

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS October 19, 2023

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED

- An agreement with Recon Refractory and Construction, Inc to replace the Crazy Horse Landfill gas flare ceramic blanket on the medium sized gas flare that was originally installed in 1998.
- A policy related to membership in businesses and professional organizations, which was requested by the Board at its August Board meeting.
- The Regular Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings calendar for the calendar year 2024. To view or download the calendar visit our website at https://svswa.org/government/agendas-meeting-schedules/.
- The release and distribution of a Request for Proposals for Design and Engineering Services for two potential facility design projects and one paving project the Authority is currently examining.

SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY YOUTH COUNCIL

Authority staff introduced the newly established Youth Council and its members; Kelly Billman, Jenny de la Rosa, Gabriela Jaramillo, Jaena Serrano, Mahi Shah, Reuben Zamora, and Angelen Zavala. The council is made up of high school and college students from the Salinas Valley. The objective of the Youth Council is to function as a voice for teens, facilitate youth service-learning projects, facilitate on campus environmental learning, learn, and grow as environmental and political leaders in their communities. The 2023-24 Youth Council chose to work on a group project



instead of individual projects. The project will be a Sustainability Fair to be held on April 6, 2024. The event will bring together members of the community to learn about ways that they can help take simple steps to put the five R's of Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rot into practice in their everyday lives. Some of the activities will include BINGO for Books, a sewing workshop, a Fix it workshop, a kids activities area, and more. More information on the event will become available soon.

ANNUAL MARKETING REPORT The Authority staff strives to reach customers to provide as much valuable information as possible.

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The Board was presented statistics demonstrating the outreach conducted via social media, paid media, newsletters, videos, podcasts, and paid school assembly shows. The report described the events, litter cleanups, presentations, door to door visits and training that the Resource Recovery department staff completed in their efforts to assist businesses and the communities within the Salinas Valley.

2022-23 SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT

The report proudly highlighted the accomplishments, events, and activities of the past fiscal year. It included statistics on the finances, marketing, media, and outreach & education at schools and businesses, and so much more. Some of the highlighted accomplishments include the progress made to the Johnson Canyon Landfill Education Center, and the extensive community outreach conducted to inspire the public to take initiative to become more resourceful and reduce waste and take part in creating a better environment. To view the full report, visit our website at https://svswa.org/about-us/annual-reports/.



LANDFILL GAS SALE AGREEMENT AND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH VESPENE ENERGY, INC. The Authority was approached by Vespene Energy, Inc. (Vespene) for a partnership that would allow

for beneficial use of the landfill gas (LFG) from the Crazy Horse Landfill. Vespene utilizes a unique power generation system that can use the lower quality gas found at older landfills such as

power generation system that can use the lower quality gas found at older landfills such as Crazy Horse to generate electricity to power a portable data centers that will be located at the landfill. Vespene will pay the Authority royalty payments for the use of the gas, which is estimated at \$3.2 million over 10 years. To move the project forward, the Board of Directors approved entering into a lease and LFG purchase agreement with Vespene Energy.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MONTH ENDED AUGUST 2023 (16.7% OF THE FISCAL YEAR)

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