

**MINUTES OF  
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 17, 2022**

This meeting was conducted in a virtual format via Zoom in accordance with AB 361.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The flag salute was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board Directors**

County of Monterey	John M. Phillips ( <i>Logged in at 6:03 pm</i> )	Present
County of Monterey	Chris Lopez, <i>President</i>	Present
City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes, <i>Vice President</i>	Present
City of Salinas	Kimbley Craig	Present
City of Salinas	Anthony Rocha	Present
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva	Present
City of Soledad	Ben Jimenez, Jr.	Present
City of Greenfield	Andrew Tipton, <i>Alt. Vice President</i>	Present
City of King	Robert Cullen	Present

**Staff Member Present**

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

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(6:02) President Lopez announced the availability of translation services in Spanish.

**GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:03) General Manager/CAO Mathews reminded the Board of the upcoming Strategic Planning Session scheduled for March 10.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:04) None

**DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:04) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks indicated that the Authority staff and General Counsel continue to work with Atlas Organics and is close to finalizing the agreements. Ms. Brooks commented on the follow up email sent to the City of Salinas regarding the SB 1383 programs and presentations.

Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks indicated that the Bond refinancing was finalized earlier in the day and a summary report will be provided at the March meeting.

**BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

(6:04) Director Rocha requested that the Authority provide a presentation to the City of Salinas Council regarding SB 1383.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:07) None

**CONSENT AGENDA (6:08)**

1. Minutes of the January 20, 2022 Regular Meeting
2. December 2021 Claims and Financial Reports
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for January 2022
4. Tonnage and Diversion Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2021
5. Resolution No. 2022-07 Making Findings Related to the Continued Existence of a State of Emergency Due to Covid-19 and Re-Authorizing the Conduct of Public meetings of the Legislative Bodies of the Authority Via Remote Teleconferencing for an Initial 30-Day Period Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act as Amended by Assembly Bill No. 361

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** Alternate Vice President Tipton made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. 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

**COSNIDERATION****6. REQUEST FOR FY 2022-23 PRELIMINARY BUDGET DIRECTION**

(6:09) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks once again provided a report with increases and options to balance the fiscal year 2022-23 budget. He explained that the budget assumed the equalization of organics rates, the closure of the Sun Street Transfer Station, the relocation of AB939 services to Madison Lane, and the hauling of solid waste for Republic Services from the Madison Lane Transfer Station. He further explained that negotiations of the new Organics processing services agreement require a organics tipping fee adjustments to all customers to fully fund the program.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** The Board provided input and agreed to scheduling the Public Rate Hearing for the March meeting.

**7. UPDATE ON THE SUN STREET TRANSFER STATION RELOCATION PROJECT**

(6:21) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported on the stakeholders meeting that was held to discuss the key issues associated with the relocation process. Republic Services informed the group that the lease improvements needed for the Authority to relocate the AB 939 services to Madison Lane Transfer Station (MLTS) are moving forward with a new estimated completion date of May 1, 2022. The Authority will then have 60 days to complete the relocation. A public informational meeting will be scheduled the week of March 28th. The Authority will be working with Ad Manor Inc. on a marketing campaign for the relocation project. The media plan was presented to the Board.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** The Board provided input.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

(6:47) The Board reviewed the future agenda items and discussed maintaining the virtual format for the month of March.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

(6:50) President Lopez invited Public Comment related to closed session items numbered 9, 10, 11, and 12.

9. 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)** Property, APN: 003-051-077-000, located at 126 Sun Street, Salinas, CA: **2)** Property, APN: 002-542-009-000, located at 910 S. Main Street, Salinas, CA: and **3)** Property, APN: 003-867-001-000, located at 1584 Moffet Street, Salinas, CA.
10. Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957.6** to provide instruction to General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews, Asst. GM/Ops Manager Cesar Zuñiga, and General Counsel Roy C. Santos, to negotiate salaries and benefits of Non-management Administration unit.
11. Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957.6** to provide instruction to General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews, Asst. GM/Ops Manager Cesar Zuñiga, and General Counsel Roy C. Santos, to negotiate salaries and benefits of Operations and Engineering unit.
12. Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957.6** to provide instruction to General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews, and General Counsel Roy C. Santos, to negotiate salaries and benefits of at-will Management Employees.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ADJOURNED**

(6:51) President Lopez adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss items numbered 9, 10, 11, and 12.

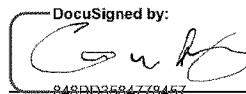
### **RECONVENE**

(8:03) President Lopez reconvened the meeting to open session. Legal Counsel Santos indicated that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

### **ADJOURNED**

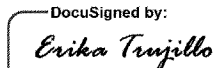
(8:04) President Lopez adjourned the meeting.

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Christopher M. Lopez, President

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Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board