

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

President Lutes called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Board Directors were present:

County of Monterey	Fernando Armenta
County of Monterey	Simon Salinas, <i>Vice President</i>
City of Salinas	Jyl Lutes, <i>President</i>
City of Salinas	Tony Barrera
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva
City of Soledad	Richard Perez, <i>Alt. Vice President</i>

The following Board Directors were absent:

City of Salinas	Gloria De La Rosa
City of Greenfield	Avelina Torres
City of King	Robert Cullen

Staff Members Present:

R. Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO	Rose Gill, HR/Organizational Dev. Manager
Susan Warner, Asst. GM/Diversion Manager	Elia Zavala, Clerk of the Board
Ray Hendricks, Finance Manager	Mandy Brooks, Recycling Coordinator
Cesar Zuñiga, Operations Manager	Jenny Mitchell, Contracts & Grants Analyst
Brian Kennedy, Engineering & Environmental Compliance Manager	Erika Trujillo, Administrative Assistant II
	Scott Gordon, General Counsel

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Lutes announced the availability of translation services. No member from the public requested the service.

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:02) General Manager/CAO Mathews announced the recent internal promotions with the retirement of Assistant General Manager/Diversion Manager Susan Warner effective November 1, 2016: Mandy Brooks was appointed to Resource Recovery Manager, Jenny Mitchell to Recycling Coordinator, Elia Zavala to Contracts & Grants Analyst, and Cesar Zuñiga to Assistant General Manager.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

Engineering & Environmental Compliance Manager Kennedy provided a handout with information on the new landfill gas flare system at Johnson Canyon Landfill. Operations Manager Zuñiga commented that customers at the Jolon Road Transfer Station continue to provide positive feedback on the improvements to the facility. Improvements to the tipping pad are being made and should be ready for public use starting next week. Finance Manager Hendricks announced that the financial audit report will be presented at the November meeting.

BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS

(6:07) Director Silva announced a prescription drop-off event in Gonzales on October 22. Director Barrera acknowledged the good services provided by Republic Services to the Salinas community and announced a clean-up event on October 22.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:08) Doug Kenyon, with Republic Services, announced different cleanup activities happening in Salinas. He commented on the community events to honor veterans. This year, the Salinas Rotary Veterans will be honoring Director Fernando Armenta for his service to the community and our country.

RECOGNITION

A. A PROCLAMATION HONORING ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER/DIVERSION MANAGER SUSAN WARNER UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE AUTHORITY

(6:10) General Manager/CAO Mathews expressed his appreciation for Ms. Warner and presented her with a proclamation.

Public Comment: Gary Peterson, City of Salinas Public Works Director commended Ms. Warner for her quality of character and graciousness.

Board Comments: The Board thanked Ms. Warner for her service and commended her for her professionalism, integrity, mentorship, calm demeanor, resourcefulness, dedication, availability, amongst other qualities, and wished her well in her retirement.

CONSENT AGENDA (6:34)

1. Minutes of September 15, 2016, Regular Meeting
2. August 2016 Claims and Financial Reports
3. September 2016 Member and Interagency Activities Report and Upcoming Events
4. Strategic Plan 2016-19 Goals & Objectives Monthly Progress Report
5. ~~Long Term Facility Needs Project Design and Environmental Review Update [pulled]~~
6. September 2016 Third Quarter Investments Report
7. September 2016 Third Quarter Customer Service Survey Results
8. A Resolution Approving the Regular Board of Directors and Executive Committee Meetings Calendar for 2017
9. A Resolution Revising the Designated Positions of the Authority's Conflict of Interest Code, Rescinding Resolution 2014-33
10. Citizens Advisory Group Annual Report
11. Accept the Revised Injury Illness Prevention Program

Public Comment: None

Board Comments: Director Barrera requested to pull Item No. 5 for separate discussion.

Motion: Director Perez made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented with the exception of Item No. 5 to be discussed separately. Director Silva seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 6, 0

Ayes: Armenta, Barrera, Lutes, Perez, Salinas, Silva

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cullen, De La Rosa, Torres

5. Long Term Facility Needs Project Design and Environmental Review Update

Public Comment: At the request of Director Barrera, City of Salinas Public Works Director Gary Peterson addressed the Board and stated that the City is tracking the progress of the project's environmental review process as it approaches the Notice of Preparation phase.

Board Comments: The Board inquired about the progress on the project's Notice of Preparation and public outreach plan. Staff responded staff is working with its consultant to finalize the Harrison Road concept site plans. The Notice of Preparation will be incorporated in the public outreach. The Board also discussed the timing of the project in relation to the Harrison Road Option payment. Staff indicated that it was anticipated that it would take about two years to obtain sufficient information in order to determine if Harrison Road was a viable project option.

Motion: Director Barrera made a motion to accept the report. Director Perez seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 6, 0

Ayes: Armenta, Barrera, Lutes, Perez, Salinas, Silva

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cullen, De La Rosa, Torres

PRESENTATION

12. COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS FOR PROCESSING CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION (C&D) MATERIAL BY SALINAS VALLEY RECYCLES OR MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

(6:42) Operations Manager Zuñiga presented processing and cost options. Presently, remaining status quo is the lowest cost option. In the future, new regulations could prohibit the agency from using the material for alternative daily cover, so other options would need to be considered.

Public Comment: None

Board Comments: The Board discussed the District's processing costs and percentage of revenue received from out of county waste. It also inquired about a timeline should the agency look into purchasing a sort-line in the future. Staff indicated it would take about six to nine months.

Motion: Director Armenta made a motion to accept the report. Director Salinas seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 6, 0

Ayes: Armenta, Barrera, Lutes, Perez, Salinas, Silva

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cullen, De La Rosa, Torres

13. 2015 ANNUAL FRANCHISE HAULERS PERFORMANCE REPORT

(6:56) Contracts & Grants Analyst Mitchell presented the report reflecting a 40% diversion rate for Tri-cities Disposal and a 38% diversion rate for Republic Services in residential waste. Commercial diversion also reflected an increase mostly due to construction projects and efforts by large agricultural companies. Both haulers are fulfilling their contracts.

Public Comment: None

Board Comments: The Board discussed the report and commented on the impact private recyclers have on the franchise recycling efforts. Staff also

commented on the new Alternative Recycling Program developed for City of Salinas business that want to do their own recycling, which should help track additional diversion data.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

14. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(7:17) The Board reviewed the future agenda items. General Manger/CAO Mathews included that the Citizens Advisory Group is scheduled to meet in November to review the Long Term Facility Needs site designs and provide input.

ADJOURN

(7:19) President Lutes adjourned the meeting in honor of retiring Assistant General Manager/Diversion Manager Susan Warner.

Attest: Erika J. Trujillo
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED: Jyl Lutes
Jyl Lutes, Vice President