

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

The following Board Directors were present:

County of Monterey	John M. Phillips
County of Monterey	Luis Alejo, (Alternate), <i>arrived at 6:18 p.m.</i>
City of Salinas	John Tony Villegas
City of Salinas	Gloria De La Rosa, Vice President
City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva
City of Soledad	Carla Stewart, (Alternate)
City of Greenfield	Andrew Tipton
City of King	Robert Cullen, President

The following Board Directors were absent:

County of Monterey	Chris Lopez
City of Soledad	Marisela Lara

Staff Members Present:

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

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(6:02) President Cullen announced the availability of translation services. No member from the public requested the service.

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:02) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported that the Advisory Committee nomination deadline is August 30th, requesting the Board to submit nomination by then. Mr. Mathews commented on the article handed to the Board; *Los Angeles Times*, "As California's recycling industry struggles, companies and consumers are forced to adapt".

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:04) Asst. General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga thanked the Board members that attended the Employee Communication meeting. Resource Recovery Manager Brooks commented on the collaboration with Rancho Cielo for the upcoming composting workshop scheduled on August 17, the August 24 District 2 clean up event, and the first Prunedale cleanup event taking place on August 31.

BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS

(6:05) President Cullen commented on his attendance to the Employee Communication meeting, commending staff for another pleasant meeting. Vice President De La Rosa commented on her positive experiencing when attending the Employee Communication meeting. Director Silva echoed President Cullen and Director De La Rosa's comments regarding the Employee Communication meeting and expressed her congratulation to the employees that received their longevity recognitions. Director Villegas stated the City of Salinas City Manager is anticipating having the consultant report by October. President Cullen commented on the importance of obtaining a response from the City of Salinas on the intent to withdraw, as soon as possible, as the one-year term is quickly approaching, and the Authority has not received any official statement from the City of Salinas on an extended withdrawal date.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:09) Kirstin Skromme with Waste Management commented on the upcoming Prunedale cleanup event.

CONSENT AGENDA (6:12)

1. Minutes of the June 20, 2019 Special Meeting
2. May 2019 Claims and Financial Reports
3. June 2019 Clams and Financial Reports
4. June 2019 Quarterly Investment Report
5. Member and Interagency Activities Report for June and July 2019 and Upcoming Events
6. Tonnage and Diversion Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2019
7. Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority Advisory Committee Formation Update
8. Resolution No. 2019-31 Approving Amendment No. 1 Authorizing a Two-Year Extension to the Service Agreement with SC Fuels for Purchase and Delivery of Fuel to SVR Facilities
9. Resolution No. 2019-32 Approving Amendment No. 2 Authorizing a One-Year Extension to the Professional Service Agreement with Hope Services Inc. for Materials Processing and Litter Abatement at the Sun Street Transfer Station

Public Comment: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 7,0

Ayes: Cromeenes, Cullen, De La Rosa, Silva, Stewart (ALT), Tipton, Villegas

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lara, Lopez, Phillips

PRESENTATION

10. RECYCLING RECOGNITION

(6:13) Resource Recovery Technician Gutierrez presented a Recycling Recognition Award to Gloria Quintero, Child Development Services Coordinator from the Head Start & Early Head Start Program of the Monterey County Office of Education. Mrs. Quintero has collaborated with the

Authority for nine years helping provide continues education on recycling, reducing waste, reusing items, and rotting (composting) to students, staff, and their families.

Board Comment: The Board commended Mrs. Quintero for all her work.

Public Comment: Sonia Jaramillo, Director of the Head Start program commented on the Mrs. Quintero's dedication, support, and continues commitment to education.

Motion: None; Informational Only

11. EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION - ESTELA GUTIERREZ

(6:21) General Manager/CAO Mathews expressed his appreciation for Resource Recovery Technician Estela Gutierrez dedication, positive attitude, and excellent commitment to her work. Ms. Gutierrez was selected by her peers for her attributes for the 2019 Employee of the Year Award. Resource Recovery Manager Brooks presented the award to Ms. Gutierrez commending her for her exceptional work, dedication, and for being an inspiration to others.

Board Comment: President Cullen commended Ms. Gutierrez for all her years of dedication and commitment to Authority.

Public Comment: Jeff Lindenthal from the Monterey Regional Waste Management District spoke on Ms. Gutierrez career growth, congratulating her on receiving the award.

Motion: None; Informational Only

12. ANNUAL TONNAGE AND DIVERSION PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

(6:28) Asst. General Manager/CAO Zuñiga reported a report on tonnage history, current tonnage amounts, and diverted material amounts. He indicated tonnage continued to raise at all of the facilities for fiscal year 2018-19. Mr. Zuñiga provided a three-year comparison on the trips and tonnage increases. The data reflected Jalon Road Transfer station trips have increased by 71% and tonnage by 16%; Johnson Canyon Landfill trips have increased 71% and tonnage by 16%; and the Sun Street Transfer Station trips have increased by 24% and tonnage by 8%. Mr. Zuniga provided an overview of the current staffing levels, the dates of the established staffing level for each facility and the trip count increases since the establishment of the staffing levels. He indicated would be returning in October to request a revision of the staffing levels to establish levels according to the trips and tonnage levels.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the presentation requesting information on the overtime being worked by employees and workers compensation rate increases accruing due to incidents caused by inadequacy in staffing levels.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

CONSIDERATION

13. ORGANICS INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT

(6:40) Assistant General Manager/Operation Zuñiga reviewed the estimated costs of the infrastructure and equipment needed to further expand the Organics program. He indicated the next step would be to solicit bids and return to the Board in September or October with actual costs and awarding options.

Board Comments: President Cullen reported the Executive Committee had reviewed the report and was recommending approval to move forward with obtaining bids.

Public Comments: None

Motions: By consensus the Board of Directors directed staff to obtain bids for the infrastructure and equipment needed to further expand the Organics program.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

14. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

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

CLOSED SESSION

(6:49) President Cullen invited public comment related to the following item:

- 15.** 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)** APN 002-021-005, located at 356 W. Market St., Salinas, CA: **3)** APN 002-021-006, located at 346 W. Market St., Salinas, CA: **4)** APN 002-021-007, located at 330 W. Market St., Salinas, CA: and **5)** APN 002-021-008, located at 320 W. Market St., Salinas, CA

Public Comment: None

(6:50) President Cullen adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss Item No. 15.

RECONVENE

(7:06) President Cullen reconvened the meeting to open session with no reportable actions taken during closed session for Item No. 15.

ADJOURNED

(7:07) President Cullen adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: _____

Robert Cullen, President

Attest: _____

Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board