

**MINUTES OF  
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 17, 2023**

117 Fourth Street, Gonzales, Ca 93926

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Rocha called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL****Board Directors**

County of Monterey	Glenn Church, <i>Alternate Vice President</i>
City of Salinas	Anthony Roch, <i>President</i>
City of Salinas	Andrew Sandoval
City of Gonzales	Liz Silva
City of Soledad	Ben Jimenez, <i>Vice President</i>
City of Greenfield	Luis Dominguez
City of King	Robert Cullen

**Absent**

County of Monterey	Christopher M. Lopez
City of Salinas	Carla Viviana Gonzáles

**Staff Member Present**

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

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(6:03) Clerk of the Board Trujillo announced in Spanish the availability of translation services via Zoom.

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

**Staff Comments:** None

**Board Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Votes:** Motion carried 7,0

**Ayes:** Church, Cullen, Dominguez, Jimenez, Sandoval, Silva, Rocha

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Gonzalez, Lopez

**GENERAL MANAGER/CAO COMMENTS**

(6:04) General Manager/CAO Mathews reported that Asst. General Manager Zuñiga would be leading the Board meeting in his place. He indicated the removal and cleanup of all solid

waste infrastructure has been completed at the Sun Street location, and the permits have been relinquished. Asst. General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga reminded the Board of the Annual Employee Communication Meeting taking place on August 18. He reported the Jolon Road Transfer Station building is expected to be installed in October, improving the operations for the site.

#### **DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:05) 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 will be brought back to the Board in September 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 22/23 audit is approved.

#### **GENERAL LEGAL COUNCIL**

(6:08) General Counsel Santos explained his in-person absence.

#### **BOARD DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

(6:09) Director Sandoval welcomed the new Board Director Luis Dominguez, representative of the City of Greenfield. Vice President Jimenez commented on the grand opening on of the Orchard Lane All-inclusive Park Celebration in Soledad, on Saturday, August 19. President Rocha welcomed Director Dominguez.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:09) None

#### **CONSENT AGENDA (6:10)**

1. Minutes of the June 15, 2023 Meeting
2. May 2023 Claims and Financial Report
3. June 2023 Claims and Financial Report
4. June 2023 Quarterly Investments Report
5. Member and Interagency Activities Report for June and July 2023
6. Tonnage and Diversion Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2023
7. Resolution No. 2023-51 Approving Annual Expenditure in an Amount \$150,000 for Landfill Gas Control and Data System Upgrades with Franks Industrial Services, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2023-24
8. Resolution No. 2023-52 Approving Supplemental Appropriation of \$22,139 for CalRecycle's Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program 2022-23
9. Resolution No. 2023-53 Approving a Professional Service Agreement with Clean Earth for Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Transportation, and Disposal Services for Mobile collection Events in an Amount \$90,000
10. Resolution No. 2023-53 Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing the General Manager/CAO to Dispose the Property

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** None

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

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

## **PRESENTATION**

### **11. EDIBLE FOOD RECOVERY FINAL GRANT AWARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23**

(6:11) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks presented the final round of grant funds for fiscal year 2022-23 for the local Countywide Edible Food Recovery Program to Pajaro Valley Loaves & Fishes (PVLF). PVLF will use the grant to help fund a part-time staffing position. Ashley Bridges with PVLF commented on the organization's purpose and goals. She thanked the Board for its support.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** The Board commended PVLF for their work and dedication to the recovery of edible food and to the community.

**Motion:** None; Information Only

## **CONSIDERATION**

### **12. DISCUSSION ON LOCAL CHAMBERS AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS**

(6:17) Assistant General Manager/CAO Zuñiga provided a brief report on the request from Director Sandoval to terminate the Authority's membership with the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce (SVCC). It was explained that the policy on political endorsements of the SVCC could raise a potential conflict of interest. The Authority has utilized the membership with SVCC as an outreach tool for local businesses throughout the years.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** The Board discussed its membership with SVCC and other chambers and professional association memberships.

**Motion:** Vice President Jimenez made a motion to bring forward a Membership Policy affirming that the Authority will not be a member of organizations that make political endorsements, with further direction to staff to engage the Executive Committee in the creation of such policy. Director Cullen seconded the motion.

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

### **13. NORTH COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSFER STATION CONCEPT**

(6:37) Assistant General Manager/CAO Zuñiga presented a report on the idea of establishing a public service transfer station in the North Monterey County area as requested by Alternate Vice President Church. He indicated that the increases in illegal dumping seen in north county could be partly reduced with a convenient north county facility. Mr. Zuñiga provided an overview of the concept previously analyzed, the potential infrastructure needed, and the estimated cost of operation of the facility.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** The Board discussed the presentation inquiring about multiple options and cost.

**Motion:** By consensus the Board directed staff to present more detailed information of the options for site plans, hours of operations, staffing levels, and the cost benefits analysis for each option.

**14. DISCUSSION ON STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP**

(6:55) Assistant General Manager/CAO Zuñiga indicated that it's time to prepare for the annual Strategic Planning Workshop held to revise the Board Norms, the Mission, Vision and Values, and establish new Goals and Priorities. He reviewed the availability of the facilitators and requested direction from the Board for the scheduling of the workshop.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** The Board discussed the time options and available dates.

**Motion:** By consensus the Board directed staff to create and distribute a Doodle Poll to obtain the best date and time for a Strategic Planning Workshop.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**15. AGENDA ITEM – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE**

(7:01) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

**CLOSED SESSION**

(7:02) President Rocha invited public comment related to item number 16.

**16.** 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**

(7:02) President Rocha adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss item no. 16.

**RECONVENE**

(7:15) President Rocha reconvened the meeting to open session. Legal Counsel Santos indicated that there were no reportable actions taken in the closed session.

**ADJOURNED**

(7:16) President Rocha adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony Rocha, President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board