

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

Gonzales City Council Chambers | 117 Fourth Street, Gonzales, Ca 93926

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice President De La Rosa called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following Board Directors were present:

County of Monterey	Chris Lopez, Alt. Vice President
County of Monterey	Luis Alejo, (Alternate) arrived at 6:12pm
City of Salinas	Gloria De La Rosa, Vice President
City of Salinas	John Tony Villegas
City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes
City of Soledad	Marisela Lara
City of Greenfield	Andrew Tipton

The following Board Directors were absent:

County of Monterey	John M. Phillips
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva
City of King	Robert Cullen

Staff Members Present:

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO	Rosie Ramirez, Administrative Assistant
Cesar Zuñiga, Asst. GM/Operations Manager	Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board
Ray Hendricks, Finance and Administration Manager	Roy Santos, General Counsel

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(6:01) Vice President De La Rosa announced translation services were available. No member from the public requested the service.

**GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:02) None

**DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:02) Asst. General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga reported that Republic Services approached the Authority in January regarding a potential collaboration for Transportation services. However, after discussing the rates being offered by the Authority it was indicated to be higher than expected for Republic Services and it will not be moving forward.

**BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

(6:02) None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:03) None

**CONSENT AGENDA (6:03)**

1. Minutes of The January 23, 2020 Meeting
2. December 2019 Claims and Financial Reports

3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for January 2020 and Upcoming Events
4. Tonnage and Diversion Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2019
5. Resolution No. 2020-10 Approving Amendment No. 9 to the Revised and Restated Agreement Between the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority and R. Patrick Mathews for Services as General Manager/Chief Administrative Officer (GM/CAO)

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** Alternate Vice President Lopez made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Director Villegas seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 6,0

**Ayes:** Cromeenes, De La Rosa, Lara, Lopez, Tipton, Villegas

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Cullen, Phillips, Silva

## **PRESENTATION**

### **6. MODERN TRANSFER STATION DESIGN REVIEW**

(6:04) General Manager/CAO Mathews presented overview of modern transfer stations explaining the differences between the current Sun Street Transfer Station and what is proposed to be developed. He described the essential public services needed for the City of Salinas area and the original Sun Street Material Recovery Center design ideas that were developed in 2007. Mr. Mathews reviewed the goals the Authority would like to accomplish, such as continued services to its more than 100,000 customers, assist in meeting new and increasing mandates, a reuse retail store, and to meet the public's needs.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** None; Informational Only

### **7. 2019 CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEY RESULTS FOR SUN STREET TRANSFER STATION AND MATERIALS RECOVERY CENTER**

(6:27) Assistant General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga presented the results of the customer service surveys conducted to measure customer service satisfaction, program effectiveness, use of services, quality of service, and geographic origins since 2014. The survey was revised with the help of EMC Research to include questions related to possible impacts to the customers if the City of Salinas would decide to withdrawal from the Joint Powers Agreement. Mr. Zuñiga indicated the survey was conducted throughout several months with a total of 207 completed surveys, 66% of which were from City of Salinas residents and 34% from unincorporated Monterey County.

**Board Comment:** The Board discussed the presentation inquiring about a more diverse, neutral survey and the estimated cost of conducting one.

**Staff Comment:** Mr. Mathews informed the Board a broad, 3<sup>rd</sup>-party phone survey had been conducted by EMC Research, Inc. in 2018. Mr. Mathews indicated the survey was district wide and the cost was approximately \$35,000.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** By consensus the Board requested the results of the 2018 survey be recirculated.

### **8. UPDATE ON THE COLLABORATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY AND THE MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

(6:31) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported on the meeting held between the General Manager from the Monterey Regional Waste Management District (District) and the Authority General Manager to discuss the following collaboration opportunities; the program planning work around the SB 1383 and the use of Recyclist as reporting management database system, the same system the Authority's Resource Recovery department uses now; the Authority's composting capacity; and the opportunity of using the District's future mixed-waste processing capacity. Mr. Mathews indicated the District is considering an additional \$30-\$50 million investment for an Anaerobic Digestion system to process mixed organics from the mixed-waste processing system. He commented on the importance of considering the fiscal extent of collaboration as some of the collaboration opportunities could reduce revenue from the Authority to obtain a higher recycling percentage causing rate increases as usually is the case with most increased recycling efforts.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** None; Informational Only

### **CONSIDERATION**

#### **9. 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**

(6:53) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks presented a report as requested by the Board at the January meeting on the rate impacts for if the City of Salinas would withdrawal from the Joint Powers Agreement and the Sun Street Transfer Station would close. The report was based on the fiscal year 2020-21 budget and it demonstrated a rate increase of approximate \$44.00 or 60% to the remaining members and a minimum of 19 employee layoffs.

Alternate Vice President Lopez commented on the discussion and recommendation of the Executive Committee to consideration sending a formal letter requesting that the City of Salinas release the R3 Consultant report. He provided a brief history on the circumstances that have evolved since the one-year notice had been submitted by the City of Salinas.

**Board Comments:** The Board discussed the presentation inquiring about the timeline and process of the City of Salinas withdrawal.

**General Counsel:** Mr. Santos provided a report on the process of the time period and legal requirements.

**Board Comments:** Director Villegas reported he was informed that the City of Salinas' City Manager would be sending a letter within the next two weeks to begin negotiations sometime in April. Director Cromeenes indicated the report was still under draft and under review by the City of Salinas' legal counsel. She reported none of the City of Salinas council members present had seen the report and that the three had been briefed separately. Mr. Cromeenes reported that the report would be released to the public once completed and expressed her support for a transfer station within the city limits and her support to send the formal letter to the City of Salinas for clarification. Vice President De La Rosa reported that President Cullen and General Manager Mathews would be receiving a phone call from the City to schedule meetings to begin a conversation in the upcoming week.

**Public Comments:** None

**Motion:** Alternate Vice President Lopez made a motion to send the formal letter requesting that the City of Salinas release of the report. Director Villegas Seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 7,0

Ayes: Alejo (Alt), Cromeenes, De La Rosa, Lara, Lopez, Tipton, Villegas  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Cullen, Phillips, Silva

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

(7:09) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

(7:11) General Manager/CAO Mathews indicated there was no information to discuss under Item No. 11.

~~11. 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 **6)** APN 003-211-022-000, located at 195 Sherwood Dr. and 416 Main St., Salinas, CA~~

### **ADJOURNED**

(7:42) Vice President De La Rosa adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Robert Cullen*

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Robert Cullen, President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

*Erika J. Trujillo*  
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board