

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 17, 2022**

This meeting was conducted in a virtual format via Zoom in accordance with AB 361.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The flag salute was recited.

ROLL CALL

Board Directors

County of Monterey	John M. Phillips (<i>Logged in at 6:02 pm</i>)	Present
County of Monterey	Chris Lopez, <i>President</i>	Present
City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes, <i>Vice President</i>	Absent
City of Salinas	Kimbley Craig	Absent
City of Salinas	Anthony Rocha (<i>Logged in at 6:10 pm</i>)	Present
City of Salinas	Anthony Osornio (<i>alternate</i>)	Present
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva	Present
City of Soledad	Ben Jimenez, Jr.	Absent
City of Greenfield	Andrew Tipton, <i>Alt. Vice President</i>	Present
City of King	Robert Cullen	Present

Staff Member Present

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

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(6:02) President Lopez announced the availability of translation services in Spanish.

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:03) General Manager/CAO Mathews reminded the Board of the following.

- Form 700s must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board by April 1.
- Virtual meetings will end on March 31, 2022.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:04) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks informed the Board of the upcoming Tire Amnesty event that will take place at all of the Authority facilities from April 1 to May 31.

BOARD DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

(6:04) President Lopez commented on and commended the City of King's achievements related to the railway station.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:05) Felix Huerta with the Operating Engineers Local Union Number 3 commented on the submittal of a comprehensive proposal for the negotiation of the Memorandum of Understanding.

CONSENT AGENDA (6:06)

1. Minutes of the February 17, 2022 Regular Meeting
2. January 2022 Claims and Financial Reports
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for February 2022
4. Resolution No. 2022-08 Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) New 2023 114 SD Freightliner Trucks from National Auto Fleet Group for the Transport Operations for an Amount of \$154,653.88
5. Results of \$25,595,000 Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2022A (Taxable)
6. Update on Sun Street Transfer Station Relocation Project
7. Resolution No. 2022-09 Approving an Agreement with Geo-Logic Associates in the Amount of \$74,945 for Hydrogeologic and Well Construction Oversight Services for Wells at Jolon Road and Johnson Canyon Landfill
8. Resolution No. 2022-10 Making Findings Related to the Continued Existence of a State of Emergency Due to Covid-19 and Re-Authorizing the Conduct of Public Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of the Authority Via Remote Teleconferencing for a 15-Day Period Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act as Amended by Assembly Bill No. 361

Board Discussion: Director Phillips commented on item no. 6, indicating that the estimated timeline of July 1st is expected to be delayed as unforeseen issues have surfaced.

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: Cullen, Osornio (Atl.), Lopez, Phillips, Silva, Tipton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Craig, Cromeenes, Jimenez, Rocha

PUBLIC HEARING**9. RESOLUTION NO. 2022-11 APPROVING THE DISPOSAL AND SERVICE FEE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**

(6:09) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks detailed the rates and adjustments necessary to balance the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget. He explained that negotiations of the new Organics processing services agreement require the organics tipping fee to be adjusted to all customers to fund the program.

Public Hearing: The public hearing was opened. No members from the public commented.

Motion: Director Phillip made a motion to approve the item as presented. Director Silva seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 7,0

Ayes: Cullen, Osorinio (Atl.), Lopez, Phillips, Rocha, Silva, Tipton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Craig, Cromeenes, Jimenez

CONSIDERATION**10. RESOLUTION NO. 2022-12 APPROVING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 2022-23**

(6:16) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a report on the fiscal year 2022-23 budget. He explained that the budget assumed the equalization of organics rates, the closure of the Sun Street Transfer Station, the relocation of AB939 services to Madison Lane, and the hauling of solid waste for Republic Services from the Madison Lane Transfer Station. He further explained that the budget is balanced as presented, but if any of the assumptions do not occur, future adjustments will be necessary.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 7,0

Ayes: Cullen, Osorinio (Atl.), Lopez, Phillips, Rocha, Silva, Tipton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Craig, Cromeenes, Jimenez

11. RESOLUTION NO. 2022-13 APPROVING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ATLAS ORGANICS FOR ORGANICS PROCESSING, COMPOSTING, AND PRODUCT MARKETING SERVICES AT THE JOHNSON CANYON LANDFILL AND A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET TO FUND THE STATIONARY BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

(6:28) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks provided a brief history on the selection of the vendor Atlas Organics for the processing and marketing of the organics at the Johnson Canyon landfill. She explained the process of the agreements and the expected tonnage of material to be received for fiscal year 2022-23.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comment: Felix Huerta

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

Votes: Motion carried 6,1

Ayes: Cullen, Osorinio (Atl.), Lopez, Phillips, Silva, Tipton

Noes: Rocha

Abstain: None

Absent: Craig, Cromeenes, Jimenez

PRESENTATION**12. UPDATE ON SB 1383 ORGANICS RECYCLING PROGRAM**

(6:42) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks provided an update on the progress made on the SB 1383 Organics Recycling Program. She detailed the programs, and outreach material developed, the partnerships created with schools and waste haulers to assist in meeting the mandate, and the soft launch of the Residential Food Scraps Collection Program that began January 1, 2022. The full program launch including digital and radio ads is scheduled to begin mid-April to coincide with Earth Day, April 22, 2022.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

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

(6:47) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

(7:12) President Lopez invited Public Comment related to closed session items numbered 14, and 15.

- 14.** 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)** Property, APN: 003-051-077-000, located at 126 Sun Street, Salinas, CA: **2)** Property, APN: 002-542-009-000, located at 910 S. Main Street, Salinas, CA: and **3)** Property, APN: 003-867-001-000, located at 1584 Moffet Street, Salinas, CA.
- 15.** Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957.6** to provide instruction to General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews, General Counsel Roy C. Santos, and Labor Counsel Colin J. Tanner, to negotiate salaries and benefits of Non-management Administration unit, Operations and Engineering unit, and at-will Management Employees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Felix Huerta requested the correction on item no. 15 for the unit listed as Operations and Engineering unit to be listed with the legal name of Operating Engineers Local Union Number 3. He commented on the new chief negotiator for the Authority, Legal Counsel Tanner, who is from Southern California and the desire to hold in person meeting versus virtual. He commented on the first meeting with Mr. Tanner was being contentious due to personalities and his disapproval of being interrupted when speaking.

ADJOURNED

(7:16) President Lopez adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss items numbered 14, and 15.

RECONVENE

(9:05) President Lopez reconvened the meeting to open session. Legal Counsel Santos indicated that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

ADJOURNED

(9:06) President Lopez adjourned the meeting.

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 Christie Cromeenes, Vice President

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 Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board