

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2020**

128 Sun Street, Suite 101, Salinas CA

(All Board of Directors and several of 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 6:04 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 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:

City of Salinas	John "Tony" Villegas
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Staff Member Present (at location):

Janna Faulk, Recycling Coordinator
Rosie Ramirez, Administrative Assistant
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
Elia Zavala, Contracts and Grant Analyst
Estela Gutierrez, Resource Recovery Technician
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 must click the raise hand button and for members participating via telephone must press *9 to raise hand.
- Spanish translation services were available by calling in to 1(425) 436-6345 Access Code: 444666.

(6:02) Clerk of the Board Trujillo announced the availability of translation services in Spanish by calling 1 (425) 436-6345 access code 444666.

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:04) General Manager/CAO Mathews indicated the Authority had its first positive COVID-19 case and is taking all necessary precaution to prevent an outbreak.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:05) Asst. General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga provided an update on the progress of the Gloria/Iverson/Johnson Canyon Roads Project. He reported that the Johnson Canyon Landfill would be closing two hours early on the 24th to conduct the entrance road repair. Resource Recovery Manager Brooks commented on the Research Opportunity Project flyer displayed at the meeting.

BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS

(6:07) Alternate Vice President Lopez thanked staff for the prompt responses and work being done by staff to assist its community. Vice President De La Rosa thanked staff for all the work done to prevent the COVID-19 transmission. Director Phillips commented on the rise of illegal dumping since the shelter in place order has been in effect. Director Tipton commented on the additional litter of masks and gloves being seen in cities, requesting the Authority promote the proper disposal of such items in all Authority's social media pages.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:12) None

CONSENT AGENDA (6:13)

1. Minutes of the August 20, 2020 Regular Meeting
2. July 2020 Claims and Financial Reports
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for August 2020 and Upcoming Events
4. Resolution No. 2020-35 Approving the Grants and Capital Improvement Projects Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21
5. Resolution No. 2020-36 Adopting an Electronic Record and Signature Policy

Public Comment: None

Motion: Director 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, Phillips, Tipton, Silva

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Villegas

PRESENTATION**6. ANNUAL FRANCHISE HAULER PERFORMANCE REPORT**

(6:09) Contracts and Grants Analyst Zavala provided a report the franchise agreements administered by the Authority between Tri-City Disposal & Recycling and the Cities of Gonzales Soledad, and Greenfield, and Waste Management, Inc. and City of King for the calendar year 2019. The data demonstrated that despite the decrease in diversion rates and recycling collection, the annual calculated disposal rate for the Regional Agency was well under the 50% minimum diversion target and in compliance with the state mandate. Both waste haulers met their contractual obligations.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: Felipe Melchor with Waste Management commented on the Smart Truck technology and how it's assisting in meeting state recycling requirements. Tom Parola with Tri-City Disposal commented on the decrease in recycling due to the market.

Motion: None; Informational Only

7. RECYCLING RECOGNITION

(6:33) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks provided a brief introduction of the recognition being awarded to Jesse G. Sanchez Elementary School and introduced Resource Recovery Technician Estela Gutierrez. Ms. Gutierrez presented in detail the programs implemented at Jesse G. Sanchez Elementary School that earned them the 2020 California Resource Recovery Association (CCRA) Outstanding School Recycling Program Award. The programs implemented reduced waste on campus to accomplish diverting 75% of all cafeteria waste with only 25% going to the landfill.

Board Comment: The Board commended Jesse G. Sanchez Elementary School for their achievements.

Public Comment: Roberto Rodriguez, Principal and Irene Vargas, Director of Food Services from Jesse G. Sanchez Elementary School commented on the process to implement the programs, the participation of students, and thanked Authority staff for their assistance.

Motion: None; Informational Only

8. 2019-20 SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT

(7:03) General Manager/CAO Mathews presented and overview of the report that included statics on waste landfilled, diverted tonnage, customer trip counts, financial information, the progress made on the expansion off the Organics programs and highlighted the accomplishments of the Agency for the past fiscal year. Mr. Mathews commended Adrianna Escobar, Administrative Assistant for being the lead on developed of the report.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the report commending staff for the accomplishments and the development of the report.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

9. 2019 SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

(7:21) Recycling Coordinator Janna Falk provided a report on the outreach conducted via Social Media, printed ads, radio and television during the past fiscal year in an effort to reach the public and provide information on events, services, and general information related to solid waste and recycling.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the presentation.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

CONSIDERATION

10. DISCUSSION REGARDING FIRE DEBRIS MANAGEMENT

(7:34) General Manger/CAO Mathews reported that environmental health is leading the arrangements of clean up related to the fires in the area. He indicated assessments have to be made prior to clearing the debris and transporting into the Authority facilities. Mr. Mathews indicated that General Council Roy Santos has done research and has analyzed the possibility of discounted rates as requested by the Executive Committee.

Authority General Council Santos explained the items to analyze when a public agency is considering providing discounted rates or special benefit to a category of individual. First the prohibition of a gift of public funds, second the general requirement when providing a discounted rate, as the discounted amount must be compensated by the agencies general

funds to insure consistent fee structure, and third the differential reasonable basis for the discounted rate for the category of individuals must be noted within the resolutions approving such action.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the report thanking staff for the information.

Public Comment: None

Motion: By Consensus the Board determined to no longer pursue this item.

11. UPDATE ON SUN STREET TRANSFER STATION RELOCATION PROJECT

(7:45) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported has not received any further information from the Republic Services regarding the consideration of any type of potential lease option at the Madison Lane Transfer Station. He indicated he has shared the draft project plan and description with the City Managers Group and is keeping them apprised of the project status per their request. Mr. Mathews indicated staff is analyzing other potential property options.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None

12. 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

(7:48) President Cullen reported there is meeting scheduled for September 25th with the City of Salinas representatives and staff.

General Manger/CAO Mathews reported that Authority staff had received an invitation by the City of Salinas staff to provide a presentation related to Senate Bill 1383 at the City Council Study Session scheduled for September 29th. He indicated he was also informed R3 Consultants would be conducting a presentation regarding the study conducted by the consultant for the City. However, subsequently he was informed the both the SB 1383 presentation and the report by R3 Consultants had been canceled and would be rescheduled in October.

Board Comments: Director Cromeenes indicated both presentations would likely be rescheduled for late October or early November to allow sufficient time for review of the material by the Authority Board.

Public Comments: None

Motion: None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(7:52) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

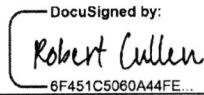
CLOSED SESSION


(7:20) General Manager/CAO Mathews indicated there was no information to discuss under Item No 14.

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

(7:55) President Cullen adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: 
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Robert Cullen, President

Attest: 
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board