

**MINUTES OF  
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 19, 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	John M. Phillips (arrived 6:05 pm)
County of Monterey	Chris Lopez
City of Salinas	John Tony Villegas
City of Salinas	Gloria De La Rosa, Vice President
City of Salinas	Joseph Gunter (Alternate)
City of Gonzales	Scott Funk (Alternate)
City of Soledad	Marisela Lara
City of Greenfield	Andrew Tipton
City of King	Robert Cullen, President

The following Board Directors were absent:

City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva

Staff Members Present:

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO	Brian Kennedy, Engineering and Environmental Compliance Manager
Cesar Zuñiga, Asst. GM/Operation Manager	Elia Zavala, Contracts and Grants Analyst
Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager	Rosie Ramirez, Administrative Assistant
Ray Hendricks, Finance and Administration Manager	Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board
	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 the following:

- The three articles handed to the Board;
  - *Waste Dive*, "Utah Valley building new transfer station to handle population boom"
  - *Recycling Today*, "Growing Pains"
  - *Civil Eats*, "Is Compost the Secret to Making Ag Climate Friendly?"
- The state grant application for the carbon sequestration project at the Jolon Road Transfer Station.
- The meeting attended by Mr. Mathews and Asst. General Manager Zuñiga with the Gloria/Iverson Road improvement project team.

**DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:06) Asst. General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga informed the Board that the request for bids has been distributed for the mobile pick-station to proceed with the further expansion of the organics program. He is projecting to present the bid results to the Board at the October meeting for consideration. Resource Recovery Manager Brooks highlighted the upcoming

upcoming cleanup events and the customer appreciation day at the Sun Street Transfer Station that will be hosted on September 21.

**BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

(6:08) None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:08) None

**CONSENT AGENDA (6:09)**

1. Minutes of the August 15, 2019 Meeting
2. July 2019 Claims and Financial Reports
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for August 2019 and Upcoming Events
4. Resolution No. 2019-33 Approving the Grants and Capital Improvement Projects Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20
5. Resolution No. 2019-34 Approving the Amended Service Agreement with Stericycle Environmental Services for Household Hazardous Waste Transportation and Disposal/Recycling, Rescinding Resolution No. 2019-16
6. Resolution No. 2019-35 Approving Supplemental Appropriation of \$90,000 for CalRecycle's 2019-20 Local Government Waste Tire Amnesty Grant
7. Resolution No. 2019-36 Awarding the Purchase of One Used Case 521F Loader to United Rentals for an Amount of \$91,587.50

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** Director Philips made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Director Lopez seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 9,0

**Ayes:** Cullen, De La Rosa, Funk (ALT), Gunter (ALT), Lara, Lopez, Phillips, Tipton, Villegas

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Cromeenes, Silva

**PRESENTATION**

**8. WASTE MANAGEMENT'S SMART TRUCK TECHNOLOGY**

(6:10) Kristin Skromme from Waste Management Inc. provided a presentation of the new patented technology installed in their waste collection trucks. The pilot program is currently implemented in Unincorporated Monterey County and the City of King. The technology includes GPS mapping, cameras to photograph or video every bin or cart being serviced along with the ability to validate the service in real time. The data collected will help improve customer service, educate customer on contamination, and capture potential service hazards.

**Board Comment:** The Board discussed the presentation.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** None; Informational Only

**9. ANNUAL FRANCHISE HAULERS PERFORMANCE REPORT**

(6:27) Contracts and Grants Analyst Zavala provided a report on the 2018 waste haulers performance. The Authority administers the franchise haulers contracts for some of the member agencies; contract between Tri-City Disposal & Recycling and the Cities of Gonzales, Soledad, and Greenfield; and the Waste Management, Inc. and City of King contract. The report demonstrated an increase in solid waste collected for both of the waste haulers, with recycling and green waste decreasing. The annual calculated disposal rate for the Regional Agency was well under the diversion target and in compliance with the 50% minimum diversion state mandate despite the increase in waste. Both waste haulers continue to meet their contract obligations.

**Board Comment:** The Board discussed the committee.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** None; Informational Only

**10. SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY LONG RANGE FINANCIAL MODEL**

(6:41) General Manager/CAO Mathews presented an overview of the long-range financial model. He indicated the model can provide estimated customer rate impacts of different solid waste system scenarios by inputting required data. The model is a tool that can provide information of projects being considered allowing for informed decisions to be taken by the Board. Mr. Mathews introduced Dan Pitzler with Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. Mr. Pitzler demonstrated the ability of the model by providing estimated costs of the operations of the Authority status quo rates and the estimated rate increase if the City of Salinas would withdraw from the Authority.

**Board Comment:** The Board discussed the presentation inquiring about potential projects to model and ability to share the information with the interested member agencies and waste haulers.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** Alternate Vice President made the motion to accept the report. Director Tipton seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 9,0

**Ayes:** Cullen, De La Rosa, Funk (ALT), Gunter (ALT), Lara, Lopez, Phillips, Tipton, Villegas

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Cromeenes, Silva

**CONSIDERATION**

**11. SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

(7:01) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided a verbal report on the objective to establish the Advisory Committee, the makeup of the committee, and the list of nominees and appointees. He provided the recommendation of the Executive Committee and indicated that there was a nomination submitted after the Executive Committee meeting to be considered.

**Board Comments:** The Board discussed the report.

**Public Comments:** None

**Motions:** Alternate Vice Preside Lopez made a motion to appoint the Advisory Committee members as presented with the acceptance and approval of the nominations submitted post the Executive Committee review. Vice President De La Rosa seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 9,0  
**Ayes:** Cullen, De La Rosa, Funk (ALT), Gunter (ALT), Lara, Lopez, Phillips, Tipton, Villegas  
**Noes:** None  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** Cromeenes, Silva

**12. DRAFT WASTE EXCHANGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY AND THE MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

(7:05) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided verbal report on the draft waste exchange agreement between the Authority and the Monterey Regional Waste Management District (District). He reviewed the structure of the agreement indicated it is a master agreement. The agreement is a flexible version that will allow the Authority and the District to negotiate and execute side letters with terms and conditions specific to individual services being exchanged or provided. The Authority and District will be meeting to review and modify the agreement before the final draft is presented to both the Authority and the Districts Boards for approval.

**Board Comments:** The Board discussed the report.

**Public Comments:** None

**Motions:** 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**

(7:11) President Cullen handed out copies of the email summary of the meeting held on September 18<sup>th</sup> between the senior staff from the Authority and the City of Salinas that was requested by the City Manager, Ray Corpuz. Mr. Cullen highlighted one of the comments made by Mr. Corpuz of the intent to change the date for the City of Salinas intent to withdrawal from the Authority. General Manager/CAO Mathews provided a brief verbal report on two meetings held with the City of Salinas staff in the past three weeks. The first meeting was with the City of Salinas Public Works Director and one of the Engineering staff in charge of overseeing the solid waste for the City of Salinas and the R3 Consulting study currently under way. The proposed site on West Market Street and option for a small-scale transfer station was discussed at this meeting. The second meeting took place on September 18<sup>th</sup> and was requested by the City Manager Ray Corpuz to obtain information related to the need and options of the Authority and to obtain a better understanding of the options for the proposed public service facility. Mr. Mathews cited the meeting discussions included options for creating a hybrid multi-function facility, and the Authority's cost-effective measures to reduce customer rate impacts. Mr. Mathews stated the meeting felt positive and collaborative in nature.

**Board Comments:** The Board discussed the report inquiring about the upcoming actions needed. Director Gunter indicated that as soon as the R3 study results are available it will be shared with the Authority. He indicated it is currently scheduled to be presented at last October meeting to the City of Salinas Council, but it is likely going to be moved to the first meeting of November. Director Gunter stated the City of Salinas does not intent to withdrawal for the Authority in December and the intent is to work with the Authority for a smooth transition, if the withdrawal occurs. Director Phillips expressed his support to maintain a self-haul facility within the City of Salinas.

**Public Comments:** None

**Motions:** None; Informational Only

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **14. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE**

(7:23) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

(7:26) President Cullen indicated there was no business to discuss relative to the Item No. 15, therefore, there was no need to go into closed session.

~~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)** 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~~

### **ADJOURNED**

(7:26) President Cullen adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: 

Robert Cullen, President

Attest: 

Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board