A recommendation will be scheduled on the April meeting. Finance Manager Hendricks commented on Authority Engineer Meza's retirement. General Manager/CAO Mathews stated that Mr. Meza will be retiring soon and will be assisting with the new employee transition for the next couple of months. Diversion Manager Warner mentioned that several community clean up events will be taking place in April, and commented on the current fire collection events.

BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS

(6:05) Director De La Rosa thanked staff for providing reusable bags for the events in her district. She requested more bags for another event. President Lutes also requested bags for a clean-up event at her district as well.

President Lutes reported that her and Vice President Salinas met with County Administrator Lew Bauman and City of Salinas City Manager Ray Corpus to discuss their concerns with one of the Authority's proposed project sites at Sala Road (unanimously selected by the Board in fall 2015). She also mentioned that County Supervisor John Phillips was at that meeting and he stated that Monterey Regional Waste Management District is considering eliminating its importation of waste and he recommended that the two executive bodies discuss sending all waste from Salinas to the District landfill and keeping the Johnson Canyon Landfill for South County cities. Director Armenta expressed concerns with the discussions happening without any Board discussion or direction. President Lutes stated that these were preliminary discussions to see whether there is interest from the District to even consider the City Manager's Solid Waste Study Scenario 7. General Manager/CAO Mathews requested clear direction as he and the General Manager from the District are already having the discussions per Board direction and stated that the District has already indicated interest in accepting Authority waste under contract. The question on process was deferred to legal counsel. General Counsel Bruen advised that representatives of the Board need to be appointed for any discussion, however, any member of the Board can have a discussion with another elected official, so long that they make clear that they are not representing the entire Board. Director Armenta asked about the opinions rendered at the meeting held. President Lutes stated that Supervisor Phillips, Salinas Mayor Gunter, and the Councilmember from the closest district all expressed concerns with a transfer station at the Sala Road location. Vice President Salinas added that concerns were expected from that community, however, at the end of the day it is one option under consideration if the Authority is required to leave Sun Street. Director Barrera expressed frustration with the delay in forming a decision and the impact to accountability to the residents. Director Silva emphasized the importance of educating others on the proposed materials recovery center and not as an open transfer station or dump. After advice from General Counsel Bruen, President Lutes requested adding an item to the next agenda to consider appointing representative of the Authority Board to meet with representatives of the District Board to discuss the potential of a disposal agreement between both agencies.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:24) Chris Steinbruner, resident and land/business owner of Salinas, spoke in opposition to the Sala Road project. He commented on the City of Salinas' economic development plan for the area. He stated that a business-industrial development is being planned and a transfer station in that area would be a discouragement to business. His family currently owns property around the area and they will not support the proposed transfer station.

CONSENT AGENDA (6:27)

- 1-A. Minutes of February 18, 2016, Regular Meeting
- 1-B. Minutes of February 29, 2016, Special Meeting
2. January 2016 Claims and Financial Reports
3. March 2016 Member and Interagency Activities Report and Upcoming Events
4. Resolution No. 2016-05 Approving the 2013-16 Strategic Plan Goals and Six-Month Objectives through July 2016
5. Monterey Bay Community Power Project Update
6. Resolution No. 2016-06 Rejecting All Bids Received for the Johnson Canyon Landfill Gas Flare System Interconnection Project
7. Resolution No. 2016-07 Authorizing Amendment No. 6 to the Revised and Restated Agreement Between the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority and R. Patrick Mathews for Services as General Manager/Chief Administrative Officer (GM/CAO)
- 7-B. Resolution No. 2016-08 Authorizing the Submittal of Applications to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for All Grants for which the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority is Eligible

Public Comment: None
Board Comments: None
Motion: Vice President Salinas made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Alternate Vice President Perez seconded the motion.
Votes: Motion carried 9, 0
Ayes: Armenta, Barrera, Cullen, De La Rosa, Lutes, Perez, Salinas, Silva, Torres
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING & CONSIDERATION

- 8. RESOLUTION NO. 2016-09 APPROVING SERVICE FEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 FOR RECYCLING, RESOURCE RECOVERY, AND DISPOSAL AT AUTHORITY LANDFILLS AND TRANSFER STATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**
- 9. RESOLUTION NO. 2016-10 APPROVING THE OPERATING BUDGET, PERSONNEL ALLOCATION, AND SALARY SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17**

(6:28) General Counsel Bruen recommended opening both Item Nos. 8 and 9 concurrently, taking public comment on both items and then making a decision on both items by separate action. The Board concurred. Finance Manager Hendricks provided a report with five alternative budget reduction options and rate savings scenarios.

Item 8
Public Hearing: The public hearing was opened at 6:50 p.m. No member from the public spoke on the item. The public hearing was closed.

Item 9
Public Comment: None

Board Comments: The Board discussed each of the scenarios and the potential impacts on the budget. Director Cullen thanked staff for the options presented and expressed support for eliminating a portion of the allocation for the potential increase in the landfill tonnage fees paid to the State Board of Equalization on behalf of CalRecycle. Vice President Salinas concurred.

Item 8
Motion: Director De La Rosa made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-09, with a reduction of the increase to solid waste disposal and wood stump fees from the proposed \$2.00 to \$1.50. Cullen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Votes: Motion carried 8, 1
Ayes: Armenta, Barrera, Cullen, De La Rosa, Lutes, Salinas, Silva, Torres
Noes: Perez
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Item 9
Motion: Vice President Salinas made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-10 approving the 2016-17 Budget, with a reduction of \$85,000 to the proposed budget in both revenues and expenditures, as it is unknown at this time if, when, or by how much the State Board of Equalization will increase its CalRecycle fees. De La Rosa seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Votes: Motion carried 8, 0 (1 abstention)
Ayes: Armenta, Barrera, Cullen, De La Rosa, Lutes, Salinas, Silva, Torres

Noes: None
Abstain: Perez
Absent: None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(6:52) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

(6:55) General Manager announced that there was no need to enter into closed session.

ADJOURN

(6:55) President Lutes adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:  _____
J. Lutes, President

Attest:  _____
Elia Zavala, Clerk of the Board