## MINUTES OF THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY **BOARD SPECIAL MEETING** MAY 21, 2020

128 Sun Street, Suite 101, Salinas CA (All Board of Directors and several of staff attended remotely from various locations)

### CALL TO ORDER

City of Greenfield

President Cullen called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 Joseph D. Gunter City of Salinas

City of Gonzales Elizabeth Silva Marisela Lara City of Soledad Andrew Tipton

Robert Cullen, President City of King

The following Board Directors were absent:

Gloria De La Rosa, Vice President City of Salinas

John "Tony" Villegas City of Salinas

Staff Member Present (at location):

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO Cesar Zuñiga, Asst. GM/Operations Manager

Estela Gutierrez, Resource Recovery

Technician

Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

Via Teleconference

Ray Hendricks, Finance and Administration

Manager

Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager

Brian Kennedy, Engineering and

**Environmental Compliance Manager** 

Roy Santos, General Counsel

#### **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(4:01) 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.

#### **GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

(4:03) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided an update on the Authority's actions and impacts related to COVID-9. He indicated that revenues are down eight to nine percent compared to last year, but still ahead from the projected budget. Full staff levels are being phased back while maintaining 40% in-office staffing levels and the remaining teleworking or out in the field.

## DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(4:05) Asst. General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga indicated that high levels of self-haul customers are still being seen at the Sun Street Transfer Station and the South County facilities.

Mr. Zuniga reported on the pre-bid meeting held on May 7 for the Gloria-Iverson-Johnson Canyon Road project indicated the request for bids are due the 21st of May, with the notice to proceed expected to be released in early July.

## **BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

(4:06) Alt. Vice President Lopez commented on the consideration by the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors to submit an attestation to the state to allow to move into full stage two for the Governor's Roadmap to re-open.

(4:08) President Cullen reminded the public to submit their comments to <u>comments@svswa.org</u> related to items on the Consent Agenda.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

(4:09) None

# A. DISCUSSION ON FUTURE MEETINGS SCHEDULE

(4:10) General Manger/CAO Mathews inquired about the desire of the Board to continue holding the monthly meetings via teleconference and at an earlier time than previously approved.

**Public Comment:** 

None

**Board Discussion:** 

The Board discussed the schedule for future meetings.

Motion:

By Consensus the Board agreed to keep the June meeting scheduled at 6

p.m. and to be conducted via Zoom teleconference.

## **CONSENT AGENDA** (4:16)

- 1. Minutes of the April 16, 2020 Special Meeting
- 2. March 2020 Claims and Financial Reports
- 3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for April 2020 and Upcoming Events
- 4. Tonnage and Diversion Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2020
- 5. Resolution No. 2020-19 Establishing the Investment Policy
- 6. Resolution No. 2020-20 Approving Amendment No. 2 Authorizing a One-Year Extension to the Professional Services Agreement with AdManor, Inc for Marketing Services in an Amount No to Exceed \$100,000
- 7. Resolution No. 2020-21 Awarding the Purchase of One New 2020 Ford F-550 Mechanics Truck to Salinas Valley Ford Trucks for an Amount of \$135,812.03
- 8. Resolution No. 2020-22 Authorizing the Purchase of One Used Caterpillar D6T Waste Handler Dozer from Marcel Equipment for an Amount of \$301,700
- **9.** Resolution No. 2020-23 Approving the Bid Award to Sacramento Drilling Inc. for the Johnson Canyon Landfill Gas Well Drilling Services in the Amount of \$73,300.00

**Public Comment:** 

None

Motion:

Director Phillips made a motion to approve the consent agenda as

presented. Director Gunter seconded the motion.

Votes:

Motion carried 7.0

Ayes:

Cullen, Lopez, Gunter, Silva, Lara, Tipton, Phillips

Noes:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

De La Rosa, Villegas

## **PRESENTATION**

# 10. WALLY-WASTE-NOT AWARDS

(4:17) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks provided a brief introduction of the Wally-Waste-Not Awards presentation by indicating that due to COVID-19 only four schools out of the 12 that applied were able to successfully complete the program. Mrs. Brooks introduced Resource Recovery Technician, Estela Gutierrez. Ms. Gutierrez provided a presentation on the four schools that completed the program and each received the award that included a \$2,000 check.

**Board Comment:** 

The Board discussed the presentation commending the schools for their

achievement.

**Public Comment:** 

None

Motion:

None; Informational Only

#### CONSIDERATION

11. RESOLUTION NO. 2020-24 APPROVING THE TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL PROJECT RESERVES TO CIP 9104 AND AWARDING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW 2021 PETERBILT 26FT REFRIGERATED FOOD DISTRIBUTION TRUCK FROM COAST COUNTIES TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$139,133.35

(4:39) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks provided a brief report on the data from the refrigerated truck purchased for the Food Bank with grant money received by the Authority in April 2018. She indicated that with the current global pandemic, the Food Bank has seen the demand for food quadruple. The purchase of a second refrigerated truck would assist the Food Bank in meeting the increased demand, as well as help meet the SB 1383 mandate by increasing the recovery of edible food and diverting it from the landfill.

(4:42) President Cullen reminded the public to submit their comments to <u>comments@svswa.org</u>.

**Board Comment:** 

The Board discussed the report.

**Public Comment:** 

None

Motion:

Alt. Vice President Lopez made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-24.

Director Silva seconded the motion.

Votes:

Motion carried 7,0

Ayes:

Cullen, Lopez, Gunter, Silva, Lara, Tipton, Phillips

Noes: Abstain: None None

Absent:

De La Rosa, Villegas

# 12. UPDATE ON SUN STREET TRANSFER STATION RELOCATION PROJECT

(4:46) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported the first meeting between the City of Salinas staff to discuss the Madison Lane Project. The meeting attended by the Salinas City Manager, Public Works Director, Engineer, Authority Asst. General Manager, Finance and Administration Manager, and General Manager/CAO. They reviewed the tentative staff proposed schedule and the project components needed for completion. Mr. Mathews indicated that the completion of the project will take approximately two years with the full commitment of all parties involved [City of Salinas, Republic Services and County of Monterey and SVSWA]. Initial steps by Authority staff are being taken, such as the revision of the project description and the scope of work for the California Environmental Quality Act study. Authority staff is looking forward to its initial discussions with Republic Services to get the project started and to receive Republic's initial thoughts and input on the proposed schedule of activities

**Board Comment:** 

The Board discussed the report.

**Public Comment:** 

None

Motion:

None; Informational Only

# 13. 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

(5:54) President Cullen reported on the May 15 meeting between the City of Salinas Mayor, City Manager, the Authority's Alt. Vice President Lopez, General Manager, and himself to discuss the Madison Lane project and the move of the Sun Street Transfer Station, amongst other issues. He reviewed the agenda from the meeting, and indicated there have been some differences of opinion between the City of Salinas Attorney and the Authority General Counsel in terms of participations during closed session of members of the City of Salinas to discuss the terms and conditions provided by the City of Salinas to the Authority related to the One Year Notice of Withdrawal from the Joint Powers Agreement. President Cullen reported the legal issues need to be resolved to continue moving forward. General Manager/CAO Mathews indicated the timeline for the project had been provided to Republic Services.

**General Counsel:** 

Mr. Santos indicated a teleconference call between Kevin Siegel with Burke, Williams & Sorense, LLP retained by the City of Salinas, the City of Salinas Attorney Chris Callihan and himself took place earlier in the day regarding some issues related to conflict of interest. He indicated the call was very productive, however, there are some pending legal issues that still need to be resolved and might require professional opinion from the Fair Political Practices Commission, who handles all conflict of interests and governs all elected officials. Mr. Santos indicated next steps are to wait for a confirming letter from Mr. Siegel regarding the teleconference and that Mr. Callihan would follow up on one item relating to the proposal that would bring resolution to the issue related Executive Committee meeting. He would report back to the Board once further information would become available.

**Board Comments:** 

The Board discussed the report.

**Public Comments:** 

None

Motion:

None; Informational Only

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### 14. AGENDA ITEMS - VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(5:09) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

(5:11) President Cullen indicated there was no information to discuss under Item No 16. President Cullen invited public comment related to Item No. 15.

- 15. 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
- 16. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(a) to consult with General Counsel, Roy C. Santos on the threat to public services and/or facilities consideration of tactical response plan consultation

Public Comment:

None

(5:12) President Cullen adjourned the meeting to closed session to discuss Item No. 15.

## **RECONVENE**

(5:32) President Cullen reconvened the meeting to open session with no reportable actions taken in closed session.

## **ADJOURNED**

(5:33) President Cullen adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:

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Robert Cullen, President

Attest:

Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board