

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

August 6, 2020

128 Sun Street, Suite 101, Salinas CA

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Cullen called the meeting to order and adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m. in honor of Mayor D. Joseph Gunter and Mayor Ralph Rubio.

President Cullen called the meeting to order at 4:01.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT (Via Teleconference)

Robert Cullen	President
Chris Lopez	Alternate Vice President

ABSENT

Gloria De La Rosa Vice President

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT (At location)

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO
Manager/Operations Manager
Cesar Zuñiga, Asst. General
Manager/Operation Manager
Rosie Ramirez, Administrative Assistant
Erikat J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

(Via Teleconference)

Ray Hendricks, Finance and Administration
Manager
Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager
Brian Kennedy, Engineering and
Environmental Compliance Manager
Roy C. Santos, General Counsel

MEETING COMMENTS

(4:02) President Cullen announced that all public comment will be taken via email at comment@svswa.org, encouraging all members from the public to submit their comments as soon as possible.

GENERAL MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(4:02) Resource Recover Manager Brooks provided an update on the Free Tire Amnesty event currently taking place at all the facilities through the end of August, with a second event to be hosted in October.

Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks indicated that the CalPERS annual preliminary rates came in at 4.7%. He indicated that this would create approximately \$200,000 in unfunded liability for the Authority that will be reflected in the 2021-22 fiscal year. Mr. Hendricks reported that the Health Insurance new rates were also released reflecting an increase of 9.3%. He indicated that the Authority budgets for a 10% increase, therefore the increases are within the budget. Regular insurance premiums due to COVID-19 rates will increase about 40%. He indicated he is optimistic that with the projected savings in the equipment maintenance budget due to the addition of the mechanic position will assist in balancing the budget.

Asst. General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga extended the offer of illegal Dumping vouchers for the disposal of garbage collected from the South County Arroyo Seco Green Bridge cleanup being organized.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

(4:08) Alternate Vice President Lopez commented on the increase in hospitalizations related to COVID-19, encouraging everyone to do their part in the prevention of the spread of the virus. He

commented on the planning of the Green Bridge cleanup extending his gratitude for the public support. Alternate Vice President Lopez commented on the loss of Mayor Gunter and Mayor Rubio.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:11) President Cullen reminded the public to submit their comments to comments@svswa.org.

(4:12) None

CONSIDERATION ITEMS

(4:12) Alternate Vice President Lopez clarified a typo on the minutes.

1. Minutes of June 4, 2020 Meeting

Committee Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: Alternate Vice President Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. President Cullen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 2-0.

2. May 2020 Claims and Financial Reports

(4:14) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a report on the Agency's finances, stating that projected revenues had been reached with expenditures being below the projected amount.

Committee Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: Alternate Vice President Lopez made a motion to forward to the Board recommending approval. President Cullen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 2-0.

3. June 2020 Claims and Financial Reports

(4:16) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a report on the Agency's finances, indicating revenue where consistent for fiscal year 2019-20 and is projecting there will be no more major expense suggesting a good surplus for the year.

Committee Discussion: The Committee discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: Alternate Vice President Lopez made a motion to forward to the Board recommending approval. President Cullen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 2-0.

4. June 2020 Quarterly Investment Report

(4:19) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a report on investments quarter end June 30, 2020. He detailed the return on investment percentages changes.

(4:20) President Cullen reminded the public to submit their comments to comments@svswa.org related to this item.

Committee Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: Alternate Vice President Lopez made a motion to forward to the Board recommending approval. President Cullen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 2-0.

5. Update on the Emergency Response Related to COVID-19

(4:22) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the article from *Waste Dive* called "How coronavirus is disrupting US waste and recycling" that was included in the agenda packet. He indicated there have been no work-related exposures. However, there had been outside work exposures and subsequently have been quarantined at home for 14 days affecting operations staffing levels. Mr. Mathews commended Resource Recovery staff and Administration staff for stepping in to assist operations.

Asst. General Manager/Operations Manager reported on the impacts of being short staffed due to potential exposures to COVID-19. He indicated that the customer trip counts at the Sun Street Transfer Station have been extremely high, as well as the South County facilities. He stated the Authority facilities have seen the most COVID-19 related staffing impacts in the month July, making it a challenging month.

Committee Discussion: The Committee discussed the report inquiring about the protocol when potential exposures are reported and the testing process. The Committee thanked Authority staff for their dedication.

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: None; Informational Only.

6. Update on the Sun Street Transfer Station Relocation Project

(4:38) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported that conversations have taken place with County of Monterey staff regarding the Rossi Road extension, as well as a few phone calls and an in-person meeting with the Business Development Manager and the local General Manager from Republic Services to review different options and scenarios. He indicated staff will continue to analyze the potential of the project and will report back to the Board of Directors.

(4:40) President Cullen reminded the public to submit their comments to comments@svswa.org related to this item.

Committee Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: None

7. 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

(4:42) President Cullen reported there is not much to report. General Manager/CAO reported that the South Valley City Managers have taken an active role to facilitate conversations as they are concerned with the potential rate impacts. He indicated that presentations have been made to provide information. Mr. Mathews indicated the City of Salinas City Manager requested a summary of the proposed Sun Street Transfer Station Relocation Project to be presented to the South County member agency City Managers.

Committee Discussion: None

Public Comment: Brian Frus, Senior Civil Engineer for the City of Salinas indicated he would convey the request from President Cullen to the City of Salinas staff.

Committee Action: President Cullen requested that the City of Salinas provide the conditions to rescind their One Year Notice of Intent to Withdraw that was submitted to the Board of Directors in November of 2018, as well as the final proposed governance structure.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. Future Agenda Items – View Ahead Calendar

(4:52) The Committee discussed the view ahead.

CLOSED SESSION

(4:57) President Cullen indicated the following item would be discussed during closed session.

9. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:57) President Cullen reminded the public to submit their comments to comments@svswa.org related to this item.

(4:58) None

(4:58) President Cullen adjourned the meeting to closed session.

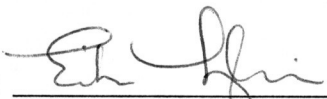
RECONVENE

(5:32) President Cullen reconvened the meeting to open session with no reportable actions taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

(5:33) President Cullen adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:



Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED:

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Robert Cullen

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Robert Cullen, President