

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 20, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

The following Board Directors were present:

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| City of Gonzales | Elizabeth Silva |
| City of Soledad | Christopher K. Bourke |
| City of Greenfield | Avelina Torres |
| County of Monterey | John M. Phillips |
| City of Salinas | Kimbley Craig |
| City of Salinas | Gloria De La Rosa, <i>Alt. Vice President</i> |
| City of King | Robert Cullen, <i>Vice President</i> |
| City of Salinas | Joseph D. Gunter (<i>arrived at 6:09 p.m.</i>) |

The following Board Directors were absent:

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| City of Salinas | Tony Barrera |
| County of Monterey | Simon Salinas |

Staff Members Present:

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| Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO | Estella Gutierrez, Resource Recovery Technician II |
| Cesar Zuñiga, Asst. GM/Operations Manager | Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board |
| Rose Gill, HR/Organizational Dev. Manager | Cindy Iglesias, Administrative Assistant II |
| Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager | Scott Gordon, General Counsel |
| Brian Kennedy, Engineering & Environmental Compliance Manager | |

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(6:01) Vice President Cullen announced the availability of translation services. One member from the public requested the service.

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:03) General Manager/CAO Mathews stated there was nothing to report on but did want to wish everyone a happy Earth Day.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:04) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks reported on the upcoming Annual Natividad Creek Clean up event scheduled on Saturday April 22 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS

(6:05) Director Craig stated the City of Salinas will be at the Natividad Creek Park with Salinas United on Sunday April 23 for park cleanup that can count toward community service hours. Director Cullen reported Earth Day Cleanup will be held at the King City High School Saturday from 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. He stated they have been collaborating with King City in Bloom, a chapter of the National Organization of America in Bloom, to conduct quarterly clean ups and beautification in King City which has been working out very well. This weekend's event will be the first where they will be receiving Anti-freeze, Batteries, Oils, and Paint (ABOP).

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:06) None

CONSENT AGENDA (6:07)

1. Minutes of March 16, 2017, Regular Meeting
2. February 2017 Claims and Financial Reports
3. March 2017 Member and Interagency Activity Report
4. Strategic Plan 2016-19 Goals & Objectives Monthly Progress Report
5. Long Term Facility Needs Design and Environmental Review Update
6. March 2017 First Quarter Investments Report
7. Resolution 2017-09 Approving an Inter-Agency Agreement with the City of King for Waste/Recycling Franchise Contract Administration Services
8. Update on Water Supply Study at Jolon Road and Johnson Canyon Landfill to Determine Potential Excess Land Uses Report
9. 2017 First Quarter Customer Service Survey Results and Twelve Month Comparison

Public Comment: None

Board Comments: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 7,0

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Salinas, Barrera

PRESENTATION

10. EARTH DAY RECOGNITIONS

(6:07) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks presented Estela Gutierrez, Resource Recovery Technician II. Mrs. Gutierrez presented the Environmental Stewardship Award to Rescate Verde and Local Urban Garden for their outstanding leadership in building and creating environmental friendly community gardens as well as providing education on sustainability to their communities. The Authority has partnered with these organizations to present composting workshops at their locations, creating a great turn out of community member participation.

Public Comment: Maria Orozco, City of Salinas Liaison for East Salinas commented on the positive impact Rescate Verde Garden has had on the surrounding community since being created. She expressed her appreciation to both of the organizations as well as the Authority.

Board Comments: Director Gunter thanked the founder of Local Urban Garden and the volunteers that not only worked to help create the garden but those that continue maintaining and educating the community on the importance on having a garden. De La Rosa thanked the founders of Rescate Verde for their dedication on the project, as well as their generosity, as they donate the food grown in the garden to the community.

11. ORGANICS MANAGEMENT: MANDATORY COMMERCIAL ORGANICS RECYCLING (AB 1826) AND SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANTS AND METHANE EMISSIONS REDUCTION STRATEGY (SB 1383)

(6:18) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks reported on the two new state mandates related to keeping organics materials out of the landfills, Assembly Bill 1826 (AB 1826) – Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling and Senate Bill 1383 (SB1383) – Short-Lived Climate Pollutants & Methane Emissions Reduction Act. She provided an overview of the requirements and

deadlines for both laws, and the three potential options for compliance; source-separated food waste collection and processing program, co-mingled food waste and green waste collection and processing program, and/or utilizing the Clean Fiber Organics Recovery System to process organics in mix landfill waste. She reviewed each options possibility, potential issues, and/or barriers, explaining staff will continue to analyze the options and keep the Board informed of the most appropriate programs going forward.

Public Comment: None

Board Comments: The Board discussed the presentation inquiring about the current education and resources being provided to commercial customers, such as restaurants and agricultural companies on organics management and the potential for job creation as new programs develop. Staff stated they currently work with local business in educating their staff on proper disposal of organics but with the new mandates development of new innovative programs are vital.

PUBLIC HEARING

12. RESOLUTION 2017 – 10 APPROVING THE INITIAL STUDY AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR MODIFICATION TO THE JOHNSON CANYON LANDFILL COMPOSTING OPERATIONS PURSUANT THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

(6:48) Engineering & Environmental Compliance Manager Kennedy presented on the permit revision for Johnson Canyon Landfill composting operations. Explaining the adoption of the negative declaration would allow the addition of food waste to future composting operation helping the Authority comply with new mandates established by the state for organics management.

Public Hearing: The Public Hearing was opened at 6:50 p.m.

Susan Warner, Resident of Gonzales and former Diversion Manager for the Authority spoke in favor of the project encouraging the Board to adopt the resolution to allow food to be incorporated into the compost process at Johnson Canyon Landfill to help divert this waste stream from the landfill.

Doug Kenyon, General Manager of Republic Services expressed his concerns with the impacts on Iverson Road of hauling organics to the Johnson Canyon Landfill due to the conditions of road. He stated adequate design and engineering work needs to be done to the road for safety reasons, submitting documentation for the record that illustrates the condition of the road.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:54 p.m.

Staff Comments: General Manager/CAO Mathews advised that thanks to the hard work of Director Salinas, the Iverson and Gloria Road repair project was placed in the TAMC priority projects list. With the 2.3 million dollars the Authority has reserved for that project as part of the conditional use permit when the Johnson Canyon Landfill was expanded, this will help expedite the repair.

Legal Counsel Gordon clarified that in terms for what has been evaluated in the negative declaration the Iverson and Gloria Road matter is an existing condition and there's nothing in the proposed project except for the addition of food waste to the compost operations at the Johnson Canyon Landfill that has any bearing on the condition of Iverson and Gloria Road. The issue before us is the adequacy of the adoption of the Negative Declaration for the project.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Motion: Director Craig made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-09. Director Silva seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 8, 0

Ayes: Cullen, De La Rosa, Silva, Craig, Torres, Bourke, Phillips, Gunter (alt)

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Salinas, Barrera

CONSIDERATION

13. COST BENEFIT COMPARISON FOR NEW PERSONNEL OPTIONS

(7:01) Assistant General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga presented a cost comparison of in-house cost vs contracted services for two new Operations positions that are included in the fiscal year 2017-18 budget for an Equipment Operator-Driver and a Diversion Worker I as requested by the Board at the March meeting. Mr. Zuñiga indicated that the contracted cost for an Equipment Operator-Driver would be between \$34,000 and \$58,000 more per year all inclusive of labor, maintenance and equipment depreciation than having a staff employee. The Diversion Worker 1 position would result in a \$23,000 annual savings if contracted with a labor firm, however, the contract labor worker would have limitations, such as, work assignments limited to lower-hazard duties, inability to work at all Authority sites or operate Authority equipment, and would only be allowed to work a maximum of 999 hours due to CalPERS requirements, amongst other factors to consider such as dependability, safety experience that would result in additional cost associated with staff time to re-train new contract workers every time they are replaced.

Public Comment: Michael Silva, Field Operations Supervisor for the Authority spoke in support of hiring in-house employees, expressing his concerns with contract labor and a contract driver due to safety, lack of commitment, and dependability.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the report with most expressing support for staff's recommendation to hire in-house employees. They thanked staff for providing the report and Mr. Silva for his dedication to the Authority. Director Craig expressed her concerns are related to adding more employees to a facility that could potentially close under one of the scenarios being studied under the Long Term Facilities Needs study. She reiterated the importance of notify new staff hires of the options being studied and the potential of closing the Sun Street Transfer Station.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to continue the current hiring practices, however no motion was needed. By unanimous consensus the Board accepted the report and made no changes to current hiring practices.


FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

14. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(7:23) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

ADJOURN

(7:24) President Salinas adjourned the meeting.

Attest: 
 Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED: 
 Simón Salinas, President