

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
MAY 20, 2021**

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Board Directors were present (via Teleconference):

County of Monterey	Chris Lopez, <i>President</i>
County of Monterey	John M. Phillips
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.
City of Greenfield	Andrew Tipton, <i>Alt. Vice President</i>
City of King	Robert Cullen

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>	Michelle Sassano, <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

(6:04) 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 indicated there was no need to have closed session. Mr. Mathews reported that 100% of the office staff and 83% of the operation staff have been vaccinated for an overall 89% vaccination for the agency. He indicated the Board members should have received the requested written response from the City of Salinas Mayor earlier in the day regarding the equalization of the Organics rates discussed at the April Board meeting.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:07) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks reminder the Board and public of the Tire Amnesty Event currently underway that will be ending on May 31st.

BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS

(6:07) Director Cullen thanked Authority staff for providing litter abatement supplies for the April 24 Earth Day Clean up event held in King City. President Lopez reported he developed Bell's Palsy and might be speaking a little different. He thanked everyone for everyone's support in the past few days.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:08) None

CONSENT AGENDA (6:09)

1. Minutes of the April 15, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. March 2021 Claims and Financial Reports
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for April 2021
4. Tonnage and Diversion Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2021
5. Resolution No. 2021-15 Establishing the Investment Policy
6. Update on 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
7. Resolution No. 2021-16 Authorizing Amendment No.1 Authorizing a Two-year Extension to the Professional Services Agreement with SCS Field Services for Environmental Control Systems Operations and Maintenance in the Amount of \$531,495.00
8. Resolution No. 2021-17 Awarding Sole Sourcing the Purchase of a New 2022 Walking Floor Transfer Trailer to Western Trailers for an Amount of \$93,004.00

Public Comment: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 9,0

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PRESENTATION**9. AMERESCO LANDFILL GAS/BIOGAS UTILIZATION PROPOSAL**

(6:10) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided a background on the partnership with Ameresco that began in 2009 for the purchase of Landfill Gas to generate electricity. He indicated Machado & Sons, Inc. approached Ameresco last year with a partnership proposal on a new project idea to convert agricultural culls/wastes and landfill gas to Renewable Natural Gas. He introduced Jim Bier with AMERESCO and Sean Kilgrow with Machado & Sons, Inc. who detailed the process, the potential benefits for the Authority and the region, and the many challenges of the project.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Information Only

10. UPDATE ON SB 1383

(6:47) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks reported on the progress made on the SB 1383 Organics Recycling Programs that will assist in meeting the mandates. She indicated the revised program reports were completed in April to include biosolids tonnage not previously included. Mrs. Brooks indicated the review of various Anaerobic Digestion technologies are being considered to expand the existing composting capacity. She detailed the contracts

approved to support the progress of the programs and public outreach. The Cities currently participating in the pilot Commercial Food Waste Collection Service and number of commercial customers participating was detailed.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Information Only

11. JOHNSON CANYON LANDFILL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

(6:59) Engineering & Environmental Compliance Manager Kennedy provided a report on history of the Johnson Canyon Landfill development and changes since its opening in 1976. He explained new environmental requirements and the landfill plan that consists of a total of ten modules with only three remaining. The last module is estimated to be constructed in 2050. Mr. Kennedy explained in detail the traditional closure methods for the closure of landfills and the proposed use of the soil, known as Evapotranspirative Cover, from the three remaining modules for the closure of the Johnson Canyon Landfill. He reported on the substantial cost savings between the traditional covering and the evapotranspirative cover.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Information Only

CONSIDERATION

12. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-18 APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE LEASE WITH NEXIS PARTNERS, LLC AND FRIEDRICH FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AUTHORIZING A TWO OR THREE-YEAR EXTENSION TO THE LEASE FOR 128 SUN STREET, SUITE 101, SALINAS, CA 93901, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

(7:13) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided a report on the two lease options available and explained in detail the cost differences for each. He explained the penalties of breaking the contract early and the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve a two-year extension.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Director Rocha made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-18 approving a two-year extension on the lease. Vice President Cromeenes seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 9,0

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(7:18) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

(7:23) President Lopez indicated there would be no closed session.

14. 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

ADJOURNED

(7:23) President Lopez adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:

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Christie Cromeenes, Vice President

Attest:


Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board