

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 16, 2022**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Cromeenes called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The flag salute was recited.

ROLL CALL**Board Directors**

County of Monterey	John M. Phillips	Virtual
City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes, <i>Vice President</i>	Virtual
City of Salinas	Kimbley Craig	Virtual
City of Salinas	Anthony Rocha	Virtual
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva	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

County of Monterey	Chris Lopez, <i>President</i>	In-Person
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Staff Member Present

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

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(6:03) Vice President Cromeenes announced the availability of translation services in Spanish via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the agenda.

Public Comment: Felix Mario Huerta Jr. union representative with Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, AFL-CIO commented on his disapproval of item 6B requesting the item be pulled from Consent agenda for discussion.

Motion: Director Phillips made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Rocha seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 8,0

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lopez

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:04) None

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:05) Finance and Administration Manager commented on the upcoming yearly Employee Communications meeting scheduled for July 29.

BOARD DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

(6:06) Director Cullen commented on the past employee communication meetings urging the Board member to attend. He commented on the King City Beautification BBQ held and thanked the Authority staff and Waste Management staff who attended. He also commented on his schedule conflict for the upcoming Board Strategic Planning Session on June 30.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:07) Liz Haul with Waste Management commented on the upcoming clean up event on June 25 in King City.

CONSENT AGENDA (6:09)

1. Minutes of the May 19, 2022 Meeting
2. April 2022 Claims and Financial Reports
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for May 2022
4. Resolution No. 2022-22 Approving Supplemental Appropriation of \$21,393 for CalRecycle's Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program 2021-22
5. Resolution No. 2022-23 Approving an Adjustment to the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23
6. ~~A. Resolution No. 2022-24 Approving Annual Expenditures in an Amount of \$125,000 with Full Steam Staffing for Staffing Support Services for Fiscal Year 2022-23~~
~~B. Resolution No. 2022-25 Approving Annual Expenditures in an Amount of \$150,000 with Ritchie's Trucking for Staffing Support Services for Fiscal Year 2022-23~~
~~C. Resolution No. 2022-26 Approving Annual Expenditures in an Amount of \$100,000 with Valerio's Welding for Equipment Maintenance Services for Fiscal Year 2022-23~~
~~D. Resolution No. 2022-27 Approving Annual Expenditures in an Amount of \$60,000 with EC Tire for Equipment Maintenance Services for Fiscal Year 2022-23~~
~~E. Resolution No. 2022-28 Approving Annual Expenditures in an Amount of \$60,000 with Rossi Tire for Equipment Maintenance Services for Fiscal Year 2022-23~~
~~F. Resolution No. 2022-29 Approving Annual Expenditures in an Amount of \$60,000 with Cutting Edge Supply for Equipment Maintenance Services for Fiscal Year 2022-23~~
~~G. Resolution No. 2022-30 Approving Annual Expenditures in an Amount of \$50,000 with Green Rubber Kennedy Ag to Supply Facility Maintenance Parts and Services for Fiscal Year 2022-23~~
~~H. Resolution No. 2022-31 Approving Annual Expenditures in an Amount of \$375,000 with Quinn Caterpillar of Salinas to Supply Equipment Maintenance parts and Services for Fiscal Year 2022-23~~
~~I. Resolution No. 2022-32 Approving Annual Expenditures in an Amount of \$200,000 with Golden State Truck and Trailer Repair to Supply Equipment Maintenance Parts and Services for Fiscal Year 2022-23~~

- ~~J. Resolution No. 2022-33 Approving Annual Expenditures in an Amount of \$800,000 with SC Fuels to Supply Equipment Maintenance Supplies and Services for Fiscal Year 2022-23~~
7. Resolution No. 2022-34 Approving Amendment No. 2 Authorizing a Two-Year Extension to the Professional Services Agreement with Geo-Logic Associates to Provide Groundwater Monitoring Services in an Amount of \$232,671
 8. Resolution No. 2022-35 Approving Amendment No. 1 Authorizing a Two-Year Extension to the Professional Service Agreement with Social Vocational Services Inc. for materials Processing and litter Abatement at the Johnson Canyon Landfill
 9. Resolution No. 2022-36 Approving Amendment No. 1 Authorizing a Two-Year Extension to the Professional Service Agreement with Hope Services Inc. for materials Processing and Litter Abatement at the Sun Street Transfer Station or the Johnson Canyon Landfill
 10. Resolution No. 2022-37 Approving Amendment No. 1 of the Professional Services Agreement with SGA Marketing for Media Marketing Services in an Amount of \$100,000
 11. Resolution No. 2022-38 Approving Amendment No. 1 Authorizing an Extension to the Professional Service Agreement with Vision Engineering for Construction Quality Assurance Services
 12. Resolution No. 2022-39 Approving Supplemental Appropriation of \$332,235 for CalRecycle's SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program 2021-22
 13. Resolution No. 2022-40 Making Findings Related to the Continued Existence of a State of Emergency Due to Covid-19 and Re-Authorizing the Conduct of public Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of the Authority Via Remote Teleconferencing for a 30-Day period Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act as Amended by Assembly Bill No. 361
 14. Resolution No. 2022-41 Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Blue Strike Environmental for SB 1383 Organic Waste Sampling Services in an Amount of \$20,000
 15. Resolution No. 2022-42 Declaring Surplus property and Authorizing the General Manager/CAO to Dispose of Property
 16. ~~Update on the Sun Street Transfer Station Relocation Project~~

Board Discussion: Director Rocha requested item no. 6B be pulled
Director Craig requested item no. 5 and 16 be pulled for discussion.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Director Cullen made a motion to approve the consent agenda items numbered 1 thru 4 and 7 thru 15. Director Silva seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 8,0

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lopez

5. Resolution No. 2022-23 Approving an Adjustment to the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23

(6:15) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks and General Manager/CAO Manager Mathews explained that due to the expectation of the SSTS being closed by June 30, 2022 there is no expenditure line item to be able to run the SSTS on July 1, 2022. They explained the adjustment is only allowing for expenditures thru mid-August.

- Board Discussion:** Director Craig expressed her concerns with approving adjustments to the operating budget as the relocation date for Sun Street Transfer Station (SSTS) is still being discussed with upcoming meetings scheduled to determine a specific date. Director Rocha expressed his support to table the item until further information is obtained. Director Phillips expressed that the county has concerns with the relocation to the SSTS to Madison Lane and is unsure of meeting the projected date.
- Public Comment:** Felix Mario Huerta Jr. union representative with Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, AFL-CIO voiced his opinion on scheduling a meeting in July to further discuss this item.
- Motion:** Director Craig made a motion to approve resolution no. 2022-23. Alternate Vice Tipton seconded the motion.
- Votes:** Motion carried 8,0
- Ayes: Cromeenes, Cullen, Jimenez, Phillips, Rocha, Silva, Tipton
 Noes: Craig
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Lopez

6. **A. Resolution No. 2022-24 Approving Annual Expenditures in an Amount of \$125,000 with Full Steam Staffing for Staffing Support Services for Fiscal Year 2022-23**
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(6:38)

- Board Discussion:** Director Rocha requested clarification on item numbered 6B and expressed his concerns with contract labor outside of the bargaining unit.
- Staff Comments:** Staff clarified the process, past practices, and reasons for utilizing contract labor.

Legal Counsel: General Council indicated the approval of item number 6B is an extension of the Authority current practices.

Public Comment: Felix Mario Huerta Jr. union representative with Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, AFL-CIO voiced his disapproval of item number 6B, urging the Board to not approve the resolution.

Motion: Director Phillips made a motion to approve items number 6A thru 6J as presented. Alternate Vice Tipton seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 6,2

Ayes: Craig, Cromeenes, Cullen, Phillips, Silva, Tipton

Noes: Jimenez, Rocha

Abstain: None

Absent: Lopez

16. UPDATE ON THE SUN STREET TRANSFER STATION

(6:45) Director Craig and Rocha expressed their concerns with accepting a report that has three options for the relocation of the Sun Street Transfer Station.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Director Phillips made a motion to accept the informational report. Director Cullen seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 6,2

Ayes: Cullen, Jimenez, Phillips, Rocha, Silva, Tipton

Noes: Craig, Cromeenes

Abstain: None

Absent: Lopez

PRESENTATION

17. ORGANICS TECHNOLOGY FEASIBILITY STUDY

(6:50) General Manager/CAO Mathews introduced Tracy Bills, from SCS Engineers. Ms. Bills presented the results of the Feasibility study compiled to assist Authority staff in the consideration of various options to process organic wastes (including biosolids) that are not currently composted. She detailed the four types of technologies studied and explained the process of selecting and contacting vendors to obtain references and other information on aspects of their technology, including technical and financial information.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

18. EDIBLE FOOD RECOVERY GRANT FUNDING AWARDS

(7:04) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks provided a report on the pilot grant program that was developed by the Edible Food Recovery Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), a subcommittee of the larger SB 1383 TAC. The grant program was created to begin increasing the local capacity for food recovery organizations to be able to accept, collect, store and distribute more food. The top five highest scored applications were announced and awarded \$20,000 to local feeding organizations within Monterey County. Mrs. Brooks introduced representatives from PV Loaves & Fishes, serving the North Monterey County area, Dorothy's Place, serving the Salinas area, Meals on Wheels of Salinas Valley, serving the entire Salinas Valley, Victory Mission, serving Salinas and Peninsula cities, and Shoreline Church, serving all of Monterey County and its cities.

Board Discussion: The Board commended the grant recipients.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

19. LANDFILL'S 101 INFORMATION

(7:23) The Authority Management team provided a presentation explaining the overall design, environmental control systems, day to day operations, state and local regulatory compliance requirements, diversion programs, organics processing, and financial aspects of the landfill.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

20. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(8:04) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

(8:05) President Lopez invited Public Comment related to closed session item numbered 21.

- 21.** 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

Felix Mario Huerta Jr. union representative with Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, AFL-CIO commented on the agreement of 17 out of the 27 items that have been agreed upon, with ten items are still pending.

ADJOURNED

(8:12) Vice President Cromeenes adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss item numbered 21.

RECONVENE

(9:11) Vice President Cromeenes reconvened the meeting to open session. Legal Counsel Santos indicated that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

ADJOURNED

(9:12) Vice President Cromeenes adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: 
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 Christopher M. Lopez, President

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 Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board