

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**March 4, 2021**

(Executive Committee members and staff attended remotely from various locations)

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Lopez called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT (Via Teleconference)**

Chris Lopez	President
Christie Cromeenes	Vice President
Robert Cullen	Past President

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Andrew Tipton	Alternate Vice President
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**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO	Brian Kennedy, Engineering and
Cesar Zuñiga, Asst. Manager/Operations Manager	Environmental Compliance Manager
Ray Hendricks, Finance and Administration Manager	Roy C. Santos, Authority General Counsel
Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager	Rosie Ramirez, Administrative Assistant
	Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

**GENERAL MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(4:16) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the following:

- Authority staff now qualifies under section 1B to receive the COVID vaccination. Human Resources Supervisor Ambriz is working on scheduling appointments for interested staff.
- A treated Wood Waste update will be presented to the Board of Directors with information on a six-month variance that will allow the Authority to continue accepting treated wood.
- An email was received by Director Craig expressing concerns with agenda items that only indicate a verbal update and have no staff report. He indicated changes will be made in the Authorities process to address her concerns.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

(4:21) Past President Cullen commented on the public forum taking place in North Monterey County to address concerns regarding Waste Management's Smart Truck technology and inquired about conducting a public forum for South Monterey County residents.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(4:26) President Lopez announced that no emailed comments were received prior to the meeting and explained that public comment can be made by clicking the raise hand icon if participating via ZOOM or by pressing \*9 if participating via telephone.

No Public Comment.

**CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

(4:27)

**1. Minutes of February 4, 2021 Meeting**

**Committee Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Action:** Vice President Cromeenes made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. President Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 2-0.

**2. January 2021 Claims and Financial Reports**

(4:14) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a report on the Agency's finances, indicating that finances are stable and comparable to last year.

**Committee Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Action:** Vice President Cromeenes made a motion to forward to the Board recommending approval. President Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 2-0.

**3. A Resolution Approving the Disposal and Service Fees Effective July 1, 2021**

(4:22) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks presented the proposed rates explaining in detail the suggested changes. Mr. Hendricks indicated that the Organic processing rate increases are contingent on the City of Salinas approving the pass through of increases needed so that the agreement between the Authority and Republic Services can be terminated.

**Committee Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Action:** Vice President Cromeenes made a motion to forward to the Board for discussion. President Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 2-0.

**4. A Resolution Approving the Operating Budget, the Personnel Allocation and Salary Schedule for FY 2021-22**

(4:46) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a report on the options for the fiscal year 2021-22 budget. He reviewed the projected increases and revenues to balance the budget. He reviewed the estimated rate impacts for the residential and commercial customers, as well as the five-year budget projection.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Action:** Vice President Cromeenes made a motion to forward to the Board for discussion. President Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 2-0.

**5. Formation of a SB 1383 Technical Advisory Committee**

(4:58) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks provided a report on the proposed formation of a technical advisory committee to assist with the outlined program implementations in the program plan for SB 1383. The program plan was finalized in October 2020 to meet mandates required by SB 1383. Mrs. Brooks indicated the Committee would consist of Authority Staff, representatives from the City, County, the three franchised waste haulers, and Monterey Regional Waste Management representatives.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Action:** Vice President Cromeenes made a motion to forward to the Board for discussion. President Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 2-0.

**6. Discussion on Administration Building Lease Options**

(5:04) General Manager/CAO Mathews informed the Committee that the lease agreement for the administration building is coming to term at the end of the calendar year. He described some potential options to extend the lease agreement.

**Committee Discussion:** The Committee discussed the lease options.

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Action:** By consensus the Committee provided direction to staff and requested further information on the lease options be presented at the April meeting.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**7. Future Agenda Items – View Ahead Calendar**

(5:14) The Committee discussed the view ahead.

**CLOSED SESSION**

(5:17) President Lopez invited the public comment on Item No. 8.

- 8.** Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54956.8** to confer with legal counsel and real property negotiators General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews, Asst. GM/Ops Manager Cesar Zuñiga, Finance and Administration Manager Ray Hendricks, and General Counsel Roy C. Santos, concerning the possible terms and conditions of acquisition, lease, exchange or sale of **1)** Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority Property, APNs 003-051-086 and 003-051-087, located at 135-139 Sun Street, Salinas, CA: **2)** Republic Services Property, APNs 261-051-005, 007, and 019, located at 1120 Madison Lane, Salinas, California.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(5:18) None

(5:18) President Lopez adjourned the meeting to closed session to discuss Item No. 8.

**RECONVENE**

(5:49) President Lopez reconvened the meeting to open session with no reportable actions taken in closed session.

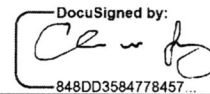
**ADJOURNMENT**

(5:50) President Lopez adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:

  
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED:

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Christopher M. Lopez, President