

**MINUTES OF  
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 16, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Salinas called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following Board Directors were present:

County of Monterey	Simon Salinas, President
City of Salinas	Tony Barrera
City of Salinas	Gloria De La Rosa, Alt. Vice President
City of Salinas	Kimbley Craig
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva
City of Soledad	Christopher K. Bourke
City of Greenfield	Avelina Torres
City of King	Robert Cullen, Vice President

The following Board Directors were absent:

County of Monterey John M. Phillips

**Staff Members Present:**

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO	Brian Kennedy, Engineering & Environmental
Cesar Zuñiga, Asst. GM/Operation Manager	Compliance Manager
Ray Hendricks, Finance and Administration	Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board
Manager	Thomas Bruen, General Counsel
Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager	

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(6:03) President Salinas announced translation services were not yet available.

(6:12) President Salinas announced translation services were available. No member from the public requested the service.

**GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:03) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the article, *China's Changing Import Regulations – What Does it All Mean?* from Waste 360 that was provided to the Board of Directors encouraging them to read it.

**DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:04) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks thanked the Board members that attended the Employee Communication Meeting.

**BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

(6:05) Director Cullen commented on his attendance to the Employee Communication meeting. Director Silva apologized for not being able to attend the meeting. Director Torres commented on the City of Greenfields Night Out and thanked Authority staff for their participation in the event. Director De La Rosa commented on her attendance to the Employee Communication meeting, and thanked staff for the reusable bags and inserts that were provided to her for public outreach at the National Night Out. Director Salinas commented on his attendance to the Employee Communication meeting commending Assistant General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga for personalizing his comments highlighting the importance of each employee to the Agency and staff for putting the event

together. Director Salinas announced it would be Director Bourke's last meeting as a Board Director. He introduced Carla Stewart, Alternate Board Director whom will be attending the upcoming Board meetings as the representative for the City of Soledad.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:08) Juan Camacho, Field Operations Supervisor spoke on behalf of the Employee Benefits Committee. He expressed their concerns with the risks and impacts of agreements between the Authority and the District, such as, environmental impacts, financial impacts, and rate impacts.

# **CONSENT AGENDA (6:12)**

1. Minutes of June 21, 2018, Regular Meeting
2. May 2018 Claims and Financial Reports
3. June 2018 Claims and Financial Reports
4. June 2018 Quarterly Investment Report
5. Member and Interagency Activity Report for June and July 2018 and Upcoming Events
6. Strategic Plan 2016-19 Goals & Objectives Monthly Progress Report
7. Resolution No. 2018 – 27 Approving the Revised Personnel Allocation Reflecting the Reorganization of the Finance and Administration Department Effective August 16, 2018
8. Tonnage and Diversion Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2018
9. 2018 Second Quarter Customer Service Results and Twelve-Month Comparison
10. Report of Temporary Increase in General Manager/COA Spending Limits to Facilitate Ongoing Construction of Organics Infrastructure July/August 2018
11. ~~Report on Selection of Facilitator for the October Board of Directors and Managers Strategic Planning Retreat [pulled for discussion]~~
12. Resolution No. 2018 – 28 Approving the Termination of the Professional Services Agreement with ECS Refining for the Hauling and Recycling of Electronic Waste and Rescinding Resolution No. 2018-23
13. Resolution No. 2018 – 29 Approving a Two-Year Professional Service Agreement with Social Vocational Services Inc. for Materials Processing and Litter Abatement at the Johnson Canyon Landfill for an Amount Not to Exceed \$144,750 for Two-Years with Two Optional One-Year Extensions

**Board Comments:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** Director Bourke made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Director De La Rosa seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 8,0

Ayes: Salinas, Barrera, De La Rosa, Craig, Silva, Bourke, Torres, Cullen

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Phillips

# **11. REPORT ON SELECTION OF FACILITATOR FOR THE OCTOBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MANAGERS STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT**

(6:13) Director Silva requested item be pulled for further discussion.



- Board Comments:** Director Silva expressed her concerns with the start time of the October Board of Directors meeting/Strategic Planning Session. Director De La Rosa expressed her support to changing the start time. Director Craig expressed her concerns with the continuous discussion of the time, expressing her support to keep the time as-is. Director Salinas commented on his support for reconsideration of the time to commence earlier. Director Cullen suggested a compromise for the meeting to commence at 3 p.m. instead of 5 p.m. and tentatively end at 7 p.m.
- Staff Comment:** General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on items scheduled for the regular meeting occurring before the Strategic Planning Session.
- Public Comment:** None
- Motion:** Director Bourke made a motion to begin the October meeting at 3 p.m. tentatively ending at 7 p.m. Director Silva seconded the motion.
- Votes:** Motion carried 8,0
- Ayes: Salinas, Barrera, De La Rosa, Craig, Silva, Bourke, Torres, Cullen
- Noes: None
- Abstain: None
- Absent: Phillips

## **PRESENTATION**

### **14. EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

(6:21) Assistant General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga explained the process and attributes evaluated by the employees when selecting the employee of the year. He introduced and commended Harold Dorsey, Diversion Worker at the Sun Street Transfer Station since July 1, 2017, whom was selected by his peers as the 2018 Employee of the Year.

- Board Comments:** The Board commended Mr. Dorsey for his selection as Employee of the year.
- Public Comment:** None
- Motion:** None; Information only

### **15. RECYCLING RECOGNITION**

(6:24) Resources Recovery Manager Brooks reported that Taylor Farms in Gonzales in collaboration with Measure To Improve became the first Fresh Food industry to achieve Platinum Total Resource Use Efficiency (TRUE) Zero Waste Certification. Mrs. Brooks introduced Nicole Flewell, Director of Sustainability with Taylor Farm, whom presented an overview of the process, changes made, statistics demonstrating the amount of waste reduction that allowed them to accomplish the certification and presented the *Taylor Farms Zero Waste Video*.

- Board Comments:** The Board discussed the presentation commending Taylor Farms for their leadership, dedication, and continued support of its community.
- Public Comment:** None
- Motion:** None; Informational Only

### **16. ANNUAL TONNAGE AND DIVERSION PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18**

(6:45) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a report on the tonnage history, current tonnage amounts, and diverted material amounts. He indicated tonnage amounts continue to trend up with a total of 213,714 tons being landfilled and 50,276 tons being diverted for Fiscal Year 2017-18. Assistant General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga provided a detailed three-year comparison of each facility's trip counts and total tonnages received. He



explained the overall safety culture of the Agency and explained the workers compensation experience rating process. Mr. Zuñiga provided a comparison of the current staffing levels and the tonnage and trip count increases since the establishment of the current staffing levels.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** None; Informational Only

**17. REPORT ON COLLABORATION MEETING BETWEEN THE MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND THE AUTHORITY AD HOC COMMITTEES**

(7:03) Director Salinas provided a verbal report on the decisions between the Monterey Regional Waste Management District (District) and Authority ad hoc committee of directing the General Managers of the Agency's to collaborate in the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). He indicated that the ad hoc committee agreed that clarification is needed and deem it important to analyze potentials risks, evaluate requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, and analyze impacts to the South Monterey County rate payers. He indicated direction was to be provided to the Executive staff to work together in drafting the MOU to identify and evaluate collaboration opportunities to share resources efficiently and effectively looking at Monterey County as a region.

**Board Comments:** Director Cullen indicated that staff will need to analyze several factors such as, risk, costs, environmental impacts, impacts to roads, and neighborhoods in order for the Board to able to make a decision on how to proceed. Director De La Rosa commented on the consultant that conducted a study, on the impacted area in the City of Salinas and collaboration to move forward. Director Craig expressed her appreciation for the ad hoc Committee's time and consideration. She commented on the City of Salinas moving forward in support of the draft MOU that was presented to the Executive Committee. She expressed her disagreement with prolonging the process and asked General Manager/CAO to meet with the District's General Manager as soon as possible and utilize the MOU supported by the City of Salinas by resolution as a starting point. Director Barrera commented on the importance of keeping the employees informed with factual information on the progress. Director Bourke expressed his hesitation on utilizing a proposed MOU that was prepared neither by the District or the Authority and factors to be looked at are still unknown. Indicating he agrees cooperation is needed but deems it important to consider the biggest customers such as the agriculture companies and their needs.

**Public Comment:** Jim Sandoval, Assistant Director/City Engineer for the City of Salinas commented on recommendations provided by R3 Consulting of both agencies to working together and analyzing cost to identify what works for both agencies.

Jeff Lindenthal, Director of Communications and Sustainability from the District commented on a number of ways that the Agencies are currently collaborating. A curbside recycling characterization and contamination study of franchise recyclables is currently underway to include the Authority's jurisdiction and the information will be shared.

Juan Camacho commented on his concerns with the impacts to the residents of the City of Marina.

Jim Sandoval, Assistant Director/City Engineer for the City of Salinas clarified that what was being proposed in the MOU was to keep self-haul local in Salinas and ideas are consideration of sharing of infrastructure resources.

**Motion:** None; Informational Only

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

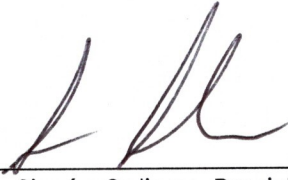
**18. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE**

(7:21) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

**ADJOURN**

(7:22) President Salinas adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:



Simón Salinas, President

Attest:



Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board