

**MINUTES OF  
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 19, 2023**

This meeting was conducted in virtual format via Zoom.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Lopez 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	Christopher M. Lopez, <i>President</i>	Virtual
County of Monterey	Glenn Church ( <i>logged in at 6:07pm</i> )	Virtual
City of Salinas	Anthony Rocha	Virtual
City of Salinas	Andrew Sandoval	Virtual
City of Salinas	Carla Viviana Gonzales ( <i>logged in at 6:08pm</i> )	Virtual
City of Gonzales	Liz Silva	Virtual
City of Soledad	Ben Jimenez	Virtual
City of Greenfield	Angela Untalon	Virtual
City of King	Robert Cullen	Virtual

**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
Monica Ambriz, Human Resource Supervisor	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 Lopez announced in Spanish the availability of translation services via Zoom.

(6:03) President Lopez called for a moment of silence in honor of James Martinez.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA (6:04)**

**Staff Comments:** Clerk of Board Trujillo reported the following changes to the agenda. Correction of Roll Call section for County of Monterey representative revised from vacant to Glenn Church and the City of Greenfield revised from vacant to Angela Untalon.

Staff recommended moving Item A – 2023 Election of Officers to take place after this item and before the General Manager Comments.

**Board Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** Director Cullen made a motion to approve the agenda with the revisions detailed by staff. Director Silva seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 7,0  
**Ayes:** Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Rocha, Sandoval, Silva Untalon  
**Noes:** None  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** Church, Gonzalez

## **ELECTION OF AGENDA**

### **A. 2023 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

(6:07) Director Silva on behalf of the Nominating Committee reported the recommendation to appoint Director Anthony Rocha as President, Director Ben Jimenez as Vice President, and Director Glenn Church as Alternate Vice President.

**Board Comments:** The Board commended Past President Lopez for his leadership during the last two years. Past President Lopez commented on the achievements during his presidency and how well the Agency has been moving forward.

**Public Comments:** None

**Motion:** Director Sandoval made a motion to appoint Director Anthony Rocha as President, Director Ben Jimenez as Vice President, and Director Glenn Church as Alternate Vice President. Director Rocha seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 9,0  
**Ayes:** Church, Cullen, Gonzalez, Jimenez, Lopez, Rocha, Sandoval, Silva, Untalon  
**Noes:** None  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** None

## **GENERAL MANAGER/CAO COMMENTS**

(6:20) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the following:

- He commended the new Executive directors in their new roles,
- He thanked Past President Lopez on his guidance and dedication during his presidency,
- He welcomed the new Board of Directors and provided a brief description of the on-boarding process, and
- The California Special District Association Leadership Conference is available to the Directors.

## **DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:23) Each Department Manager introduced themselves and provided a brief explanation on their roles.

## **BOARD DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

(6:25) Director Silva, Director Jimenez thanked Past President Lopez for his leadership during his presidency. Director Sandoval and Director Church thanked staff for their introductions and expressed interest in a tour of the facilities. President Rocha thanked the Board for their support on his new role.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:28) None

## **CONSENT AGENDA (6:28)**

1. Minutes of the December 15, 2022 Meeting
2. November 2022 Claims and Financial Report
3. December 2022 Quarterly Investments Report
4. Member and Interagency Activities Report for December 2022

5. Resolution No. 2023-01 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. Monterey County Health Department, Environmental Health Bureau, Calendar Year 2021 Used Motor Oil and Filter Recycling Program Annual Report
7. Resolution No. 2023-02 Approving an Adjustment to the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23
8. Resolution No. 2023-03 Awarding the Upgrade of the Scale House Software to Paradigm Software in the Amount of \$65,690
9. Resolution No. 2023-04 Approving an Agreement with Geo-Logic Associates (GLA) in the Amount of \$40,320 for Stormwater Management Plan at the Johnson Canyon Landfill
10. Resolution No. 2023-05 Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) New 2024 114 SD Freightliner Truck from National Auto Fleet Group for the Transport Operations for an Amount of \$175,759.22
11. Resolution No. 2023-06 Authorizing the Purchase of One Used 2017 Case 586H All-Terrain Forklift from United Rentals of Salinas for the Johnson Canyon Landfill for an Amount of \$62,602.75
12. Resolution No. 2023-07 Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Service Agreement with Clean Earth for Household Hazardous Waste Transportation, Disposal, and Recycling Service

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** None

**Motion:** Director Lopez made a motion to approve the consent as presented. Director Silva seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 9,0

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

## **PRESENTATION**

### **13. 2022 ANNUAL EMPLOYEE SURVEY**

(6:30) Human Resources Supervisor Ambriz presented the results of the annual employee survey and a three-year comparison on measured items such as moral, job attitude, and engagement. The report demonstrated a slight decrease in personal morale and a high percentile in the general attitude between the employees. Ms. Ambriz reviewed the most prevalent comments within the survey and explained the steps that will be taken to improve the challenges identified within the survey.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** The Board discussed the report requesting a follow-up presentation after Management discuss the challenges with their perspective employees.

**Motion:** None; Informational Only

**14. AB 939 PROGRAM UPDATE**

(6:42) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks provided an overview of AB 939, its history, current programs developed to meet the mandates and the annual budget by department. She explained the partnerships, collaborations, and the role they play in administering and implementing the more than 50 programs including conducting the coordinated outreach and education, and tracking and reporting to CalRecycle on an annual basis.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** The Board commended staff for the presentation.

**Motion:** None; Informational Only

**CONSIDERATION****15. REQUEST FOR FY 2023-24 PRELIMINARY BUDGET DIRECTOR**

(6:59) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a report on the budget assumptions for fiscal year 23-24. He explained the projected total budget increases and projected revenue changes. He detailed key rate adjustments needed and the four options available to balance the budget.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** The Board discussed the report.

**Motion:** Director Jimenez made a motion to present a more detailed report in February for options numbers three and four to be reviewed by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. Director Cullen seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 9,0

Ayes: Church, Cullen, Gonzalez, Jimenez, Lopez, Rocha, Sandoval, Silva, Untalan

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS****16. AGENDA ITEM – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE**

(6:19) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

**CLOSED SESSION**

(7:37) President Rocha invited Public Comment related to closed session item no. 17.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNED**

(7:38) President Rocha adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss item no. 17.

**RECONVENE**

(7:55) President Rocha reconvened the meeting to open session. Legal Council Santos indicated that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

**ADJOURNED**

(7:56) President Rocha adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: 

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Anthony Rocha, President

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Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board