# MINUTES OF THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY **BOARD MEETING** MAY 18, 2017

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Salinas called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 Greenfield

**Avelina Torres** 

County of Monterey John M. Phillips

City of Salinas

Kimbley Craig

City of Salinas

Gloria De La Rosa, Alt. Vice President

City of Salinas

Tony Barrera

# The following Board Directors were absent:

City of King

Robert Cullen, Vice President

#### Staff Members Present:

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO

Brian Kennedy, Engineering & Environmental

Cesar Zuñiga, Asst. GM/Operations Manager

Compliance Manager

Ray Hendricks, Finance Manager

Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager

Thomas Bruen, General Counsel

#### **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(6:02) None

## **GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:02) General Manager/CAO Mathews acknowledged and congratulated Assistant General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga and Finance Manager Hendricks on their recent achievement of obtaining their Bachelor's Degree. Mr. Mathews reported on three public information meetings for the Long-Term Facility Needs Project that have been held and reminded the Board of the last two that will be held the following week.

## **DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:03) Finance Manager Hendricks reported that there was a discrepancy found on the Disposal and Services fee schedule that was approved in March by the Board. He explained the calculation error was under the AB939 section and since discovering it he has been working with the waste haulers to adjust their rate packages. He explained that the analysis provided to the Board at the March meeting was correct. The numbers where transposed incorrectly into the Disposal and Services fee schedule. He went on to inform the Board that a public hearing will be held at the June Board meeting to correct the error. Resource Recovery Manger Brooks reported on the composting workshop that will be held on May 27 in partnership with Local Urban Garden at the Natividad Creek Park. She informed the Board that the City of Soledad's clean up week is on its last days and it will include the free collection of Antifreeze, Batteries, Oil, and Paint (ABOP) on Saturday, with the City of Greenfield's clean up week to begin the upcoming week.

#### **BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

(6:05) Director De La Rosa reported on the public information meeting for the Long-Term Facility Needs Project that she attended on May 8. She expressed her concerns for the lack of public participation and noted that she had gone door-to-door in the area around Sun Street Transfer Station to solicit public involvement. Director Craig commented that she was also concerned with the lack of public participation in the meeting held in her District on May 10. Director Barrera reported that he will be at the Mental Health Fun Family Day on Sunday, May 21. Director Torres reported that she will be attending a school event and is requesting reusable bags to distribute.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:10) Doug Kenyon, General Manager of Republic Services extend an invitation to the Memorial Day celebration at the Monterey County Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Salinas at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 29.

# **CONSENT AGENDA** (6:11)

- 1. Minutes April 16, 2017, Regular Meeting
- 2. March 2017 Claims and Financial Reports
- 3. April 2017 Member and Interagency Activity Report
- 4. Strategic Plan 2016-19 Goals & Objectives Monthly Progress Report
- 5. Tonnage and Diversion Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2017
- 6. Resolution No. 2017-11 Approving a Two-Year Service Agreement with SC Fuels for Purchase and Delivery of Fuel to All Facilities
- **7.** Resolution No. 2017-12 Authorizing the Execution of a Four-Year Professional Service Agreement with SCS Field Services to Provide Environmental Control Systems Operations and Maintenance Services
- **8.** Resolution No. 2017-13 Approving Amendment No. 1 Authorizing a One-Year Extension to the Professional Service Agreement with Rock Steady Juggling for the School Assembly Program in an Amount Not to Exceed \$50,000
- 9. Resolution No. 2017-14 Approving Amendment No. 1 Authorizing a Two-Year Extension to the Professional Service Agreement with Hope Services Inc. for Materials Processing and Litter Abatement at the Sun Street Transfer Station for an Amount not to Exceed \$322,800 for Two-Years
- 10. Resolution No. 2017-15 Approving Amendment No. 1 Authorizing an Extension to the Professional Service Agreement with Stericycle Environmental Services for Household Hazardous Waste Transportation and Disposal/Recycling through June 30, 2019
- 11. Appointment to the Citizens Advisory Group

Public Comment: None Board Comments: None

**Motion:** Director Bourke made a motion to approve the consent agenda as

presented. Director Craig seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 8,0

Ayes: De La Rosa, Salinas, Silva, Barrera, Torres, Craig, Bourke, Phillips

Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Cullen

#### **PRESENTATION**

## 12. ROCK STEADY JUGGLING PERFORMANCE

(6:13) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks presented Douglas Nolan, founder and owner of Rock Steady Juggling. She explained that he is currently contracted as part of the Authority's Schools Assembly Program bringing an educational performance called "The Amazing Adventures of the Recycling Wizard" to schools, libraries and community centers throughout the Salinas Valley to educate children on environmental concepts. With a total of 83 performances by the end of June 2017, he will have reached over 16,000 children. Mr. Nolan conducted a brief performance for the Board.

Public Comment: None

**Board Comments:** The Board thanked and commended Mr. Nolan for his performance.

**Motion:** No motion was needed; presentation only.

## 13. VISION RECYCLING OVERVIEW AND MAKING COLOR MULCH PRESENTATION

(6:31) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks presented two videos from Vision Recycling on the process of wood chip dyeing and Visions Recycling's overall philosophy of sustainably managing organics locally. She explained that Vision Recycling creates and markets high-quality recycled landscape material and is currently contracted to process the Organics received at all of the Authorities facilities, processing approximately 32,000 tons of Organics annually, making this activity the single largest diversion activity for the Authority. Mrs. Brooks explained the current problem of the contamination of Organic materials received at Johnson Canyon and the process being used to manage it.

Public Comment: None

**Board Comments:** The Board discussed the presentation and questioned the marketing efforts

done to promote the purchasable products and locations.

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

# 14. Cost-Benefit Analysis for Processing Construction and Demolition Material by Salinas Valley Recycles or Monterey Regional Waste Management

(6:42) Assistant General Manager/Operations Manager Zuniga presented three options available to process Construction and Demolition (C&D) received at the Authority's facilities; transfer materials to the Monterey Regional Waste Management District (MRWMD) for processing at their Material Recycling Facility (MRF) once the remodeling has been completed, establish a simplified C&D sort-line to recover all clean wood and other recyclable materials at the Johnson Canyon Landfill, or continue the current practice of consolidating materials and transferring to the Johnson Canyon Landfill for grinding, and use as Alternative Daily Cover. He explained to the Board the discussions that CalRecycle has been having regarding the possibility of restricting the use of ADC as a diversion activity in the next 4 to 5 years, stating that at that time a different Program would need to be in place. He detailed each of the options pros and cons and provided a cost comparison between the three, detailing the estimated increase that would be required in C&D processing rates per ton for each option.

**Public Comment:** Doug Kenyon, General Manager of Republic Services, expressed his

opinion on not only looking at the cost for each program but to consider what is the highest rate of conversion of the C&D. With new mandates taking effect he feels programs that gives a higher rate on diversion should

be considered over cost.

**Board Discussion:** The Board discussed the presentation. Inquiring about the Monterey

Regional Waste Management Material Recovery Facility estimated

remodeling completion date, amount of time needed to establishing a sort

line, and the specific date for the new mandates from CalRecycle to stop utilizing it as ADC.

**Staff Comments:** 

Mr. Zuñiga further explained that MRWMD is estimating to have its MRF operating by October 2017. He went on to explain that it will take a few months of operating for them to get a better understanding of the recovery rates they can achieve at which time he recommends requesting a revised quote. He clarified that CalRecycle does not yet have a set date for when the C&D will no longer be allowed to be used as ADC, but it is expected to be by 2020. Informing the Board that it would take between six months to a year to get a simplified sort line established.

Motion:

By consensus the Board decided to hold off on making a decision on a C&D program until Spring 2018, to allow adequate time for MRWMD to provide a revised quote and evaluate the performance of their upgraded facility.

Simón Salinas, President

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### 15. AGENDA ITEMS - VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(6:54) The Board reviewed the future agenda items. General Manager/CAO Mathews reviewed the items scheduled for the June Executive Committee and the Board meetings, explaining that with the resignation of Rose Gill, Human Resource/Organizational Development Manager staff will be discussing with the Executive Committee the Authorities Personnel Organizational structure and will be coming back to the Board with information and a recommendation at a later time.

**ADJOURN** 

(6:58) President Salinas adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:

Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board