

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Alternate Vice President Tipton 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	John M. Phillips	Virtual
City of Salinas	Anthony Rocha (<i>arrived at 6:30 pm</i>)	In-Person
City of Salinas	Kimbley Craig	In-Person
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

Absent

County of Monterey	Chris Lopez, <i>President</i>
City of Salinas	Christie Cromeenes, <i>Vice President</i>
City of King	Robert Cullen

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
Janna Faulk, Recycling Coordinator	In-Person
Mike Silva, Solid Waste Technician	In-Person
Fernando Orejel, Equipment Maintenance Technician	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) Alternate Vice President Tipton announced the availability of translation services in Spanish via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No Changes to the Agenda.

GENERAL MANAGER/CAO COMMENTS

(6:02) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported on the following.

- The final execution of the Greenwaste Processing Agreement Termination between Republic Services and the Authority was executed.

- The successful closure of the Sun Street Transfer Station on September 10 and the opening of the Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste facilities at Madison Lane on September 12.
- The pending site improvements at Madison Lane by Republic Services as per the lease agreements.
- The timeline on the clean-up of the Sun Street Transfer Station property.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:04) Asst. General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga provided further details on the closure of Sun Street Transfer Station, the winterization preparation needed and the cleaned up of the property.

Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks commented on the financial impacts of having the Sun Street Transfer Station open for over a one month longer than the budgeted amount. He indicated a budget adjustment will be needed and will be presented to the Board at the November Board meeting.

Resource Recovery Manager Brooks provided information on the upcoming composting workshop scheduled for Sept 17.

BOARD DIRECTOR COMMENTS

(6:07) None

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:08) Matt Gourley with Gourley Construction commented on his adverse experience at the Maddison Lane Transfer Station managed by Republic Services. He indicated he had to wait two and half hour in line, and the tipping fees were higher. He expressed his concern for the financial impacts the long waits and fees will have on his company and indicated that in his opinion there is a lack of training of the staff when it comes to dealing with the number of customers they are receiving. He requested these issues be addressed and information on how they will be resolved be provided to him.

Felix Huerta, OE3 requested to comment on item number 11 or to move item number 11 to the beginning of the agenda.

Alternate Vice President Tipton informed Mr. Huerta that at this time he could only comment on items not on the agenda and that item number 11 would be discussed in the order it was azenized.

Richard Copeland with Associated Services in Salinas commented on his similar unpleasant experience at the Maddison Lane Transfer Station as Mr. Gourley. He indicated his commercial charge account set up with the Authority does not work at the Maddison Lane Transfer Station and is problematic as he now has to give his employees a credit card, cash or have them drive to the Johnson Canyon Landfill. He requested these issues also be addressed.

RECOGNITION

A. 2022 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

(6:14) Asst. General Manage/Operations Manager Zuñiga introduced Mike Silva, Solid Waste Technician who was selected by his peers as the 2022 Employee of the Year. Mr. Silva addressed the Board to express his gratitude for the award and recognition.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: Alternate Vice President Tipton commended Mr. Silva for his hard work and dedication to the Authority.

Motion: None; Informational Only

B. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE

(6:18) The following employees hired since July 1, 2021 were introduced and present at the meeting.

- Sara Papineau-Brandt, Resource Recovery Technician I
- Fernando Orejel, Equipment Maintenance Technician II

The following employees hired since July 1, 2021 were mentioned to Board but were not in attendance.

- Isidro Lopez, HHW Maintenance Worker II
- Oswaldo Olalde, HHW Maintenance Worker II
- Jose Luis Garcia, Diversion Worker II

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

CONCENT AGENDA (6:24)

1. Minutes of the August 18, 2022 Meeting
2. July 2022 Claims and Financial Report
3. Member and interagency Activities Report for August 2022
4. Resolution No. 2022-51 Approving the Grants and Capital Improvement Projects Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23
5. Resolution No. 2022-52 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
6. Resolution No. 2022-53 Approving a Five-year License Agreement with Salinas Bowmen, Inc. for property Located at Crazy Horse Landfill
7. Resolution No. 2022-54 Authorizing the Purchase of One Used 2019 John Deere 210L Tractor for the Salinas Area Material Recycling Center from Pape Machinery for an Amount of \$79,223.72

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 5,0

Ayes: Craig, Jimenez, Phillips, Silva, Tipton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cromeenes, Cullen, Rocha, Lopez

PRESENTATION

8. 2021-22 SALINAS VALLEY RECYCLES ANNUAL REPORT

(6:25) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided an overview of the 2020-21 Annual Report, highlighting the many accomplishments, events, and activities of the previous fiscal year. The report included statistics on landfilled and diversion tonnages, a seven-year comparison of customer trip counts that demonstrates an increase since 2015-16 fiscal year, information on the programs and events that the Authority managed and attended throughout the year, and much more.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

9. MARKETING AND MEDIA OVERVIEW 2021-22

(6:37) Recycling Coordinator Faulk provided a report on the previous fiscal year's marketing and media efforts to reach the public. She highlighted the campaign created for Senate Bill 1383, the expansion of the social media outreach, the update and restructuring of the Authority website, and the in-person events attended by staff. Mrs. Faulk briefly explained the marketing and media goals for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. AGENDA ITEM – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(6:48) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

(6:50) Alternate Vice President Tipton invited Public Comment related to closed session item number 11.

- 11.** 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 Huerta, union representative. with the Operating Engineers Local Union Number 3 commented on the bargaining process currently. He indicated there are two pending items and therefore two proposals were submitted for Board consideration during closed session in an attempt to come to an agreement.

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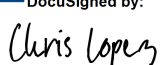
(6:53) Alternate Vice President Tipton adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss item numbered 11.

RECONVENE

(7:30) Alternate Vice President Tipton reconvened the meeting to open session. Legal Counsel Santos indicated that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

ADJOURNED

(7:32) Alternate Vice President Tipton adjourned the meeting.

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