

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2020**

128 Sun Street, Suite 101, Salinas CA
(All Board of Directors and several of staff attended remotely from various locations)

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

The following Board Directors were present (via Teleconference):

County of Monterey	John M. Phillips (logged in at 6:04 p.m.)
City of Salinas	Gloria De La Rosa, Vice President
City of Salinas	John "Tony" Villegas
City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva
City of Soledad	Marisela Lara
City of Greenfield	Andrew Tipton
City of King	Robert Cullen, President

The following Board Directors were absent:

County of Monterey Chris Lopez, Alt. Vice President

Staff Member Present (at location):

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO
Rosie Ramirez, Administrative Assistant
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

Via Teleconference

Cesar Zuñiga, Asst. GM/Operations Manager
Ray Hendricks, Finance and Administration Manager
Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager
Brian Kennedy, Engineering and Environmental Compliance Manager
Roy Santos, General Counsel

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(6:01) President Cullen announced the following:

- Spanish translation services were available by calling in to 1(425) 436-6345 Access Code: 444666.
- General public comment or comments on a specific agenda item should be submitted to the Clerk of the Board at comment@svswa.org. Every effort would be made to read comments into the record. Some comments may not be read due to time restrictions. Comments received after an agenda item will be made part of the record if received prior to the end of the meeting.

(6:02) Clerk of the Board Trujillo announced the availability of translation services in Spanish.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

(6:03) A moment of silence in honor of Mayor Joseph D. Gunter and Mayor Ralph Rubio was held.

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:04) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the changes of the Zoom meetings protocol for the upcoming meetings.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:05) Asst. General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga provided an update on the safety measures being taken due to the heavy smoke caused by the River Fire currently burning. He indicated the air quality is being monitored to insure the safety of the staff at the South County facilities. Mr. Zuñiga also reported that they have made significant progress on the Gloria/Iverson/Johnson Canyon road improvement project.

BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS

(6:07) None

(6:08) President Cullen reminded the public to submit their comments to comments@svswa.org.

Public Comment: None

CONSENT AGENDA (6:08)

1. Minutes of the June 18, 2020 Regular Meeting
2. May 2020 Claims and Financial Reports
3. June 2020 Claims and Financial Reports
4. June 2020 Quarterly Investments Report
5. Member and Interagency Activities Report for June and July 2020 and Upcoming Events
6. Tonnage and Diversion Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2020
7. Resolution 2020-33 Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Monterey for Litter Abatement Services in the Amount of \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2020-21
8. Resolution 2020-34 Approving Amendment No. 1 Authorizing a Two-Year Extension to the Professional Services Agreement with Onsite Electronics Recycling LLC. for Electronic Waste Hauling and Recycling Services

Public Comment: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 9,0

Ayes: Cromeenes (Alt), Cullen, De La Rosa, Lara, Lopez, Phillips, Silva, Villegas

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gunter

PRESENTATION**9. UPDATE ON THE REFRIGERATED FOOD DISTRIBUTION TRUCK PURCHASE FOR THE MONTEREY COUNTY FOOD BANK**

(6:09) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks provided a brief history on the purchase of the new refrigerated truck for the Monterey County Food Bank. Mrs. Brooks introduced Melissa Kendrick from the Monterey County Food Bank. Ms. Kendrick thanked the Board of Directors for their support throughout the years and commended the Authority staff for their help and dedication.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

10. 2020 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION – MARY ELLEN LOPEZ

(6:19) Operation Manager/CAO Zuñiga explained the employee of the year nominations and process. He indicated that the 2020 Employee of the Year was presented to Mary Ellen Lopez, Scalehouse Attendant at the Sun Street Transfer Station. He informed the Board that Mrs. Lopez last day of employment was on this day as she had decided to begin her new journey of retirement.

Board Comment: The Board extended their appreciation for Mrs. Lopez hard work, dedication, years of service and wished her well in all her future endeavors.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

11. ANNUAL TONNAGE AND DIVERSION PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20

(6:28) Asst. General Manager/Operations Managers Zuñiga reported a report on tonnage history, current tonnage amounts, and diverted material amounts. He stated tonnage continued to trend up at all of the facilities for fiscal year 2019-20. Mr. Zuñiga provided a five-year comparison on the trips and tonnage increases, demonstrating that compared to fiscal year 2015-16, the Jolon Transfer Station vehicle trips have increased by 82% and tonnage by 19%, the Johnson Canyon Landfill vehicle trips have increased 49% and tonnage by 23%, and the Sun Street Transfer Station vehicle trips have increased by 33% and tonnage by 4%. Mr. Zuniga also reviewed the current staffing levels, the dates of the established staffing level for each facility and the trip count increases since the establishment of each of the staffing levels.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the presentation.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

12. UPDATE ON EXPANSION OF THE ORGANICS PROGRAM (SB 1383 AND THE COMPOSTING FACILITY)

(6:45) Resources Recovery Manger Brooks provided an overview of the deadlines for SB 1383 mandate and explained in detail the progress made on the expansion of the Organics program to help meet the mandate. Contracts have been awarded to SCS Engineers, Diversion Strategies and Green Mountain to assist with developing the program plans and compost marketing plan and technical assistance. The Authority has conducted the initial planning meetings with each member agency to review draft program plan reports. The finalized plans are expected to be completed in September and presented to Board before the end of the year. Mrs. Brooks reported that at the beginning of June, Vision Recycling, the Authority's organics processor, began creating compost on the new state of the art Aerated Static Pile compost pad. The Authority is also utilizing the recently approved purchase of the mixer and tractor to combine the de-packager wet slurry and ground green waste for composting on the new pad. She indicated the second food recovery truck purchased for the Food Bank is scheduled to arrive in a few weeks and will be wrapped with graphics promoting food rescue and recovery efforts.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the presentation and commended staff for their dedication to advance the Organics program.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

CONSIDERATION**13. UPDATE ON THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE RELATED TO COVID-19**

(7:01) General Manger/CAO Mathews provided a brief report on the protocols currently in place related to COVID-19. He indicated no work-related exposures have occurred; however, there have been several exposures outside of the workplace, creating a temporary shortage

in staffing levels from time to time. He commented on the article attached in the Agenda packet from "Waste Dive" and the high potential exposure within the solid waste industry. Mr. Mathews commended Human Resource Supervisor Monica Ambriz for all her work during this challenging times.

Asst. General Manager/Operation Manager Zuñiga commented on the extra precautions being taken aside from COVID-19 due to the heat waves and excessive fire smoke. He commended Authority staff for their work and dedication.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

(7:08) President Cullen reminded the public to submit their comments to comments@svswa.org.

14. UPDATE ON SUN STREET TRANSFER STATION RELOCATION PROJECT

(7:09) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported there has been communicating with Republic Services regarding the partial sale of Madison Lane Transfer station indicating that Republic Services has stated no interested in selling any of the property. He reported they have hired a consultant to conduct a facility evaluation and needs assessment on the property. They indicated once that is complete, they would be willing to discuss potential collaboration opportunities. Mr. Mathews indicated he is still waiting for the list of interested developers of the Alisal Market Place project from the City of Salinas to further analyze the potential sale of the Sun Street Transfer Station property.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None

15. UPDATE ON THE CITY OF SALINAS' ONE YEAR NOTICE OF INTENT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

(7:18) President Cullen reported there has been no new information provided to the Authority from the City of Salinas regarding the Notice of Intent to Withdrawal or the proposed governance changes previously present by the City of Salinas to the Authority. He requested that the City of Salinas members discuss with the City Council and administration resuming the discussions between the City of Salinas and the Authority to provide information and collaborate with the Authority regarding these matters.

Board Comments: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comments: None

Motion: None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

16. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(7:15) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

(7:20) General Manager/CAO Mathews indicated there was no information to discuss under Item No 17.

- 17.** 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) President Cullen adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:

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Robert Cullen
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Robert Cullen, President

Attest:


Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board