

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2021**

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Cullen called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Board Directors were present (via Teleconference):

County of Monterey	John M. Phillips
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 Roca (<i>logged in at 6:05 p.m.</i>)
City of Gonzales	Scott Funk, <i>Alternate</i>
City of Soledad	Ben Jimenez, Jr.
City of Greenfield	Andrew Tipton, <i>Alt. Vice President</i>
City of King	Robert Cullen

The following Board Directors were absent:

City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva
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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 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

(6:01) President Lopez made the following comments and 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

(6:03) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the election of Advisory Committee Vice President, Cesar Lara at the January Committee meeting.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:04) None

BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS

(6:04) Director Phillips commented on the concerns expressed on the process implemented by Waste Management for compliance enforcement. A community meeting is scheduled for March 5th to address the public's concerns.

Director Tipton commented on Tri-Cities large pick-up scheduling being 3 to 4 months out.

Director Cullen commented on the concerns on the Waste Management compliance enforcement process.

President Lopez also commented on concerns on the Waste Management compliance enforcement process. He reported on the partnership between the County of Monterey, Growers Shippers Association, Caltrans, and Smith and Enright to clean up litter and vegetative winter growth along the freeway to prevent the INSV disease that affects head lettuce.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:13) Grant Leonard, Authority Advisory Committee member and North County Chambers of Commerce representative commented on the importance of having the Community meeting to discuss the compliance enforcement process from Waste Management.

CONSENT AGENDA (6:15)

President Lopez announced a correction on Item No. 1 – Minutes of the January 21, 2021 Regular meeting. The motion for the Consent agenda should be as follows; Director Phillips made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Alternate Vice President Tipton seconded the motion.

1. Minutes of the January 21, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. December 2020 Claims and Financial Reports
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for January 2021
4. Tonnage and Diversion Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2020
5. Resolution No. 2021-06 Authorizing the Submittal of Applications to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for All Grants for which the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority is Eligible
6. Resolution No. 2021-07 Authorizing the Submittal of Applications to Any and All Organizations for Grants for which the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority is Eligible
7. Resolution No. 2021-08 Approving Change Order No. 1 to the Agreement with Geo-Logic Associates in the Amount of \$124,544 for Landfill Groundwater Monitoring Services for the Johnson Canyon Landfill

Public Comment: None

Motion: Vice President Cromeenes made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the corrections on Item No. 1. Director Phillips seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 9,0

Ayes: Craig, Cromeenes, Cullen, Funk (Alt.), Jimenez, Lopez, Phillips, Rocha, Tipton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Silva

PRESENTATION

8. MODERN TRANSFER STATION

(6:18) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided a presentation on modern transfer stations explaining the differences between the current Sun Street Transfer Station and what is proposed to be developed. He explained the essential public services needed for the City of Salinas area and potential programs to help meet those needs.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Information Only

CONSIDERATION**9. REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 PRELIMINARY BUDGET DIRECTION**

(6:41) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks reviewed the proposed budget for fiscal year 2021-22. He detailed the proposed budget assumptions, total budget increases, debt services schedule, projected revenue increase, the addition of two new position being requested within the budget, and the proposed rate changes that will assist in the balancing of the budget. He reviewed in detail the impacts to the residential and commercial rate payer with the proposed increases. Mr. Hendricks presented the equalization of green waste rates that would avoid an additional rate increase to the AB939 fees.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the presentation inquiring about the agreement between Republic Services and the Authority for green waste processing that has caused the ongoing subsidization by all member agencies for the City of Salinas to support current operational costs above the contracted rates that were established in 2004.

Public Comment: None

Motion: By consensus the Board accepted the report and directed staff to schedule a public hearing and final budget consideration for the March Board meeting.

10. UPDATE ON SUN STREET TRANSFER STATION RELOCATION PROJECT AND ON THE CITY OF SALINAS' ONE YEAR NOTICE OF INTENT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

(7:04) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported that meetings between City of Salinas staff, Republic Services staff and Authority staff have continued continue for the development of a nonbinding private/public partnership agreement for the relocation of the Sun Street Transfer Station is nearly complete.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**11. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE**

(7:08) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

(7:12) President Lopez indicated Items No. 12 would be discussed during closed session and invited Public Comment.

- 12.** 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

(7:13) None

(7:13) President Lopez adjourned the meeting into closed to session to discuss Item No. 12.

RECONVENED

(8:08) President Lopez reconvened the meeting to open session with no reportable actions taken in closed session.

ADJOURNED

(8:09) President Lopez adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:

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Christopher M. Lopez, President

Attest:


Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board