

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Alternate Vice President Lopez 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	John M. Phillips
City of Salinas	John Tony Villegas
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva
City of Soledad	Marisela Lara
City of Greenfield	Bob White (Alternate)
City of King	Robert Cullen, President

The following Board Directors were absent:

City of Salinas	Gloria De La Rosa, Vice President
City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes
City of Greenfield	Andrew Tipton

Staff Members Present:

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

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(6:02) President Cullen announced translation services were available. No member from the public requested the service.

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:02) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the impacts to the solid waste industry discussed within the following articles provided to the Board.

- "House plans to take up sweeping new PFAS bill with waste implication" from *WasteDive*.
- "Disposal capacity crunch paves way for more industry consolidation and price (increases)" from *WasteDive*.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:04) Assistant General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga commented on the meeting attended on the 13th regarding the Gloria/Iverson/Johnson Canyon road repairs. He indicated that the project's final plans are expected to be ready by February 3rd, with construction to start around June or July and completion of the project in the fall. Mr. Zuñiga reported on the romaine recall in November 2019. He stated 1,064 tons of material was processed through the de-packager, 745 tons were mixed with organic material on site for composting and 244 tons went to the Carmel area water treatment plant to be processed in their digester.

BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS

(6:06) Director Silva commented on the illegal dumping occurring on county roads and the need to work together to address the issue. Alternate Vice President Lopez commended Waste Management for their assistance in providing dumpster in Chualar after the flood on December 4th. Director Phillips commented on the illegal dumping of large items in the County roads indicating that the issue is the number one reason for calls received at the County office. Director Villegas commented on the study conducted by R3 Consultants, would further discuss under Item No. 14. President Cullen commented on the lack of recycling being done at the King City Post Office and requested the Authority staff contact them regarding the possibility of implementation of recycling.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:12) None

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. 2020 ELECTION OF OFFICERS – PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND ALTERNATE VICE PRESIDENT

(6:12) Nominating Committee member Director Silva reported that the Nominating Committee is recommending for the re-electing of the preceding elected officers for the 2020 Election of Officers: Robert Cullen for President, Gloria De La Rosa for Vice President, and Chris Lopez for Alternate Vice President.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: None

Motion: Director Silva made a motion to elect Robert Cullen as President, Gloria De La Rosa as Vice President, and Chris Lopez as Alternate Vice President for a second and final term. Director Villegas seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cullen, Lara, Lopez, Phillips, Silva, Villegas, White (Alt)

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: De La Rosa, Cromeenes, Tipton

CONSENT AGENDA (6:13)

1. Minutes of The November 21, 2019 Meeting
2. October 2019 Claims and Financial Reports
3. November 2019 Claims and Financial Reports
4. Member and Interagency Activities Report for November and December 2019 and Upcoming Events
5. December 2019 Quarterly Investments Report
6. Resolution No. 2020-01 Approving an Adjustment to the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20
7. **A.** Resolution No. 2020-02 Awarding an Agreement to SCS Engineers for SB 1383 Program Planning for the Amount of \$99,750
B. Resolution No. 2020-03 Awarding an Agreement to Diversion Strategies Green Mountain Technologies for Organics and Composting Technical Assistance for the Amount of \$29,300

8. Resolution No. 2020-04 Approving Change Order No. 2 to the Agreement with Geo-Logic Associates in the Amount of \$78,176 for Solid Waste Consulting and Engineering Services for the Johnson Canyon Landfill
9. Resolution No. 2020-05 Approving Change Order No. 1 to the Agreement with Geosyntec Consultants for Solid Waste Construction Quality Assurance Services for the Johnson Canyon Landfill in the Amount of \$25,777
10. Resolution No. 2020-06 Ratifying Change Order No. 3 to the Agreement for an Amount of \$124,743.41 to the Construction Contract Awarded to Wood Bros. Inc. for the Johnson Canyon Landfill Module VII Construction
11. Resolution No. 2020-07 Ratifying the Notice of Completion for Johnson Canyon Landfill Module VII Construction Project (CIP 9527)
12. Resolution No. 2020-08 Approving Supplemental Appropriation of \$10,000 for the Acceptance of Carpet America Recovery Effort's (CARE's) California Carpet Stewardship Program Micro Grant Program for Collection/Reuse – Cycle 2

Public Comment: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 7,0

Ayes: Cullen, Lara, Lopez, Phillips, Silva, Villegas, White (Alt)

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cromeenes, De La Rosa, Tipton

PRESENTATION

13. 2019 EMPLOYEE SURVEY RESULTS

(6:14) Human Resource Supervisor Ambriz provided a report on the annual survey results. She disclosed the topics measured with the survey, such as, job satisfaction, morale, and engagement. Mrs. Ambriz stated 42 out of 55 employees participated in the confidential survey and that the survey reflected an increase in overall staff morale compared to the previous two years. By comments within the survey the expansion of the Organics program was a factor in the positive increase, while the threat of Salinas withdrawing from the Authority remains a continuing area of concern. Concerns submitted within the survey are currently being addressed by staff to determine improvement options.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

14. 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

(6:23) General Manager/CAO Mathews indicated there hasn't been any new information provided by the City of Salinas. He commented on the supplemental material distributed related to this item; Memorandum from Monterey Regional Waste Management District (District) Finance Committee. The memorandum indicates that District staff had been notified by City of Salinas staff and County of Monterey Staff that they would be releasing a report sometime in January. Mr. Mathew's informed the Board that there was an email exchange with the General Manager from the District earlier in the day in which he clarified that the District staff was informed the City

of Salinas and the County of Monterey were conducting individual reports and not working collaboratively as it might be interpreted within the memorandum.

Board Comment: Director Villegas reported that the report conducted by R3 Consultants was completed, and a meeting had been held to review it. The meeting was attended by two of the consultants, the City of Salinas Mayor, the City of Salinas City Manager, the City of Salinas General Counsel, Council Member Christie Cromeenes, and himself. He stated that they were informed that the report would not be released, and direction was given to the City Manager, Ray Corpus to contact the Authority to negotiate the closure of the Sun Street Transfer Station. Alternate Vice President Lopez clarified the County of Monterey is not collaborating with the City of Salinas on a study.

Public Comment: Guy Petraborg, Director of Engineering and Compliance with the District provided clarity to the correspondence between the District's General Manager and Mr. Mathews regarding the statement in the Finance Committee memorandum. It's the Districts understanding that the City of Salinas has retained a separate consultant to prepare a report and the County of Monterey has also retained a consultant to conduct a report in the future.

Motion: None; Informational Only

CONSIDERATION

15. REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 PRELIMINARY BUDGET DIRECTION

(6:31) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a report on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2020-21. He indicated that the proposed budget was status quo for all services with no new program changes. He reviewed in detail the budget increases and the cost of two additional positions being requested by staff; one Equipment Maintenance Technician I/II (Mechanic) position and one Loader Operator to be designated to the wood waste, and construction and demolition materials recovery operations. Mr. Hendricks explained the residential and commercial rate changes proposed to balance the budget.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the report. Alternate Vice President Lopez commented on his recommendation to consider reserving funds for the repair and maintenance of the Gloria-Iverson-Johnson Canyon roads in the future.

Public Comment: None

Motion: By consensus the Board directed staff to bring the final budget for approval in March and schedule the Rate Hearing.

16. RESOLUTION 2020-09 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY AND THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY FOR THE FAIR SHARE FUNDING OF THE GLORIA-IVERSON-JOHNSON CANYON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

(6:53) General Manager Mathews provided a report on the finalized agreement between the Authority and the County of Monterey for the fair share funding of the Gloria-Iverson-Johnson Canyon Road improvement project. He indicated that both the Authority General Counsel and the County of Monterey Legal Council had reviewed the agreement.

Board Comments: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comments: None

Motion: Alternate Vice President Lopez made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-08. Director Silva Seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 7,0

Ayes: Cullen, Lara, Lopez, Phillips, Silva, Villegas, White (Alt)

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cromeenes, De La Rosa, Tipton

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

17. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(6:57) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

(6:58) President Cullen invited public comment related to the following closed session items:

- 18.** 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
- 19.** Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957 (b)** to consider the Performance Evaluation of the General Manager/Chief Administrative Officer Patrick Mathews for 2019.

Public Comment: None

(6:59) President Cullen adjourned the meeting to closed session to discuss Item Nos. 18 and 19.

RECONVENE

(7:41) President Cullen reconvened the meeting to open session with no reportable action taken in closed session.

ADJOURNED

(7:42) President Cullen adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: 
Gloria De La Rosa, Vice President

Attest: 
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board