# MINUTES OF THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY **BOARD MEETING** MAY 17, 2018

## 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 John M. Phillips

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 Greenfield

**Avelina Torres** 

# The following Board Directors were absent:

County of Monterey Simon Salinas, President

City of King

Robert Cullen, Vice President

City of Soledad

Christopher K. Bourke

#### Staff Members Present:

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO Cesar Zuñiga, Asst. GM/Operations Manager

Ray Hendricks, Finance and Administration

Manager

Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager

Brian Kennedy, Engineering & Environmental

Compliance Manager

Cindy Iglesias, Administrative Assistant II

Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board Thomas Bruen, General Counsel

# MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(6:01) Alt. Vice President De La Rosa announced translation services were available. No member from the public requested the service.

## GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:01) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the following;

- The article from Waste Dive that was handed to the Board.
- Two items to be added for the next Board meeting related to the progress of the expansion of the Organics program.
- Upcoming Association Conferences, extending an invitation to any Board member interested in attending.
- The accomplishment of receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association by the Finance Department.

## **DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:07) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks thanked J.D. Back, Accountant and Ernesto Natera, Accounting Technician for their contribution in obtaining the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Resource Recovery Manager Brooks informed the Board of the upcoming Composting event at Natividad Creek Park, the Greenfield Clean up week, and the end of the Soledad Clean Up event.

# **BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

(6:08) Director Silva commented on the start of the Salinas Valley Fair in King City, extending an invitation to everyone present.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:09) None

#### CONSENT AGENDA (6:09)

- 1. Minutes of April 19, 2018, Regular Meeting
- 2. March 2018 Claims and Financial Reports
- 3. Member and Interagency Activity Report for April 2018 and Upcoming Events
- 4. Tonnage and Diversion Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2018
- 5. Resolution No. 2018–18 Approving a Professional Service Agreement with Douglas Nolan, dba Rock Steady Juggling for the School Assembly Program in an Amount Not to Exceed \$50,000
- 6. Resolution No. 2018–19 Awarding the Purchase of Refurbished Compactor Wheels for the 836H Compactor to Caron Compactor Company for an Amount of \$64,861.67

**Board Comments:** 

None

**Public Comment:** 

None

Motion:

Director Phillips made a motion to approve the consent agenda as

presented. Director Silva seconded the motion.

Votes:

Motion carried 6,0

Ayes:

De La Rosa, Silva, Barrera, Torres, Craig, Phillips

Noes:

None

Abstain: Absent:

None Salinas, Bourke, Cullen

# **PUBLIC HEARING**

7. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-20 APPROVING THE DISPOSAL AND SERVICE FEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2018-11

(6:10) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks presented the revised disposal and service fee schedule. Detailing the rate adjustments to the AB939 fees being proposed in order to subsidize the shortfall of the Organics fee for the City of Salinas, and the effect of the rates to each member agency. Mr. Hendricks explained that the City of Salinas did not support the Organics processing agreement amendment between the Authority and Republic Services for a phased in rate adjustment to equalize rates for all member agencies at this time. The City of Salinas indicated they needed an estimated six months to conduct an internal review and be able to address their concerns about the methodology used by their hauler for calculating its rates.

**Public Hearing:** The Public Hearing was opened at 6:18 p.m. No member from the public

made comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:19 p.m.

**Board Comments:** The Board discussed the presentation with some Directors expressing their

concerns regarding the rate increase to the other cities to subsidize the City of Salinas. Director Craig commented on the concerns of the City of

Salinas with the agreement.

1st Motion: Director Craig made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-20. Director

Barrera seconded the motion.

Votes:

Motion failed 3,3

Ayes:

De La Rosa, Barrera, Craig

Noes:

Phillips, Silva, Torrez

Abstain:

None

Absent:

Salinas, Cullen, Bourke

2ND MOTION:

By consensus the Board directed staff to continue Item No. 7 at the June

Board meeting for further consideration.

## **PRESENTATION**

#### RECYCLING RECOGNITION

(6:23) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks presented a Recycling Recognition Award to Ippolito International for their accomplishment of earning two Gold Total Resource Use and Efficiency (TRUE) Zero-Waste Certifications for their two facilities located in the Salinas Valley. Ippolito collaborated with Measure to Improve, a full-service sustainability consulting firm for the fresh produce industry to achieve a diversion rate of 90% between the two facilities for 12 consecutive months. Mrs. Brooks introduced Ron Mondo, Owner and Partner of Ippolito International and Nikki Rodoni, Founder and CEO of Measure to Improve whom presented the steps taken and the results that led to the two certifications.

**Board Comments:** The Board discussed the presentation commending Ippolito International

and Measure to Improve for their commitment and achievement.

**Public Comment:** 

None

Motion:

None; Informational Only

## FOOD WASTE VIDEO CLIP

(6:43) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks introduced an eight-minute clip of episode one of the eight part documentary series called Food Exposed with Nelufar Hedayat. She indicated that the documentary was produced for Fusion TV Network and Assistant General Manager Zuñiga had been interviewed to discuss food waste received at the Salinas Transfer Station and Johnson Canyon Landfill.

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

**Public Comment:** 

None

Motion:

None: Informational Only

#### 10. SALINAS VALLEY RECYCLES STATE OF OPERATIONS

(6:59) Assistant General Manager/Operational Manager Zuñiga provided a report on the history of each facility operated by the Authority. He detailed the growth in tonnage, trip counts, and customer count for each facility. Mr. Zuñiga presented the staffing levels for each facility and providing a side by side comparison of the operations growth percentages and current staffing levels. He indicated staff will be bringing back a proposal for the addition of three positions during fiscal year 2018-19 to increase the staffing levels and assist with demands on the current staffing levels.

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

**Public Comment:** 

None

Motion:

None; Informational Only

#### 11. GLORIA ROAD/IVERSON ROAD REPAIRS UPDATE

(7:15) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided a report on the City of Gonzales Host agreement requiring the use of Iverson Road and Gloria Road route in lieu of 5th Street for the direct haul and waste haulers to the Johnson Canyon Landfill. He explained in detail the

mitigation condition for the Authority to contribute to the road improvement project, the Authority's estimated share, and potential challenges. Mr. Mathews explained that the project is a three-way collaboration between the County of Monterey, the City of Gonzales, and the Authority, in which the City of Gonzales has express interest in taking the lead in the full project development.

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

Public Comment:

None

Motion:

None; Informational Only

## CONSIDERATION

# 12. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-21 APPROVING THE 2016-19 STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND SIX-MONTH OBJECTIVES THROUGH OCTOBER 2018

(7:26) General Manager/CAO Mathews presented the final draft of the Strategic Plan matrix requesting from the Board of Directors for six volunteers for Item No. 2 under the Goal: Promote the Value of SVR Services and Programs to the Community.

**Board Comments:** The Board discussed the presentation. Directors De La Rosa, Silva, Craig,

Barrera, and Torres volunteered for the item requested from staff. A unanimous decision to include Director Salinas to the volunteer list was made. The Board inquired about the addition of the objective requested at the April meeting by the Board for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for future collaboration opportunities between Monterey Regional Waste

Management District (MRWMD) and the Authority.

**Staff Comments:** Staff indicated the wrong Strategic Planning matrix had been attached to

the agenda packet as the final draft presented to the Executive Committee included the objective requested by the Board and stated the final Strategic

Plan matrix will be corrected accordingly.

Public Comment:

None

Motion:

Director Craig made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-21 with the corrected Strategic Plan Matrix to include the MOU between the Authority

and MRWMD. Director Phillips seconded the motion.

Votes:

Motion carried 6,0

Ayes:

De La Rosa, Silva, Barrera, Torres, Craig, Phillips

Noes:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

Salinas, Bourke, Cullen

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

(7:40) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

## **ADJOURN**

(7:41) President Salinas adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:

Simón Salinas, President

Attest:

Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board