

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

**September 3, 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 at 4:01.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT (Via Teleconference)**

Robert Cullen	President
Chris Lopez	Alternate Vice President
Gloria De La Rosa	Vice President

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT (At location)**

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

**(Via Teleconference)**

Ray Hendricks, Finance and Administration  
Manager  
Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager  
Brian Kennedy, Engineering and  
Environmental Compliance Manager  
Michelle Sassano, General Counsel

**MEETING COMMENTS**

(4:02) President Cullen announced that the public comment can be submitted via email at [comment@svswa.org](mailto:comment@svswa.org), live via Zoom by clicking on the raise hand button, and via telephone by pressing \*9 to raise hand.

**GENERAL MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(4:02) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the following:

- The need to extend the leasing agreement for the Authority Administration building.
- The meeting attended by Mrs. Brooks and himself with the Farm Bureau, Grower Shippers Association, and Measure to improve to begin engaging the Agriculture industry regarding Senate Bill 1383 rules and regulations that will impact their industry. As well as, the legislative issues of the rights to haul organic wastes.
- Options on the continued expansion of the organics program such as potential joint project with the Monterey Regional Waste Management District relative to anaerobic digestion and partnership with a recovery vendor who recovers mixed waste to further expand the Organics program beyond composting.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

(4:08) Vice President De La Rosa indicated that the City of Salinas would be contacting President Cullen to set up a meeting. Alternate Vice President Lopez commented on a meeting he attended in which he expressed his concerns with CalRecycles regarding meeting mandates deadlines. He commented on the importance of continuing to be cautious as COVID-19 is still a threat. Mr. Lopez inquired about the possibility of discussing the fire debris with the full Board, requesting that staff obtains and provides further information regarding the possibility of offering assistance to those impacted by the fires.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(4:11) President Cullen reminded the public to submit their comments to [comments@svswa.org](mailto:comments@svswa.org) or to raise their hand to verbally provide a comment.

(4:12) None

**CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

(4:17) Clerk of the Board Trujillo indicated there was a correction needed under staff present removing Monica Ambriz Human Resource Supervisor and adding Rosie Ramirez, Administrative Assistant.

**1. Minutes of August 6, 2020 Meeting**

**Committee Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None

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

**2. July 2020 Claims and Financial Reports**

(4:19) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks presented a report on the Authority finances. He indicated for the month of July both revenues and expenditures were over the projection compared to last year. He indicated staff will monitor the expenditures closely.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**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 unanimously: 3-0.

**3. A Resolution Approving the Grants and Capital Improvement Projects Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21**

(4:27) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks indicated this item is a routine item. He provided an overview of the Post Closure Funds, Other Funds, and Capital Improvement Funds being carried over. He indicated that the staff is requesting \$500,000 in funds from the 2019-20 fund balance for groundwater wells for the Johnson Canyon Landfill (\$250,000) and the Jolon Road Transfer Station (\$50,000), as well as \$200,000 for the Jolon Road Transfer station improvements in order to repair the entrance road to the facility..

(4:31) President Cullen reminded the public to submit their comments to [comments@svswa.org](mailto:comments@svswa.org) or raise their hand related to this item.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**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 unanimously: 3-0.

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

(4:33) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported that Republic Services has rejected the offer for the Authority to purchase any of the Madison Lane Transfer Station. They indicated might be interested in a lease opportunity, however, that is conditioned on an Engineered Needs

Assessment currently being conducted by a consultant. Mr. Mathews indicated that at request of the City Managers Group he has joined their meetings along with the City of Salinas City Manager Corpuz to discuss the City of Salinas One Year Notice of Intent to Withdrawal as well as the Relocation Project. He indicated the City Managers Group's goal is to help facilitate a resolution between the Authority and the City of Salinas.

**Committee Discussion:** Vice President De La Rosa indicated City of Salinas City Manager Corpuz will be contacting President Cullen to schedule a meeting.

(4:39) President Cullen reminded the public that submit a comment it can be submitted via email at [comment@svswa.org](mailto:comment@svswa.org), live via Zoom by clicking on the raise hand button, and via telephone by pressing \*9 to raise hand.

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Action:** None

**5. 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**

(4:41) President Cullen commented the request from City Managers Group for the City of Salinas City Manager to assist in facilitating the meeting between Republic Services and the Authority regarding the Relocation Project. He indicated the City Managers Group is staying very well briefed on what it is going on.

**Committee Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Action:** None

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**6. Future Agenda Items – View Ahead Calendar**

(4:46) The Committee discussed the view ahead.

**CLOSED SESSION**

(4:55) President Cullen indicated there is no information for the Closed Session item, therefore there is no need to enter into Closed Session.

**7. 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.~~**

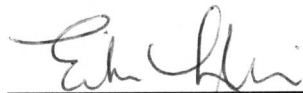
**Public Comment:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

(4:56) President Cullen adjourned the meeting.

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ATTEST:



Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED:

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Robert Cullen, President