

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
September 7, 2023
126 Sun Street, Salinas, CA 93901**

CALL TO ORDER

President Rocha called the meeting to order at 4:43 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

City of Salinas	Anthony Rocha, <i>President</i>
City of Soledad	Ben Jimenez, <i>Vice President</i>

ABSENT

County of Monterey	Glenn Church, <i>Alt. Vice President</i>
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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO
Cesar Zuñiga, Assistant GM / Operations Manager
Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager (<i>virtually</i>)
Ray Hendricks, Finance and Administration Manager
Brian Kennedy, Engineering and Compliance Manager
Roy Santos, General Counsel (<i>virtually</i>)
Rosie Ramirez, Administrative Assistant
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

GENERAL MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(4:43) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the potential scheduling conflict of the Executive Committee regular meetings. The item will be placed on the agenda for discussion at the October meeting.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

(4:45) None

PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:46) None

CONSIDERATION ITEMS

(4:46)

1. Minutes of August 3, 2023 Meeting

Committee Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: Vice President Jimenez made a motion to approve the minutes. President Rocha seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 2-0.

2. July 2023 Claims and Financial Reports

(4:47) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a detailed report on the Agency's finances. He indicated that revenues are slightly up compared to last year as well as

tonnage despite Sun Street Transfer Station being closed. He indicated expenditures percentages are trending well and are comparable to last year.

Committee Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: Vice President Jimenez made a motion to forward to the Board recommending approval. President Rocha seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 2-0.

3. A Resolution Approving the Grants and Capital Improvement Projects Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24

(4:50) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks indicated that this is a routine item that carries over remaining CIP balances from the prior year. He provided a report on the proposed adjustments to the Capital Improvements accounts and the estimated amount needed to conduct additional repairs to the administrative building.

Committee Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: Vice President Jimenez made a motion to forward to the Board recommending approval. President Rocha seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 2-0.

4. A Resolution Approving an Adjustment to the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 to Pay Down the CalPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability

(4:58) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks reported that CalPERS released their actuarial for 2022 reflecting significant losses on their investment returns. He indicated that a budget adjustment is necessary to utilize the current balance set aside in the CEPPT fund to partially pay down the unfunded liability with the remaining funding coming from year end fund balance distributions in November after the FY 2022-23 audit is approved.

Committee Discussion: The Committee discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: Vice President Jimenez made a motion to forward to the Board recommending approval. President Rocha seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 2-0.

5. A Resolution Approving a Policy Related to Memberships in Business and Professional Organizations

(5:00) General Manager/CAO Mathews presented the draft of the Membership Policy affirming that the Authority will not be a member of organizations that make political endorsements as requested by the Board of Directors at its August meeting.

Committee Discussion: The Committee reviewed and discussed the draft policy presented.

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: Vice President Jimenez made a motion to forward to the Board recommending approval. President Rocha seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 2-0.

6. Vespene Energy Landfill Gas Development Proposal – Crazy Horse Landfill

(5:07) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided a brief report on a potential partnership with Vespene Energy to use the landfill gas from the Crazy Horse Landfill. Mr. Mathewes introduced Adam Wright, with Vespene Energy. Mr. Wright provided a report on the history of the

company, the description of the project, the process to begin the project, and the potential benefits to the Authority.

Committee Discussion: The Committee discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: Vice President Jimenez made a motion to forward to the Board for discussion. President Rocha seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 2-0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. Future Agenda Items – View Ahead Calendar

(5:40) The Committee discussed the view ahead.

CLOSED SESSION

(5:41) President Rocha invited public comment on closed session item numbered eight.

8. 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

(5:42) President Rocha adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss item no. 8.

Reconvene

(5:48) President Rocha reconvened the meeting to open session. Legal Counsel Santos indicated that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

(5:48) President Rocha adjourned the meeting.

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Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

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Anthony Rocha, President