



Mission: To manage Salinas Valley solid waste as a resource, promoting sustainable, environmentally sound and cost effective practices through an integrated system of waste reduction, reuse, recycling, innovative technology, customer services and education.

Vision: To reduce the amount of waste by promoting individual and corporate responsibility. To recover waste for its highest and best use while balancing rates and services. To transform our business from burying waste to utilizing waste as a resource. To eliminate the need for landfills.

September 5, 2019

Mr. Joe Gunter, Mayor
City of Salinas
200 Lincoln Avenue
Salinas, California 93901

Re: City of Salinas Withdrawal from Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority

Dear Mayor Gunter and Council Members:

Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority (“SVSWA”) received the City’s Notice of Intent to Withdraw from the authority in December 6, 2018. As you know, this means a potential significant disruption to our agency and rate taxpayers, which requires planning on our part. The one-year anniversary of the Notice of Intent to Withdraw is quickly approaching. SVSWA needs direction on the potential transition timeline from the City. It is our current understanding that the City Council has not officially approved withdrawal at this time and is completing their due diligence. It has been informally stated by the Salinas City Manager that if City Council approves withdrawal, the transition would be consistent with the end of the fiscal year, placing withdrawal in July 2020, not December 2019.

SVSWA would appreciate an official Council statement and confirmation of the revised timeline for potential withdrawal in writing, if Council were to later approve this action. It is important that we have this information as we approach the one-year anniversary of the intent to withdraw and our need to plan.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this issue. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert Cullen, President
Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority

cc: Salinas City Council
SVSWA Board of Directors