

**MINUTES OF  
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 27, 2020**

128 Sun Street, Suite 101, Salinas, CA 93901

(All Advisory Committee members and staff attended remotely from various locations)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by President Cullen at 4:09 p.m.

**MEETING COMMENTS**

President Cullen indicated he would have to log off at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present**

*Rob Cullen, President*  
*Nikki Cossio*  
*Grant Leonard*  
*Keven McIntosh*  
*Marc Bloom (logged in at 4:14 p.m.)*  
*Brett Saunders*  
*Cesar Lara*  
*Marty H. Ramirez*  
*Paula Getzelman*

**Members Absent**

*John Bailey*

**Staff Present**

*Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO*  
*Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager*  
*Rosie Ramirez, Administrative Assistant*  
*Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**MEETING TOPICS**

**1. Minutes of September 29, 2020 Meeting**

(4:10)

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Discussion:** The Committee discussed the presentation.

**Motion:** Committee Member Getzelman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Committee Member Leonard seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Bloom, Cossio, Cullen, Getzelman, Horton, Lara, Leonard, McIntosh, Ramirez, Saunders

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** Bailey

**Abstain:** None

**2. Presentation on the Demonstration of Agriculture Plastics to Transportation Fuel Project**

(4:11) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided introduced Michael Brown and provided a brief history on the previous collaborations between Mr. Brown and the Authority. Mr. Brown provided a report on the PLASTIKFUEL technology that has been operating in Mexico for three years that converts dirty waste plastic into finished certified, drop-in fuel. Mr. Brown presented a demonstration video of the pilot plant that highlighted the process. He explained the proposal being presented to the Authority to place a demonstration project at the Crazy Horse Landfill. Mr. Brown

explained that the Salinas Valley is ideal for the project for the large amounts of Agriculture plastic waste in the area that could be utilized.

**Public Comment:** None  
**Committee Discussion:** The Committee commended discussed the presentation.  
**Motion:** By Consensus the Committee recommends this item is forwarded to the Executive Committee for discussion and direction.

**4. Update on the Sun Street Transfer Station Relocation Project and on the City of Salinas' One-year Notice of Intent to Withdrawal from the Joint Powers Agreement with the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority**

(4:53) President Cullen indicated he had a commitment at 5 pm and would provide a brief update on item no. 4 before item no. 3. He reported progress being made with the meetings being held between the City of Salinas (City) staff, City Manager, Mayor Pro Tem, the Authority Board President, Alt. Vice President, and Authority staff. He indicated that the City of Salinas representative Board member explained that the priority for the City is to remove the Sun Street Transfer Station from its location. President Cullen indicated it has been expressed by departing Council Member Villegas his desire to take action on the notice of withdrawal to take place as soon as possible. General Manager/CAO Mathews reported that the City has not released the report that is being prepared by R3 Consultants for the City and is hopeful that the Authority has the opportunity to review the report once it is completed to provide input. He indicated recurring meetings between the Interim City Manager, City staff and Authority Senior staff have been taken place to discuss the relocation project. Mr. Mathews indicated the Authority has received a high-level response from Republic Services related to property negotiations that is being discussed with the Board of Directors during closed session.

**Public Comment:** None  
**Committee Discussion:** The Committee discussed the report.  
**Motion:** None

(5:00) President Cullen logged off.

**3. Update on the Opportunity for Regional Franchise Procurement Information**

(5:09) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided a brief report on the three procurement options that have been presented to the South County City Managers Group for consideration. He indicated each City will have to consider with their City Councils the best way to proceed. Mr. Mathews reviewed in detail the rates for each of the procurement and the customized contracts available. He stated discussions between the Group will continue.

**Public Comment:** None  
**Committee Discussion:** The Committee discussed the presentation.  
**Motion:** None

**4. Discussion on Advisory Committee Reports to the Board of Directors and Board Meetings Participation**

(5:33) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the role of the Advisory Committee and its participation during the Board of Directors meeting. He indicated Authority staff would like for the

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Committee to take a more active role on discussions and recommendations to the Board and/or a periodic report going to the Board.

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Discussion:** The Committee discussed the report recommending the formation of Subcommittees and development of bylaws.

**Motion:** By Consensus, the Committee requested that the development of Bylaws for the Advisory Committee be established.


**COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

(6:18) None

**ADJOURNED**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED:

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Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO