

**MINUTES OF  
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2021**

(Board of Directors and staff attended remotely from various locations)

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

The following Board Directors were present (via Teleconference):

County of Monterey	John M. Phillips
County of Monterey	Chris Lopez, <i>President</i>
City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes, <i>Vice President</i>
City of Salinas	Kimbley Craig
City of Salinas	Anthony Rocha
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva (logged in at 6:04 pm)
City of Soledad	Ben Jimenez, Jr.
City of Greenfield	Andrew Tipton, <i>Alt. Vice President</i>
City of King	Robert Cullen

Staff Member Present (Via Teleconference):

Patrick Mathews, *General Manager/CAO*  
Cesar Zuñiga, *Asst. GM/Operations Manager*  
Ray Hendricks, *Finance and Administration Manager*  
Mandy Brooks, *Resource Recovery Manager*

Brian Kennedy, *Engineering and Environmental Compliance Manager*  
Roy C. Santos, *General Counsel*  
Michelle Sassano, *Assistant General Manager*  
Ernesto Natera, *Business Service Supervisor*  
Erika J. Trujillo, *Clerk of the Board*

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(6:01) President Lopez made the following announcements:

- Spanish translation services were available by calling in to 1(425) 436-6345 and using Access Code: 444666.
- Closed Session items no. 13 and 14 would be moved to be discussed after the Consent items.

**GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:02) None

**DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:02) None

**BOARD DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

(6:03) None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:04) None

**PROCLAMATIONS**

(6:06) General Manager/CA Mathews and Assistant General Manager/Operations Manager Cesar Zuñiga presented proclamation to Juan Vazquez and Roberto Correa upon their retirement from the Authority. Roberto Correa thanked the Authority.

**Committee Comments:** The Board thanked the employees for their many years of service.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** Vice President Cromeenes made a motion to approved bother proclamations. Alternate Vice President Tipton seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 9,0

**Ayes:** Craig, Cromeenes, Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Phillips, Rocha, Silva, Tipton

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

### **CONSENT AGENDA (6:20)**

1. Minutes of the August 19, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. July 2021 Claims and Financial Reports
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for August 2021
4. Resolution No. 2021-34 Approving the Grants and Capital Improvement Projects Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22
5. **A.** Resolution No. 2021-35 Approving Annual Expenditures in an Amount Over \$50,000 with Full Steam Staffing for Staffing Support Services for Fiscal Year 2021-22
- B.** Resolution No. 2021-36 Approving Annual Expenditures in an Amount Over \$50,000 with Ritchie's Trucking for Equipment Maintenance Services for Fiscal year 2021-22
- C.** Resolution No. 2021-37 Approving Annual Expenditures in an Amount Over \$50,000 with Valerio's Welding for Equipment Maintenance Services for Fiscal Year 2021-22
- D.** Resolution No. 2021-38 Approving Annual Expenditures in an Amount Over \$50,000 with EC Tire for Equipment Maintenance Services for Fiscal Year 2021-22
- E.** Resolution No. 2021-39 Approving Annual Expenditures in an Amount Over \$50,000 with Rossi Tires for Equipment Maintenance Services for Fiscal Year 2021-22

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Votes:** Motion carried 9,0

**Ayes:** Craig, Cromeenes, Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Phillips, Rocha, Silva, Tipton

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

### **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 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
14. 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.

**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.

**PRESENTATION****6. ANNUAL FRANCHISE HAULER PERFORMANCE REPORT**

(6:55) Contracts and Grants Analyst Zavala presented the waste haulers annual collection and diversion data report for calendar year 2020. The Authority administers the franchise agreements between Waste Management and the City of King and Tri-Cities Disposal Recycling and the Cities of Gonzales, Soledad, and Greenfield. The data reflected a second consecutive year of a slight increase in waste generated but still in compliance with state mandates. Both haulers are assisting commercial business to comply with AB 341 and AB 1823 mandates and are fulfilling their contractual obligations.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** None; Information Only

**7. EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR RECOGNITIONS**

(7:13) Assistant General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga and General Manager/CAO Mathews recognized the co-recipients of the 2021 Employee of the Year Awards. Human Resource Supervisor Monica Ambriz and Solid Waste Technician II Oscar Garcia were selected by their peers for their great team spirit, positive attitude, and exceptional dedication during the pandemic.

**Board Discussion:** President Lopez congratulated the co-recipients and expressed his gratitude for their dedication.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** None; Information Only

**CONSIDERATION****8. DISCUSSION ON THE POTENTIAL FOR BOND REFINANCING**

(7:21) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks introduced John Phan, Municipal Advisor with Campanile Group, Inc. Mr. Phan provided a report on the options to refinance, the potential savings, and the processes.

**Board Discussion:** The Board discussed the presentation inquiring about risks and potential schedule of the process.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** By consensus the Board directed staff to begin the process for option two of shortening the maturity of the bonds by 1 year.

**9. DISCUSSION ON FUTURE MEETING PROTOCOL**

(7:36) President Lopez indicated AB 361 was signed earlier in the day by Governor Newsom allowing for some of the provisions to continue. General Manager/CAO Mathews provided a

report on the provisions related to the Brown Act applied by Executive Order N-29-20 scheduled to be suspended on September 30, 2021. He explained the process for public participation to continue remotely with the purchase of the Owl video conferencing system.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** By consensus the Board approved to conduct hybrid Board/Committee meetings, allowing Board members to participate in-person or remotely. Public access to meeting space to be limited based on the most current guidance and meeting facility limitations. Remote electronic access for public participation to continue.

**10. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-40 APPROVING A LEASE WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES OF SALINAS TO SPACE FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE SUN STREET TRANSFER STATION RECYCLING AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE OPERATIONS**

(7:49) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported on the details of the finalized agreement. He indicated the lease is a step towards the closure of the Sun Street Transfer Station and the relocation of the Recycling and HHW operations to Madison Lane Transfer Station and is tied directly to the term of the City of Salinas' proposed new franchise agreement with a 15-year term, with two 5-year extension options. Mr. Mathews explained that the agreement also initiates the required actions of the City of Salinas to rescind its 2018 Notice of Intent to Withdraw, and to take necessary actions to equalize organics processing fees by July 1, 2022.

**Board Discussion:** The Board discussed the report commending the Authority and City of Salinas staff for their work and collaboration in finalizing the agreement.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** Director Craig made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-41. Alternate Vice President Cromeenes seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 9,0

**Ayes:** Craig, Cromeenes, Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Phillips, Rocha, Silva, Tipton

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**11. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-41 APPROVING A MASTER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES OF SALINAS TO PROVIDE TRANSFER SERVICES FOR MATERIALS DESTINED FOR PROCESSING OR DISPOSAL AT THE JOHNSON CANYON LANDFILL**

(8:08) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided a report on the option of the approval of the transportation agreement and its benefits, as well as the challenges. The contract will provide a transfer fleet for Republic Services and help minimize the reduction in personnel allocations for the Authority with the pending relocation of the Recycling and HHW operations from Sun Street Transfer Station to Madison Lane Transfer Station. Mr. Mathews detailed the option of not approving the agreement which would require a reduction of personnel and would be less of a risk for the Authority's revenue.

**Board Comment:** The Board discussed the report.

**Public Comment:** Felix Huerta inquired about the equipment that would no longer be used if the agreement is not approved and the personnel reduction.

**Motion:** Director Rocha made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-41. Director Cullen seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 9,0

Ayes: Craig, Cromeenes, Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Phillips, Rocha, Silva, Tipton  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**12. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE**

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

**ADJOURNED**

(8:33) President Lopez adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:   
848DD3584778457...  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher M. Lopez, President

Attest:   
087ACDEB22A74E6  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board