

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
APRIL 28, 2022**

Gonzales City Council Chambers | 117 Fourth Street, Gonzales, CA 93926.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Cromeenes called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The flag salute was recited.

ROLL CALL

Board Directors

County of Monterey	John M. Phillips	Absent
County of Monterey	Chris Lopez, <i>President</i>	Absent
County of Monterey	Luis Alejo (<i>alternate</i>)	Present
City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes, <i>Vice President</i>	Present
City of Salinas	Kimbley Craig	Absent
City of Salinas	Anthony Rocha	Present
City of Salinas	Orlando Osornio (<i>alternate</i>) (<i>arrived at 6:23 pm</i>)	Present
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva	Present
City of Soledad	Ben Jimenez, Jr.	Present
City of Greenfield	Andrew Tipton, <i>Alt. Vice President</i>	Present
City of King	Robert Cullen	Present

Staff Member Present

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

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(6:03) Vice President Cromeenes announced the availability of translation services in Spanish via Zoom.

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:04) General Manager/CAO Mathews requested to pull item number seven from the Consent Agenda to provide an update on behalf of Director Phillips.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:05) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks commented on the kitchen pails provided to each member agency for the kitchen scraps composting program.

BOARD DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

(6:06) Director Cullen commended Authority staff on the pails and commented on the cleanup event that took place in King City. Director Tipton commented on the upcoming clean up event taking place on Saturday April 30th in Greenfield. Vice President Cromeenes commented on the

cleanup event that took place in the City of Salinas. Ms. Cromeenes also commented on the opportunity to continue virtual meetings. Director Rocha and Alternate Director Alejo expressed their support to continue virtual meetings.

AUTHORITY GENERAL COUNSEL COMMENTS

General Counsel Santos commented on the requirements to conduct virtual meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:07) Felix Huerta with the Operating Engineers Local Union Number 3 commented on the bargaining process currently underway between the bargaining teams, the expectations of the negotiations, and representatives.

CONSENT AGENDA (6:15)

1. Minutes of the March 17, 2022 Regular Meeting
2. February 2022 Claims and Financial Reports
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for March 2022
4. March 2022 Quarterly Investments Report
5. Resolution No. 2022-14 Approving an Adjustment to the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22
6. Resolution No. 2022-15 Approving Annual Expenditure in an Amount Over \$50,000 for Equipment Maintenance Parts and Services with Cutting Edge Supply for Fiscal Year 2021-22 and Resolution No. 2022-16 Approving Annual Expenditure in an Amount Over \$50,000 for Equipment Maintenance Parts and Services with Green Rubber-Kennedy Ag for Fiscal Year 2021-22
7. ~~Update on the Sun Street Transfer Station Relocation Project~~
8. Resolution No. 2022-17 Awarding a Sole Source Purchase of a New 2023 Walking Floor Transfer Trailer to Western Trailer for and Amount of \$105,641

Board Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Motion: Director Cullen made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Director Tipton seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 7,0

Ayes: Alejo (Alt.), Cromeenes, Cullen, Jimenez, Rocha, Silva, Tipton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Craig, Lopez, Phillips

7. UPDATE ON THE SUN STREET TRANSFER STATION RELOCATION PROJECT

(6:17) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported that the relocation project is expected to be delayed approximately seven to eight months due to permit issues. He indicated that Director Phillips, his staff, and Republic Services are working diligently to resolve the unforeseen issue of the land use permit. Mr. Mathews reported that an adjustment to the Authority's budget and rate schedule will likely be required due to the new relocation deadline.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 7,0
Ayes: Alejo (Alt.), Cromeenes, Cullen, Jimenez, Rocha, Silva, Tipton
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Craig, Lopez, Phillips

PRESENTATION

9. ATLAS ORGANICS

(6:22) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks introduced Eli Stilwell, Project Manager with Atlas Organics' Development Department. Ms. Stilwell introduced the staff from Atlas attending the meeting. She provided a presentation on the designs, construction transition plan, marketing efforts, and hiring process taking place to ensure a smooth transition of the operations at the composting & organics processing area at the Johnson Canyon Landfill.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

10. RECYCLING RECOGNITION

(6:39) Resource Recovery Technician Gutierrez provided a presentation recognizing Natividad School for the implementation of their Food Scraps & Diversion Program and Green Team. She reviewed in detail the work completed by the school staff and students that made the program successful. Mrs. Gutierrez also presented a recognition to Paletería y Nevería Maru located in Greenfield for the implementation of their Food Scraps & Diversion Program. She highlighted the process of implementing the food scraps collection and the total diversion of food waste.

Board Discussion: The Board commended the recipients for their dedication to divert organics from the landfills.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(6:54) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

(6:55) Vice President Cromeenes invited Public Comment related to closed session item number 12.

12. 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)** Property, APN: 003-051-077-000, located at 126-128 Sun Street, Salinas, CA: **2)** Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority Property, APNs 003-051-086 and 003-051-087, located at 135-139 Sun Street, Salinas, CA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNED

(6:56) Vice President Cromeenes adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss item numbered 12.

RECONVENE

(7:27) Vice President Cromeenes reconvened the meeting to open session. Legal Counsel Santos indicated that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

CONSIDERATION

- 13. RESOLUTION No. 2022-18 OF AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF ONE PARCEL, APN 003-051-077, AND AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER/CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE A PROPERTY SALES AGREEMENT WITH NEXIS PARTNERS, LLC AND FRIEDRICH ENTERPRISES, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,957,000, A BUDGET ALLOCATION OF \$4,017,000, AND FINDING THE ACQUISITION IS EXEMPT O FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

(7:27) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided a brief background on the negotiation of the agreements and gave a general overview of the agreements.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Director Cullen made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-18. Alternate Vice President Tipton seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 8,0

Ayes: Alejo (Alt.), Cromeenes, Cullen, Jimenez, Osornio (Alt.), Rocha, Silva, Tipton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Craig, Lopez, Phillips

CLOSED SESSION

(7:36) Vice President Cromeenes invited Public Comment related to closed session item numbered 14.

- 14.** Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957.6** to provide instruction to General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews, General Counsel Roy C. Santos, and Labor Counsel Colin J. Tanner, to negotiate salaries and benefits of Non-management Administration unit, Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 unit, and at-will Management Employees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Felix Huerta with the Operating Engineers Local Union Number 3 commented on the title listed on agenda item number fourteen.

ADJOURNED

(7:38) Vice President Cromeenes adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss item numbered 14.

RECONVENE

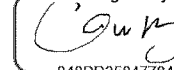
(8:06) Vice President Cromeenes reconvened the meeting to open session. Legal Counsel Santos indicated that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

ADJOURNED

(8:07) Vice President Cromeenes adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:

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Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board