

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
February 3, 2022**

This meeting was conducted in virtual format via Zoom in accordance with AB 361.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Lopez called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

County of Monterey	Chris Lopez, <i>President</i>	Virtual
City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes, <i>Vice President</i>	Virtual
City of Greenfield	Andrew Tipton, <i>Alt. Vice President</i> (logged in at 4:03pm)	Virtual
City of King	Robert Cullen	Virtual

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**GENERAL MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(4:02) General Manager/CAO Mathews confirmed that the virtual format for all meetings would continue thru the end of March.

Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks indicated that the refinancing of the bonds is being finalized and the savings are slightly higher than initial estimates.

Resource Recovery Manager Brooks provided an update on the contract negotiations with Atlas Organics.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

(4:05) Director Cullen commented on his wife's experience at the Jolon Road Transfer Station, he commended staff for their great customer service. President Lopez reported on expected updates in the upcoming weeks related to COVID.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(4:08) None

**CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

(4:09)

**1. Minutes of January 6, 2022 Meeting**

**Committee Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Action:** Vice President Cromeenes made a motion to approve the corrected minutes provided earlier in the day. Alternate Vice President Tipton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 3-0.

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

(4:10) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a report on the Agency's finances, indicating that finances are stable and comparable to last year.

**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. Preliminary Budget FY 2022-23**

(4:12) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a brief report on the increases and options to balance the fiscal year 2022-23 budget. He reviewed the budget assumptions, staffing allocation, expected changes, and the increases that will be required to balance the budget.

**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. Alternate Vice President Tipton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 3-0.

## **4. Update on Sun Street Transfer Station Relocation Project**

(4:22) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided a report on the stakeholders meeting held earlier in the day to facilitate the communication and coordination as requested by the Board at the January meeting. He indicated that the meeting was productive and that it was determined to have the public information meeting for the Boronda community the last week of March. Mr. Mathews reported on the information provided by Republic Services on the design and status of the site improvements required. The notice to relocate is expected around May 1, and the Authority will have 60 days to relocate.

**Committee Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Action:** None; Information Only

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

(4:43) The Committee discussed the view ahead. President Lopez requested a recognition for Felipe Melchor upon his departure of Waste Management.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

(4:47) President Lopez indicated there would be no discussion on item no. 7.

**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)**

Property, APN: 003-051-077-000, located at 126 Sun Street, Salinas, CA: **2)** Property, APN: 002-542-009-000, located at 910 S. Main Street, Salinas, CA: and **3)** Property, APN: 003-867-001-000, located at 1584 Moffet Street, Salinas, CA.

7. Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957.6** to provide instruction to General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews, Asst. GM/Ops Manager Cesar Zuñiga, and General Counsel Roy C. Santos, to negotiate salaries and benefits of Non-management Administration unit.
8. Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957.6** to provide instruction to General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews, Asst. GM/Ops Manager Cesar Zuñiga, and General Counsel Roy C. Santos, to negotiate salaries and benefits of Operations and Engineering unit.
9. Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957.6** to provide instruction to General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews, and General Counsel Roy C. Santos, to negotiate salaries and benefits of at-will Management Employees.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

(4:48) None


(5:16) President Lopez adjourned the meeting to closed session to discuss Item Nos. 6, 7, 8, and 9.

#### **RECONVENE**

(5:33) President Lopez reconvened the meeting to open session with no reportable actions taken in closed session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

(5:33) President Lopez adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:   
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Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED:   
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Christopher M. Lopez, President