

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 18, 2020**

128 Sun Street, Suite 101, Salinas CA

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Cullen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Board Directors were present (via Teleconference):

County of Monterey	Chris Lopez, Alt. Vice President
County of Monterey	John M. Phillips
City of Salinas	Gloria De La Rosa, Vice President
City of Salinas	John "Tony" Villegas
City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes (Alternate)
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva
City of Soledad	Marisela Lara
City of Greenfield	Andrew Tipton
City of King	Robert Cullen, President

The following Board Directors were absent:

City of Salinas	Joseph D. Gunter
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Staff Member Present (at location):

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO
Estela Gutierrez, Resource Recovery Technician
Rosie Ramirez, Administrative Assistant
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

Via Teleconference

Cesar Zuñiga, Asst. GM/Operations Manager
Ray Hendricks, Finance and Administration Manager
Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager
Brian Kennedy, Engineering and Environmental Compliance Manager
Roy Santos, General Counsel

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(6:01) President Cullen announced the following:

- Spanish translation services were available by calling in to 1 (425) 436-6345 Access Code: 444666.
- General public comment or comments on a specific agenda item should be submitted to the Clerk of the Board at comment@svswa.org. Every effort would be made to read comments into the record. Some comments may not be read due to time restrictions. Comments received after an agenda item will be made part of the record if received prior to the end of the meeting.

(6:05) Clerk of the Board Trujillo made the above announcements in Spanish.

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:07) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the following:

- The article from Waste Dive, "5 key pandemic trends from the solid waste industry's Q1 earning reports" distributed with the Supplemental Material on June 16, 2020.
- The FY 20-21 budget memorandum from the Monterey Regional Waste Management District Director of Finance and Administration, June 12, 2020

- The FY 20-21 budget memorandum from the Monterey Regional Waste Management District Human Resources Manager, June 12, 2020
- The Authority seeing lower impacts than other agencies related to the COVID-19 pandemic, tonnage and revenues as compared month over month are moving back inline and comparable to last year after initial reductions in first two months of quarantine

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:07) Asst. General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga indicated traffic count at all of the facilities continue to increase. He informed the Board customers are obeying by the COVID-19 protocols implemented and despite the high numbers being seen no staff member have contracted the virus. Mr. Zuniga reported on the Gloria-Iverson-Johnson Canyon Road meeting he attended with the County of Monterey and the City of Gonzales, indicating bids were received and will be taken to the Board of Supervisors at the next meeting for consideration and award of the contract.

BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS

(6:08) Alternate Vice President Lopez provided an update on the number of positive COVID-19 cases and requested for everyone to continue doing their part in containing the spread. Director Philips commented on the proclamation by the Governor requiring the use of face masks. Director Villegas reiterated the comments regarding precautions to take to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:14) President Cullen reminded the public to submit their comments to comments@svswa.org limited to 250 words or less.

Public Comment: None

CONSENT AGENDA (6:15)

1. Minutes of the May 21, 2020 Special Meeting
2. April 2020 Claims and Financial Reports
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for May 2020 and Upcoming Events
4. Resolution No. 2020-25 Approving Supplemental Appropriation of \$21,720 for CalRecycle's Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program 2019-20
5. Resolution No. 2020-26 Approving a Professional Service Agreement with Douglas Nolan, dba Rock Steady Juggling for the School Assembly Program in an Amount Not to Exceed \$50,000
6. Resolution No. 2020-27 Approving a Professional Service Agreement with Hope Services Inc. for Materials Processing and Litter Abatement at the Sun Street Transfer Station in the amount of \$389,423 for a Two-Year Agreement with Two Optional 1 Year Extensions
7. Resolution No. 2020-28 Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Crazy Horse Landfill Solar Development Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Watershed Solar Development, LLC (formerly known as ISM Solar Solutions)
8. Resolution No. 2020-29 Approving Amendment No. 1 Authorizing a Two-Year Extension to the Professional Services Agreement with Geo-Logic Associates to Provide Groundwater Monitoring Services in an Amount of \$201,334
9. Resolution No. 2020-30 Approving a Professional Service Agreement with Social Vocational Services Inc. for Materials Processing and Litter Abatement at the Johnson

Canyon Landfill for an Amount of \$172,618 for Two-Years with Two Optional One-Year Extensions

10. Resolution No. 2020-31 Authorizing the Purchase of One Used LP 1400 Vertical Mixer K1035 For the Organics Diversion Program to Kirby Manufactory Inc. for an Amount of \$53,873.92
11. Resolution No. 2020-32 Authorizing the Purchase of One Used 2013 John Deere 8360R Tractor for the Organics Diversion Program to Pacific Ag Rentals of Salinas for an Amount of \$107,750.00

Public Comment: None

Motion: Director Phillips made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Director Tipton seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 9,0

Ayes: Cromeenes (Alt), Cullen, De La Rosa, Lara, Lopez, Phillips, Silva, Villegas

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gunter

PRESENTATION

12. RECYCLING RECOGNITION

(6:16) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks provided a brief introduction of the recycling recognitions being presented and introduced Estela Gutierrez, Resource Recovery Technician. Ms. Gutierrez presented Luis Alcala of Soledad and Harriet Stevens of Salinas with the Wholehearted Outstanding Rot Master (WORM) awards for their initiative to implement home composting systems and promote environmental stewardship in the community.

Board Comment: The Board commended Luis and Harriet for their dedication.

Public Comment: Luis and Harriet thanked the Board for the recognition. Luis Alcala's sister thanked the Board on behalf of his family for the recognition.

Motion: None; Informational Only

CONSIDERATION

13. UPDATE ON SUN STREET TRANSFER STATION RELOCATION PROJECT

(6:36) General Manager/CAO Mathews presented the list of the identified stakeholders and their roles in the potential relocation of the Sun Street Transfer Station Project. He indicated meetings had been scheduled between Republic Services and Authority, as well as, between the County of Monterey and the Authority to discuss the proposed schedule of the project, and the project support needed by each. Mr. Mathews reviewed the historical bond ratings of the Authority and the process in raising the rating to the current AA-. He indicated staff's concern with the potential impact of the ongoing one-year notice of withdrawal submitted by the City of Salinas if another Periodic Bond Rating Review occurs without the notice being rescinded.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the report expressing their support for the project and inquiring about the potential cost of the project.

Staff Comments: General Manager/CAO Mathews explained that appraisals will need to be conducted, however, staff presumes the cost of parcel owned by Republic Services is somewhat comparable to the value of the Sun Street property. Other costs would still need to be determined based on needs and facility assessment. He indicated there are funds available in reserves that could cover additional costs, but work is on hold pending initial agreement and

support of all four project stakeholders; City of Salinas, Republic Services, Monterey County and the Authority.

Public Comment: None

Motion: By consensus the Board directed staff to continue discussions with the stakeholders and analyzing the proposed project.

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

(7:06) President Cullen reported there are several moving parts needed to be discussed and resolved, such as, the need for the City of Salinas to rescind their notice, the governance changes being requested by the City of Salinas in their proposed terms and conditions, and the negotiations between Republic Services and the Authority on the Sun Street Transfer Station Relocation project. He indicated the last two weekly meetings between the City of Salinas Mayor, City Manager, the Authority Board President, Alt. Vice President, and General Manager have been canceled at the City of Salinas request. He expressed his desire to make progress during the July Board meeting recess and for more information to be available at the August Board meeting.

Board Comments: The Board discussed the report with the City of Salinas representatives inquiring on the exact date for the closure of the Sun Street Transfer Station.

President Cullen indicated the Authority is not in a position to provide an exact date of the closure of Sun Street until discussion between the Authority and Republic Services take place to discuss the potential purchase of the parcel.

Director Tipton inquired about a response from the City of Salinas on the comments submitted by him that were included in the agenda packet under this item. He encouraged the other City member agencies, especially the South County cities to speak to their respective Councils to discuss the City of Salinas' Terms and Conditions submitted by the City of Salinas to the Authority.

Public Comments: None

Motion: None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

15. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(7:15) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

(7:17) General Manager/CAO Mathews indicated there was no information to discuss under Item No 16.

- 16.** 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: None

ADJOURNED

(7:22) President Cullen adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:

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Robert Cullen

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Robert Cullen, President

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Attest:

Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board