

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**September 2, 2021**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Lopez called the meeting to order at 4:01 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 (Via Teleconference)**

Patrick Mathews, *General Manager/CAO*  
Cesar Zuñiga, *Assit. General Manger/  
Operations Manager*  
Ray Hendricks, *Finance and Administration  
Manager*  
Mandy Brooks, *Resource Recovery Manager*

Brian Kennedy, *Engineering and  
Environmental Compliance Manager*  
Michelle Sassano, *Assistant Authority  
General Counsel*  
Rosie Ramirez, *Administrative Assistant*  
Erika J. Trujillo, *Clerk of the Board*

**GENERAL MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(4:01) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported on the Employee Annual Communication lunch meeting held at the Sun Street Transfer Station earlier in the day.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

(4:03) None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(4:04) Felix Mario Huerta Jr. union representative of the local union Operating Engineers Local No. 3 informed the Committee that a petition had been filed to represent the maintenance and operation employees of the Authority. He indicated that threats of retaliation or reprisal would be taken seriously and advised all administrative and supervisory staff against threatening, intimidation, or reprisal of any members of the unit.

**CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

(4:05)

**1. Minutes of August 5, 2021 Meeting**

**Committee Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None

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

**2. July 2021 Claims and Financial Reports**

(4:06) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a report on the Agency's finances, indicating that revenues exceeded the projected amount, and expenditures aligning to the projected budget.

**Committee Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None

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

**3. A Resolution Approving the Grants and Capital Improvement Projects Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22**

(4:09) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks indicated this item is a routine item. He detailed the proposed budget adjustments needed to fund necessary Capital Improvements and Grants.

**Committee Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None

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

**4. Discussion on the Potential for Bond Refinancing**

(4:15) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks introduced John Phan, Municipal Advisor with Campanile Group, Inc. Mr. Phan provided a report on the options to refinance, the potential savings, and the processes.

**Committee Discussion:** The Committee discussed the presentation inquiring about the risks associated with refinancing.

**Public Comment:** None

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

**5. Discussion on Future Meetings Protocol**

(4:28) General Manager/CAO Mathews and Assistant General Counsel Sassano reported that the provisions within the Executive Order N-29-20 related to the Brown Act are still scheduled to be suspended on September 30, 2021.

**Committee Discussion:** The Committee discuss the report inquiring about safety measures needed at the locations for in-person meetings.

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Action:** By consensus the Committee directed staff to implement the safety measures necessary to allow for the possibility of in-person meetings.

**6. Update of Negotiations of a Site Lease and Transportation Agreement with Republic Services of Salinas to Facilitate Relocation and Consolidation of the Sun Street Transfer Station Operations to the Madison Lane Transfer Station**

(4:38) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported on status of the draft lease agreement and the transportation agreements. He reported on the challenging schedule and explained the obstacles to still navigate thru in order to finalize the agreements. Mr. Mathews reported that hopefully the agreements will be presented to the Board of Directors at the September 16, 2021, meeting. However, if unable to finalize the agreement he indicated a special meeting would be scheduled.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Action:** None; informational item only

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

(5:12) The Committee discussed the view ahead.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

(5:14) President Lopez invited public comment on item nos. 8, and 9.

8. 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 Michelle E. Sassano, 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, CA: **3)** Property, APN: 002-244-002-000, located at 215 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas, CA.
9. Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957.6** to provide instruction to General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews to negotiate salaries and benefits with SVSWA employees - management and non-management.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTED**

(5:15) Felix Mario Huerta Jr. union representative of the local union Operating Engineers Local No. 3 commented on item no. 9 and the petition he indicated had been filed with General Manager/CAO Mathews requesting to maintain status quo regarding benefits, wages, and conditions of employment. He strongly recommended that the Committee not speak in closed session regarding wages and benefits, either positive or negative, related to non-management.

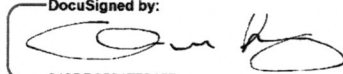
(5:16) President Lopez adjourned the meeting to closed session to discuss Item Nos. 8, and 9.

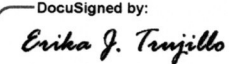
### **RECONVENE**

(5:35) President Lopez reconvened the meeting to open session with no reportable actions taken in closed session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

(5:36) President Lopez adjourned the meeting.

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Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board