

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
June 3, 2021**

(Executive Committee members and staff attended remotely from various locations)

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Lopez called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT (Via Teleconference)**

Chris Lopez	President
Christie Cromeenes	Vice President
Andrew Tipton	Alternate Vice President
Robert Cullen	Past President

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**GENERAL MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(4:01) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported in the following;

- General Manager and Financial Manager for the Monterey Regional Waste Management will be retiring this summer.
- He was elected as President of the SWANA Gold Rush Chapter.

Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks indicated the new signature cards from the bank were received and require a Board approved resolution to be included with them. He indicated that to expedite the process he would be taking this item directly to the Board at the June 17 meeting.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

(4:02) President Lopez indicated the County of Monterey budget process was completed approving the \$1.7 billion budget for fiscal year 2021-22.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(4:02) None

**CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

(4:06)

**1. Minutes of May 6, 2021 Meeting**

**Committee Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Action:** Vice President Cromeenes made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Alternative Vice President Tipton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 3-0.

## **2. April 2021 Claims and Financial Reports**

(4:07) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a report on the Agency's finances, indicating that finances are slightly ahead compared to last year, but within the budget.

**Committee Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Action:** Vice President Cromeenes made a motion to forward to the Board recommending approval. Alternative Vice President Tipton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 3-0.

## **3. Discussion on Future Meeting Protocol**

(4:11) General Manager/CAO Mathews explained the options for future meetings with the potential suspension of Executive Order N-29-20 on June 15, 2021. The suspension of the order would remove the waived provisions of the Brown Act that allow local or state legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference. Mr. Mathews presented two options; One, to return to regular all in-person meetings, following the CDC and Health Department Guidelines; and option two to conduct hybrid meetings with some members of the body and staff participating in-person and others participating remotely as long as the waived provision of the Brown Act are still in place.

**Committee Discussion:** The Committee discussed the report and identified a third option for the meetings, to remain on the existing all remote meeting platforms until such time as existing Brown act exemptions are lifted by the state.

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Action:** Alternative Vice President Tipton made a motion to forward to the Board the three options for discussion. Vice President Cromeenes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 3-0.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **4. Sustainable Financing and Rate Setting**

(4:19) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks presented a summary of the decisions made by the Board over the last several years to ensure that the Agency maintained sustainable financing. Some of the detailed items where the implementation of AB939 Fees, debt refinancing, Pay-As-You-Go funding over time for post closure and CIPs, and paying down and/or prefunding employee retirement and benefit liabilities.

**Committee Discussion:** The Committee discussed the presentation.

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Action:** Vice President Cromeenes made a motion to forward to the Board recommending approval of a two-year lease extension. President Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 3-0.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **5. Future Agenda Items – View Ahead Calendar**

(4:56) The Committee discussed the view ahead.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

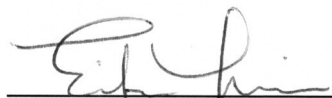
(4:59) President Lopez indicated there would be no closed session.

6. 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.~~

### **ADJOURNMENT**

(5:59) President Lopez adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:

  
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

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APPROVED:   
Christopher M. Lopez, President