

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
February 6, 2020**

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
Chris Lopez	Alternate Vice President

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Patrick Mathews, <i>General Manager/CAO</i>	Brian Kennedy, <i>Engineering and</i>
Cesar Zuniga, <i>Assistant General</i>	<i>Enviornmental Compliance Manager</i>
<i>Manager/Operations Manager</i>	Erika J. Trujillo, <i>Clerk of the Board</i>
Ray Hendricks, <i>Finance and Administration</i>	Roy C. Santos, <i>General Counsel</i>
<i>Manager</i>	<i>(Via Telephone)</i>
Mandy Brooks, <i>Resource Recovery Maager</i>	

GENERAL MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(4:01) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the request previously made by Alternate Vice President Lopez of prefunding an account for the road repairs for the Gloria-Iverson-Johnson Canyon Roads. Approximately \$90-\$100,000 annually would be needed to fully fund the maintenance of the road. The appropriation of these funds would be presented to the Executive Committee and full Board during the preparation of the 2021-22 fiscal year budget for consideration.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

(4:06) President Cullen commented on the Advisory Committee meeting held on January 30.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:06) None

CONSIDERATION ITEMS

1. Minutes of January 9, 2020 Meeting

(4:06)

Committee Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

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

2. December 2019 Claims and Financial Reports

(4:07) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a report on the Agency's finances, indicating that both revenue and expenditures are stable and comparable to last year.

Committee Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

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

3. Discussion on Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Service Agreement with TDRA Industries, Inc. dba Vision Recycling for Organics Processing and Composting at the Johnson Canyon Landfill and Sun Street Transfer Station.

(4:09) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks provided a brief history on the current contract with Vision Recycling that will expire June 30. She explained the proposed amendments to the agreement, the request by Vision Recycling of an initial two-year term verses the one year term offer the Authority had proposed due to the uncertainty of the agency with the potential withdrawal of the City of Salinas from the Joint Powers Agreement.

Committee Discussion: The Committee discussed the report providing input on potential solutions for the terms of the agreement.

Public Comment: None

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

4. Discussion on Transportation Services for Republic Services

(4:26) Assistant General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga reported that Republic Services approached the Authority in January regarding a potential collaboration for Transportation services. A meeting was held earlier in the day where the current rate being offered by the Authority demonstrated to be higher than expected for Republic Services. Mr. Zuñiga indicated it appears unlikely for the collaboration will move forward.

Committee Discussion: The Committee discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: None; Informational Only

5. Update on the Collaboration Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority and the Monterey Regional Waste Management District

(4:30) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported on the meeting that was held between the General Manager from the Monterey Regional Waste Management District (District) and the Authority General Manager to discuss the following collaboration opportunities; the program planning work around the SB 1383 and the use of Recyclist as reporting management database system, the same system the Authority's Resource Recovery department uses now; the Authorities composting capacity; and the opportunity of using the District's future mixed-waste processing capacity. Mr. Mathews indicated the District is considering an additional \$30-\$50 million investment for an Anaerobic Digestion system to process mixed organics from the mixed-waste processing system. He commented on the importance of considering the fiscal extent of collaboration as some of the collaboration opportunities could reduce revenue from the Authority to obtain a higher recycling percentage causing rate increases. This is usually the case with most increased recycling efforts.

Committee Discussion: The Committee discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: None; Informational Only

6. 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

(4:43) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided a brief verbal report as requested by the Board at the January meeting on the rate impacts if the City of Salinas would withdrawal from the Joint Powers Agreement and the Sun Street Transfer Station would close. The report was based on the fiscal year 2020-21 budget. It demonstrated an approximate 60% rate increase to the remaining members for an estimated increase of \$44.00 per ton and a minimum of 19 employee layoffs.

Committee Discussion: Vice President De La Rosa reported that the report conducted by R3 Consultants was not complete, the City of Salinas Council had not seen it, and it was not ready to be provided. President Cullen requested clarification as it was reported by Director Villegas at the January Board meeting that the report was ready and he had attended a meeting with the consultants, the City of Salinas Mayor, the City of Salinas City Manager, the City of Salinas General Counsel, Council Member Christie Cromeenes, and himself to go over the findings of the report. Vice President De La Rosa indicated she had attended a separate meeting scheduled earlier with the City of Salinas City Manager, City of Salinas Mayor, the consultants, and the City of Salinas Legal Counsel in which they saw the report. She indicated the consultant is working as quickly as possible to complete the report at which time it will be presented to the City of Salinas Council and provided to the Authority Board. President Cullen recommended that a formal request to the City of Salinas to release the report be made by the Board of Directors.

General Counsel Santos: Mr. Santos indicated the formal request can be discussed during open session.

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: By Consensus the Committee requested that staff forward to the Board for consideration a formal request to the City of Salinas for the release of the report to the Board of Directors.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. Future Agenda Items

(4:58) The Committee reviewed the view ahead. President Cullen and Vice President De La Rosa informed the Committee and staff they would be unable to attend the March Board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

(5:01) President Cullen invited public comment related to 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 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

9. Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957 (b)** to consider the Performance Evaluation of the General Manager/Chief Administrative Officer Patrick Mathews for 2019.

Public Comment: None

(5:13) President Cullen adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss Item Nos. 9 and 10.


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: 
Robert Cullen, President