

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2021**

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

The following Board Directors were present (via Teleconference):

County of Monterey	John M. Phillips (logged in at 6:18 pm)
County of Monterey	Chris Lopez, <i>President</i>
City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes, <i>Vice President</i>
City of Salinas	Kimbley Craig
City of Salinas	Anthony Rocha
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva (logged in at 6:04 pm)
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 C. 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

(6:04) President Lopez made the following 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

(6:08) General Manager/CAO Mathews made the following comments and announcements.

- Will be discussing at a later meeting the restarting of the Strategic Planning Sessions for the Board of Directors.
- The cancelation of the annual employee communication meeting due to COVID circumstances. He indicated the agency will be organizing two small outdoor lunch events.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:08) Asst. General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga reported on the State Fund letter received indicating the Authority safety program experience modification (ex-mod) is 69%.

BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS

(6:14) Director Cullen commented on the cleanup of the trail and riverbed at the San Lorenzo Park organized by the King City Rotary Club with help from the High School Group Interact and King City in Bloom. He thanked everyone involved including the Authority for the supplies

provided and Waste Management for the dumpster provided. He commented on his support for restarting the Strategic Planning sessions. Director Cullen commended Authority staff for the ex-mod percentage.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:06) None

CONSENT AGENDA (6:09)

1. Minutes of the June 17, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. May 2021 Claims and Financial Reports
3. June 2021 Claims and Financial Reports
4. June 2021 Quarterly Investment Report
5. Member and Interagency Activities Report for May 2021
6. Tonnage and Diversion Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2021
7. Resolution No. 2021-27 Approving Supplemental Appropriation of \$21,552 for CalRecycle's Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program 2020-21
8. Resolution No. 2021-28 Approving Change Order No. 4 to the Agreement with Geo-Logic Associates in the Amount of \$216, 828 for Landfill Engineering Services for Johnson Canyon Landfill
9. Resolution No. 2021-29 Approving Change Order No. 2 to the Agreement with Geo-Logic Associates in the Amount of \$115,151 for Landfill Groundwater Monitoring and Reporting Services for the Johnson Canyon Landfill
10. Resolution No. 2021-30 Approving Change Order No. 1 for Three Emergency Backup Generators to Quinn Power Systems for an Amount of \$24,837.99
11. Resolution No. 2021-31 Approving Amendment No. 2 Authorizing A One-Year Extension to the Service Agreement with SC Fuels for Purchase and Delivery of Fuel to SVSWA Facilities

Public Comment: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 8,0

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Phillips

PRESENTATION

12. ANNUAL TONNAGE & OPERATIONS REPORT FOR FY 2020-21

(6:17) Asst. General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga provided a report on tonnage history, current tonnage amounts, and diverted material amounts. Mr. Zuñiga also provided a detailed comparison report for each facility year over year since fiscal year 2015-16 of the trips and tonnage increases, 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. The report demonstrated the trending increase for fiscal year 2019-20 in tonnage and trip count at all of the facilities. He indicated he would be returning in January 2022 to request a revision of the staffing levels to establish levels according to the trips and tonnage levels. Mr. Zuñiga explained the Organics material processed and diverted over the past fiscal year. He stated that the Organics processing contract term is ending June 2022 and a Request for Proposals will be released by the

Authority to obtain competitive bids as this program is the largest diversion program the Authority has and has not been competitively bid for over 10 years.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Information Only

CONSIDERATION

13. DISCUSSION ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER AT JOHNSON CANYON LANDFILL

(6:38) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks outlined the proposed development and construction of an outdoor education center at Johnson Canyon Landfill. The center would allow the agency to continue in person, hands on educational programs focused on the protection and preservation of the environment, organics recycling, edible food recovery, composting workshops, expand facility tours, and much more. The approximately 2,000 square foot education center is being proposed on the northeast side of the landfill. The designed concept plans, a sample image, and a range of cost were reviewed in detailed.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation expressing concerns with the wide range of the cost.

Public Comment: None

Motion: By consensus the Board directed staff to release a Request for Bids to obtain a better understanding of the full project cost and report back to the Board.

14. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SALINAS VALLEY RECYCLES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(6:52) General Manager/CAO Mathews informed the Board of the Advisory Committee bylaws determining that the Chairperson of the Committee would be the Board President or his appointee. He indicated that due to scheduling conflicts President Lopez is unable to attend the scheduled meeting approved by the Committee that are held every fourth Thursday of the month from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the report. Vice President Cromeenes volunteered to be Chairperson to the Advisory Committee.

Public Comment: None

Motion: By Consensus Vice President Cromeenes was appointed to the Committee.

15. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-32 APPROVING A NON-BINDING LETTER OF INTENT WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES OF SALINAS DEFINING THE TERMS FOR NEGOTIATING VARIOUS AGREEMENT NECESSARY TO RELOCATE AND CONSOLIDATE THE SUN STREET TRANSFER STATION OPERATIONS TO THE MADISON LANE TRANSFER STATION

(6:55) General Manager/CAO Mathews detailed the final draft of the non-binding letter of intent between the Authority and Republic Services that was included in the agenda packet. The letter is the structural framework for the various agreements and operational consideration for the relocation of the Sun Street Transfer Station to the Madison Lane Transfer Station. He detailed the lease options being considered, public services options, permitting and environmental reviews, future steps needed and tentative schedule.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Director Rocha made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-32. Director Craig seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 9,0

Ayes: Craig, Cromeenes, Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Phillips, Rocha, Silva, Tipton
 Noes: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: None

16. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-33 APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE CITY OF SALINAS DEFINING THE TERMS FOR RELOCATION OF THE SUN STREET TRANSFER STATION RESCINDING THE CITY'S DECEMBER 2018 NOTICE OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE AUTHORITY AND ACTIONS TO EQUALIZE ORGANICS PROCESSING FEES FOR ALL MEMBER AGENCIES

(7:06) General Manager/CAO Mathews explained the final draft of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Authority, and the City of Salinas that reflects the collaboration amongst the two organization. The MOU allows for the resolution of several important community issues including the move forward with the relocation of the Sun Street Transfer Station, the rescinding of the Notice of Intent to Withdraw presented by the City of Salinas to the Authority in December of 2018, and the equalization of the Organics Processing rates.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the report commending the Authority and City of Salinas staff for their work and collaboration in finalizing the MOU.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Director Rocha made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-32. Director Craig 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

17. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(7:18) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

(7:19) President Lopez invited the Public Comment related to closed session item nos. 18 and 19.

18. Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54956.9 (b)** to confer with legal counsel regarding one (1) involving anticipated exposure to litigation.

19. 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNED

(7:20) President Lopez adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss item nos. 18 and 19.

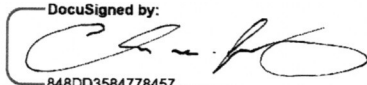
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RECONVENE

(8:34) President Lopez reconvened the meeting to open session. Legal Counsel Santos indicated there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

ADJOURNED

(7:20) President Lopez adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: 
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 Christopher M. Lopez, President

Attest: 
 Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board