

**MINUTES OF  
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 21, 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, President
County of Monterey	John M. Phillips ( <i>arrived at 6:02 p.m.</i> )
City of Salinas	Gloria De La Rosa, Alt. Vice President
City of Salinas	Tony Barrera
City of Salinas	Kimbley Craig
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva
City of Soledad	Christopher K. Bourke
City of Greenfield	Yaneli Martinez ( <i>Alternate</i> )

The following Board Directors were absent:

City of King	Robert Cullen, Vice President
City of Greenfield	Avelina Torres

Staff Members Present:

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO	Elia Zavala, Contract and Grants Analyst
Cesar Zuñiga, Asst. GM/Operations Manager	Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board
Ray Hendricks, Finance Manager	Scott Gordon, General Counsel
Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager	
Brian Kennedy, Engineering & Environmental Compliance Manager	

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(6:00) President Salinas announced the availability of translation services. No member from the public requested the service.

**GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:01) General Manager/CAO Mathews informed the Board of the upcoming monthly employee lunch scheduled for October 5, 2017, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. extending an invitation to any Board member that is interested in attending. Mr. Mathews requested to clarify the motion made at the August Board meeting related to the scheduled time of July Board Meeting Retreat, with the Board confirming the motion previously given. Mr. Mathews stated that the next facilitated retreat would then occur on the regular Board meeting date for July 2018 from 5 or 6 pm until 10 pm.

**DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:03) Assistant General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga reported that on September 20, the Monterey Bay Resources Board awarded the Authority a grant of \$380,000 for the funding of two Compressed Natural Gas Transfer Trucks. Informing them the acceptance of the grant will be brought to the Board at the October Board meeting.

### **BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

(6:04) Director Martinez inquired about Authority promotional items. Director Craig reported on her attendance to the September 9 cleanup event in which there was a 70% increase in total volume collected compared to the previous year with a diversion of 69% of the material collected. Director Bourke congratulated staff for the awarded grant. Director De La Rosa requested reusable bags for her to distribute at the Harvest Festival scheduled for October 14.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:16) Doug Kenyon, General Manager of Republic Services expressed his recommendation for the Authority to request from the Local Enforcement Agency to consider extended hours and increase in tonnage allowed at the Sun Street Transfer Station during daylight savings time to help accommodate the waste haulers with the high demand of disposal of Construction and Demolition materials between the months of April to October.

### **CONSENT AGENDA (6:10)**

1. Minutes of August 17, 2017, Regular Meeting
2. July 2017 Claims and Financial Reports
3. August 2017 Member and Interagency Activity Report
4. A Strategic Plan 2016-19 Goals & Objectives Monthly Progress Report
5. Resolution 2017-24 Approving Supplemental Appropriation of \$61,955 for CalRecycle's Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program 2016-17
6. Resolution 2017- 25 Approving Supplemental Appropriation of \$62,832 for CalRecycle's 2017-18 Local Government Waste Tire Amnesty Grant
7. Resolution 2017- 26 Approving a Five-Year License Agreement with Salinas Bowmen, Inc. for Property Located at Crazy Horse Landfill

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Comments:** None

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

**Votes:** Motion carried 8,0

Ayes: Salinas, Phillips, De La Rosa, Barrera, Craig, Silva, Bourke, Martinez (Alt.)

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cullen, Torres

### **PRESENTATION**

#### **8. 2016-17 SALINAS VALLEY RECYCLES ANNUAL REPORT**

(6:11) General Manager/CAO Mathews presented the 2016-17 Annual Report, highlighting the 20-year milestone time line of the agency. He reviewed each section of the report summarizing all the major accomplishments of the past fiscal year and acknowledging Administrative Assistant II, Cindy Iglesias, for taking the lead on preparing and editing the report, and informing the Board the report is all done in-house.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Comments:** The Board commended staff for the great report.

**Motion** None; Informational only

## 9. THE COMPOST STORY

(6:22) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks provided a brief description of the video, *The Compost Story*, presented to the Board, explaining the video highlights the benefits of composting.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Comments:** The Board discussed the video presented.

**Motion:** None; Informational only

## 10. EXPANDED ORGANICS RECOVERY PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND FUNDING STRUCTURE

(6:33) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks presented an overview of the option for the expansion of the Organics recovery program to incorporate food waste composting and to help meet the requirement of the new State mandates; Assembly Bill 1826 – Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling, Senate Bill 1383 – Short-Lived Climate Pollutants & Methane Emissions Reduction Act. She detailed the plan for collection and processing, provided an update on the permits and regulations, and grant status. General Manager/CAO Mathews reviewed in detail the proposed funding structure including the estimated costs, staffing needs and the affects to the rates for typical residential customers.

**Public Comment:** Doug Kenyon, General Manager of Republic Services spoke in support of the program expansion.

**Board Comments:** The Board discussed the presentation.

**Motion:** Director De La Rosa made a motion approve the Expanded Organics Recovery Program Implementation Plan and Funding Structure as presented. Director Phillips seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 8,0

Ayes: Salinas, Phillips, De La Rosa, Barrera, Craig, Silva, Bourke, Martinez (Alt.)

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cullen, Torres

## CONSIDERATION

### 11. RESOLUTION 2017- 27 APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$1,341,865 FOR CALRECYCLE'S 2016-17 ORGANICS GRANT PROGRAM

(7:11) Resources Recovery Manager Brooks provided an overview of the purpose of the Organics Grant Program and explained the total eligible grant applications received and awarded for funding by CalRecycle. Contracts and Grants Analyst Elia Zavala detailed the awarded amount and the budget allocation of those funds, explaining the infrastructure and site improvements that will be required and covered by the grant funds. Mrs. Zavala provided a breakdown of the expected diversion quantities the acceptance of the grant will allow.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Comments:** The Board discussed the presentation.

**Motion:** Director Barrera made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-27. Director Bourke seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 8,0

Ayes: Salinas, Phillips, De La Rosa, Barrera, Craig, Silva, Bourke, Martinez (Alt.)

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cullen, Torres

**12. SECOND PHASE PUBLIC OUTREACH PLAN FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT – LONG-TERM FACILITY NEEDS PROJECT**

(7:22) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks provided an overview of the purpose of the second phase of the public outreach for the Environmental Impact Report for the Long-Term Facility Needs Projects and explained in detail the two options available, including the timeline for each option.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Comments:** The Board discussed the presentation inquiring about the estimated costs and amount of staff time required for each option.

**Motion:** Director Craig made a motion to go out for requests for proposals from a public relations firms. Director Bourke seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 8,0

Ayes: Salinas, Phillips, De La Rosa, Barrera, Craig, Silva, Bourke, Martinez (Atl.)

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Torres, Cullen

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**13. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE**

(7:42) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

**Closed Session**

(7:44) Public Comment: None

President Salinas adjourned the meeting to closed session to discuss the following:

- 14.** Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to provide instruction to General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews to negotiate salaries and benefits with SVSWA employees - management and non-management.

**RECONVENE**

(8:06) President Salinas reconvened the open session with no reportable action taken in closed session.

**ADJOURN**

(8:07) President Salinas adjourned the meeting.

Attest:

  
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED:

  
Simón Salinas, President