

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Board Directors were present (via Teleconference):

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
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva
City of Soledad	Ben Jimenez, Jr. (<i>logged in at 6:03 p.m.</i>)
City of Greenfield	Andrew Tipton, <i>Alt. Vice President</i>
City of King	Robert Cullen

The following Board Directors were absent:

County of Monterey John M. Phillips

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

(6:03) 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

(6:05) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the following:

- On the update of Franchise agreement amendments and codes to include SB 1383 currently underway.
- Authority staff now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccines.
- The Authority hosting a South County community meeting for City of King and South County residents to address concerns regarding Waste Management's Smart Truck. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 21st.
- Extended the offer to the Board members to schedule one on one meetings to discuss further Authority matters in detail.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:04) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks commented on the following:

- The City of Salinas clean up event scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 2021.
- The upcoming Tire Amnesty Event that will take place from April 1 thru the end of May at all three of the Authority facilities.

Asst. General Manager/Operations Manager Zuniga reported to the Board that 74% of Authority staff have received their first does of the COVID-19 vaccine.

BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS

(6:10) Director Tipton requested for a large item pickup event be scheduled as the waste hauler is three to six months out for individual pickups but is willing to do a one-day event for all tri-cities. Director Cullen commented on Waste Management's prompt response to the issues surrounding the Smart Trucks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:14) Kristin Skromme from Waste Management commented on the progress made to address the issues with the Smart Truck technology.

BOARD DIRECTOR PRESIDENT COMMENTS

(6:16) President Lopez commented Waste Management for their prompt response. He commended everyone working on the COVID vaccines distribution.

CONSENT AGENDA (6:17)

1. Minutes of the February 18, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. January 2021 Claims and Financial Reports
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for February 2021
4. Update on the 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

Public Comment: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 8,0

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Phillips

PRESENTATION**5. UPDATE ON TREATED WOOD WASTE**

(6:18) Engineering and Environmental Compliance Manager Kennedy provided a presentation on what defines treated wood waste (TWW), the changes affecting the disposal of TWW effective January 1, 2021, and the solution recently approved by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). The DTSC began a Variance Program in March allowing six types of variances. He indicated the Authority applied and was approved for variances at all three of its facilities allowing the Authority to continue receiving TWW for six months. Six-month extensions of the variances will be available.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Information Only

PUBLIC HEARING

6. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DISPOSAL AND SERVICE FEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

(6:26) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks presented two options for the proposed rates. He explained in detail the suggested changes and indicated that for the equalized Organics processing rate increases are contingent on the City of Salinas approving the pass through of increases needed so that the agreement between the Authority and Republic Services can be terminated. The none-equalized rates would require an increase in the AB 939 fees for all member agencies.

Public Hearing: The public hearing was opened. No members from the public commented.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the presentation inquiring about the status of 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.

1st Motion: Director Cullen made a motion to adopt the resolution with the Equalized Rates. Director Silva seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion failed 5,3

Ayes: Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Silva, Tipton

Noes: Craig, Cromeenes, Rocha

Abstain: None

Absent: Phillips

2nd Motion: Director Craig made a motion to adopt the resolution with the Non-Equalized Rates. Director Rocha seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion failed 4,4

Ayes: Craig, Cromeenes, Lopez, Rocha

Noes: Cullen, Jimenez, Silva, Tipton

Abstain: None

Absent: Phillips

3rd Motion: Director Craig made a motion to postpone Items No. 6 and 7 to the end of the agenda. Director Rocha seconded the motion.

(Item No. 7 is dependent on approval of Resolution of Item No. 6)

Votes: Motion carried 8,0

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Phillips

CONSIDERATION

8. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-09 APPROVING THE FORMATION OF A SB 1383 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(6:50) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks provided a brief history on SB 1383 program planning. She indicated the Authority is requesting the formation of the SB 1383 Technical Advisory

Committee (TAC) to assist with the implementation of all the mandated requirements of SB 1383 outlined in the final program plans within the established timeframe. The TAC will consist of Authority staff, City and County representatives, waste haulers representatives from Tri-City Disposal, Waste Management, and Republic Services, and representatives from the Monterey Regional Waste Management District.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Director Craig made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-09. Director Cullen seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 8,0

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Phillips

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(6:59) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

(7:00) General Manager/CAO indicated there was not information to discuss for Item No. 10. President Lopez indicated there would be no closed session.

10. 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~~

6. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DISPOSAL AND SERVICE FEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

(7:01)

Board Comment: The Board further discussed the subsidizing and the equalization of the rates.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Director Cromeenes made a motion to continue Items Nos. 6, 7, and 10 to the April 15, 2021 meeting. Director Craig seconded the motion.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Phillips

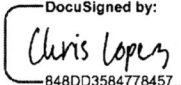
7. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OPERATING BUDGET, THE PERSONNEL ALLOCATION AND SALARY SCHEDULE FOR FY 2021-22

(Item No. 7 was not discussed)

(7:09) Director Phillips logged in and commented on Item No. 6.

ADJOURNED

(7:10) President Lopez adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: 
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Christopher M. Lopez, President

Attest: 
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board