

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2021**

This meeting was conducted in hybrid in-person/virtual format in accordance with AB 361.
In-person location, 117 Fourth Street, Gonzales, CA 93926 | Virtual participation via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The flag salute was recited.

ROLL CALL

Board Directors

County of Monterey	John M. Phillips <i>(Logged in at 6:02 pm)</i>	Present (Virtual)
County of Monterey	Chris Lopez, <i>President</i>	Present (In-person)
City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes, <i>Vice President</i> <i>(Logged off at 7:45 pm)</i>	Present (Virtual)
City of Salinas	Kimbley Craig	Present (Virtual)
City of Salinas	Anthony Rocha	Present (Virtual)
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva	Present (In-person)
City of Soledad	Ben Jimenez, Jr.	Present (Virtual)
City of Greenfield	Andrew Tipton, <i>Alt. Vice President</i> <i>(Logged off between 6:58 pm and 8:01 pm)</i>	Present (Virtual)
City of Greenfield	Robert White, <i>Alternate</i> <i>(Participated between 6:59 pm and 8:00 pm)</i>	Present (Virtual)
City of King	Robert Cullen	Present (In-person)

Staff Member Present

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

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(6:06) Clerk of the Board Trujillo announced the translation services availability in Spanish.

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:07) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the following:

- The proposals received for the Board of Directors Strategic Planning Retreat facilitator and selection process.
- The tentative December Board of Directors meeting will likely be needed to address next steps related to the organics processing decision.
- The article from *Waste Dive* included within the packet regarding landfills and climate change.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:03) Assistant General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga reported that layoffs related to the closure of Sun Street Transfer Station will not likely be required due to backfilling of existing vacancies.

Finance and Administrator Manager Hendricks reported on the status of the bond refinancing.

BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS

(6:06) Director Silva extended an invitation for the City of Gonzales' 75th Year Incorporation Anniversary celebration to be held on December 4th in the downtown area.

Director Rocha inquired about the SB 1383 compliance status of the City of Salinas.

President Lopez commented on the meeting held regarding the raised concerns of the redistricting maps for the congressional and senate districts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:10) Kristin Skromme from Waste Management commented on the Pajaro and King City cleanup event. She extended her appreciation for the Authority Household Hazardous Waste department staff for their assistance at the cleanup events.

CONSENT AGENDA (6:20)

1. Minutes of the October 21, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. September 2021 Claims and Financial Reports
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for October 2021
4. Tonnage and Diversion Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2021
5. Resolution No. 2021-46 Approving the Allocation of Cash Balances for Fiscal Year 2020-21, and Supplemental Appropriation to Fund Adjustments to the Operating and Capital improvement Budgets
6. Resolution No. 2021-47 Making Findings Related to the Continued Experience of a State of Emergency Due to COVID-19 and Re-Authorizing the Conduct of Public Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of the Authority Via Remote Teleconferencing for an Initial 30-Day Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act as Amended by Assembly Bill No. 361
7. Resolution No. 2021-48 of Adopting the Revised Financial Policies
8. Resolution No. 2021-49 Approving Amendment No. 3 to the Autoclave Technologies Agreement with Global OrganciS Energy, LLC
9. Resolution No. 2021-50 Approving Supplemental Appropriation of \$77,757.00 for CalRecycle's 2021-2 Local Government Waste Tire Amnesty Grant
10. Resolution No. 2021-51 Approving an Agreement with Geo-Logic Associates in the Amount of \$32,390 for Well Siting Services at Jolon Road and Johnson Canyon Landfills

Public Comment: None

Motion: Director Phillips made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vice President Cromeenes seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 9,0

Ayes: Craig, Cromeenes, Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Phillips, Rocha, Silva, Tipton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

COSNIDERATION**11. ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

(6:14) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks presented an overview of the audit report. He commended the Finance staff for their work and dedication. Mr. Hendricks indicated the Authorities net position increased by \$17,519,444 to \$24,913,805 in the past fiscal year. Mr. Hendricks provided the report for McGilloway, Ray Brown & Kaufman as technical issues where presented. He indicated the Auditors provided an unmodified opinion of the Authority's finances. They indicated all accounting standards were met, and that they had no problems working with management during the audit. The Authority will once again apply for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Director Silva made a motion to accept the report. Director Cullen seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 9,0

Ayes: Craig, Cromeenes, Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Phillips, Rocha, Silva, Tipton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PRESENTATION**12. COMMUNITY BASED SOCIAL MARKETING UPDATE**

(6:33) Recycling Coordinator Faulk presented a detailed report on the program planning developed to launch the new Curbside Food Scrap program. The program is part of the effort created to help meet mandates from SB 1383. The Curbside Food Scrap program objective is to educate people and change behavior on how to correctly separate garbage from organic material. A pilot testing is scheduled for January 1, 2022, in the City of Soledad with full launch and large-scale outreach/advertising tentative to begin on earth day, April 22, 2022.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Information Only

13. 2020-21 SALINAS VALLEY RECYCLES ANNUAL REPORT

(6:48) General Manager/CAO Mathews provide an overview of the annual report that details the accomplishments, statics on diversion, data on landfill tonnage, sustainability, and financial information of the past fiscal year. The report highlights the programs and events managed and attended by the Authority throughout the year to promote waste reduction, resource recovery, and conservation within its jurisdiction.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Information Only

(6:58) Alternate Vice President Tipton logged off.

CONSIDERATION**14. A DISCUSSION ON THE FINAL TWO PROPOSALS FROM THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ORGANICS PROCESSING COMPOSTING, AND MARKETING PRODUCTS AT THE JOHNSON CANYON LANDFILL**

(7:00) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks presented a report the current contract for Organics Processing with Vision Recycling at the Johnson Canyon Landfill. She detailed the contract term end,

the release of a Request for Proposals, the three external and one internal proposal received, and the process for selection of the top two proposals being presented for consideration. Atlas Organics, the external candidate, and the Authority submitted internal proposal as a cost comparison for assuming operations of the facility similar to the Authority's prior bids for Landfill & Transfer Station Operations. Mrs. Brooks provided a side-by-side comparison with detailed information on prices, investment requirements, risks and potential customer rate impacts.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Public Comment: Jarrett Bond, Controller from Atlas Organics commented on their experience, technology, facilities, risks, and practices.

Motion: Director Craig made a motion to continue the item to a future meeting. Director Rocha seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 9,0

Ayes: Craig, Cromeenes, Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Phillips, Rocha, Silva, White (Alt)

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Tipton

(7:45) Vice President Cromeenes logged off.

(8:01) Alternate Vice President Tipton logged back in.

15. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE 2022 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

(8:02) General Manager/CAO Mathews explained the nomination process and rotation for the election of officers based on the Authority Code and explained in detail each of the options available. President Lopez requested two volunteers for the Nominating Committee.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the report

Public Comment: None

Motion: President Lopez made a motion to elect Director Phillips and Director Silva to form the Nominating Committee. Director Cullen seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 8,0

Ayes: Craig, Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Phillips, Rocha, Silva, Tipton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cromeenes

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

16. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(8:05) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

(8:08) President Lopez invited the Public Comment related to closed session item nos. 17 and 18.

17. Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957.6** to provide instruction to General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews, Asst. GM/Ops Manager Cesar Zuñiga, and General Counsel Roy C. Santos, to negotiate salaries and benefits with SVSWA employees - management and non-management.

18. Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957 (b)** to consider the Performance Evaluation of the General Manager/Chief Administrative Officer Patrick Mathews for 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNED

(8:09) President Lopez adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss item nos. 17 and 18.

RECONVENE

(8:37) President Lopez reconvened the meeting to open session. Legal Counsel Santos indicated there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

ADJOURNED

(8:38) President Lopez adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: 
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Christopher M. Lopez, President

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Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board