

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2022**

This meeting was conducted in virtual format via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Cromeenes called the meeting to order at 6:01 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	Anthony Rocha	Virtual
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva (<i>logged in at 6:05pm, logged off at 7:30pm</i>)	Virtual
City of Soledad	Ben Jimenez	Virtual
City of Greenfield	Andrew Tipton	Virtual
City of King	Robert Cullen	Virtual

Absent City of Greenfield

County of Monterey	Christopher M. Lopez, <i>President</i>
City of Salinas	Kimbley Craig

Staff Member Present

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

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(6:03) Clerk of the Board Trujillo announced in Spanish the availability of translation services via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 8,0

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Craig, Lopez, Silva

GENERAL MANAGER/CAO COMMENTS

(6:03) None

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:04) None

BOARD DIRECTOR COMMENTS

(6:05) Director Cullen commented on the cleanup event that took place on November 5. He thanked Authority staff for attending.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:08) None

CONCENT AGENDA (6:13)

1. Minutes of the October 20, 2022 Meeting
2. September 2022 Claims and Financial Report
3. Member and interagency Activities Report for October 2022
4. Tonnage and Diversion Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2022
5. Resolution No. 2022-73 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. 2022-74 Approving the Allocation of Cash Balances for Fiscal Year 2021-22, and Supplemental Appropriation to Fund Adjustments to the Operating Budget
7. Resolution No. 2022-75 Approving the Replacement of the Administration Office Flooring by Wheeler's Flooring in the Amount of \$69,500
8. Resolution No. 2022-76 Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing the General Manager /CAO to Dispose of Property

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: None

Motion: Director Phillips made a motion to approve the consent as presented. Director Cullen seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 7,0

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Craig, Lopez

PRESENTATION**9. RECYCLING RECOGNITION**

(6:11) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks introduced Resource Recovery Technician's Estela Guerrero and Julia Brooker. Mrs. Guerrero and Mrs. Brooker presented awards to three local businesses for improving their existing recycling programs, continuing recycling education to employees, and implementing food scraps diversion programs. The businesses recognized were Constellation Brands in Gonzales and Soledad, Carl's Jr. in Soledad, and Mi Tierra in Salinas.

Public Comment: Gina Miller with Constellation Brands expressed her appreciation for the recognition and her gratitude for the assistance Authority staff and Maury Treleven for the assistance provided.

Board Discussion: The Board commended the recipients on their efforts and staff for their assistance.

Motion: None; Informational Only

10. EDIBLE FOOD RECOVERY GRANT AWARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23

(6:24) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks presented the awards for the second round of grant funds developed by the Edible Food Recovery Committee), a subcommittee of the larger SB 1383 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). She explained that similar to the pilot grant awards, the applications for this second funding cycle were scored based on various criteria including: a cost-effective and reasonable budget, ability to serve more than one community, and percent of increased capacity. Mrs. Brooks indicated that moving forward the grant funds will be awarded on an annual basis and will continue to total \$100,000. The funds for the program are a collaboration between the Authority and ReGen Monterey, with each contributing \$50K. The Salvation Army serving the Salinas area was awarded \$14,500, the Salvation Army serving the Monterey County was awarded \$20,000, the Salvation Army serving the Sand City area was awarded \$16,850, the Boys & Girls Club serving Monterey County was awarded \$16,850, and St. George's Episcopal Church serving the Salinas area awarded \$20,000.

Public Comment: Jessica Holback with the Boys and Girls Club, Joan Dresser with St. George's Episcopal Church, Maria Romero with the Salvation Army of Monterey County, and Ezequiel Hernandez with Salvation Army of Salinas expressed their gratitude for the grants.

Board Discussion: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

11. CLARIFY GUIDELINES RELATED TO BOARD AGENDAS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

(6:33) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided detailed report on the Brown Act noticing and agenda posting requirements, and the Authorities current process were detailed to the Board.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: None

Motion: None; Informational Only

12. AMERESCO LANDFILL GAS/BIOGAS UTILIZATION PROPOSAL

(6:40) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided a brief history on the current partnership with Ameresco and explained to the Board that two years ago, Machado & Sons, Inc. approached Ameresco with a partnership proposal on a new project idea to convert agricultural wastes and landfill gas to Renewable Natural Gas. Mrs. Mathews introduced Sean Kilgrow from Machado & Sons, Inc. Mr. Kilgrow provided a presentation on the proposed project, the potential partnership with Ameresco, the details of the process, the potential benefits, development status, and the challenges of the project.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Motion: None; Informational Only

CONSIDERATION

13. DISCUSSION REGARDING MADISON LANE TRANSPORT OPERATIONS

(7:05) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported on the meeting held between the Authority and Republic Services of Salinas. Asst. General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga provided a brief history of the Transportation Agreement signed between Republic Services of Salinas and the Authority. He explained the reasons for submitting a request to use a sub-hauler for transportation and the response from Republic Services denying the request. He explained the reasons that the concerns expressed in the response are deemed not accurate by the Authority or the Authority General Legal Counsel.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the report inquiring about the increase in rates due to the use of sub-haulers.

General Legal Counsel: General Legal Counsel Santos clarified there could not be an increase in the rates as per the agreement if a sub-hauler were used. The Board requested more data to be collected and presented related to the increase in fees.

Public Comment: Claudia Warkentin with Republic Services of Salinas provided a brief background on the partnership between the Authority, the City of Salinas, and the County. She provided a history on the experience Republic Services and herself have on managing transfer station, MRF, and Landfills. Ms. Warkentin explained the reasoning behind Republic Services denying the request.

Motion: By Consensus the Board directed staff to work collaboratively with Republic Services to resolve the issue.

(7:30) Director Silva logged off.

14. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE 2023 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

(7:38) General Manager/CAO Mathews explained the nomination process and rotation for the election of offices based on the Authority Code. He detailed each of the options available indicating that the Board and Nominating Committee are faced with a unique situation as all three current officers have served two-year terms and both the Vice President and Alternate Vice President were not re-elected for their respective council seats. Past practice of the Board has been to nominate a member of the Executive Committee to be Board President.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: None

Motion: Vice President Phillips made a motion to elect Director Cullen, Director Rocha and Director Silva to form the Nominating Committee. Alternate Vice President Tipton seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 6,0

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Craig, Lopez, Silva

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

15. AGENDA ITEM – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(7:36) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

(7:48) Vice President Cromeenes indicated there was nothing to discuss under item numbered 20 and 21.

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.

17. Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957 (b)** to consider the Performance Evaluation of the General Manager/Chief Administrative Officer R. Patrick Mathews for 2022

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNED

(7:49) Vice President Cromeenes adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss items numbered 17 and 18.

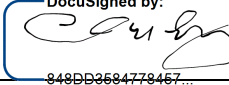
(8:15) Quorum was lost. Meeting was Adjourned.

RECONVENE

(8:17) General Legal Counsel indicated quorum was lost with Director Phillips and Director Rocha logging off. Mr. Santos indicated that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

ADJOURNED

(8:19) 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