

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 17, 2021**

(Board of Directors and staff attended remotely from various locations)

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

The following Board Directors were present (via Teleconference):

County of Monterey	John M. Phillips (logged in at 6:09 pm)
City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes, <i>Vice President</i>
City of Salinas	Anthony Rocha
City of Salinas	Orlando Osornio, (Alternate) (logged in at 6:08 pm)
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva
City of Soledad	Ben Jimenez, Jr.
City of Greenfield	Andrew Tipton, <i>Alt. Vice President</i>
City of King	Robert Cullen

The Following Board Directors were absent:

County of Monterey	Chris Lopez, <i>President</i>
City of Salinas	Kimbley Craig

Staff Member Present (Via Teleconference):

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

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(6:04) Vice President Cromeenes made the following announcements:

- To make general public comment or comments on a specific agenda item member participating via ZOOM members from the public must click the raise hand button and for members participating via telephone must press *9 to raise hand and *6 to mute/unmute.
- Spanish translation services were available by calling in to 1(425) 436-6345 and using Access Code: 444666.

(6:05) Clerk of the Board Trujillo announced the availability of translation services in Spanish.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:06) Clerk of the Board Trujillo read into the record an email received by Joe Petix, Technology Advisor from Alvarez Technology regarding cybersecurity.

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:08) General Manager/CAO Mathews made to following comments and announcements.

- There will be no need to go into closed session.
- The return-to-work notice has been issued to all the administrative office staff effective June 27.

- He was elected as President of the Solid Waste Association of North America Gold Rush Chapter effective July.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:08) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks indicated that CalRecycle has notified the Authority it is in compliance with all of the requirements of AB939.

Finance and Administrative Manager Hendrick indicated that insurance quotes have been received with policies coming back with approximately 14% in increases. He indicated that staff will most likely be bringing back budget adjustment to address in August.

BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS

(6:14) Director Cullen thanked Janna Faulk and Kristin Skromme from Waste Management for their participation in the Joint Chamber of Commerce and Rotary kickoff Beatification week.

CONSENT AGENDA (6:09)

1. Minutes of the May 20, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. April 2021 Claims and Financial Reports
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for May 2021
4. Resolution No. 2021-19 Approving a Professional Services Agreement with SGA Marketing for media marketing Services in an Amount of \$100,000
5. Resolution No. 2021-20 Approving a Two-Year Service Agreement with Clean Earth for Household Hazardous Waste Transportation and Disposal/ Recycling
6. Resolution No. 2021-21 Awarding the Purchase of One New 2020 Ford F-550 Mechanics Truck to Worthington Truck Center for an Amount of \$72,500.99
7. Resolution No. 2021-22 Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Monterey for litter Abatement Services in the Amount of \$100,000 for Fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23
8. **A.** Resolution No. 2021-23 Authorizing Investment of Monies at Mechanics Bank
B. Resolution No. 2021-24 Authorizing Investment of Monies in the local Agency Fund
9. ~~Update on Sun Street Transfer Station Relocation Project and City of Salinas' One Year Notice of Intent to Withdraw from the Joint Powers Agreement with the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority~~
10. **A.** Resolution No. 2021-25 Approving a Professional Service Agreement with Douglas Nolan, dba Rock Steady Juggling for the School Assembly Program in an Amount of \$35,250
B. Resolution No. 2021-26 Approving a Professional Service Agreement with The EcoHero Show LLC for the School Assembly Program in an Amount of \$22,400

Public Comment: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 8,0

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Craig, Lopez

9. **UPDATE ON SUN STREET TRANSFER STATION RELOCATION PROJECT AND CITY OF SALINAS' ONE YEAR NOTICE OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY**

(6:14) General Manager/CAO Mathews indicated that a meeting was held between City staff, representatives from Republic Services, representatives from R3 Consultants, and Authority staff to finalize the Letter of Intent for the Sun Street Transfer Station relocation project. He indicated that he is hopeful to have the draft Letter of Intent for the August Executive Committee meeting.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the report and commended staff for their work.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Information Only

PRESENTATION

11. FOOD WASTE & RECYCLING AWARD PROGRAM 2021

(6:10) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks provided a brief background on the development of the Food Waste & Recycling Award Program after COVID prevented the Wally Waste Not Award School program from taking place. The program was made available to local non-profit, school district central kitchens, or other local entities that collect, generate, or distribute food to charities or families in need within the Authority's service area and would be awarded \$5,000 upon the successful completion of the five required activities focused on SB 1383. Rancho Cielo, in partnership with Authority staff, Monterey County Health, and Waste Management successfully completed the program and was recognized during the meeting. Luz Garcia Melendrez and Cecilia Romero from Rancho Cielo provided a presentation on the work conducted to successfully complete the program.

Board Discussion: The Board commended staff for the development of program and commended Rancho Cielo for their accomplishments.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Information Only

12. SCHOOL OUTREACH: A LOOK FORWARD

(6:47) Resource Recovery Technician Ruiz reported on the outreach and education conducted within our service area within the last year. With the challenges that COVID presented for in person outreach, staff created several videos to continue the education online. As the year continues, staff is hopeful to bring back in-person school tours, the Walley-Waste Not Award Program and other video projects.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Information Only

13. SUSTAINABLE FINANCING AND RATE SETTING

(6:59) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks presented a summary of the decisions made by the Board over the last several years to ensure that the Agency maintained sustainable financing. Some of the detailed items were the implementation of AB939 Fees, debt refinancing, funding over time for post closure and CIPs, and paying down and/or prefunding employee benefit liabilities.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Information Only

CONSIDERATION

14. FUTURE BOARD MEETING PROTOCOLS

(7:13) General Manager/CAO Mathews explained the options for future meetings with the potential suspension of Executive Order N-29-20 on June 15, 2021. The suspension of the order would remove the waived provisions of the Brown Act that allow local or state legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference. Mr. Mathews presented three options; One, to return to regular all in-person meetings, following the CDC and Health Department Guidelines; option two to conduct hybrid meetings with some members of the body and staff participating in-person and others participating remotely as long as the waived provision of the Brown Act are still in place; and option three to remain on the existing all remote meeting platforms until such time as existing Brown act exemptions are lifted by the state.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comment: Grant Leonard commented on his support to maintain remote access for the public.

Motion: By consensus the Board agreed to remain on the existing all remote meeting platform until thru the August meetings as long as the existing Brown Act exemptions are still in place.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

15. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(7:18) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

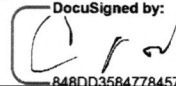
CLOSED SESSION

(7:23) Vice President Cromeenes indicated there would be no closed session.

- 16.** 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)** Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority Property, APNs 003-051-086 and 003-051-087, located at 135-139 Sun Street, Salinas, CA; **2)** Republic Services Property, APNs 261-051-005, 007, and 019, located at 1120 Madison Lane, Salinas, California

ADJOURNED

(7:23) Vice President Cromeenes adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:  DocuSigned by:
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Christopher M. Lopez, President

Attest: 
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board