

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
April 4, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Cullen called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Robert Cullen	President
Gloria De La Rosa	Vice President ( <i>arrived at 2:05 p.m.</i> )
Chris Lopez	Alternate Vice President

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO	Brian Kennedy, Engineering and Environmental Compliance Manager
Cesar Zuniga, Assistant General Manager/Operations Manager	Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board
Ray Hendricks, Finance and Administration Manager	James Sanchez, Interim General Counsel ( <i>arrived at 4:28 p.m.</i> )
Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager	

**GENERAL MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(2:01) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the following:

- Article: California Refuse Recycling Council, "Recycling in California the Crisis No One is Talking About"
- Article: Waste360, "How to Resourcefully Site a Transfer Station"
- Article: Berkeleyside, "Berkeley fine-tunes its plans for a 'jewel' of a waste facility"
- PowerPoint Presentation: City of Berkeley: "Berkeley fine-tunes its plans for a 'jewel' of a waste facility"
- Reformation of the Citizens Advisory Group to address zero waste reform.
- His attendance to upcoming Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) Annual Symposium, April 8<sup>th</sup> through April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks commented on the three individual grants totaling approximately \$12,000, received to improve the collections and recycling of mattresses/box springs received at all of three of the facilities that will be presented to the Board at the April 18 meeting. Resource Recovery Manager Brooks commented on the upcoming cleanup event at the Natividad Creek scheduled for April 20.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

(2:09) Director Cullen commented on his attendance to the Chamber of Commerce luncheon in which green waste, zero waste, and contamination issues were discussed. Director Lopez commented on the upcoming cleanup events in San Lucas and in San Ardo.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(2:15) None

**CLOSED SESSION**

(2:16) President Cullen invited public comment related to following closed session item:

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) to confer with General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews and Asst. GM/Ops Manager Cesar Zuñiga, concerning the resignation of the Authority's General Counsel and the appointment/employment of counsel.

**Public Comment:** None

(2:16) President Cullen adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss Item No. 1.

### **RECONVENE**

(4: 28) President Cullen reconvened the meeting to open session with no recordable action taken in closed session.

### **CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

#### **2. Minutes of March 7, 2019 Meeting**

(4:28)

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Discussion:** None

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

#### **3. February 2019 Claims and Financial Reports**

(4:29) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a report on the Agency's finances, indicating that finances are trending and comparable to the last year.

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Discussion:** Director De La Rosa requested a summary of the Rock Steady Juggling performance and fees.

**Committee Action:** Vice President De La Rosa made a motion to forward to the Board recommending approval. Alternate Vice President Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed; 3-0

#### **4. Update on the Actions Related to the Notice of Withdrawal from the City of Salinas**

(4:34) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported that the meeting requested by the City of Salinas is being arranged by staff. He informed the Committee that it has been difficult to set a date due to the busy schedules of everyone attending. Mr. Mathews clarified that despite the compromise offer meeting taking place, the City of Salinas administration has indicated they will not be making any decisions until the study conducted by R3 Consultants is complete.

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Committee Action:** Alternate Vice President Lopez made a motion to forward to the Board recommending approval. Vice President De La Rosa seconded the motion. The motion passed; 3-0

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **5. Future Agenda Items**

(4:43) The Committee reviewed the future agenda items discussing the possibility of holding a Board Retreat at the June Board meeting. Director Lopez recommended having a tour of the Johnson Canyon Landfill for all the Board members.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

(4:48) President Cullen invited public comment related to following closed session items:

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 Interim Legal Counsel James Sanchez, 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; and 2) Republic Services Property, APNs 261-051-005, 007, and 019, located at 1120 Madison Lane, Salinas CA.
7. Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54956.9(b)** to confer with legal counsel regarding one item involving significant exposure to litigation associated with the City of Salinas Notice of intention to withdraw.

**Public Comment:** None

(4:49) President Cullen adjourned the meeting to closed session to discuss Item Nos. 6 & 7.

**RECONVENE**

(4:56) President Cullen reconvened to meeting to open session with no reportable actions taken in closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

(4:57) President Cullen adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:

  
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Robert Cullen, President