

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
December 2, 2021**

This meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom in accordance with AB 361.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Lopez called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

County of Monterey	Chris Lopez, <i>President</i>	Virtual
City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes, <i>Vice President</i>	Virtual
City of Greenfield	Andrew Tipton, <i>Alt. Vice President</i>	Virtual
City of King	Robert Cullen	Virtual

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**GENERAL MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(4:02) General Manager/CAO Mathews indicated the local union OE3 has submitted an appropriate petition and PERB verified that the OE3 has a majority vote for representation of the operations group and notices have been posted within the facilities. Finance and Administration Manager indicated that the bond refinancing process is on track and expected to be taken to the Executive Committee for review and to the Board for approval in January.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

(4:04) Past President Cullen indicated he has been in contact with Atlas Organics and is working on scheduling a visit to their Texas facility as he will be in the area for a conference.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(4:05) None

**CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

(4:06)

**1. Minutes of November 4, 2021 Meeting**

**Committee Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Action:** Vice President Cromeenes made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Alternate Vice President Tipton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 3-0.

**2. October 2021 Claims and Financial Reports**

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

**Committee Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Action:** Vice President Cromeenes made a motion to forward to the Board recommending approval. Alternate Vice President Tipton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 3-0.

**3. A Discussion on the Final Two Proposals from the Request for Proposals for Organics Composting, and Marketing Products at the Johnson Canyon Landfill**

(4:08) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks presented a report on the final two proposals being considered for the processing and marketing of Organics at the Johnson Canyon Landfill. She provided a side-by-side comparison with detailed information on prices, investment requirements, risks, and potential customer rate impacts of Atlas Organics proposal, the external candidate, and the Authority's internal proposal to assume operations of the facility. Mrs. Brooks detailed the pros and cons for each proposal.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Action:** The Committee directed staff to forward the report to the Board of Directors with the inclusion of a report from Past President Cullen's on his visit to Atlas facility and a short presentation from Atlas.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS****4. Future Agenda Items – View Ahead Calendar**

(4:32) The Committee discussed the view ahead.

**CLOSED SESSION**

(4:35) President Lopez invited public comment on item nos. 5, 6, and 7.

**5. Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)****

Title: Board of Directors Strategic Planning Facilitator/Consultant.

**6. Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957.6**** to provide instruction to General Manage/CAO Patrick Mathews, Assist. GM/Operations Manager Cesar Zuñiga, and General Counsel Roy C. Santos, to negotiate salaries and benefits with SVSWA employees – management and non-management.

**7. Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957 (b)**** to consider the performance Evaluation of the General Manage/Chief Administrative Officer Patrick Mathews for 2021.

**PUBLIC COMMENTED**

(4:36) None

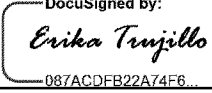
(4:37) President Lopez adjourned the meeting to closed session to discuss Item Nos. 5, 6, and 7.

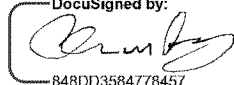
**RECONVENE**

(5:40) President Lopez reconvened the meeting to open session with no reportable actions taken in closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

(5:41) President Lopez adjourned the meeting.

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Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED:   
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Christopher M. Lopez, President