# MINUTES OF MEETING SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE April 2, 2020

128 Sun Street, Suite 101, Salinas CA (All Executive Committee and several staff attended remotely from various locations)

# **CALL TO ORDER**

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

# **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Robert Cullen

President

Gloria De La Rosa

Vice Presiden (Logged in at 4:03)

Chris Lopez

Alternate Vice President

# **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT** (At location)

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO

Cesar Zuniga, Assistant General Manager/Operations Manager Erikat J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

# (Via Teleconference)

Ray Hendricks, Finance and Administration

Manager

Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Maager

Brian Kennedy, Engineering and Enviornmental Compliance Manager

Roy C. Santos, General Counsel

# GENERAL MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(4:01) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported on that staff continues to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation. He indicated a press release was distributed in partnership with the Monterey County Environmental Health and the Monterey Regional Waste Management District as increase of self-haul customer have been seen. Asst. General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga indicated that staff is doing a great job of keeping themselves and others safe despite the uncertainty related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Finance and Administrative Manager Hendricks reminded the Committee that the Rate Hearing is scheduled for the April 16 Board meeting.

## **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

(4:03) Alternate Vice President Lopez thanked staff for their work, dedication, and focus on staying safe during these times. He indicated the County of Monterey would be releasing a new Shelter in Place order with more restrictions the next day.

#### **MEETING COMMENTS**

(4:05) President Cullen announced the following that all public comment will be taken via email at <a href="mailto:comment@svswa.org">comment@svswa.org</a>, encouraging all public to submit their comments as soon as possible.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

(4:10) None

# **CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

1. Minutes of March 5, 2020 Meeting

(4:11)

Committee Discussion: None

**Public Comment:** 

None

Committee Action: Alternate Vice President Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes

as presented. Vice President Lopez seconded the motion. The motion

passed unanimously: 3-0.

2. February 2020 Claims and Financial Reports

(4:09) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a report on the Agency's finances, indicating that revenues are in line and comparable to last year.

Committee Discussion: None Public Comment: None

Committee Action: Alternate Vice Lopez made a motion to forward to the Board

recommending approval. Vice President De La Rosa seconded the

motion. The motion passed; 3-0

3. Update on Global Organics Energy Demonstration Project and Related Agreements (4:14) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided a brief history of the project and three non-binding agreements with the Authority. He indicated that the project has been tested and fully validated by several universities and the USDA. Global Organics Energy (GOE) is in the last steps of securing funding for the project to move forward with first step of commercial-Public scale demonstration.

Committee Discussion: The Committee discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

**Committee Action:** By consensus the Committee requested staff to provide a presentation

to the Board with the financial impacts and concise detail of the

project.

4. 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

(4:26) General Manager/CAO Mathews indicated there is no update as the meeting is still scheduled for April 13. President Cullen reported he had received an email from the City of King's City Manager regarding a discussion held at the City Manager's meeting regarding the City of Salinas's notice of intent to withdrawal from the Authority. He indicated a meeting has been scheduled with the City of King's City Manager to discuss what was discussed and will report back once he has further information.

Committee Discussion: None Public Comment: None

**Committee Action:** None; Informational Only

# **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### Future Agenda Items

(4:28) The Committee reviewed the view ahead.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

(4:30) President Cullen invited public comment on Items No. 6, 7, and 8.

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) 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) 5APN 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 5) APN 002-021-008, located at 320 W. Market St., Salinas, CA 6) APN 003-211-022-000, located at 195 Sherwood Dr. and 416 Main St., Salinas, CA

- 7. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(a) to consult with General Counsel, Roy C. Santos on the threat to public services and/or facilities consideration of tactical response plan consultation
- 8. Pursuant to **Government Code section 54956.9** conference with legal counsel -Anticipated litigation. Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (Deciding Whether to Initiate Litigation): One Case

Public Comment: None

(4:32) President Cullen adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss Item Nos. 6, 7, and 8.

**APPROVED** 

Robert Cullen, President

#### **RECONVENE**

(5:11) President Cullen reconvened the meeting to open session with no reportable actions taken in closed session.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

(5:12) President Cullen adjourned the meeting.

Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

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