

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2023**

This meeting was conducted in virtual format via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

President Rocha 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	Christopher M. Lopez, <i>Past President</i>	Virtual
County of Monterey	Glenn Church, <i>Alt. Vice President (logged in at 6:07pm)</i>	Virtual
City of Salinas	Anthony Rocha, <i>President</i>	Virtual
City of Salinas	Andrew Sandoval	Virtual
City of Gonzales	Liz Silva	Virtual
City of Soledad	Ben Jimenez, <i>Vice President</i>	Virtual
City of Greenfield	Angela Untalon	Virtual
City of King	Robert Cullen	Virtual

Absent

City of Salinas	Carla Viviana Gonzales
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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

(6:02) President Rocha announced in Spanish the availability of translation services via Zoom.

MOMENT OF SILENCE (6:03)

President Rocha called a moment of silence in honor of Darleen Acosta.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (6:04)

Staff Comments: None

Board Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Motion: Director Sandoval made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Director Jimenez seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 8,0

Ayes: Church, Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Rocha, Sandoval, Silva, Untalon

Noes: None

Abstain: None
Absent: Gonzalez

GENERAL MANAGER/CAO COMMENTS

(6:06) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the following:

- The site improvement project at Jolon Road Transfer Station that has begun.
- The preparation of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the South Valley Cities Procurement Franchise Services. He reported a full update of the status of the RFP will be provided at the March Board meeting.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:09) Assistant General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga provided details on the site improvement project at the Jolon Road Transfer Station. Resource Recovery Manager Brooks commented on the upcoming compost workshop at Jardin El Sol, Sun Street Garden on February 25, 2023.

BOARD DIRECTOR COMMENTS

(6:25) Director Sandoval commented on Authority staff attending the community meeting held by him and City of Salinas Council member Osornio. He commended the Authority staff on their attendance, the information provided during the meeting, and their public outreach.

Director Cullen expressed his sympathy for the loss of Darleen Acosta and his appreciation for the moment of silence for Darleen Acosta. He commented on her many years of dedication to her community and her many great attributes.

Director Lopez expressed his sympathy for the loss of Darleen Acosta. He commented on her many accomplishments and legacy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:14) None

CONSENT AGENDA (6:28)

1. Minutes of the January 19, 2023 Meeting
2. December 2022 Claims and Financial Report
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for December 2022
4. Tonnage and Diversion Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2022
5. Resolution No. 2023-08 Awarding the Purchase of One New 2024 MAC Walking Floor Transfer Trailer to TEC Trailers for an Amount of \$124,611
6. Resolution No. 2023-09 Authorizing Investments of Monies in US Bank
7. Resolution No. 2023-10 Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing the General Manager/CAO to Dispose of Property
8. Resolution No. 2023-11 Approving the Regular Board of Directors and Executive Committee Meetings Calendar for 2023, Changing the Executive Committee Meeting to 5:30 p.m. Thursdays, Two Weeks Before Each Regular Board Meeting
9. Resolution No. 2023-12 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 13-Day Period Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act as Amended by Assembly Bill No. 361

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 8,0

Ayes: Church, Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Rocha, Sandoval, Silva, Untalon

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gonzalez

PRESENTATION

10. ATLAS ORGANICS UPDATES

(6:16) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks introduced Eli Stilwell and Leslie Rodgers from Atlas Organics. Ms. Stilwell provided an overview of Atlas Organics' operations throughout the country. She explained that the agreement between Atlas Organics and the Authority for operations of the processing and marketing of Organics included site improvement and incorporation of the use of innovative technology at the Johnson Canyon Landfill. Ms. Stilwell explained in detail the status of the operations and provided a timeline for completion of the site improvements, indicating the project is anticipated to be completed towards the end of June.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the report.

Motion: None; Informational Only

CONSIDERATION

11. REQUEST FOR FY 2023-24 PRELIMINARY BUDGET DIRECTION

(6:44) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a report on the preliminary operating and CIP budget for fiscal year 2023-24. He explained the projected revenue and expenditure changes. Mr. Hendricks reviewed the estimated impacts to the rate payers for the two options the Board had requested more information on at the January meeting, which included rate adjustments to AB 939 fees and/or Solid Waste Tipping Fees to fully fund the budget. Mr. Hendricks indicated the Executive Committee supported option number three.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Motion: Director Sandoval made a motion to select option number three to be presented at the March 16, 2023, Board meeting as the final budget consideration and directed staff to schedule a public hearing and. Director Silva seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 8,0

Ayes: Church, Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Rocha, Sandoval, Silva, Untalon

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gonzalez

12. AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE A REQUEST FOR INTEREST FOR ADVANCED ORGANICS RECOVERY TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

(7:03) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided a history on the Authority's mission to search for innovative technology to assist in the goal of diversion of waste and organics from the landfill. He provided a report on the four technologies identified that have been deemed adequate and available for the Authority. Mr. Mathews explained the technologies, pre-processing, wet anaerobic

digestion, high solids anaerobic digestion, and autoclave. He indicated staff would like to release a Request for Interest to obtain further information on available developers and technology specifics.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the report.

Motion: Director Silva made a motion authorizing staff to release a Request for Interest. Director Sandoval seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 9,0

Ayes: Church, Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Rocha, Sandoval, Silva, Untalon

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gonzalez

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. AGENDA ITEM – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(7:45) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

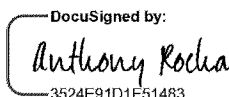
(7:37) President Rocha indicated there would not be closed session as no new information is available for item numbered 14.

14. ~~Conference With Legal Counsel — Potential Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): (One case)~~

ADJOURNED

(7:47) President Rocha adjourned the meeting.

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 Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

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