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2021-22 ANNUAL REPORT

Working Towards A Future Without Landfills





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Whether you need to visit one of our facilities or are looking for more recycling resources in your community, your first step is to give us a call.

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Johnson Canyon Landfill

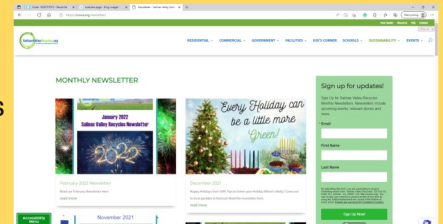
31400 Johnson Canyon Road
Gonzales, CA 93926
(831) 675-2165

Jolon Road Transfer Station

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King City, CA 93930
(831) 385-0353

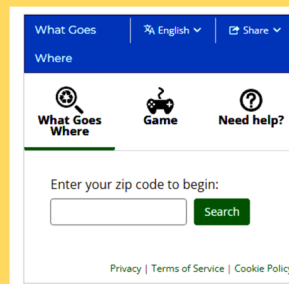
Salinas Valley Recycles is on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & YouTube! At SVR we find exciting news about upcoming events, photos, videos, links, articles, and tips on waste reduction every day. Sharing the news through our social media, newsletters and website is a key part of our mission to help people see and understand the importance of recycling. "Like" us to stay connected and get important up-to-date information about local solid waste and recycling issues.

Subscribe to our newsletter to be the first one to know about upcoming events, stories and more. To subscribe email media@svswa.org.



Updates to the "What Goes Where?" App is Live!

Confused about recycling? Fear not, the What Goes Where App was recently updated to answer all your burning recycling questions. "Can plastic bags be recycled curbside?" To find out, download the app for free, enter your zip code and get answers to all your trash and recycling questions.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER/CAO



Positive news and successes were the norm for our 2021/2022 fiscal year. We can't be prouder and more appreciative of the incredible work our staff did this year to fuel our progress and success. We continued to receive and process record amounts of materials and customer trips at all our facilities across the region. Customer Service remained our highest priority and was the driving force behind the continuing growth of our customer base. Education and Public Service highlighted the incredible progress our agency has made in its first 25 years.

SUSTAINABLE FINANCES

With the Board's leadership, SVR has established a strong set of financially sustainable policies and practices to guide the agency's future and reduce ratepayer risks and costs into the future. We are in a strong position to continue to sustain critical operations, meet new, unfunded State mandates, fund new infrastructure for organics and recycling activities, and advance SVR goals through future economic downturns without excessively disruptive measures. In short, SVR is financially sustainable, forward looking and applying creative new approaches to run cost effective government utility services.

Here are a few highlights:

- Reached an agreement with City of Salinas and Republic Services to equalize our organics processing fees for Salinas and other member agencies
- "Rainy Day" reserves being funded annually in preparation for economic slow downs
- Permitted landfill space is maximized for member agencies benefit with no outside waste imports
- Landfill tipping fees reduced 5.5% and remain one of the lowest rates in the region.
- Pay-As-You-Go capital funding policies reduce need for debt and puts more public funds to work on projects and programs instead of paying lender interest
- Regularly paying off CalPERS pension liability and established a long-term Pension Trust fund to help offset years with low or negative pension fund returns, saving SVR over \$1 million in future carrying costs

- Refinanced our 2014 Bonds at record low interest rates, saving \$1.6 million and reducing the repayment term by 1 -year
- All of the above fiscal successes of the Board are reflected SVR's historic change in Net Position from a low of approximately (-\$12 million) in FY 2009-10 to an estimated +\$30 million in FY 2021-22, representing a positive change of \$42 million in the last 12 years.

SUN STREET TRANSFER STATION CLOSURE AND RELOCATION

After 18 years of operation and original plans to build a permanent enclosed transfer facility, we must say goodbye to an old friend that has served almost 2 million Salinas area customer visits over the years. Our operational philosophy was always very simple, GREAT CUSTOMER SERVICE! This is a testament to our dedicated staff who go out of their way to deliver quality and cost-effective services to our community. While Sun Street Transfer Station will be missed, the great community services we are known for will live on in a new location next to Republic Service's Madison Lane Transfer Station across town at 1104 Madison Lane off of South Boronda Rd. Our free Recycling Center and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection services will move to the Madison Lane location and open on September 12, 2022. Customers can still visit us for all their recycling needs and then visit Republic Service's transfer station next door for their garbage, construction debris, and organics processing services for that one-stop experience customers have grown to expect.

NEW (OLD) OFFICE BUILDING

After years of searching for more permanent SVR office space for our administrative services, the Board decided to purchase the office space we have been leasing for the last 16 years when it came on the market this year. Not only will this provide more room to grow and serve the greater Salinas Valley area, but the other suites are now a new source of agency income.

The new office will provide dedicated space for continuation of our areas schools and community education programs and home compost demonstration garden. Once the adjacent Sun Street Transfer Station property is sold or leased, the proceeds will be returned to capital reserves to replace the funds borrowed to buy the office building preserving cash for future waste diversion programs and technologies.

ORGANICS DIVERSION FROM LANDFILLING

State mandated organics recovery is now the single most challenging regulation to come out of Sacramento since AB 939 in 1989. This new law is a major challenge for SVR, our member agencies and the community. SB 1383 was adopted in 2016 and requires significant reductions of anything organic (food scraps, yard waste, wood, paper) going into landfills. The good news is SVR 's Board and staff have been actively planning for these changes for over 6 years and have made substantial progress in our regional planning, program development, education, and processing infrastructure for handling the expected increase in recovered organic materials.

SVR's new organics processing partner, Atlas Organics, brings a new perspective and technology to the Salinas Valley to improve the quality of our products for Ag and landscape needs. Robotics and artificial intelligence will be used to remove contaminants that can hurt compost quality and upgrades will be made to the automated composting system to improve process speed and improve air quality.

PUBLIC EDUCATION CENTER

Our Resource Recovery and Operations Team completed installation of a new Public Education Center at our Johnson Canyon Landfill using prefabricated shipping-containers. This new facility will serve as our future hub for trainings, tours, and school education programs. Staff is preparing the inside and adding utilities for an expected grand opening in late 2022.

CHALLENGES OVERCOME

I want to again commend our Board and staff for remaining so strong and committed to quality public service in the face of uncertainties around City of Salinas membership in SVR. A significant commitment of staff time was put into collaboration with the City Administration the last two fiscal years to resolve the Sun Street Relocation Project and receive City commitment to rescind its notice to withdraw from SVR. All parties have worked very hard to find compromise to meet the growing public demand for our services, fulfill new unfunded State mandates, support the City's future development needs, and find a new home in our largest public service sector (Salinas). The key to this challenge was the City led facilitation with their hauler, Republic Services, to relocate our Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Facility next to the Madison Lane Transfer

Station. This consolidated move along with the Republic Services Corporation yard relocation will allow the City to begin development of the Alisal Market Place, and SVR to continue its essential public services with limit employee impacts.

OUR FUTURE

A new 2022/23 **Strategic Plan** was created by the Board this year in collaboration with SVR administrative leadership. This plan included updates to our current Mission, Vision and Values; establishment of Board Norms to guide the governance of the agency; and new Goals to guide the progress and focus of SVR over the coming years. The decisions SVR makes today regarding a cost-effective and sustainable waste management system will continue to serve the best interests of our communities and future generations for decades to come, and is a model for others to emulate. We will continue to encourage the Board, staff, partners, community, and stakeholders to look into the future and imagine a world without trash and in its place a system to repurpose, reuse, reduce and recycle all our thrown away resources.

This annual report is a summary of SVR's accomplishments, waste reductions activities, cost saving measures, and its dedicated professional staff for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. We hope this report provides the reader with a clear overview of the sustainable direction of Salinas Valley Recycles! As SVR's member agencies embark on implementing their local plans to create more vibrant, healthy, and sustainable communities, the contributions of SVR to these goals are substantial.

SVR continues to strive to be a model for the delivery of government utility services: Sustainable, Low-Cost, Public Service Focused, Friendly, Effective and Strategic. I want to again thank the Salinas Valley Recycles Board of Directors, staff, community partners, our Citizens and all those who have supported our efforts to improve our environment and help make sustainable living in the Salinas Valley a reality.



R. Patrick Mathews
General Manager/Chief Administrative Officer

Our journey
to Greatness

WHO WE ARE

The Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority, aka Salinas Valley Recycles (SVR), is a joint powers agency made up of the following local governments: Monterey County (eastern half of the unincorporated county), and the cities of Salinas, Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield and King City.

WHAT IS A JOINT POWERS AGENCY

A joint powers agency (JPA) is a governmental body that is formed by two or more local governments (cities or counties) joining together to address a specific service need that is common to all members of the group. JPAs are often formed to address such regional issues as water, sewer, solid waste, public safety, and transportation.

WHAT WE DO

SVR is responsible for providing secure long-term solid waste disposal and resource recovery services to all of its members in an environmentally sound and cost-effective manner. SVR currently owns one active and three closed landfills, two transfer stations, and oversees the operation and management of these facilities. SVR is also responsible for overseeing future landfill siting or expansion to meet the area's long-term solid waste disposal needs. Our agency's focus though is much more than just landfills; see our Mission, Vision, and Values to learn more about our vision of a future without landfills.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"To manage Salinas Valley solid waste as a resource, promoting equitable, sustainable, environmentally sound and cost-effective practices through an integrated system of waste reduction, reuse, recycling, innovative technology, customer service, and education."



OUR VISION STATEMENT

"To reduce the amount of waste by promoting individual and corporate responsibility. To recover waste for its highest and best use while balancing rates and services. To transform our business from burying waste to utilizing waste as a resource. To eliminate the need for landfills."



OUR VALUES

Innovation
Integrity
Public Education
Efficiency
Fiscal Prudence
Resourcefulness
Customer Service
Community Partnership
Equity



Christopher M. Lopez
President
County of Monterey

THANK YOU TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF SERVICE!



Christie Cromeenes
Vice President
City of Salinas



Andrew Tipton
Alternate Vice President
City of Greenfield



Liz Silva
City of Gonzales



Robert Cullen
City of King

SVR is governed by a nine-member board consisting of two members of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, three members of the Salinas City Council, and one City Council member each from the cities of Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, and King. Each of the six member agencies also appoints one alternate to represent its agency if an appointed member cannot be present at a Board Meeting.

Executive Committee is composed of the Authority Board:

- President
- Vice President
- Alternate Vice President
- Immediate Past President (discretionary)

The Executive Committee is an advisory committee to the Board of Directors and oversees issues related to finances, personal, and agency policies.

The appointment of officers occurs annually at the January Board meeting. The Board has discretion to appoint the Immediate Past President for one year.

The Board of Directors and the Executive Committee appointees may serve up to 2 years in each role.



John M. Phillips
County of Monterey



Kimbley Craig
City of Salinas



Anthony Rocha
City of Salinas



Ben Jimenez, Jr.
City of Soledad

BOARD ALTERNATES

- Luis Alejo, County of Monterey
- Orlando Osornio, City of Salinas
- Scott Funk, City of Gonzales
- Carla Strobridge, City of Soledad
- Robert White, City of Greenfield
- Darlene Acosta, City of King

MEETING SCHEDULES

The Board of Directors meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Gonzales Council Chambers with some exceptions.

The executive Committee, (Board of Directors Officers), meet monthly on the Thursday two weeks before each Board of Directors meeting as necessary at 4:00 p.m. at SVR's Administration Office.

For more information on meeting schedules or agendas, contact Clerk of the Board, Erika J. Trujillo, (831) 775-3012, erikat@svswa.org or visit our website www.SalinasValleyRecycles.org.



Meeting agendas can be viewed by visiting our website
www.svswa.org/government/agendas-meeting-schedules



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

JULY

- Meeting Recess

AUGUST

- The designed concept plans, a sample image, and a range of cost for an outdoor education center at Johnson Canyon Landfill (JCLF) were presented and discussed with the Board.
- Annual Tonnage and Operations Report for fiscal year 2020-21 was presented.
- The non-binding letter of intent between the Authority and Republic Services, that identified the structural framework for the various agreements and operational considerations for the relocation of Sun Street Transfer Station (SSTS) to Madison Lane Transfer Station (MLTS) was approved by the Board.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Authority, and the City of Salinas that reflects the collaboration amongst the two organizations to resolve several important community issues and move forward was approved by the Board. This MOU was the first step to relocate the SSTS, to rescind its Notice of Intent to Withdraw issued by the City of Salinas to the Authority, and to equalize Organics Processing rates.

SEPTEMBER

- Monica Ambriz and Oscar Garcia were co-recipients of the Employee of Year Award.
- Staff presented to the Board the two refinancing options and the steps required to move forward to refinance the current bonds.
- A lease agreement for the relocation of the Recycling and HHW operations to MLTS with Republic Services was approved by the Board.
- The Board approved an agreement between Republic

Services and the Authority to provide transfer services for materials between the MLTS and the JCLF.

- The Board decided to conduct hybrid Board/Committee meetings.

OCTOBER

- La Plaza Bakery and La Barata Meat Market from King City were recognized for being early adopters of the Commercial Food Scrap Collection Program.
- The Board approved the purchase of five customized shipping containers for the development of the outdoor education center at JCLF.
- The progress on the programs of the implementation of food scrap and food recovery in the service area that includes a total of 117 schools was presented.
- The letter from the City of Salinas rescinding their one-year notice of intent to withdraw was received.

NOVEMBER

- The report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 showed another strong year for the Authority with no uncorrected misstatements found and once again a management letter from the financial auditors was not received.
- A report was given on the soft launch (pilot testing) of the Curbside Food Scrap program scheduled for January 1, 2022, in the City of Soledad with full launch and large-scale outreach/advertising tentative to begin on earth day, April 22, 2022 was given to the Board.
- The two overall highest scoring proposals were presented to the Board for Organics Processing vendor selection for consideration by the Board.
- The New Officers Nominating Committee was formed.

DECEMBER

- The Board approved to move forward with the negotiation on a ten-year agreement with Atlas Organics for the processing and marketing of organics at the JCL.

JANUARY

- The preceding officers were re-elected to a second one-year term.
- The results of the annual employee survey were presented.
- The Board approved the refinancing of the bonds which shortens the maturity of the bonds by one year to allow for an estimated total saving of \$1.64 million.

FEBRUARY

- The preliminary operating and CIP budget of \$23,500,000 was presented to the Board.
- An update was provided to the Board on the status of the Sun Street Closure and Relocation Project. Meetings have been held between all the regional stakeholder to discuss key issues. Republic Services indicated the lease improvements needed for Authority relocation of services to MLTS are continuing to move forward with a new estimated completion date of May 1, 2022.
- All public meetings would continue to be conducted in a virtual format through the end of March.

MARCH

- A public hearing was held to consider the approval of the balanced operating and CIP budget for fiscal year 2022-23. The budget includes increases to organics tipping fees, AB 939 fees, and a reduction to the solid waste tipping fee. It assumes equalized organics rates, closure of the SSTS, relocation of Salinas area AB 939 services and the hauling for Republic Services at MLTS.
- The service agreement and lease agreement for the processing and marketing of organics with Atlas Organics were approved.
- The progress of the SB 1383 program was presented. The program includes the Curbside Food Scrap program and new outreach and educational materials focusing on behavior change.

APRIL

- Atlas Organics gave a presentation to the Board with an update on the design, construction, transition plan, marketing plan, and hiring process taking place to ensure a smooth transition from the current

vendor.

- Natividad School in Salinas and Paletteria y Neveria Maru in Greenfield were recognized for the implementation of their Food Scraps & Diversion Program that has allowed waste reduction.
- The Board was informed that due to unforeseen permit issues the relocation project could be delayed approximately seven to eight months.

MAY

- The quarterly tonnage report was presented to the Board.
- The County of Monterey informed the Board that there have been unforeseen permitting issues that would potentially delay the SSTS relocation to MLTS possibly to after the end of 2022. The delay will require adjustments to the Authority's budget and rates for fiscal year 2022-23.

JUNE

- The Feasibility study results compiled by SCS Engineers to assist Authority staff in the consideration of various options to process organic wastes (including biosolids) that are not currently composted was presented to the Board.
- The first five recipients of the new pilot grant awards were announced. The pilot grant program was developed by the Edible Food Recovery Technical Advisory Committee, a subcommittee of the larger SB 1383 Technical Advisory Committee.
- A presentation was given to the Board explaining the overall landfill design and environmental control systems, day to day operations, state and local regulatory compliance, diversion programs, organics processing, and financial aspects.



Our People

are empowered with the skills and knowledge that drives our performance and vision of becoming first choice for all our stakeholders.

We have a diverse and experienced high-performance team



Team SVR, at your service! We see your dedication to reduce trash, and we thank you for your amazing recycling efforts! Last year alone, 57,011 tons of materials were diverted out of the landfill and were recycled into other materials! Continue recycling curbside, and visit our new location for Household Hazardous Waste & Recycling at 1104 Madison lane, opening September 12th, where we will continue providing the same great level of service you have come to expect.

Keep up the great work, Salinas Valley!

We solve customer problems and unlock new opportunities. Our strong knowledge in recycling underpins all we do.

Our performance reflects the hard work of our skilled and dedicated people.

We are working hard to eliminate the need for landfills!

Welcome to the T.E.A.M



Enrique Bocanegra
Diversion Worker
July 12, 2021

Oswaldo Olalde
Diversion Worker
July 12, 2021

Fernando Orejel
Equipment
Maintenance
Technician
July 12, 2021

Sara
Papineau-Brant
Resource Recovery
Technician
January 24, 2022

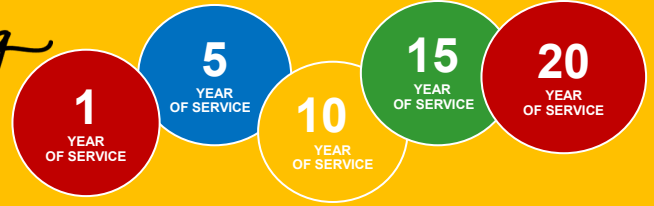
Jose Luis Garcia
Diversion Worker
January 24, 2022

Julia Brooker
Resource Recovery
Technician
June 14, 2022



As a pro in the Solid Waste field with an impressive 16-year tenure, you're highly regarded by your peers as the Jack of All Trades - SVR can count on you to get the job done and all with a smile. Everyone here is grateful to work by your side.

Thank you for all you do, Mike Silva!



David Roel
HHW Technician
20 Years of Service

Estela Gutierrez
Resource Recovery Technician
15 Years of Service

Roddy Trevino
Lead Equipment Operator
15 Years of Service

Fernando Caballero
Lead Equipment Operator
15 Years of Service



Oscar Garcia
Solid Waste Technician
10 Years of Service

Manuel Alderete
Diversion Worker
10 Years of Service

Harold Dorsey
Diversion Worker
5 Years of Service

One Year of Service

Phillipe Elizalde
Robert Lujan
Gustavo Lozano
Isidro Lopez
Enrique Bocanegra
Oswaldo Olalde
Fernando Orejel
Sara Papineau-Brant



We are committed to fair treatment of all employees. Team members receive training on our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and our Harassment Prevention Policy.



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OPERATING BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BUDGET

FY 2021-22 Budget

FY 2022-23 Budget



REVENUES

Tipping Fees - Solid Waste	14,385,000	13,532,700
ML Contract Hauling	—	2,122,000
Tipping Fees - Transportation Surcharge	1,486,800	255,000
Tipping Fees - Diverted Materials	3,188,250	3,287,200
AB939 Service Fee	3,460,000	3,633,000
Other Revenues	751,800	685,000
TOTAL REVENUES	23,271,850	23,514,900

OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Administration	2,782,300	2,942,000
Resource Recovery	6,505,000	6,621,600
Transfer Station Operations	3,379,300	2,758,600
Landfill Operations	3,338,400	4,034,100
Debt Service	3,134,000	3,115,300
Closure Set-Aside	336,000	334,400
Future Cell Construction Set-Aside	1,050,000	1,045,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	20,525,000	20,851,000

NET OPERATING REVENUE	2,746,850	2,663,900
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BUDGETED SURPLUS

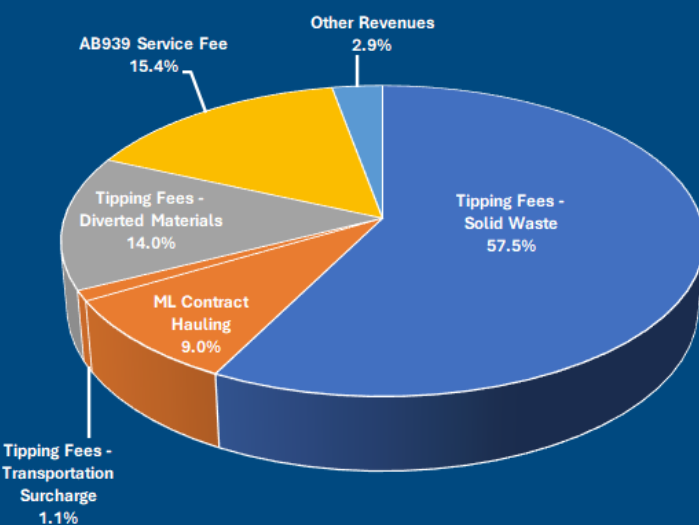
Post Closure Maintenance	(1,070,000)	(1,070,000)
Allocated for CIP	(1,670,000)	(1,725,000)
Use of One Time Surplus	—	—
TOTAL BUDGETED SURPLUS	6,850	(131,100)

Congratulations to our Accounting Team, which made history once again for being awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the seventh consecutive year. The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment. This is a great honor for our Accounting Team and the award reflects well upon everyone at SVR.

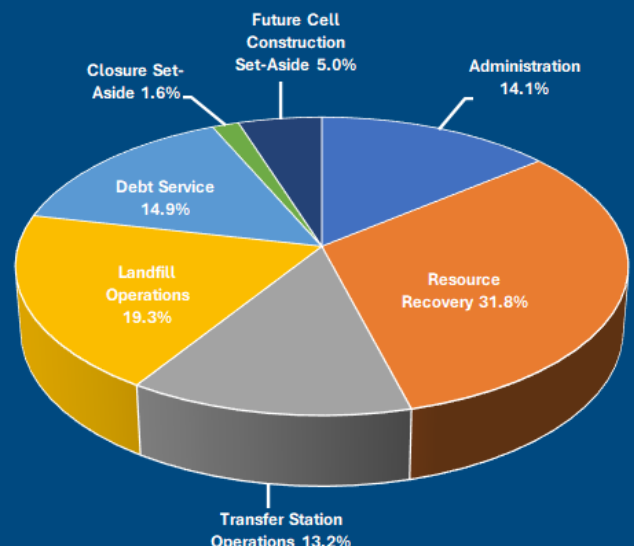
The Finance Department is committed to integrity and excellence in providing timely, accurate, and complete financial information and services to all Salinas Valley Recycles stakeholders.

To view SVR's latest financial information including budget documents and audited financial statements, visit our website www.SalinasValleyRecycles.org

REVENUE



EXPENDITURES





CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (CIP)/POST CLOSURE MAINTENANCE

The following Projects are to be budgeted in FY 2022-23:

Equipment Replacement (3 sites)	\$ 1,150,000
Post Closure Maintenance (3 sites)	\$ 1,070,000
Organics Program	\$ 200,000
Johnson Canyon LFG System Improvements	\$ 100,000
Roadway Maintenance/Improvements	\$ 100,000
Johnson Canyon Partial Closure	\$ 100,000
Johnson Canyon Litter Barrier	\$ 25,000
JR Transfer Station Improvements	\$ 25,000
Concrete Grinding	\$ 25,000
Total Operating Surplus Allocations	\$ 2,795,000



Equipment Replacement (\$1,150,000)

SVR operates two transfer stations, and one landfill. To replace necessary equipment, money is set aside every year. This will allow the Authority to replace the equipment with cash on hand rather than having to take out additional debt. The Equipment Replacement budget for all three sites is \$1,150,000 and are allocated to each site as follows:

- Johnson Canyon Landfill - \$800,000
- Madison Lane Recycling Center & Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility - \$230,000
- Jolon Road Transfer Station - \$120,000

Post Closure Maintenance (\$1,070,000)

Post-closure maintenance costs are inconsistent in nature. Some years require more maintenance than others. During FY 2019-20, the

Board approved removing post closure maintenance from the operating budget and including it in the CIP budget. This allows staff to carry over remaining balances at the end of the year and help ensure that funding is available when large maintenance and repairs are necessary at the closed landfills. The total post closure maintenance budget for all three sites is \$1,070,000 and are allocated to each site as follows:

- Crazy Horse Closed Landfill - \$560,000
- Jolon Road Closed Landfill - \$260,000
- Lewis Road Closed Landfill - \$250,000

Organics Program (\$200,000)

On September 21, 2017, the Board approved the expanded organics program to meet the levels of diversion and greenhouse gas emission reductions required by

various state mandates, including the Global Warming Solutions Act (Assembly Bill (AB) 32), the Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling Program (AB 1826), and Short-Lived Climate Pollutants and Methane Emissions Reduction Strategy (Senate Bill 1383), which effectively eliminates the disposal of organic materials (including food scraps) in landfills by 2025 with interim reduction mandates. An Organics grant in the amount \$1.34 million was awarded and accepted from CalRecycle to fund the infrastructure needed for the new organics program. The capital replacement budget includes \$200,000 in funding to ensure that we have funds set aside (Pay-As-You-Go funding) to replace heavy equipment and de-packaging machinery, as well as any continued improvements needed for the composting site.

Johnson Canyon LFG System Improvements (\$100,000)

As landfill operations continue at the Johnson Canyon Landfill, so is the need to assure an effective environmental control system is in place. Setting aside \$100,000 annually for landfill gas system improvement will allow us to maintain and replace wells as needed.

Roadway Maintenance/Improvements (\$100,000)

The Authority sets aside funds annually to maintain/replace the roads surrounding its facilities.

Johnson Canyon Partial Closure (\$100,000)

Staff is working on phases one and two of the Johnson Canyon Closure Plan. The soil being moved to complete these phases is part of the overall soil management plan related to the continual construction of the new cells. However, items such as Construction Quality Assurance testing and surveying are strictly part of the closure and must be tracked separately. An allocation of \$100,000 annually is necessary until phases one and two of the rolling closure has been completed.

Johnson Canyon Litter Barrier (\$25,000)

The litter barrier control fence along the property boundary helps to prevent litter from leaving the site. The \$25,000 annual funding allows staff to expand and replace the barrier as needed.

Jolon Road Transfer Station Improvements (\$25,000)

Staff took-over of the Jolon Road Transfer Station in September 2016. Initial repairs were done at the facility at this time. Setting aside \$25,000 annually will help ensure that any future capital repairs and/or improvements at the site have a minimal impact on the budget.

Concrete Grinding (\$25,000)

The Authority receives concrete, asphalt, and porcelain at its facilities for recycling. The material is consolidated at the Johnson Canyon Landfill and used as aggregate base to construct its internal access roads and a winter tipping pad that allows both the public and franchise haulers to access the tipping face in the winter months. Most of the material is crushed with onsite equipment and placed as

needed. The larger portions require stockpiling and contracted crushing to produce the re-usable material for onsite needs. However, this material is only processed once every few years. To have enough funds available for processing, money is set aside each year on a Pay-As-You-Go basis until enough material is stockpiled to warrant grinding.

Pay-As-You-Go

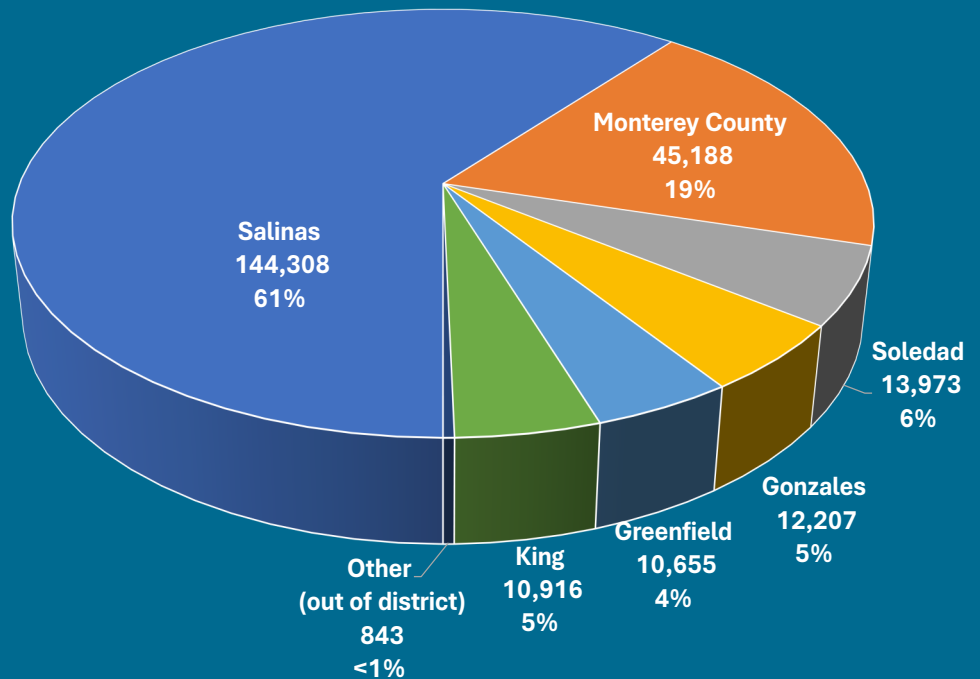




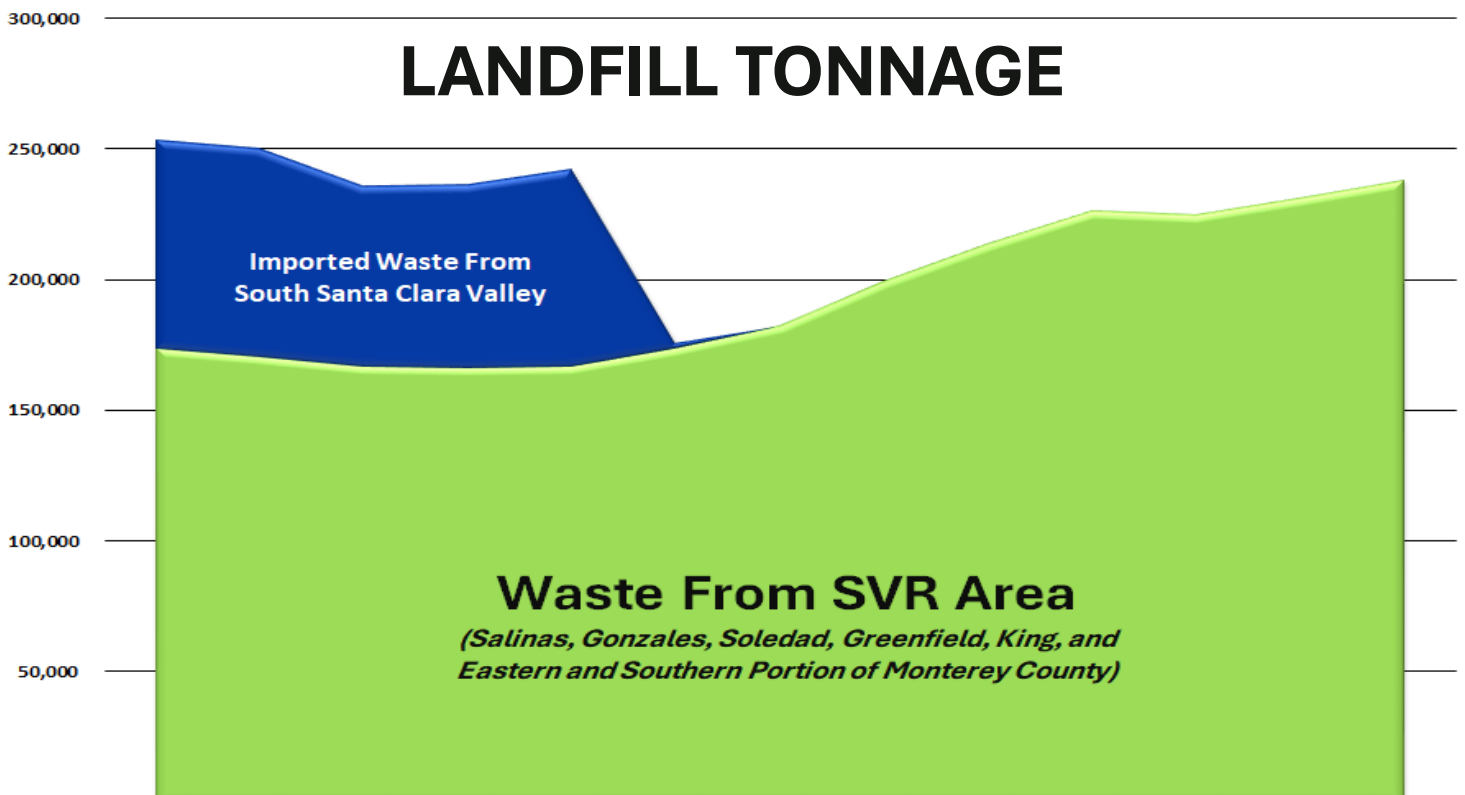
STATISTICS

**TOTAL TONS
LANDFILLED
AT JOHNSON
CANYON
LANDFILL**

238,089

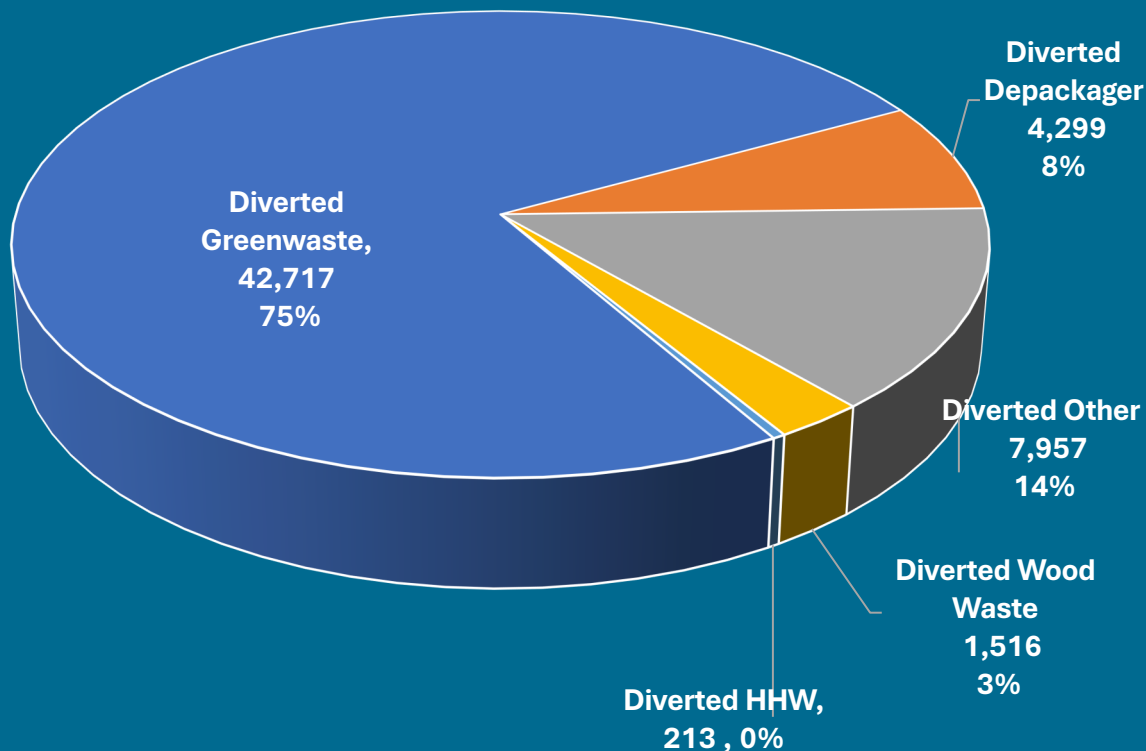


LANDFILL TONNAGE



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
■ South Valley	79,615	79,552	69,215	70,021	75,790	1,951							
■ SVSWA	173,938	171,131	167,033	166,500	166,998	173,972	182,298	199,457	213,714	226,386	224,979	231,463	238,089

TOTAL TONNAGE DIVERTED BY COMMODITY



TONS OF WASTED PROCESSED

	Salinas	Monterey County	Soledad	King City	Greenfield	Gonzales	Total
Total Received	181,179	60,993	18,954	13,543	16,466	16,291	307,426
Less C&D (Used for ADC*)	5,196	414	179	235	330	264	6,618
Less Biosolids (Used for ADC*)	—	48	1,045	—	298	—	1,391
Less Dirt (Used for Daily Cover)	2,520	922	293	—	77	234	4,047
Net Tonnage Received**	173,463	59,609	17,437	13,308	15,761	15,793	295,371
Diverted Green Waste	23,582	10,935	2,134	1,958	2,586	1,522	42,717
Diverted Depackager	1,717	2,126	1	—	—	455	4,299
Diverted Other	2,712	1,292	1,304	282	2,367	1,422	9,379
Diverted Wood Waste	965	61	22	145	151	172	1,516
Diverted HHW	179	7	3	8	2	15	213
Total Diverted	29,155	14,421	3,465	2,392	5,106	3,586	58,124
% Diverted	16.8%	24.2%	19.9%	18.0%	32.4%	22.7%	19.7%
Solid Waste Landfilled	144,308	45,188	13,973	10,916	10,655	12,207	237,246
Self Haul Tons from outside SVR Area							843
Landfilled Tons at Johnson Canyon Landfill							238,089

* ADC: Alternative Daily Cover

** Data included inbounds tons. Facilities not operated by SVR are allocated based on tonnage received at Johnson Canyon Landfill.



SVR has become an integral part of the Salinas Valley. Customers trips to our facilities have increased since FY 2015-16 showing there is a strong need in the community for SVR's facilities.

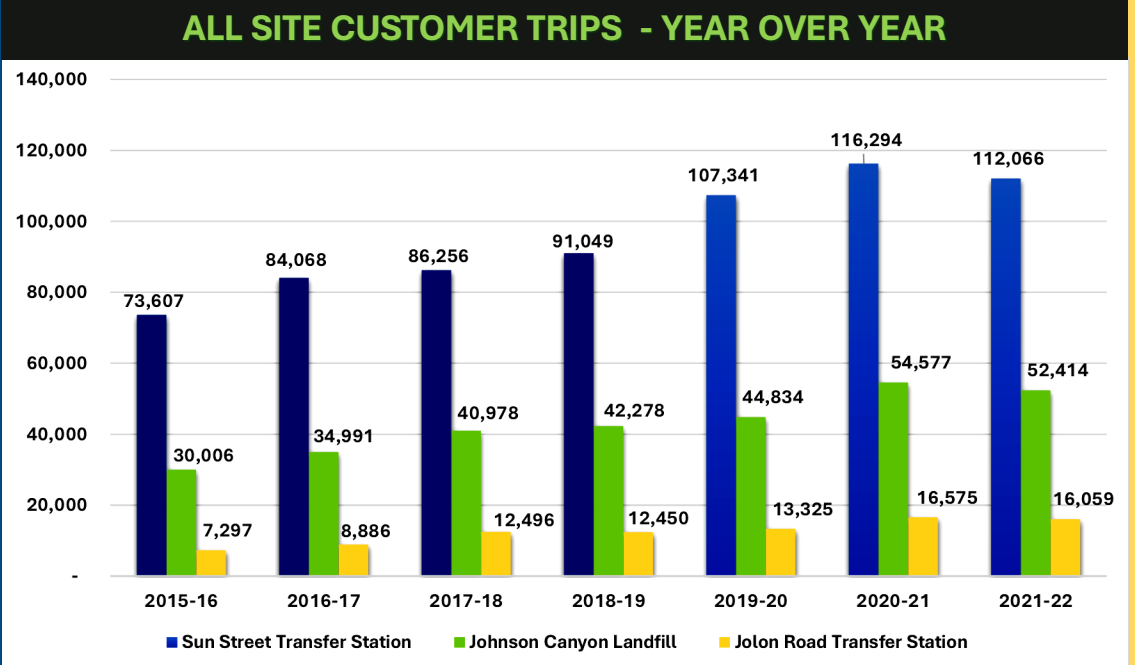
Each of SVR's facilities provides an outlet for customers to bring their recyclables and trash to assist local jurisdictions in minimizing illegal dumping. Having three locations in the Salinas Valley ensures all residents and business have disposal & recycling options located near them.

Recycling programs are setup at all three locations to ensure the highest levels of recycling is achieved while keeping cost for customers as low as possible to promote public interest in recycling and proper disposal of trash.

The Sun Street Transfer Station in Salinas will be closing permanently on September 10. Household Hazardous Waste & Recycling Services will relocate to 1104 Madison Lane starting Monday, September 12.

Disposal services will continue at Johnson Canyon Landfill & Jolon Road Transfer Station. The operating hours are tailored to our customers needs. The Madison Lane Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) & Recycling Facility in Salinas and Jolon Road Transfer Station are open Monday through Saturday, while Johnson Canyon Landfill is open seven days a week.

We look forward to servicing the public's needs at our other locations!



Johnson Canyon Landfill Shop Concrete Replacement

After many years of use, the concrete apron in front to the shop at Johnson Canyon was failing. SVSWA Staff removed the old concrete, formed the new pad and new concrete was installed. A new drain line to keep the water off the pad was installed as well.



Johnson Canyon Closure Project

SVSWA contacted State regulators and was granted an alternative closure design for the Johnson Canyon Landfill. This alternative closure method uses almost 5 feet of soil as a final cover, eliminating the need for the traditional plastic membrane. This method also allows us to close the landfill with Authority staff as we excavate our next module, saving time and considerable amounts of money.



Carton Council - \$5,000

The Carton Council awarded SVR \$5,000 to purchase 38 milk waste containers that were distributed to 38 local schools to help increase milk carton recycling, while preventing milk waste from contaminating other recyclables placed in the school recycling containers and ending up in the landfill. Students now pour their leftover milk waste into the milk waste container to properly recycle all empty milk cartons. SVR provided in-kind resources to educate, install and train school personnel and students. The success of this grant project is measured by all participating schools now diverting 100% of all their milk carton, reducing recyclables contamination, and saving landfill space. It's worth noting that this container was designed based off a DIY prototype unit built by our own SVR staff. Nicely done Estela!



CalRecycle SB1383 Local Assistance Grant Program - \$332,235

SVR, serving as the grant administrator, applied on behalf of its member cities for funding to implement collaborative organics recycling and edible food waste recovery programs to assist member agencies achieve compliance with SB 1383 regulations to divert organic materials from the landfill. This funding will be used to:



- Purchase equipment/supplies for Edible Food Recovery facilities to support increased edible food recovery
- Purchase residential food waste kitchen pails
- Support edible food recovery capacity planning coordination
- Support edible food recovery program planning, design, outreach, and education
- Develop and integrate a technical app to support edible food recovery - Resident and business outreach and education
- Incentivize procurement of compost/mulch
- Fund compost/mulch transport and spread

CalRecycle Tire Amnesty - \$77,757

We are on a roll. Tire amnesty events continue. SVR has been successfully applying for this grant funding once it becomes available. This funding provides our local residents opportunities to dispose of their used tires at no cost and SVR ensures that these tires are appropriately recycled. A two-month event was held during April and May 2022, which resulted in the collection of an estimated 12,930 tires. Two additional events are planned with this funding. Look out for the next event and keep rolling those used tire in for recycling!



Looking back in time...

The Contracts & Grants position was added to the Authority in January 2006. Since then, over \$4,100,000 in grant funding has been secured to realize valuable diversion projects that have helped and continue to help our local environment. SVR's history of awarded grants include:

INSIDE OUR GRANTS 2016-2022

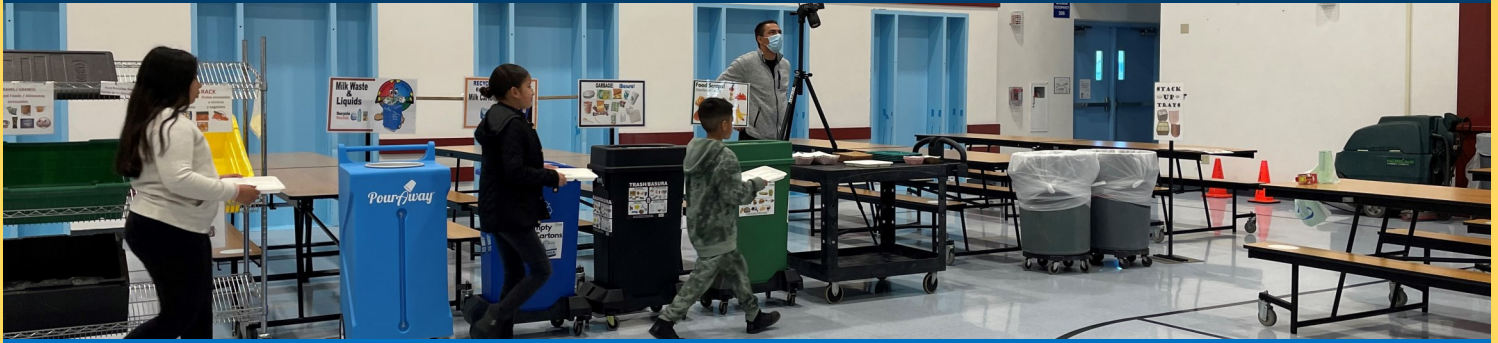
- CalRecycle—CRV Beverage Recycling City/County Payment Program
- CalRecycle—Tire Amnesty, Used Tire Collection
- USDA—Waste to Energy Research
- US EPA—Power Feasibility Study
- MBARD—Biodiesel Fueling Station
- HHW—Mobile Collection Truck & Events
- CalRecycle—Tire Derived Aggregate for Landfill Well System
- MBARD—Biodiesel Transfer Trucks
- CalRecycle—Organics Anaerobic Composting System & Food Rescue
- Mattress Recycling Council—Storage Containers
- Carpet America Recycling Effort—Storage Bins
- Carton Council—School Milk Carton Recycling
- CalRecycle—SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program, organics diversion

Prior to the designated contracts position, approximately another \$1,100,000 in grant funding had been secured by prior staff, summing a total of approximately \$5,200,000 in grant funding secured by SVR since 1999.



ELIA ZAVALA
Contracts & Grants Analyst

RESOURCE RECOVERY: SCHOOL EDUCATION



SVR created six sorting video to continue diversion education in the schools to train students, faculty, administration, custodial and cafeteria staff properly divert to comply with the SB 1383, AB 1826 and AB 341.

How to Sort Food Waste (Eng.) (1:20 min)

Students learn how to divert food scraps properly in the cafeteria. Items such as leftover fruits and vegetables and 1/2 eaten sandwiches, burritos, and pizza can be diverted in the food scraps bin. Food waste is diverted and taken to our composting facility to create new soil products to grow more nutritious food!



How to Sort Empty Milk Cartons (Eng.) (1:27 min)

Students learn how to divert empty milk cartons. Recycling emptied milk cartons can help schools to reduce garbage and increase recycling. When you recycle right, we reduce contamination, save natural resources, and extend the life of our local landfill. Students are encouraged to drink all the milk and to not take it if they are not going to drink it.



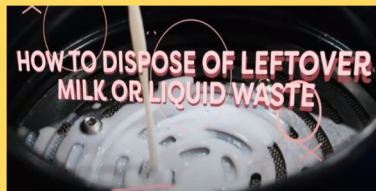
How to Use the Food Share Station (Eng.) (1:42 min)

Students learn how to properly divert edible food in the sharing station. They place uneaten and unwanted sealed food in the school's sharing station. Students that are still hungry can take edible food to eat at a later time or to take home.



How to Dispose of Leftover Milk or Liquid Waste (Eng.) (1:36 min)

Students learn how to divert properly leftover milk, juice and water. Removing leftover milk and liquids from the garbage can prevent spills and injuries to custodial staff during the disposal of garbage. Also, removing liquids from garbage cans, dumpsters, and collection vehicles decreases liquid spill and potentially decreases dumpster/can odors. Students are encouraged to only take milk if they are going to drink it to reduce milk waste.



How to Sort Recycling in The Classroom or Cafeteria (Eng.) (1:27 min)

Students learn how to recycle right in the classroom and in the cafeteria. Recycling at the school is important because it prevents pollution, reduces the need to harvest new raw materials, saves energy, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, saves money, reduces the amount of waste that ends up in landfills, and extend the life of our local landfill.



How to Stack Up Trays Video (Eng.) (00:54 sec)

Students learn how to stack up trays right in the cafeteria to reduce garbage volume and the amount of trash bags generated during lunch. Schools that have implemented this program seen a reduce of trash bags from 12 to only 2 per school lunch. Some schools have reusable trays which further reduces their garbage generation during each meal.



The Road to Zero Waste:

Jesse Sanchez Elementary, Salinas CA,
Leading the Way!

SVR created a testimonial video with the Alisal School District and Principal at Jesse Sanchez School (JSS) to show the world that working to zero waste schools is possible if we all work together.

The road to zero waste started at Jesse Sanchez school. This video highlights all of the diversion programs implemented at JSS with the help of the school district and the educational agencies that help the school comply with the state mandates. Diversion programs and policies were implemented: traveling apple policy, reusable trays, sharing rack, liquid diversion, food waste, milk carton recycling, and reusable sporks.

Food Scraps Re-implementation at JSS

Diversion programs were reimplemented at JSS because the initial waste assessment was done before the pandemic and the program stopped during the pandemic. Students were retrained on how to sort properly starting with:

- Separate the reusable metal forks. JSS switched to reusable sporks eliminating the need to use 1,000 disposable sporks that the school was using every school day
- Divert edible food in the sharing rack. Students were trained to separate unopen/uneaten food into the sharing station. The district adopted the Traveling Apple Policy to help schools divert edible food where students/staff can take it to eat at later time or home.
- Liquids were diverted from the trash. The school diverted leftover milk, juice, and water in the liquid bin.
- Divert empty milk cartons for recycling.
- Food scraps program to divert leftover food from students
- Stacking up reusable trays. Students learn how to line up compartments trays to have trays ready for the dishwasher.

SVR and haulers have been working together to implement diversion programs in the school's cafeterias to help them comply with the organic and recycling state mandates requirements. The school cafeterias' zero waste diversion programs include a sharing station, milk waste, milk carton diversion, food scraps, and stacking up trays. During the zero-waste program implementation and to prepare for the programs, SVR and haulers provide:

- 2-days hands-on training to students, cafeteria, lunch supervisors, and custodial staff to divert properly and to reduce contamination.
- Back-of-the-house implementation for the kitchen staff to divert food scraps during meals preparation
- Provide indoor infrastructure: food waste bins along with compostable bags to start the program, 32-gallon recycling bins, and milk waste liquid bins.
- Educational material: labels, posters, brochures, and a list of sorting videos to prepare the students for the diversion programs.
- Pre and post-assessment report.
- Help the school to form a Green Team to continue the diversion in the cafeteria.
- Organic and recycling presentations are made for faculty along with educational videos and materials to train and prepare students for the implementation.



**In FY21-22, 37 schools
Implemented Zero Waste
Sorting Stations:**

King City

- King City High
- Portola-Butler Continuation High
- CAPSLO Alegria Center
- CAPSLO Little Angels

Greenfield

- Mary Chapa Academy
- Arroyo Seco Academy
- Cesar Chavez Elementary
- Greenfield High School
- Oak Avenue Elementary

Gonzales

- Fairview Middle School
- Gonzales High School
- La Gloria Elementary

Soledad

- CAPSLO Main Street Center

Salinas

- Jesse G Sanchez Elementary
- Cesar Chavez Elementary
- Martin Luther King Jr. Academy
- Dr. Oscar F. Loya Elementary
- El Sausal Middle School
- Everett Alvarez High School
- Fremont Elementary School
- Harden Middle School
- La Paz Middle School
- McKinnon Elementary
- Monte Bella Elementary
- Mount Toro High School
- Natividad Elementary
- New Republic Elementary
- Salinas High School
- Santa Rita Elementary School

- Washington Middle School

Unincorporated Monterey County

- Chualar Union School
- John Gutierrez Middle School
- La Joya Elementary
- Rancho San Juan High



SVR Created/Updated School Outreach Materials to continue Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Compost, and Food Scraps education, which can be utilized by teachers and parents, and general public.



SVR partnered with Cadre Workforce Group to provide hands-on training, job shadowing, and experience. The group is formed of youth adults that are trained to give back to the community with responsible actions, leadership, and innovative thinking to form responsible citizens. The group was designated to schools with SVR's personal to help with the implementation and education of the zero waste programs at 9 schools.



GRANTS FOR SCHOOLS

The SVR liquid waste bin grant was done in partnership with the Carton's Council to obtain thirty-eight (38) liquid waste bins to help schools to divert liquids from the garbage. This effort will help schools to reduce garbage, increase recycling, reduce garbage bags weight, may prevent lifting injuries, decrease liquid spill from garbage cans, dumpsters, and collection vehicles, and potentially decreases dumpster or can odors.

The Following Schools Benefited from the Grant:

King City

- Chalone Peaks Middle
- Del Rey Elementary
- King City Arts Magnet
- Santa Lucia Elementary

Greenfield

- Arroyo Seco Academy
- Oak Avenue Elementary
- Cesar Chavez Elementary
- Mary Chapa Academy
- Vista Verde Middle

Gonzales

- Fairview Middle School
- La Gloria Elementary

Soledad

- Frank Ledesma Elementary
- Gabilan Elementary
- Jack Franscioni Elementary
- Main Street Middle
- Rose Ferrero Elementary
- San Vicente Elementary

Salinas

- Boronda Meadows
- El Gabilan Elementary
- Kammann Elementary
- Laurel Wood Elementary
- Natividad School
- Lincoln Elementary
- Loma Vista Elementary
- Los Padres Elementary
- Mission Park Elementary
- Monterey Park Elementary
- McKinnon Elementary
- New Republic Elementary
- Santa Rita Elementary

Unincorporated Monterey County

- Chualar Union School K-8
- Echo Valley Elementary

- Elkhorn Elementary
- Prunedale Elementary
- DIAS School
- John Gutierrez Middle School
- Gabilan View Middle School
- La Joya Elementary



STOP FOOD WASTE
at my school!



GO A WEEK WITHOUT FOOD WASTE. GIVE IT A TRY!



If it Grows, it Goes! The food scraps program started on January 1, 2022 (SB 1383), and SVR purchased 11,000 kitchen pails to distribute them to our member-cities to giveaway to residents for collecting food scraps. Residents in the SVR's service area can now separate food scraps and put them in the existing green cart along with their yard waste. SVR and cities established pick-up areas for residents to pick up a Free Kitchen Pail to start participating in the program.



Kitchen pails were distributed as follow:

- The County received 1,378
- Salinas received 6,161
- Gonzales received 323
- Soledad received 961
- Greenfield received 694
- King City received 562

10,079



New Educational Brochure, If it Grows, It Goes. The brochure was designed to educate our residents in the proper disposal of food scraps, including what goes in and what doesn't, what are food scraps, and how to collect and dispose of them in the proper cart.



All Regulation Brochure was designed to educate businesses and public entities on the new state mandate SB 1383 for organics and edible food recovery, AB 1826 mandatory organics recycling, and SB 341 mandatory recycling requirements. It also serves as a reminder on how to properly divert food scraps, how to recycle right and what is trash.



Educational Flyers were created to help educate and train schools and businesses.

FREE Businesses Food Scraps Starter Kit

A business starter kit was provided for free to help commercial customers start recycling food scraps at back of the house prepping area and when cleaning up leftover food scraps at the dining tables, the kit included:

- 13-gallon food waste cart
- 2-gallon Kitchen Caddies
- Starter supply of 25 to 50 23-gallon certified compostable bags
- Educational material: Flyers, posters, and labels to help businesses to properly divert food scraps and prevent contamination.

Businesses also received one-on-one training to recycle food scraps right.

Congratulations to the 68 Businesses that Implemented a Food Waste Program and Received a Starter Kit & Training:



King City

- La Barata Meat Market
- La Princesa
- Guadalajara
- El Lugarsito
- El Sinaloense
- Starbucks

- La Plaza Bakery
- La Fuente Market
- Lorenas Taqueria

Unincorporated Monterey County

- Taco Bell
- Grocery Outlet

- Matsui Nursery
- ALBA
- Subway
- Prunedale Bakery
- Starbucks
- Chevron Prunedale

Gonzales

- Comidas Sabrosas
- El Sandillon
- El Sandillon II
- Santa Fe Foods
- Farmers Market
- Taqueria/Mariscos Mi Lindo San Juan
- Jalisco Market
- Taqueria El Famoso
- Taco Bell
- Burger Queen
- Pachecos Water Store & Paletería
- Luigi's
- Linda Taqueria

Soledad

- Comidas Sabrosas
- Denny's
- Round Table Soledad
- Soledad AM/PM
- California Gourmet Pizza
- Subway
- La Placita Mercado y Carniceria
- Burger King
- Valor Hospitality Group
- El Pueblo Foods
- Cocuyo's
- Paleteria y Neveria Michoacanas

- Palmas Restaurant
- Mix Stix Suhi
- El Pueblo Food
- Mariscos Puerto Angel
- La Patrona Restaurant
- Starbucks
- La Plaza Bakery
- La Hacienda Rental
- Motel 6

Greenfield

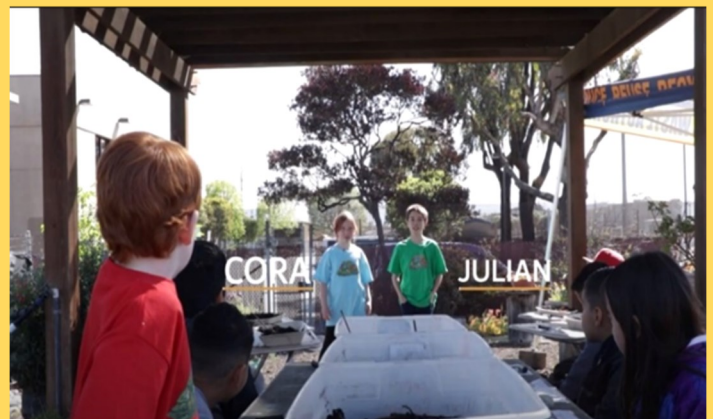
- El Rey Market
- Psynergy(Cielo Vista)
- El Michoacana Restaurant
- La Michoacana Grocery
- Tortilleria y Panaderia
- Mendoza's Family Games
- Taqueria Borolas
- El Tamalazo y Mas
- El Rinconcito y Café
- La Esperanza Market
- Tacos Grullense
- Greenfield Village
- Paleteria y Neveria Maru
- Little Caesar's
- Subway
- Starbucks



A Recycle Right Video (Eng./Spa) (6:36 min) was created to continue diversion education at businesses and public entities. Businesses are required to accommodate recycling and organics collection (food scraps and yard waste) programs to comply with the state mandates along with diverting edible food, if applicable. These diversion programs also help with preserving natural resources, creating jobs, extend the life of our local landfill and may be able to lower your garbage disposal costs.



A Composting for Kids Video (Eng.) (11.22) was created to educate students to separate food scraps at home and school. The video shows simple ways to start home composting by creating a pile or starting a vermicompost system, or how families can start separating food scraps by just placing them in the yard waste bin at home. All scraps and yard waste are processed at our Johnson Canyon Landfill compost operation to make compost that can be use in the school and gardens and in our agriculture fields.



Waste Assessments, Site Visits and Lid-Flips

Staff conducted over 80 visual waste assessments and site visits to businesses, schools, and public entities to establish a baseline for best waste management practices:

- What is the sites current diversion programs and how to enhance them
- How to implement new diversion programs
- What is the sites current garbage, organics, and recycling service level
- What type of indoor and outdoor infrastructure is needed?
- Educational material required to help businesses to divert recyclables correctly and to avoid contamination
- Training

Waste Assessments

- Matsui Nursery
- American Takii
- Misionero Gonzales
- McCormick
- Edge Electrical Group Salinas
- Tanimura & Atle

Think Green

Sustainability Roadmap for Businesses

A guide to achieving your sustainability goals!

Site Visits

Unincorporated Monterey County

- Matsui Nursery

Prunedale

- Burger King
- Starbucks
- Prunedale Donuts & Bakery
- Round Table Pizza
- Subway
- Sarita's
- 101 Wine Press

Salinas

- Zada Fresh Farms
- La Michoacana
- GC Performance Audio Accessories
- Monterey County Eye Associates
- Sheriff Department

Gonzales

- Santa Fe Foods
- Comida Sabrosas
- El Sandillion I & II
- Mike's Pizza
- El Antojito
- 99 Cents Store Plus
- Chevron
- El Rinconcito Bar & Grill
- Linda Taqueria
- Little Caesars

- Subway

Soledad

- El Grullense
- Comida Sabrosas
- Burger King
- Auto Zone
- Gabilan Pizza
- Mariscos Puerto Angel
- La Los Antojitos
- Chine One Express
- Teriyaki Express
- Comidas Sabrosas
- Carlitos Steak House
- La Sorpresa Bakery
- Lassen Market
- Bingo Supermarket
- Foods Co.
- Lum Properties

Greenfield

- Frito Lay
- Church of God
- AM/PM Gas and Mini Mart
- Carls's Jr.
- Mendoza Market
- Auto Zone
- Prime Time Nutrition
- Peking Express
- La Fogata
- California Gourmet
- Town Burger

- Greenfield Cannabis

King City

- Burger King
- La Plaza Bakery
- Mariscos El Camaron
- Castro Bakery
- Hestia Restaurant
- Cheezer's Gourmet Pizza
- Denny's
- Surf N Turf
- Eve's Enchiladas
- King City Pizza
- Subway
- China One
- Tortilleria Martinez
- El Pueblo Market
- La Princesa
- Radio Station
- Coastal Tractor
- King City Radiator
- Full Stop Market
- Lemus Produce
- V&A Las Jicamas
- Benson Plumbing



Recycling and Organic Presentations and Trainings to businesses and organizations. Most of our training and presentations were conducted in-person and only few of them were conducted online. We provide bilingual education and trainings to help our businesses, multifamily complexes, and public entities to comply with the recycling and organic mandates and help them set up diversion programs that includes recycling, and organics (food scraps and yard waste) along with edible food rescue recommendations. We provided education material like brochures, flyers, and giveaways along with containers.

PRESENTATIONS & TRAININGS



Recycling Organics Diversion Programs

www.salinavalleyrecycles.org

**WHERE DOES OUR GARBAGE GO?
TO JOHNSON CANYON LANDFILL
IN GONZALES**

AB 341 Mandatory Recycling

RECYCLING	YES	NO
CARDBOARD	YES	NO
PAPER	YES	NO
METAL	YES	NO
GLASS	YES	NO
PLASTIC 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	YES	NO

In 2021, 231,463 tons or 463 Million lbs. of garbage was buried in JCL.
Roughly 5 pounds of garbage per person per day!



What is ORGANIC WASTE?

• Food Scraps



• Yard Waste



WHEN IN DOUBT,
THROW IT IN THE
GARBAGE!



TRASH/BASURA



Paper & Cardboard
Plastic
Metal
Glass



What to Recycle and How
Empty, Clean, Dry & Loose



**COMPOST
ORGANIC
WASTE!**

SVR conducted twelve 12 in-person Community Events

- Salinas Night Out
- Soledad Night Out
- Garden Earth Day Event
- Salinas Farm Day
- Ciclovía Greenfield
- YMCA Healthy Kids Salinas
- Family Resource Center Fair SCESD
- Frank Ledesma Composting Workshop
- Clean up Castroville Bike Path
- King City Beautification BBQ
- 3 Composting Workshop at SVR's Jardin El Sol
- Rancho Cielo Composting Workshop
- Natividad Park Composting Workshop



SVR participated in the Christmas lights Parade in Soledad, Gonzales, and King City.



Recycling Facility Tours

Tours of the landfill and transfer station/recycling centers are available for free to all schools, community groups, and the public in the Salinas Valley area. Tours last approximately 1 hour and offer participants an opportunity to visit the recycling centers, understand how garbage is buried at the landfill, learn how yard waste is processed and what it turns into, what happens to construction and demolition materials, see the landfill gas to energy facility (landfill tour only), and visit the ABOP collection stations or the hazardous waste collection facility. Tours must be scheduled in advance.

See what happens when your garbage and recycling leave the curb. Gain a deeper understanding of why it's important to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rethink Waste!

All tours are free and available on a First-Come, First-Serve basis. Tours are available Mon-Fri, 8am-3pm. Transportation is not provided, please coordinate or plan your transportation needs independently.

SVR conducted 6 in-person facility tours:

- Leadership Group – Johnson Canyon
- Leadership Group – Sun Street Transfer Station
- BioJam Summer Camp – Johnson Canyon
- Three (3) tours to New Perspectives - Sun Street Transfer Station



To schedule a tour, complete the Tour Application on our website at www.svswwa.org and contact our office at (831) 775-3000.

SOCIAL MEDIA & MARKETING

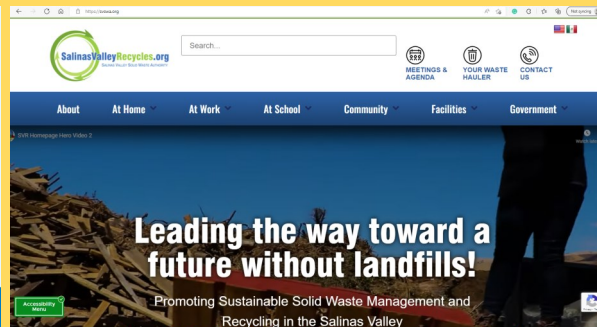


This year SVR focused on food scrap diversion as the main marketing goal. SGA Marketing helped us create content for digital, print and radio for our food scrap campaign. SGA also assisted in redesign our Soledad billboard to replace the vandalized print.

This year we tipped the scales and have over one thousand followers on Facebook! Our Instagram and twitter followers also continue to grow. We launched an updated website this year with a more contemporary and friendly feel. Between our typical website users, our digital ads and social media posts and advertisements we had over 175,000 visitors to our website this year!



If It Grows, It Goes! Print Ad



New Updated Website



Redesign Billboard



Advertisements



1,154 people like this
1,292 people follow this



Instagram

369 followers
812 following



twitter

306 following
179 followers

Salinas Valley Recycles cares about your community because it's our home too

Learn more about how you can help your





COMPOST IS THE KEY TO CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE IN SALINAS VALLEY

As part of SVR's annual marketing campaign, the following article was submitted and published in Monterey County Farm Bureau's Farm Focus Magazine in the Spring 2022 Issue.

As farms on the Central Coast increasingly experience the effects of the climate crisis, including hotter summers, longer fire seasons and extreme droughts, growers must adapt and develop climate smart agriculture that builds their crops' resiliency.

California law SB 1383, the Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy, was passed in 2016, to respond to the climate crisis. Starting this year, the law will implement statewide organic waste recycling, in turn increasing compost available to farmers. The use of nutrient-rich compost provides multiple benefits and should be a key part of any climate smart soil management plan.

According to CalRecycle, one of the fastest ways we can address the climate crisis is to reduce our state's methane emissions. Organic waste, like food scraps and yard trimmings, make up half of our landfill waste. When organic waste decomposes in our landfills, it emits 20% of the state's methane. Methane is a climate super pollutant 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide. SB 1383 sets the target of capturing 75% of the state's organic waste by 2025. Some of this organic waste will be diverted away from landfills to be converted into nutrient-rich compost, in turn helping to cycle valuable nutrients back into the soil.

Salinas Valley Recycles is committed to meeting this goal and turning collected organic waste into high-quality compost for our farmers. We recently spoke with Cole Smith, a Research Associate with University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources program, about the benefits and importance of using compost to build crop resilience. Through the Healthy

Soils Initiative, Mr. Smith works with farmers and growers in California to implement healthy soil solutions.

"Composting can help store more soil carbon, and research has shown that compost application can help build yield resiliency through yield stability, meaning less fluctuations in year-on-year total yields," said Smith. It does this by increasing the soil's organic matter and therefore its water holding capacity and nutrient reserves. It also helps diversify the soil's biological life. Increased crop resiliency is especially important in the Salinas Valley where many fresh vegetables are grown. "Climate change is going to threaten these very temperature sensitive crops," Smith said, "and temperatures are increasing as well as extreme storm events."

Another benefit of using compost, according to Smith, is reducing growers' reliance on synthetic nitrogen fertilizers, which are regulated due to their contribution to groundwater and surface water contamination. "Our research is showing [growers] can reduce their fertilizer [use] and achieve the same yields" by applying compost, said Smith. This is because compost introduces new Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium, and micronutrients into the soil and improves soil nutrient retention.

Farmers can be assured that compost made from organic waste, like food scraps, is safe to use on food crops. Per California pathogen reduction regulations, compost created in the state must undergo a heating and stabilizing process which includes reaching 131 degrees Fahrenheit for 72 hours, effectively eliminating harmful pathogens such as E. Coli and salmonella. The company that produces our compost, uses an Extended Aerated Static Pile system which uses computers and forced air to control temperatures and provide temperature data.

Compost is also tested to ensure that harmful pathogens have been eliminated. Growers can request documentation of these tests from their compost producer.

There are many resources available to growers who are interested in integrating compost into their soil management strategy. One is the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Healthy Soils Incentive Program, which provides financial incentives to California growers and ranchers to implement conservation management practices that sequester carbon and improve soil health. Participating growers monitor and collect data on the climate change benefits of their management practices. "I would encourage growers that are interested to contact their local resource conservation district. They can help facilitate and connect you with the incentive program," Smith advised.

There are also various online tools that can help growers plan how to best use compost in their soil management. The USDA COMET-Farm tool helps farmers plan out management practices that reduce greenhouse gas

emissions from their farms. Additionally, the UC Davis Geisseler Lab provides free online tools for calculating soil nitrogen and nitrogen availability for compost and other organics amendments.

Growers in the Salinas Valley have long been stewards of our healthy soils. With climate change becoming more and more evident and state action being taken to address it, the time is ripe for growers to ramp up their soil resilience strategies. A key component of this is applying compost and returning food waste nutrients back into the soil so that we can continue providing fresh food to the state and country.

If you are interested in purchasing locally produced compost, contact Atlas Organics by visiting their website at www.atlasorganics.net or by calling 877-676-7715. If your farm has excess crops or unsellable packaged produce to be diverted for composting, please contact Salinas Valley Recycles at: <https://svswa.org/about-us/contact-information/> or call (831) 775-3000.

KNOWLEDGE ON climate SMART AGRICULTURE

WHAT IS CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE?

Agriculture that sustainably increases productivity, resilience (to climate change), reduces/removes greenhouse gases (mitigation), and enhances achievement of national food security and development goals.



RECYCLING MADE EASY



Separate Your Load & Save!

Save time and money by pre-sorting your load. All of our facilities accept the following items for free.

Sharps Collection Program

Residents can exchange full approved Sharps (needles, lancets, etc.,) containers for new containers at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHW) in Salinas for free. Participation in the Sharps Collection Program has remained steady. Last year approximately 3,506 pounds of sharps were collected at SVR.



Mattress Recycling Program

Unfortunately, mattresses are a common item found illegally dumped along roadsides. Salinas Valley residents can drop off 5 or fewer mattresses or box springs at any of our three locations for free. Over 18,479 mattresses and box springs were recycled last year at our three facilities. Commercial/Businesses are charged \$5.00 for each mattress or box spring.



Tire Recycling Program

CalRecycle Grant funds help to educate residents about proper tire disposal and to host free used tire collection events. During the events, residents can bring up to nine (9) tires free of charge at any of our three facilities. Last year, 30,434 tires were recycled during three collection events.



Free Recycling Accepted from Residents and Businesses.

- Cardboard
- Cellphones
- Computers, keyboards, and printers
- Copiers, facsimile (fax) machines
- Television and Computer Monitors
- Kitchen Appliances: washers, dryers, stoves, etc.
- Metal
- Rigid Plastics
- Glass (bottles and jars)
- Aluminum
- Paper (newspaper, office paper, etc.)
- Water Heaters, and more

Household Hazardous Waste items are accepted at our facility in Salinas and Antifreeze, Batteries, Oil & Paint (ABOP) materials are accepted at all our locations for free.

Locations:

- Madison Lane Recycling & Household Hazardous Facility
 - Johnson Canyon Landfill
 - Jolon Road Transfer Station

(See Household Hazardous Waste Section for more information.)

E-Waste Collection Program

Residents and businesses in the Salinas Valley can drop off electronic waste ("e-waste") at any of our three locations for free. E-waste includes TVs, computers, monitors, laptops, printers, cell phones, etc. Last year approximately 197,817 pounds of e-waste were collected at SVR.



Carpet Recycling Program - Bring In Your Old Carpet!

Carpet is a bulky item that doesn't break down in the landfill, takes up space, and can be difficult to bury. SVR's is an approved CARE—Carpet America Recovery Effort facility. CARE is an Extended Producer Responsibility program established by AB 2398, administered by CalRecycle, and CARE is the California carpet stewardship organization. Carpet must be separated, dry, and rolled. Only plush carpet and foam or re-bond padding are accepted for recycling. Carpet should be free of trash or scraps.



Household Batteries

Residents can drop off used batteries for free at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHW) in Salinas and various locations throughout the Salinas Valley (libraries, hardware stores, etc.). Last year a total of 19,035 pounds of household batteries were collected at SVR Facilities.





HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)



HHW COLLECTION

Material	FY 2021-22 Pounds Collected
Flammable Solids / Liquids	2,250
Bulked Flammable Liquids	7,625
Oil Based Paint	1,593
Paint Related Material	64,751
Poisons	23,719
Acid	3,450
Base	17,185
Oxidizer	920
Reactive/Explosives	0
PCB	196
Antifreeze	14,400
Auto Batteries	38,688
Latex Paint	129,052
Motor Oil & Filters	158,356
Mercury Containing Items	0
Fluorescent Lamps	12,600
Household Batteries	19,035
Electronic Waste	197,817
Universal Waste	620,573
Aerosol Cans	14,400
Medical Waste	3,506
Gas Cylinders	4,485
Fire Extinguishers	0
Other Materials	3,580
Total Pounds Collected	1,338,181

The Household Hazardous Waste Facility, or HHW Facility, is a permanent drive through drop off location that allows resident of Monterey County to properly dispose of unwanted hazardous materials for free. Residents of Monterey County may drive up during normal business hours. A trained staff member will greet the resident at their vehicle, take some basic information, and begin unloading the vehicle. All of the items collected are properly managed to be either reused, recycled, or disposed of in compliance with all federal, state and local laws.

Residents can bring a maximum of 15 gallons or 125 lbs. of hazardous waste per household and is accepted every 30 days for free. Proof of residency, such as a driver license or a utility bill is required. Business can bring a maximum of 25 gallons or 220 lbs. per month and is accepted for a fee. Business must make an appointment.

The Household Hazardous Waste Facility will accept:

- Aerosols
- Antifreeze (ABOP)
- Auto & Furniture Polish
- Chemical & Drain Cleaner
- Cooking Oil
- Electronic Waste, TVs, Computers, Cellphones, etc.
- Fluorescent Bulbs & Tubes
- Household & Automotive Batteries (ABOP)
- Household Cleaners
- Latex Paint (ABOP)
- Needles & Syringes (in approved containers)
- Paint & Paint Thinners
- Pesticides & Fertilizers
- Pool & Hobby -Supplies
- Thermometers, Thermostats, & other items that contain mercury
- Used Motor Oil & Filters (ABOP)
- Wood Preservatives

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE LOCATIONS



Madison Lane Recycling Center & Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHW)

1104 Madison Lane
Salinas, CA 93907
(831) 424-5520
M-F 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Johnson Canyon Landfill & ABOP Facility

31400 Johnson Canyon Road
Gonzales, CA 93926
(831) 675-2165
M-F 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sat-Sun 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Jolon Road ABOP

52654 Jolon Road
King City, CA 93930
(831) 385-6213
M-F 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sat 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Bring your Household Hazardous Waste to the Madison Lane Recycling & Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Johnson Canyon Landfill and Jolon Transfer Station only accept ABOP (Antifreeze, Batteries, Oil & Paint).

Looking Ahead 2022-23

We are working hard to eliminate the need for landfills!

COMPOST IS KEY TO OUR SUCCESS!

What's Next?

TECHNOLOGIES:

SVR has a long history of supporting and evaluating new and innovative technologies to expand waste recovery, create jobs, expand non-landfill revenue streams, and move closer to our Mission of reducing our dependence on landfills.

A few of the projects under review and consideration include:

- A partnership with Ameresco, our landfill gas to energy plant operator is in final stages of planning to add anaerobic digestion to our mix of energy production efforts at the Johnson Canyon Landfill. The proposed project would produce Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) from digestion of agricultural process waste and combine it with excess landfill gas. The combined gas streams would be cleaned to create a pipeline quality RNG for injection into the PG&E distribution system or to send to a local user such as the City of Gonzales Micro-Grid Project. RNG is one of the few carbon-neutral fuels in production today and is supported by many regulatory and incentive-based programs.
- Advanced organics recovery technologies to produce additional feedstock for anaerobic digestion.
- Recovery of paper fiber and organics from the mixed waste stream to produce manufacturing ready paper pulp or clean fiber derived fuels.
- Solar production and battery storage facility on the closed Crazy Horse Landfill.
- Waste Ag and film plastic conversion into clean fuels.

PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS:

- Complete planning and funding for long-awaited improvements to the Jolon Road Transfer Station including resurfacing of the 1/2-mile access road, repair, and expansion of the waste tipping pad, and covering the receiving and transfer area with a tensile fabric building to improve all-weather access.
- Complete interior finishing of the Johnson Canyon Public Education and Community Training Center.
- Complete installation of the Robotic Sorting Line and Building by Atlas Organics to improve efficiency and compost quality.
- Complete new Sun Street Administrative Offices rejuvenation project including new flooring, paint, and insulated windows; create a community room for events, Board meetings and trainings, integrate the existing demonstration garden and compost training space into the property; and finalize closure and clean-up of the adjacent Sun Street Transfer Station.



SVR SERVICE AREA & FACILITY LOCATIONS



Madison Lane Recycling & Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility (HHW)
Opening September 12, 2022



Johnson Canyon Landfill



Jolon Road Transfer Station

Salinas Valley Recycles is a public agency and utility service that owns and operates the only open and active landfill in the Salinas Valley.

 **SVSWA Service**
 **Drop-Off Facility**

 **Drop-Off Station for Antifreeze, Car Batteries,**



SVR maintains the lowest per capita cost for delivery of recycling and solid waste services in the region, even with 15% of the budget going towards maintaining three closed landfills (“legacy liabilities”).



Sun Street Transfer Station

Facility Closing September 10, 2022

For more information on our service area, please call (831) 775-3000 or visit www.SalinasValleyRecycles.org

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

August 3, 2022

Salinas Valley Recycles (SVR)
Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager
128 Sun Street, Suite 101
Salinas, CA 93901

Dear Mandy,

Thank you so much for the generous grant of \$10,000 received on 07/05/2022 from the SB1383 Edible Food Recovery Pilot Grant Program. With this support, Meals on Wheels will be able to purchase an additional refrigerator or freezer and shelving to store shelf-stable food. This additional capacity will allow us to increase our reach and serve every homebound senior who needs a nutritious meal delivered to their home.

In 2022, we are celebrating 50 years of serving seniors in the Salinas Valley. Your grant money stays with us and helps **local seniors** who cannot shop or cook for themselves.

Thank you,

Regina M. Gage
Executive Director



No goods or services were received for this donation.



Meals on Wheels of the Salinas Valley, Inc. delivers meals to all homebound seniors who need them.



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We feed, support, and serve our community.
Proveemos alimento, apoyo, y servimos a nuestra comunidad.

August 10, 2022

Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority
128 Sun St STE 101
Salinas, CA 93901-3751

Dear Waste Authority,

Thank you for your generous donation of **\$10,000.00** received on **06/16/2022**. Your gift truly makes a difference in the lives of working-low income families, farmworkers, and elderly, disabled, and unsheltered residents of the Pajaro Valley.

Our low-income neighbors experience much hardship and still struggle to afford healthy food. As the economy continues to re-open and people return to service and hospitality jobs, our services remain a vital resource to those who work for wages that make it difficult to afford life's necessities, even in better times. Our pantry and lunch programs are sustaining thousands of these workers and their families.

When prepared and served with care, food is love. The groceries and meals we provide daily are a loving reminder to our program participants that many people care for them and want them to be well. Our dedicated volunteers and staff are the helping hands and smiling faces radiating this love for our community to families and individuals who benefit from your generosity.

With your help, we are proud to provide essential services to our community. Our work providing healthy meals and groceries to local residents in need is only possible through donors like you. Thank you for joining us in our vision of a well-nourished Pajaro Valley community where everyone has access to healthy food.

In gratitude,

Ashley Bridges
Ashley Bridges
Executive Director

Thank you for the generous grant!

This letter serves as an official receipt of your contribution.
No goods or services were provided to you in consideration of this gift.

Pajaro Valley Loaves and Fishes serves the lives of working low-income families, farmworkers, and elderly, disabled, and unsheltered residents of the Pajaro Valley by providing healthy meals and groceries through their pantry and lunch programs.





Farewell

Sun Street Transfer Station

2005-2022

WE APPRECIATE YOUR FEEDBACK



The views and feedback you share with us are helping to make Salinas Valley Recycles better for our local communities.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING AND HONORING OUR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE!

I would like to acknowledge the gentlemen at the "Gate House". Having not been to a waste station, I was not sure what items would be acceptable and the cost.

He answered all my questions, with a smile and an explanation that was understandable.

This says to me, that management treats their employees with respect, and in turn, your employees treat the customers with the same respect.

**Thank you,
Mrs. Balen**

Excellent staff and excellent customer service. Just have to get there before the lines lineup on Saturday.

- Ed Hurst

Friendly staff. Efficient in and out. No long waiting time.

- Paul Porter

Thoughtful, helpful group; working to implement waste reduction policies.

- Marty Horton

Great services. Cheap prices compared to other places.

- Joe Espudo

Excellent place to find resources about trash, compost, and waste management.

- Leticia Hernandez

The place is excellent. My husband was helped by the loader. It is clean and well run. The lady in the scalehouse is friendly. Very helpful place.

- Carol R.

Hi Janna – we went yesterday and dropped off our batteries and paid the fee. Just a heads up your staff that assisted us was just wonderful. They greeted us and kept apologizing for the delays etc. They were great. Hat's off to your organization a very smooth process, in and out. We didn't mind paying the fee, I am of the belief that the County should have a program within its self to accommodate departments with disposal of these items correctly, perhaps in the future we will. Thanks again for the service at your location.

**Teresa
ITD**

Mandy & Guillermina,

Thank you so much for joining Tatum's Garden Earth Day again. Your booth and worm composting is always a great addition. Hope to see you next year!

Tatum's Garden Foundation

Great Friendly, helpful employees, reasonable rates. Very organized for different areas of disposal types. Just wish they were open Sunday. Saturday lines very long.

- Stan O.

I love sun Street Transfer Station. It's easy & convenient & centrally located. I would recommend them to family & friends.

- Eva G.

Staff is very nice and helpful, was our first time there, they clearly explained where to go and pointed out the bins. Thanks guys keep up the great work!

- Tiffany B.



**YOUR OPINION
MATTERS**

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