

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2022**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Cromeenes called the meeting to order at 6:00 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>	Absent
City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes, <i>Vice President</i>	Present
City of Salinas	Kimbley Craig (<i>Logged in at 6:02 pm</i>)	Present
City of Salinas	Anthony Rocha (<i>Logged in at 6:14 pm</i>)	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
Monica Ambriz, Human Resources Supervisor	Present
Roy C. Santos, General Counsel	Present
Rosie Ramirez, Administrative Assistant	Present
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board	Present

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(6:01) Clerk of the Board Trujillo announced the translation services availability in Spanish.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:02) Kristin Skromme formerly with Waste Management announced that she has taken a new position with the Monterey Regional Waste Management District and new official last name is now O'Hara.

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:03) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided an update on the relocation to Madison Lane. He indicated that Republic Services is finalizing the engineering packet and there is no set date yet for the relocation and community information meeting. He reported on the adoption of SB 1383 Compliance Codes by all four South County Cities.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:03) None

BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS

(6:05) Director Phillips reported on the Board referral he submitted to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to address the traffic concerns and safety issues related to the relocation of the Sun Street Transfer Station to the Madison Lane Transfer station.

Vice President Cromeenes commented on the desire to form a subcommittee to discuss the progress of the relocation of the Sun Street Transfer Station to the Madison Lane Transfer Station. The Board indicated the desire to discuss the formation of the subcommittee.

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:08) Mr. Mathews requested that **Item no. 12** be deferred to the February meeting. He reported the negotiations on the agreement by both parties are not complete.

Motion: Director Craig made a motion to Item no. 12 to the February Board of Directors meeting. Director Phillips seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 7,0

Ayes: Craig, Cromeenes, Cullen, Jimenez, Phillips, Silva, Tipton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lopez, Rocha

ELECTION OF OFFICERS**A. 2022 ELECTION OF OFFICERS – PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND ALTERNATE VICE PRESIDENT**

(6:19) Director Silva on behalf of the Nominating Committee reported the recommendation to appoint the current officers to a second-year term.

Motion: Director Phillips made a motion to elect Director Lopez as President, Director Cromeenes as Vice President, and Director Tipton as Alternate Vice President. Director Silva seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 8,0

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lopez

CONSENT AGENDA (6:21)

1. Minutes of the December 16, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. November 2021 Claims and Financial Reports
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for December 2021
4. December 2021 Quarterly Investments Report
5. Resolution No. 2022-01 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
6. Resolution No. 2022-02 Approving a Contract with Pace Analytical Service LLC for Laboratory Analytical Services in the Amount of \$286,337
7. Resolution No. 2022-03 Awarding the Purchase of a New 2023 389 Peterbilt Truck with Wet Kit to Coast Counties Peterbilt of Salinas for an Amount of \$182,749.87

8. Resolution No. 2022-04 Authorizing the Purchase of Two (2) New 2023 114 SD Freightliner Trucks from National Auto Fleet Group for the Transport Operations for an Amount of \$309,307.76
9. Resolution No. 2022-05 Authorizing Quinn Caterpillar to Complete Repairs of the Johnson Canyon Landfill 836H Caterpillar Compactor for an Amount Not to Exceed of \$100,000

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 8,0

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lopez

PRESENTATION

10. 2021 EMPLOYEE SURVEY RESULTS

(6:22) Human Resource Supervisor Ambriz presented the results of the annual employee survey and a three-year comparison on measured items such as moral, job attitude, and engagement. The report demonstrated a slight decrease in morale and a high percentile in general attitude between the employees. Ms. Ambriz reviewed some of the comments within the survey and explained the steps that will be taken to improve the challenges identified within the survey.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

COSNIDERATION

11. RESOLUTION 2022-06 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT, AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, AN ESCROW AGREEMENT, A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED MATTERS

(6:27) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a report on the options to refinance, the potential savings, and the current status of the process that began in September. The refinancing of the Bonds will shorten the maturity of the bonds by one year allowing saving.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Director Cullen made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-06. Director Phillips seconded the motion to approve the refunding option to shorten the current bond term by one year and equalize payments for the bond term.

Votes: Motion carried 8,0

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lopez

12. ~~A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ATLAS ORGANICS FOR ORGANICS PROCESSING, COMPOSTING, AND PRODUCT MARKETING SERVICES AT THE JOHNSON CANYON LANDFILL AND A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET TO FUND THE STATIONARY BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE~~

Item was deferred to the February Board of Directors meeting.

13. REQUEST FOR FY 2022-23 PRELIMINARY BUDGET DIRECTION

(6:40) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a report with increases and options to balance the fiscal year 2022-23 budget. He detailed the increases in the budget. He indicated that the 2022 bond debt schedule will not be known until the new Bonds are released at the end of February 2022, therefore, the current debt service schedule was used for budgeting purposes. Mr. Hendricks also indicated that negotiations of the new Organics processing services agreement and the preliminary budget require a greenwaste tipping fee adjustment to all customers to fully fund the program.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Motion: The Board provided input.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

14. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(7:03) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

(7:09) President Lopez invited Public Comment related to closed session item no. 15.

- 15.** 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 with management, non-management administration, and Operation and Engineering units.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNED

(7:09) President Lopez adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss item no. 15.

RECONVENE

(7:41) President Lopez reconvened the meeting to open session. Legal Counsel Santos indicated that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

ADJOURNED

(7:42) President Lopez adjourned the meeting.

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 Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

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 Christopher M. Lopez, President