

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
August 4, 2022**

This meeting was conducted in hybrid in-person/virtual format in accordance with AB 361.
In-person location, 128 Sun Street, Suite 101, Salinas, CA | Virtual participation via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

(4:00) President Lopez called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO	In-person
Cesar Zuñiga, Asst. General Manager/ Operations Manager	In-person
Ray Hendricks, Finance and Administration Manager	In-person
Shannon Chaffin, General Counsel	Virtual
Rosie Ramirez, Administrative Assistant	In-person
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board	In-person

GENERAL MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(4:01) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the status of the Sun Street Transfer Station closure and the marketing efforts being conducted to inform customers. He indicated that the City of Salinas is making progress on the equalization of the Organics fees. Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks reported on the health insurance premiums that were approved by CalPERS with 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:04) Ryan Kelly inquired about the rescheduling of the community public meeting for the Boronda community that had been canceled, and on the traffic and road improvements for the Boronda Road area.

General Manager/CAO Mathews explained that a public meeting was held on July 27 at the Boronda Meadows Elementary School with representatives from the County of Monterey, City of Salinas, Republic Services, and the Authority. He indicated that the County of Monterey informed the community that it is forming a subcommittee with all member stakeholders to begin the process of how to fund and build the Rossi Road extension. He indicated that the County passed an ordinance restricting parking along Madison Road to assist with the obstruction of the road, and that work is being done at the county level to create a three way stop at the Boronda Road and Calle de Adobe intersection for safety.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

(4:09) None

PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:09) None

CONSIDERATION ITEMS

(4:10)

1. Minutes of June 2, 2022 Meeting

Committee Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: Vice President Cromeenes made a motion to approve the corrected minutes provided earlier in the day. Alternate Vice President Tipton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 3-0.

2. May 2022 Claims and Financial Reports

(4:11) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks indicated that on May 31 finances were aligned and comparable to last year.

Committee Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

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

3. June 2022 Claims and Financial Report

(4:12) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a report on the Agency's finances. He indicated that as of now net revenue appears higher than projected with a few transactions still being recorded.

Committee Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

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

4. June 2022 Quarterly Investments Report

(4:13) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a brief report on the investments for quarter end June 30, 2022.

Committee Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

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

5. A Resolution 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 Ralph M. Brown Act as Amended by Assembly Bill No. 361

(4:15) General Manager/CAO Mathews inquired about the Committee's desire to maintain hybrid meetings due to the technical issues at the Gonzales City Chambers. He provided the options to purchase new generation Owl Systems or return to all in person.

Committee Discussion: The Committee discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: Alternative Vice President Tipton made a motion to forward to invest in the Owl System to continue providing hybrid meetings and forward the resolution to the Board for approval. Vice President Cromeenes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 3-0.

6. A Resolution Approving a Revised Personnel Allocation, Diversion Systems Maintenance Worker Job Description, and Re-Classification of Diversion Workers II Assigned to the De-Packager

(4:20) General Manager/CAO provided a report on the concerns of the employees regarding the additional duties being conducted by the employees operating, managing, and operating the organics de-packager and mixing system. He indicated the staff allocation for the current two employees would come to the Board with the Memorandum of Understanding currently under negotiations with the union.

Committee Discussion: The Committee discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. Future Agenda Items – View Ahead Calendar

(4:26) The Committee discussed the view ahead.

CLOSED SESSION

(4:29) President Lopez invited Public Comment related to closed session item number seven.

8. 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

(4:29) None

(4:30) President Lopez adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss item numbered seven.

RECONVENE

(5:21) President Lopez reconvened the meeting to open session with no reportable actions taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

(5:22) President Lopez adjourned the meeting.

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Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

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Christopher M. Lopez, President