

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

This meeting was conducted in virtual format via Zoom.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Rocha called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board Directors**

County of Monterey	Christopher M. Lopez	Virtual
City of Salinas	Anthony Rocha, <i>President</i>	Virtual
City of Salinas	Andrew Sandoval (logged in at 6:12 p.m.)	Virtual
City of Salinas	Carla Viviana Gonzales	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**

County of Monterey	Glenn Church, <i>Alternate Vice President</i>
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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**

(6:09) President Rocha announced in Spanish the availability of translation services via Zoom.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA (6:09)**

**Staff Comments:** None

**Board Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Votes:** Motion carried 8,0

**Ayes:** Cullen, Gonzalez, Jimenez, Lopez, Rocha, Silva, Untalon

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Church, Sandoval

**GENERAL MANAGER/CAO COMMENTS**

(6:10) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the following:

- The upcoming release of the Request for Proposal for the South County Franchise Procurement services.
- The storm and impacts on the Landfill.
- The Administration building relocation progress.

### **DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:12) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks commented on the Authority staff participation at the Amor Salinas event at La Paz Park on Friday, and the compost workshop on March 25 at Jardin El Sol.

### **BOARD DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

(6:13) Director Cullen commented on the upcoming clean up event in which the Authority ABOP truck will be participating, and Waste Management will collect garbage. He reported that a Special Meeting will be held on March 22, 2023, for the consideration of an appointment to Councilmember Vacancy in District 1. Director Silva commented on the selection of Directors Jimenez being for the Gonzales High School Hall of Fame for his athletic achievements. Director Lopez commended Director Jimenez for his achievement and thanked all Authority staff and the waste haulers for their commitment during the extreme weather. Director Sandoval thanked the Authority staff that participated in Amor Salinas's litter cleanup event earlier in the day. Director Gonzalez thanked Authority staff in advance for their participation in the upcoming Amor Salinas event at La Paz Park.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:18) None

### **CONSENT AGENDA (6:19)**

1. ~~Minutes of the February 16, 2023 Meeting~~
2. January 2023 Claims and Financial Report
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for February 2023
4. Resolution No. 2023-14 Approving an Agreement with George Amaral Ranches Inc. in the Amount of \$400,000 to Provide Water Service at the Johnson Canyon Landfill
5. Resolution No. 2023-15 Awarding the Engineering Design and Purchase of a Fabric Cover Structure for the Jolon Road Transfer Station Tipping Pad to Clear Span for an Amount of \$420,859.75

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** None

**Motion:** Director Silva made a motion to approve the consent items numbered two through five. Vice President Jimenez seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 8,0

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Church

### **1. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2023 MEETING**

(6:20) Clerk of the Board Trujillo indicated the draft minutes required the following edits to the Roll Call Section: Removing the title of President and adding Past President from Director Christopher Lopez, adding the title of Alternate Vice President to Director Glenn Church, adding the title of President to Director Anthony Rocha, and adding the title of Vice President to Director Ben Jimenez.

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Motion:** Director Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes with the edits explained. Director Silva seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 8,0

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Church

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **6. RESOLUTION NO. 2023-16 APPROVING THE DISPOSAL AND SERVICE FEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023**

(6:22) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks detailed the proposed Disposal and Service Fees effective July 1, 2023. He explained the increases to the organics program tipping fees, the transportation surcharge fees, and rate adjustment to AB 939 and Solid Waste Tipping Fees. Mr. Hendricks reviewed the impacts the increases would have on the customers.

**Public Hearing:** The Public Hearing was opened for public comment. No public comment was received. The Public Hearing was closed.

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

**Motion:** Director Cullen made a motion to adopt resolution number 2023-16. Director Lopez seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 8,0

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Church

## **CONSIDERATION**

### **7. RESOLUTION NO. 2023-17 APPROVING THE OPERATING BUDGET AND PERSONNEL ALLOCATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24**

(6:32) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks presented the proposed Operating and CIP budget. He indicated the budget is balanced and detailed the projected revenues changes, the status quo CIP/Post Closure Budget, the Debt Service Schedule, the two new additional staffing positions, and the total budget increases. Mr. Hendricks explained the five-year operating projections.

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Motion:** Director Cullen made a motion to approve resolution number 2023-17. Director Silva seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 8,0

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Church

## **PRESENTATION**

**8. JOHNSON CANYON EDUCATION CENTER AND GARDEN**

(6:47) Recycling Coordinator Janna Faulk and Resource Recovery Technician Estela Gutierrez provided an update on the progress being made at the new Johnson Canyon Education Center. The building has been installed and the insulation and electrical work are currently being completed. The building includes a large meeting space, an exhibit hall, and office space for Resource Recovery staff. The water tank, the water line, and three faucets have been installed. Wally's raised beds for the garden area are being constructed and include the irrigation, and gopher mesh barriers. The launch of a new Youth Council program for high school students was also presented to the Board.

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Motion:** None; Information Only

**9. UPDATE ON THE REGIONAL FRANCHISE PROCUREMENT**

(7:04) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided an update on the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the new franchise procurement for the South Monterey County Cities (Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, and King City). He indicated the RFP is set to be issued on March 17, 2023, with a proposal submittal deadline of June 30, 2023. This would allow sufficient time to conduct interviews, view presentations, conducted contract negotiations, agreement deliberation, and preparation before the current contract end term of June 30, 2025.

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Motion:** None; Information Only

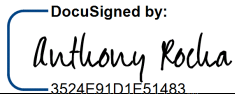
**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS****10. AGENDA ITEM – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE**

(7:22) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

**ADJOURNED**

(7:24) President Rocha adjourned the meeting.

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Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED:   
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Anthony Rocha, President