

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 15, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

The following Board Directors were present:

County of Monterey	Simon Salinas
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva
City of Soledad	Christopher K. Bourke
City of Salinas	Kimbley Craig
City of Salinas	Gloria De La Rosa, <i>Alt. Vice President</i>
City of Salinas	Tony Barrera
City of King	Robert Cullen, <i>Vice President</i>

The following Board Directors were absent:

City of Greenfield	Avelina Torres
County of Monterey	John M. Phillips

Staff Members Present:

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO	Mayra Ramirez, Marketing Intern
Cesar Zuñiga, Asst. GM/Operations Manager	Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board
Ray Hendricks, Finance Manager	Thomas Bruen, General Counsel
Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager	
Brian Kennedy, Engineering & Environmental Compliance Manager	

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(6:00) None

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:01) General Manager/CAO Mathews reminded the Board of the upcoming retreat scheduled for July 24, informing them there will be a tour of the landfill scheduled at 11 a.m. He presented to the Board the article from WasteDive, *ISRI: Rumors of Chinese scrap import ban being taken 'very seriously'*, to the Board explaining staff will be tracking this closely as this could have an impact on the Authority service costs if recycling revenues drop. He went on to remind the Board that WasteDive has a monthly email newsletter they can subscribe to, encouraging them to register if they have not yet done so.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:03) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks reminded the Board of the interagency activity report included in each month's Agenda packet that lists all of the upcoming events for each member agency. Stating the King City clean up, the Gonzales two-day cleanup, and the compost workshop are coming up.

BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS

(6:04) Director Cullen explained that the King City cleanup event will be July 1, and it will be a city wide cleanup event in partnership with King City in Bloom a local chapter of the national organization America in Bloom. Collection services of Antifreeze, Batteries, Oil, and Paint will be

provided by the Authority. He described the positive results seen since the creation of the King City in Bloom in the community. Director Silva expressed gratitude to the staff from the Household Hazardous Waste department for being so helpful. She commented on her attendance of the public meeting at the Marina Library, informing the group that the attendance was very low, with only two members from the public attending. Director Barrera expressed his concerns with the lack of public participation. He informed the group of his efforts to promote the Authority services by passing out reusable bags at an event. Director Craig expressed concerns regarding the late distribution of the supplemental material, requesting supplemental material to be sent out at a minimum of 24 hours prior to the meeting. She thanked General Manager Mathews for reaching out to her regarding holding another public information meeting in North Salinas. Director Bourke thanked the Clerk of the Board for the information and application on the Citizens Advisory Group.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:10) None

CONSENT AGENDA (6:11)

1. Minutes of May 18, 2017, Regular Meeting
2. April 2017 Claims and Financial Reports
3. May 2017 Member and Interagency Activity Report
4. Resolution No. 2017-16 Approving Amendment No. 1 Authorizing an Extension to the Professional Service Agreement with AECOM for Preparation of Design and Environmental Review for the Long-Term Facility Needs Study and the Global Organics Energy Clean Fiber and Organics Recovery System to December 31, 2018
5. Resolution No. 2017-17 Approving the Agreement to Participate in the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) Prefunding Plan: California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT), to Prefund Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and Designating Certain Positions the Delegation of Authority to Request OPEB Disbursements
6. Progress Report on Alternative Energy Projects Development
7. Resolution No. 2017-18 Approving A Three Year Professional Services Agreement with Geo-Logic Associates to Provide Groundwater Monitoring Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$284,166
8. Resolution No. 2017-19 Establishing the Investment Policy

Public Comment: None

Board Comments: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 7,0

Ayes: Salinas, Cullen, Silva, Barrera, Craig, Bourke, Martinez (alt)

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: De La Rosa, Torrez, Phillips

PUBLIC HEARING

9. RESOLUTION NO. 2017-20 APPROVING DISPOSAL AND SERVICE FEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

(6:12) Finance Manger Hendricks presented the proposed Disposal and Service Fees Schedule. Explaining in detail the revisions made to correct the calculation error that was found on the Disposal and Services Fee Schedule that was approved in March.

Public Hearing: The Public Hearing was opened at 6:13 p.m. No member of the public made comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:14 p.m.

Board Comments: None

Motion: Director Barrera made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-20. Director Silva seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 7, 0

Ayes: Salinas, Cullen, Silva, Barrera, Craig, Bourke, Martinez (alt)

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: De La Rosa, Torrez, Phillips

PRESENTATION

10. STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-19 GOALS & OBJECTIVES REPORT

(6:14) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided an update on the status of last six-month objectives, noting that most had been completed and evaluating the ones pending.

Public Comment: None

Board Comments: The Board discussed the presentation.

Motion: No motion was needed; presentation only.

11. SOCIAL MEDIA PROGRESS REPORT

(6:24) Recycling Coordinator Mitchell introduced Marketing Intern Mayra Ramirez, who was hired as part of the Strategic Goal Objectives to "Promote the Value of Salinas Valley Recycles Services," to help increase the Authority's social media presence. Ms. Ramirez presented the progress made by reviewing the statistics of the Authorities social media accounts, demonstrating a gain of 84 followers on Instagram, an increase of 8% in followers on Facebook, and 25% on Twitter. She also reported on the development of promotional materials, and production of a monthly email newsletter targeting none social media users.

Public Comment: None

Board Comments: The Board discussed the presentation and commended Ms. Ramirez on the presentation and on the achievements.

Staff Comment: General Manager/CAO Mathews thanked Ms. Ramirez for her work and wished her well on her future endeavors.

Motion: No motion was needed; this was an informational item.

12. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FEEDBACK SURVEY

(6:44) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks presented the results of the bilingual Public Feedback Survey that was released in the month of May in conjunction with the public information meetings. The 16-question survey was based on the California Environmental Quality Act categories, asking the public to rate the importance of each category. The results of the surveys received showed Waste Reduction, Recycling and Landfilling, was the most important to the public, with Hydrology and water quality coming in second. From the comments given 11% expressed concerns for the current transfer station located on Sun Street and over 73% expressed positive feedback of the facility, the Authority staff, and services being provided.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Motion: No motion was needed; this was an informational item.

13. DE-PACKAGING EQUIPMENT RESEARCH

(6:54) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks presented videos on the De-Packaging machine currently being considered by staff for the possible organics recycling program. This will help

comply with Assembly Bill 1826, targeting organics recycling from the commercial sectors. The video demonstrated the step by step process of the de-packaging system.

Public Comment: Doug Kenyon, General Manager of Republic Services commented on the equipment and expressed his support for the acquisition of it.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the video presented inquiring about the cost of the equipment and the maintenance needed. Expressing appreciation to staff for presenting the video to allow them to get a better understanding of the equipment.

Motion: No motion was needed; this was an informational item.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

14. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(7:22) The Board reviewed the future agenda items. General Manager/CAO Mathews reminded the Board once again of the upcoming July Board retreat and Landfill tour scheduled for July 24.

ADJOURN

(7: 24) President Salinas adjourned the meeting.

Attest: 
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED: 
Simón Salinas, President