

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

The following Board Directors were present:

County of Monterey	Chris Lopez (<i>arrived 6:53 pm</i>)
City of Salinas	John Tony Villegas
City of Salinas	Gloria De La Rosa, Vice President
City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva
City of Soledad	Marisela Lara
City of Greenfield	Robert White (Alternate)
City of King	Robert Cullen, President

The following Board Directors were absent:

County of Monterey	John M. Phillips
City of Greenfield	Andrew Tipton

Staff Members Present:

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

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(6:01) President Cullen announced the availability of translation services. No member from the public requested the service.

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:02) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on his attendance to the WASTCON Annual Conference. He noted a new prevalent chemical had been identified in the world (PFAS/PFOS) making landfills a potential concentration point.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:06) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks commented on the upcoming City of Salinas city wide clean up even being held at the Madison Lane Transfer Station.

BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS

(6:07) Vice President De La Rosa commented on the success of the cleanup event held in the Ricco St/Rossi Road area. President Cullen commented on the King City cleanup event taking place November 2. He stated he will not be able to attend the November Board meeting. Vice President De La Rosa state she will not be able to attend the November Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:08) None

CONSENT AGENDA (6:08)

1. Minutes of the September 19, 2019 Meeting
2. August 2019 Claims and Financial Reports
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for September 2019 and Upcoming Events
4. September 2019 Quarterly Investment Report
5. Resolution No. 2019-37 Approving the Regular Board of Directors and Executive Committee Meetings Calendar for 2020
6. Resolution No. 2019-38 Awarding the Purchase of a New Portable 6-Person Sort Line to Green Rock Equipment for an Amount of \$231,123.75
7. Resolution No. 2019-39 Awarding the Purchase of a Fabric Cover Structure for the Organics De-Packaging Facility to Clear Span for an Amount of \$238,439.13
8. Approval of the Release of a Request for Proposals for Senate Bill 1383 Planning and Organics Technical Assistance

Public Comment: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 7,0

Ayes: Cromeenes, Cullen, De La Rosa, Lara, Silva, Villegas, White (Alt.)

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lopez, Phillips, Tipton

CONSIDERATION

9. COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

(6:08) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks presented an overview of the audit report. He commended the Finance staff for their work and dedication. Mr. Hendricks indicated the Authorities net position increased by \$6,928,280 to \$12,377,088 in the past fiscal year. Mr. Hendricks introduced Jacinto Acosta Bernal, Auditor Manager with McGilloway, Ray Brown & Kaufman. McGilloway, Ray Brown & Kaufman provided an unmodified opinion of the Authority's finances. They indicated all accounting standards were met, timelines were met early, and that they had no problems working with management during the audit. The Authority will once again apply for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the presentation commending staff.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Director Cromeenes made a motion to accept the report. Vice President De La Rosa seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 7,0

Ayes: Cromeenes, Cullen, De La Rosa, Lara, Silva, Villegas, White (Alt.)

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lopez, Phillips, Tipton

PRESENTATION**10. RESULTS OF THE SALINAS VALLEY WASTE CHARACTERIZATION STUDY 2019**

(6:27) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks explained the objectives of the presentation and introduced Dieter Eckels, Project Director and Andrea Lai, Project Manager from Cascadia Consulting Group. Mr. Eckels thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with the Authority providing a brief overview of the presentation process. Ms. Lai provided an overview of the project logistics and the key findings. A total of 659 samples were characterized by six jurisdictions covered: Cities of Salinas, Gonzales, Greenfield, Soledad, and King City, and unincorporated county areas within the Authority's service area. The study results demonstrated that 53% of the waste is from the commercial sector; 61% of all the overall waste is recyclable; Organics is the most prevalent material in all of the six jurisdictions; and food waste is approximately 30% of the overall waste stream with approximately 24% potentially donatable. Mr. Eckels provided a brief summary of SB 1383 requirements and goals. He provided a comparison of the study key finding between the current study and the study conducted in 2007. Mrs. Brooks reported on the current efforts being done by the Authority to identify ways to meet the new mandates and divert the recyclable material being landfilled.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the presentation commenting on the number of organics in the waste stream.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

11. 2018-19 SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT

(6:47) General Manager/CAO Mathews presented the Agency's annual report highlighting the financial sustainability of the agency. He commended the Operations staff for all the inhouse work conducted that has helped the agency increase its net position and commended the Finance and Administration Manager for his fiduciary financial responsibility. The report includes the last tonnage report, statistics on diversion, information on community events participation, the expansion of the Organics program, marketing efforts and more.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the presentation commending staff for the production of the report.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

12. UPDATE ON THE CITY OF GONZALES MICROGRID PROJECT

(7:08) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported that the City of Gonzales has developed the Gonzales Electric Authority (GEA) and has asked the Authority to participate. He has had the opportunity work with the City of Gonzales City Manager on their need for more energy independence and development of electrical power microgrid to be less reliant on PG&E. Mr. Mathews presented the PowerPoint presentation presented to the City of Gonzales City Council by the GEA that included the system components available and the potential customer base for the microgrid development program.

Board Comments: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comments: Roman Barba, City of Gonzales resident, expressed his concern with the lack of public outreach regarding the microgrid project. Mr. Barba expressed his desire for there to be public meetings and a presentation to the City of Gonzales Planning Commission.

Motion: None; Informational Only

CONSIDERATION

13. RESOLUTION NO. 2019-40 APPROVING THE REVISED PERSONNEL ALLOCATIONS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019, ADDING ONE HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR POSITION, ONE SOLID WASTE TECH POSITION, ONE SCALE HOUSE CASHIER POSITION, AND ONE DIVERSION WORKER I/II POSITION

(7:21) Assistant General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga provided a report on the increases in vehicle trip counts and tonnage received at each of Authority's South County facilities since the initial takeover of their operations and establishment of the current staffing levels. He provided a three-year comparison of the amount of overtime and compensation time accrued by the current employees, as well as a seven-year overview of the number of accidents/injuries that demonstrate a trending increase in reportable incidents. Mr. Zuñiga indicated that since the establishment of the staffing levels the Authority has gone from one closed landfill to three with the amount of regulatory compliance responsibilities and maintenance requirements significantly increasing. He detailed the cost for each position being requested; one Solid Waste Tech I/II, one Heavy Equipment Operator, one Scale House Cashier, and one Diversion Worker I/II. Mr. Zuñiga acknowledged that two of the positions and all external recruitment would be contingent upon the City of Salinas decision on their withdrawal from the Authority's Joint Powers Agency.

Board Comments: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comments: None

Motion: Director Cromeenes made to adopt Resolution No. 2019-40. Vice President De La Rosa seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 8,0

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Phillips, Tipton

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

(7:33) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided brief overview of the letter received from the City of Salinas City Manager dated September 20, 2019. Mr. Mathews expressed the Authority's concerns with the statement in the letter that an Authority public facility is not welcomed within the City limits or future growth areas. President Cullen indicated a response letter was sent out on September 27, 2019 further requesting that the City of Salinas Council issue an official response with the revised withdrawal date.

Board Comments: Vice President De La Rosa and Director Villegas indicated the City of Salinas Council is expected to receive a report at either the November 5 or 19 City Council meeting. President Cullen requested the City of Salinas Directors ask that City Council take official action in regard to the delay to extend the withdrawal date. Director Cromeenes expressed her support for the request of President Cullen.

Public Comments: None

Motions: None; Informational Only

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

15. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(7:42) The Board reviewed the future agenda items. General Counsel Santos indicated he will not be at the November Board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

(7:42) President Cullen invited public comment related to the following closed session items:

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)** 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
17. 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

(7:42) President Cullen adjourned the meeting to closed session to discuss Item Nos. 16 and 17.

RECONVENE

(8:05) President Cullen reconvened the meeting to open session with no reportable action taken in closed session.

ADJOURNED

(8:06) President Cullen adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: _____

Chris Lopez, Alt. Vice President

Attest: _____

Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board