

**MINUTES OF  
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 15, 2021**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following Board Directors were present (via Teleconference):

County of Monterey	Chris Lopez, <i>President</i>
County of Monterey	John M. Phillips
City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes, <i>Vice President</i>
City of Salinas	Kimbley Craig
City of Salinas	Anthony Roca
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

Staff Member Present (Via Teleconference):

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

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(6:03) President Lopez made the following comments and 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.

**GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:05) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the article included in the agenda packet by BioCycle in which the Authority's Organics Program was featured. He reported there would be no need for closed session.

**DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:03) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks commented on the Tire Amnesty Event currently taking place thru the end of May at all three of the Authority facilities. She indicated April is Earth month and the Authority will be starting a compost challenge and will participate at the earth day beautification day at Natividad Creek park. She commented on the South County Community Meeting taking place April 21st from 5pm to 6pm to discussing Waste Management Smart Truck technology.

**BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

(6:04) Director Cullen commented on the South County Community meeting scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:06) None

**CONSENT AGENDA (6:06)**

1. Minutes of the March 18, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. February 2021 Claims and Financial Reports
3. March 2021 Quarterly Investments Report
4. Member and Interagency Activities Report for March 2021
5. Resolution No. 2021-10 Awarding the Purchase of Three Emergency Backup Generators to Quinn Power Systems for an Amount of \$133,039.25
6. Resolution No. 2021-11 Approving the Professional Services Agreement with Action Research for Community-Based Social Marketing Services for SB 1383 Program Implementation in the Amount of \$120,000, and Supplemental Appropriations of \$120,000.00
7. Resolution No. 2021-12 Approving Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Services Agreement with Ad-Manor, Inc. for Marketing Services to an Amount of \$115,000.00

**Public Comment:** None**Motion:** Vice President Cromeenes made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Director Tipton seconded the motion.**Votes:** Motion carried 9,0

Ayes: Craig, Cromeenes, Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Phillips, Rocha, Silva, Tipton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**PRESENTATION****8. UPDATE ON THE SUN STREET TRANSFER STATION RELOCATION PROJECT AND ON THE CITY OF SALINAS' ONE YEAR NOTICE OF INTENT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY**

(6:09) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the meeting held between Authority staff and City of Salinas staff to identify the key components to complete the non-binding Letter of Intent with Republic Services for a public/private partnership for the relocation of the Sun Street Transfer Station. Mr. Mathews introduced Steven Carrigan, City Manager of the City of Salinas. Mr. Carrigan introduced himself to the Board and expressed his commitment to move the process forward for the relocation project. He indicated the goal to complete negotiations between the City of Salinas, the Authority and Republic Services, are expected to be concluded within 90 days. He stated the resolution of the contract will allow for the progress of the relocation project to move forward.

**Board Discussion:** The Board discussed the presentation.**Public Comment:** None**Motion:** None; Information Only**PUBLIC HEARING****9. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13 APPROVING THE DISPOSAL AND SERVICE FEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021**

(6:26) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks presented two options for the proposed rates. He reviewed the suggested changes explained at the February and March meetings related to the equalized Organics processing rate increases and the none-equalized rates.

- Public Hearing:** The public hearing was opened. No members from the public commented.
- Board Comment:** The Board discussed the presentation.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Motion:** Director Phillips made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2121-13 with the non-equalized rates. Director Cromeenes seconded the motion.
- Substitute Motion:** Director Tipton made a substitute motion to adopt Resolution No. 2121-13 with the non-equalized rates provided that the City of Salinas provide a written document stating the equalization of Organics rates would be resolved in the coming year and not need to be discussed next [fiscal] year. Director Cullen Seconded the motion.
- Board Comments:** Director Craig requested a brief recess to discuss the request with City of Salinas staff.
- Recess:** (6:31) President Lopez adjourned the meeting for a five-minute recess.  
(6:35) President Lopez called the meeting to order.
- Board Comment:** Director Craig indicated the City of Salinas would be willing to provide a written document or email indicating this issue would be resolved within one year.
- Votes:** Motion carried 9,0
- Ayes:** Craig, Cromeenes, Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Phillips, Rocha, Silva, Tipton
- Noes:** None
- Abstain:** None
- Absent:** None

### **CONSIDERATION**

#### **10. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14 APPROVING THE OPERATING BUDGET, THE PERSONNEL ALLOCATION AND SALARY SCHEDULE FOR FY 2021-22**

(6:38) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks reviewed of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2021-22. He detailed the proposed budget assumptions, total budget increases, debt services schedule, projected revenue increase, the addition of two new position being requested within the budget, and the approved rate changes that will balance the budget.

- Board Comment:** The Board discussed the report.
- Public Comment:** None
- Motion:** Director Cullen made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-14. Director Tipton seconded the motion.
- Votes:** Motion carried 9,0
- Ayes:** Craig, Cromeenes, Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Phillips, Rocha, Silva, Tipton
- Noes:** None
- Abstain:** None
- Absent:** None

#### **11. A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE LEASE WITH NEXIS PARTNERS, LLC AND FRIENDRICH FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AUTHORIZING A TWO OR THREE-YEAR EXTENSION TO THE LEASE FOR 128 SUN STREET, SUITE 101, SALINAS, CA 93901, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2, 2020**

(6:46) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided a report on the two lease options available and explained in detail the cost differences for each.

**Board Comment:** The Board discussed the report expressing concerns on entering into a lease with the Sun Street Transfer Station relocation project potentially moving forward. The Board inquired about the penalties for breaking the lease.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** Director Rocha made a motion to table the discussion to allow staff to obtain further information. Director Tipton seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 9,0

**Ayes:** Craig, Cromeenes, Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Phillips, Rocha, Silva, Tipton

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **12. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE**

(7:05) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

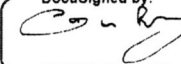
(7:07) President Lopez indicated there would be no closed session.

- 13.** 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**

(7:08) President Lopez adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Christopher M. Lopez, President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board