

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2021**

This meeting was conducted in hybrid in-person/virtual format in accordance with AB 361.
In-person location, 117 Fourth Street, Gonzales, CA 93926 | Virtual participation via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

Alternate Vice President Tipton called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The flag salute was recited.

ROLL CALL

Board Directors

County of Monterey	John M. Phillips	Present (Virtual)
County of Monterey	Chris Lopez, <i>President (arrived 6:26 pm)</i>	Present (In-person)
City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes, <i>Vice President</i>	Absent
City of Salinas	Kimbley Craig	Absent
City of Salinas	Anthony Rocha (<i>logged in at 6:14 pm</i>)	Present (Virtual)
City of Salinas	Orlando Osornio, Alternate	Present (Virtual)
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva	Absent
City of Gonzales	Scott Funk, Alternate	Present (In-person)
City of Soledad	Ben Jimenez, Jr.	Present (Virtual)
City of Greenfield	Andrew Tipton, <i>Alt. Vice President</i>	Present (In-person)
City of King	Robert Cullen	Present (In-person)

Staff Member Present

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO	In-person
Cesar Zuñiga, Asst. GM/Operations Manager	In-person
Ray Hendricks, Finance and Administration Manager	In-person
Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager	In-person
Brian Kennedy, Engineering and Environmental Compliance Manager	Virtual
Janna Faulk, Recycling Coordinator	In-person
Guillermina Gutierrez, Resource Recovery Technician	In-person
Roy C. Santos, General Counsel	Virtual
Rosie Ramirez, Administrative Assistant	In-person
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board	In-person

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(6:01) Alternate Vice President Tipton made the following announcements:

- Spanish translation services were available by calling in to 1(425) 436-6345 and using Access Code: 444666.
- There was no public comment emailed in before the deadline.
- Public comment via zoom: click the raise hand icon. Calling in via telephone: *9 to raise hand and *6 to mute and unmute.
- Participants attending in person who are utilizing a laptop or iPad must turn off the microphones to avoid interference with the Owl system.
- Everyone in the chambers must keep their masks on.

Clerk of the Board Trujillo announced the translation services availability in Spanish.

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:02) General Manager/CAO Mathews indicated that the letter received from the City of Salinas rescinding the one-year notice of intent to withdraw from the Joint Powers Agreement with the Authority was included in item no. 9 of the Consent agenda.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:02) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks reported on the Authority's bond refinancing; the rates are beginning to increase so it will be on a tight timeline and tentatively scheduled for the January Board Meeting. Also, the financial policies require changes to adhere to government code.

Resource Recovery Manager Brooks reported there is an in-person cleanup event taking place on October 23 in Pajaro.

BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS

(6:03) Director Cullen reported on the in person clean up event that took place on October 16 in King City. He thanked the Authority staff and Waste Management staff for their assistance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:04) Kristin Skromme from Waste Management commented on the vehicle count that attended the King City clean up event. She indicated that there will be additional clean up events in May and June of 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA (6:20)

1. Minutes of the September 16, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. August 2021 Claims and Financial Reports
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for September 2021
4. September 2021 Quarterly Investments Report
5. Resolution No. 2021-42 Approving the Regular Board of Directors and Executive Committee Meetings Calendar for 2022
6. Resolution No. 2021-43 Making Findings Related to the Continued Existence of a State of Emergency Due to Covid-19 and Re-Authorizing the Conduct of Public Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of the Authority Via Remote Teleconferencing for an Initial 30-Day Period Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act as Amended by Assembly Bill No. 361
7. Resolution No. 2021-44 Approving the Purchase of Five Customized Shipping Containers from Conexwest for \$106,726.50 and a Supplemental CIP Appropriation in the Total Amount of \$185,000 for Construction of the Outdoor Education Center at Johnson Canyon Landfill
8. Resolution No. 2021-45 Authorizing the Purchase of Crusher Bucket for Concrete Recycling to MB America for an Amount of \$75,385.88
9. Update on the Sun Street Transfer Station Relocation Project and City of Salinas' Once Year Notice of Intent to Withdrawal from the Joint Powers Agreement with the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Director Phillips made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Director Silva seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 6,0

Ayes: Cullen, Funk (Alt), Jimenez, Osornio (Alt), Phillips, Tipton

Noes: None

Abstain: None
Absent: Craig, Cromeenes, Lopez, Rocha, Silva

PRESENTATION

10. RECYCLING RECOGNITION

(6:12) Resource Recovery Technician Gutierrez presented a report on the programs implemented by La Plaza Bakery and La Barata Meat Market in King City making them early adopters of the Commercial Food Scrap Collection Program.

Board Discussion: The Board commended both locations for their hard work.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Information Only

11. SCHOOLS OUTREACH UPDATE

(6:17) Recycling Coordinator Faulk provided a report on the school outreach conducted to assist in meeting the mandates of SB 1383, and AB 1826. The Authority service area includes 21 school districts with a total of 117 schools. Eleven schools have completed food waste implementation, seven schools are in process, six schools have been scheduled for November, with 92 additional schools left.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Information Only

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

12. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(8:29) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

(6:22) President Lopez invited the Public Comment related to closed session item nos. 13 and 14.

13. Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957.6** to provide instruction to General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews, Asst. GM/Ops Manager Cesar Zuñiga, and General Counsel Michelle E. Sassano, to negotiate salaries and benefits with SVSWA employees - management and non-management.

14. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b) to consider the Performance Evaluation of the General Manager/Chief Administrative Officer Patrick Mathews for 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNED

(6:23) President Lopez adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss item nos. 13 and 14.


RECONVENE

(6:50) President Lopez reconvened the meeting to open session. Legal Counsel Santos indicated there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

ADJOURNED

(8:33) President Lopez adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: 
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Christopher M. Lopez, President

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Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board