

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 21, 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	Elia Zavala, Clerk of the Board
Ray Hendricks, Finance Manager	Mandy Brooks, Recycling Coordinator
Rose Gill, HR/Organizational Dev. Manager	Thomas Bruen, General Counsel
Brian Kennedy, Engineering & Environmental Compliance Manager	

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 referred to two articles provided:

- The Pew Charitable Trusts – The Money in Recycling Has Vanished; What Do States, Cities Do Now? (3/29/16)
- Renewable Energy World.com – A Different Way to Look at Waste: Creating a Source for Renewable Products (4/13/16)

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:03) Assistant General Manager Warner commented on the Free Tire Recycling collection events happening on May 16-28, 2016 at each of the facilities.

BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS

(6:03) Director Barrera commended the employees at the Sun Street Transfer Station for the pleasant experience and help they provide to customers. Director Silva announced that the exit on Alta Road to Highway 101 will be closed after 8pm due to construction.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:05) None

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

(6:05) General Manager Mathews introduced Brian Kennedy, the new Engineering and Environmental Compliance Manager. Mr. Kennedy addressed the Board and relayed the warm welcome from staff.

CONSENT AGENDA (6:07)

1. Minutes of March 17, 2016, Special Meeting
2. February 2016 Claims and Financial Reports
3. April 2016 Member and Interagency Activities Report and Upcoming Events
4. 2013-16 Strategic Plan Goals and Six-Month Objectives Update
5. March 2016 Quarterly Investments Report
6. March 2016 Quarterly Customer Service Survey
7. Resolution No. 2016-11 Approving a Professional Services Agreement with TWDC Industries, Inc. dba Vision Recycling for Green and Wood Waste Processing at the Johnson Canyon Landfill and Sun Street Transfer Station
8. Resolution No. 2016-12 Rejecting All Bids Received for the Johnson Canyon Landfill Concrete Leachate Tank Pad
9. Report on Landfill Gas Flare Stations Replacement/Repair Plan

Public Comment: None

Board Comments: None

Motion: Vice President Salinas made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Silva seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 8, 0

Ayes: Armenta, Barrera, Cullen, De La Rosa, Lutes, Perez, Salinas, Silva

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Torres

PRESENTATION

10. RECOGNITION OF EARTH DAY

(6:07) Recycling Coordinator Brooks presented a recognition to Estela Gutierrez, Salinas Valley Recycles' Resource Recover Technician for her commitment and actions towards the Agency's mission and vision, which include the start and continuance of the annual Natividad Creek clean up events.

Public Comment: None

Board Comments: The Board commended Ms. Gutierrez for her work and dedication. Ms. Gutierrez briefly addressed the Board and spoke about the need to continue looking into waste reduction program such as the Clean Fiber and Organics Recovery System.

11. MONTEREY BAY COMMUNITY POWER - COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION ENERGY PROJECT

(6:21) Gine Johnson, with Monterey Bay Community Power, reported the positive results of the feasibility study and spoke about the viability of a local agency that would provide customers options to purchase renewable energy at a comparable price to the current Pacific Gas and Electric rates. She commented on the benefits of such an entity.

Public Comment: None

Board Comments: The Board discussed the membership process and had questions on the governance structure of the potential new agency. The Board and their executive managers were encouraged to attend the community

workshops being scheduled in the three counties involved, Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey.

CONSIDERATION

12. RESOLUTION NO. 2016-13 APPROVING AUTHORITY STAFF TO PROVIDE OPERATIONS AND DIVERSION SERVICES AT THE JOLON ROAD TRANSFER STATION AND APPROVING THE REVISED PERSONNEL ALLOCATION EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

(6:57) Operations Manager Zuñiga provided a report outlining the cost savings and the process for the Agency to provide the services at Jolon Road, which are currently provided by Waste Management under contract.

Public Comment: None

Board Comments: The Board discussed the process and expressed support.

Motion: Director Cullen made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-13. Alternate Vice President Perez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Votes: Motion carried 8, 0

Ayes: Armenta, Barrera, Cullen, De La Rosa, Lutes, Perez, Salinas, Silva

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Torres

13. COLLABORATIVE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN SALINAS VALLEY RECYCLES AND MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

(7:06) General Manager/CAO Mathews discussed the letter that was submitted to the District, in response to Board comments at the March meeting, with a list of questions regarding due-diligence issues related to the ongoing Long Term Facility Needs Study. Updates will be provided and scheduled for further discussion once responses are received.

Public Comment: None

Board Comments: The Board commented that it would wait to get a response.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

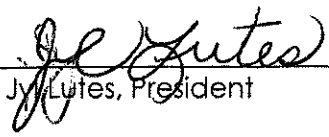
14. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(7:11) The Board reviewed the future agenda items. General Manager/CAO Mathews announced that he will not be at the May Board meeting due to his son's graduation. Assistant General Manager Warner will attend in his absence.

ADJOURN

(7:12) President Lutes adjourned the meeting.

Attest: 
Elia Zavala, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED: 
Jy Lutes, President