

**MINUTES OF  
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 18, 2022**

This meeting was conducted in hybrid in-person/virtual format.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The flag salute was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board Directors**

County of Monterey	Chris Lopez, <i>President</i>	In-Person
County of Monterey	John M. Phillips (logged in at 6:02 pm)	Virtual
City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes, <i>Vice President</i>	Virtual
City of Salinas	Anthony Rocha	Virtual
City of Salinas	Orlando Osornio, <i>Alternate</i>	In-Person
City of Soledad	Ben Jimenez, Jr.	Virtual
City of Greenfield	Andrew Tipton, <i>Alt. Vice President</i>	In-Person
City of King	Robert Cullen	In-Person

**Absent**

City of Salinas	Kimbley Craig
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva

**Staff Member Present**

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

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(6:01) President Lopez announced the availability of translation services in Spanish via Zoom.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

No Changes to the Agenda.

**GENERAL MANAGER/CAO COMMENTS**

(6:03) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported on the following

- Strategic Planning Session documents within the consent agenda
- The Employee handbook currently being updated
- The progress on the improvements being made to the Administration building

**DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:04) Asst. General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga reported on the progress being made by the Operations Department to begin the transportation services for Madison Lane Transfer Station on July 1 and on the relocation of Sun Street. He thanked President Lopez for

attending the Annual Employee Communication meeting. Resource Recovery Manager Brooks reported on the marketing campaign and media plan for the closure of the Sun Street Transfer Station. Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks reported that the health insurance premiums approved by CalPERS include increases of 15% to 20% and workers compensation increases of 40% for overall categories. He also reported that CalPERS returns on investments were released with a negative 6.1% for the fiscal year that will be impacting the 2024-25 budget. Mr. Hendricks commented on the letter received from the Government Finance Officers Association awarding the Authority the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:10) None

### **BOARD DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

(6:10) Director Cullen commented on the Blue Zone kickoff event taking place on August 21 in King City and on August 28 in Gonzales. President Lopez commented on his attendance to the Annual Communication meeting commending staff for the work they do.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:12) None

### **CONCENT AGENDA (6:13)**

- 1A. Minutes of the June 16, 2022 Meeting
- 1B. Minutes of the June 30, 2022 Special Meeting
- 1C. Minutes of the June 11, 2022 Special Meeting
2. May 2022 Claims and Financial Report
3. June 2022 Claims and Financial Report
4. June 2022 Quarterly Investment Report
5. Member and interagency Activities Report for June and July 2022
6. Tonnage and Diversion Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2022
7. Resolution No. 2022-44 Adopting the 2022-23 Strategic Plan Goals and Priorities, Board Norms, and updates the Authority's Mission, Vision, and Values
8. Resolution No. 2022-45 Making Findings Related to the Continued Existence of a State of Emergency Due to Covid-19 and Re-Authorizing the Conduct of Public Meeting of the Legislative Bodies of the Authority Via Remote Teleconferencing for a 30-Day Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act as Amended by Assembly Bill No. 361
9. Resolution No. 2022-46 Approving a Diversion Systems Maintenance Worker Job Description
10. A. Resolution No. 2022-47 Approving a New Memorandum of Understanding with the Non-Management Administration/Finance/Resource Recovery Benefits Committee unit for Fiscal Years 2022-2023 through 2024-2025  
B. Resolution No. 2022-48 Approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the At-Will management Employees for Fiscal Years 2022-2023 through 2024-2025
11. Resolution No. 2022-49 Amendment No. 1 Authorizing a One-year Extension to the Professional Services Agreement with Blue Strike Environmental for SB 1383 Quarterly Organic Waste Sampling Services in an Amount of \$26,000
12. Resolution No. 2022-50 Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing the General Manager/CAO to Dispose of Property

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** None

**Motion:** Director Cullen made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Alternate Vice President Tipton seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 8,0

**Ayes:** Cromeenes, Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Osornio (Alt), Phillips, Rocha, Tipton

**Noes:** Craig, Silva

**Abstain:** None

### **PRESENTATION**

#### **13. COMMUNITY-BASED SOCIAL MARKETING TO CREATE FOOD SCRAPS PROGRAM**

(6:15) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks introduced representatives from Action Research, who presented the results of the research conducted, the test strategies, and the recommendations to create the food scraps program that included outreach and education material, as well as the decision on the best method for distribution of food scrap collection pails for the kitchen.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** None

**Motion:** None; Informational Only

#### **14. ANNUAL TONNAGE AND OPERATIONS REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22**

(6:33) Asst. General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga provided a report on the tonnage history, current tonnage amounts, and diverted material amounts. He detailed the comparison for each facility year over year since fiscal year 2015-16. The report included changes in trip counts, tonnage, and staffing levels for each facility. The report demonstrated the trending increase in tonnage and trip counts at all the facilities. Mr. Zuñiga discussed the Organics material processed and diverted over the past fiscal year. He indicated that he will be considering returning in late 2022 or early 2023 with a request to revise the staffing levels at the South County sites.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** None

**Motion:** None; Informational Only

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **15. AGENDA ITEM – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE**

(6:50) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

(6:52) Vice President Cromeenes invited Public Comment related to closed session item number 16.

**16.** Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957.6** to provide instruction to General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews, General Counsel Roy C. Santos, and Labor Counsel Colin J. Tanner, to negotiate salaries and benefits of Non-management Administration unit, Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, AFL-CIO, and at-will Management Employees.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ADJOURNED**

(6:53) President Lopez adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss item numbered 16.

(7:24) Vice President Cromeenes logged off.

### **RECONVENE**

(7:31) President Lopez reconvened the meeting to open session. Legal Counsel Santos indicated that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

**ADJOURNED**

(7:32) President Lopez adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:   
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Andrew Tipton, Alt. Vice President

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Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board