

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2020**

128 Sun Street, Suite 101, Salinas CA
(Board of Directors and several 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	John M. Phillips (logged in at 6:17 p.m.)
County of Monterey	Chris Lopez, Alt. Vice President
City of Salinas	Gloria De La Rosa, Vice President
City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes
City of Salinas	John "Tony" Villegas
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:

Staff Member Present (at location):

Ernesto Natera, Business Service Supervisor
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

Via Teleconference

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO
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:

- 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.
- Any emailed Comments that were submitted prior to the deadline will be read into the record.
- Spanish translation services were available by calling in to 1(425) 436-6345 and using Access Code: 444666.

(6:02) Clerk of the Board Trujillo announced the availability of translation services in Spanish.

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:04) General Manager/CAO Mathews indicated the Authority is once again clear of positive COVID-19 cases within the Agency. He provided an update on Gloria-Iverson-John Road Improvement Project and informed the Board that the ribbon cutting ceremony will be tentatively scheduled for the for week of October 26.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:05) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks reminded the Board of the Tire Amnesty event currently underway at all three of the Authority facilities until October 31.

BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS

(6:05) Alternate Vice President Lopez reminded everyone of the importance of getting the flu shot. Director Villegas commented on his suggestion at the City of Salinas Council meeting to make a decision on the One Year Notice of Intent to Withdraw from the Joint Powers Agreement submitted by the City of Salinas to the Authority on December 2018. Director Cromeenes remind everyone it is the last day to complete the Census. Director Tipton commented on the City of Greenfield Council's consideration to be one of the South County Cities to begin the commercial organics composting trial program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:12) None

CONSENT AGENDA (6:13)

1. Minutes of the September 17, 2020 Regular Meeting
2. August 2020 Claims and Financial Reports
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for September 2020 and Upcoming Events
4. September 2020 Quarterly Investments Report
5. Resolution No. 2020-37 Approving the Regular Board of Directors and Executive Committee Meetings Calendar for 2021
6. Resolution No. 2020-38 Approving Supplemental Appropriation of \$10,000 for COVID-19 Safety Funded by the State Fund Compensation Insurance Fund
7. Resolution No. 2020-39 Authorizing the Purchase of One Used 2019 Caterpillar 950M Loader for the Sun Street Transfer Station from Quinn Caterpillar of Salinas for an Amount of \$305,900.00

Public Comment: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 8,0

Ayes: Cromeenes, Cullen, De La Rosa, Lara, Lopez, Tipton, Silva, Villegas

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Phillips

CONSIDERATION**8. COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

(6:11) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks presented a report on the annual financial audit conducted by McGilloway, Ray, Brown & Kaufman. He thanked the Finance Team and the Auditors for having made it possible to complete the annual financial audit the earliest it has ever been completed. The report demonstrated that the Authority continues to improve its positive net position and once again did not receive a management letter. Mr. Hendricks introduced Patricia Kaufman, Partner at McGilloway, Ray, Brown & Kaufman Accountants and Consultants. Mrs. Kaufman provided a clean opinion of the Authority's finances commending staff for their work. She indicated that there were no difficulties while working with management, that all accounting standards were met, and that the timelines were met earlier than expected.

Public Comment: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 9,0

Ayes: Cromeenes, Cullen, De La Rosa, Lara, Lopez, Phillips, Silva, Tipton, Villegas

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PRESENTATION

9. OPPORTUNITIES FOR REGIONAL FRANCHISE PROCUREMENT

(6:37) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported that the alignment of the termination of the franchise agreements for the collection of garbage and recyclables for all of the Authority's member agencies will occur on June 30, 2025. He explained that most of the franchise agreements are 25 years old, except for the County agreement that is 15 years old. The alignment of the termination dates offers a one-time opportunity to benefit from an economies of scale through a regional agreement, the ability to correct any out of balance rates, adjust all franchise agreements to be uniform and consistent with current laws and legislation, and explore new service ideas. Mr. Mathews reviewed in detail the rates for each waste hauler, and five options for franchise services procurement; consolidated franchise services procurement, collective franchise services procurement, status quo franchise services procurement, option of Municipal Collection Services, and the extension of current franchise agreements. He indicated the presentation had been presented to the Advisory Committee, the Executive Committee, and the Salinas Valley City Managers Group. Mr. Mathews indicated there where combination of opinions and the discussion between the Managers Group would continue at their upcoming meeting.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comment: Grant Leonard member of the Authority Advisory Committee commented on his support for the consideration and analysis of the Municipal Collection option.

Motion: None; Informational Only

CONSIDERATION

10. 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

(7:00) President Cullen reported on the progress being made with the meetings being held between the City of Salinas staff, City Manager, Mayor Pro Tem, the Authority Board President, Alt. Vice President, and Authority staff. He provided a brief explanation of the efforts made by the Authority for several years to relocate the Sun Street Transfer Station. Director Cromeenes indicated that as indicated by President Cullen the meetings have been positive and productive with the identification of the priorities for the group to focus on. Mrs. Cromeenes explained that the priority for the City of Salinas is to remove the Sun Street Transfer Station from its location. General Manager/CAO Mathews reported that the Authority has received a high-level response from Republic Services related to property negotiations that will be discuss during closed session. He reported that meetings with the Interim City of Salinas City Manager related to the relocation project have continued and reminded the Board of the potential impacts to all member agencies including the City of Salinas if the decision to withdrawal would be made.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the report. Director Villegas reiterated his actions at the City of Salinas Council meeting requesting that a decision be made by the Council on the one year notice of intent to withdraw as it has almost been

two year since it was submitted and he feels they have received sufficient information related to this matter. Director Phillips expressed the importance of collaboration between all stakeholders in order to successfully relocate the Sun Street Transfer Station. President Cullen expressed the Authority's desire and work done in the last 12 years to try to relocate the Sun Street Transfer Station.

Public Comment: Grant Leonard member of the Authority's Advisory Committee commented on his participation in the Citizens Advisory Group and the Advisory Committee in which the relocation of the Sun Street Transfer Station has been a main point of discussion for several years. Mr. Leonard commented on his concerns of the potential withdraw of the City of Salinas from the Joint Powers Agreement and the potential financial impacts it may cause.

Motion: None; Informational Only

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(7:21) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

(7:20) President Cullen indicated Items Nos. 12 and 13 would be discussed during closed session.

- 12.** 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
- 13.** Pursuant to Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b) to consider the Performance Evaluation of the General Manager/Chief Administrative Officer Patrick Mathews for 2020

(7:27) President Cullen adjourned the meeting into closed to session to discuss Items Nos. 12 and 13.

RECONVENED

(7:55) President Cullen reconvened the meeting to open session with no reportable actions taken in closed session.

ADJOURNED

(7:55) President Cullen adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:

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Robert Cullen

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Robert Cullen, President

Attest:

Erika J. Trujillo

Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board