

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

117 Fourth Street, Gonzales, Ca 93926

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL**Board Directors**

County of Monterey	Christopher M. Lopez
City of Salinas	Anthony Rocha, <i>President</i>
City of Salinas	Andrew Sandoval
City of Gonzales	Liz Silva
City of Greenfield	Drew Tipton
City of King	Robert Cullen

Absent

County of Monterey	Glenn Church, <i>Alternate Vice President</i>
City of Salinas	Carla Viviana Gonzáles
City of Soledad	Ben Jimenez, <i>Vice President</i>

Staff Member Present

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO
Cesar Zuñiga, Asst. GM/Operations Manager
Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager (<i>Virtual</i>)
Ray Hendricks, Finance and Administration Manager
Brian Kennedy, Engineering and Environmental Compliance Manager
Julia Brooker, Resource Recovery Technician
Roy Santos, General Legal Counsel
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 Lopez made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Director Silva seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 6,0

Ayes: Cullen, Lopez, Rocha, Sandoval, Silva, Tipton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Church, Gonzalez, Jimenez

GENERAL MANAGER/CAO COMMENTS

(6:04) General Manager/CAO Mathews indicated that the agreement for Design and Engineering Services for Multiple Capital Improvement Projects is part of the consent agenda.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:05) None

GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL

(6:05) None

BOARD DIRECTOR COMMENTS

(6:06) Director Lopez reported that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors reviewed its illegal dumping fines and will be scheduling the approval of an ordinance to consider revised fines.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:06) None

CONSENT AGENDA (6:07)

1. Minutes of the January 18, 2024 Meeting
2. December 2023 Claims and Financial Report
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for January 2024
4. Tonnage and Diversion Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2023
5. Resolution No. 2024-05 Approving Supplemental Appropriation of \$20,000 for the Acceptance of the Mattress Recycling Council's Micro Grants for Mattress Collection Facilities Improvement Funding
6. Resolution No. 2024-06 Approving a Professional Services Agreement to J.R. Miller and Associates for Design and Engineering Services for Multiple Projects in the Amount of \$339,913
7. Resolution No. 2024-07 Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Recon Engineering and Construction, Inc. in the Amount of \$19,164
- 8a. Resolution No. 2024-08 Approving Annual Expenditures in an Amount of \$90,000 for Fanelli Equipment Repair a Vendor used for Equipment Maintenance for Fiscal Year 2023-24
- 8b. Resolution No. 2024-09 Approving Annual Expenditures in an Amount of \$110,000 with Arroyo Construction for Facility Maintenance and Improvements Services for Fiscal Year 2024-25

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: None

Motion: Director Lopez made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Director Cullen seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 6,0

Ayes: Cullen, Lopez, Rocha, Sandoval, Silva, Tipton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Church, Gonzalez, Jimenez

PRESENTATION**9. RECYCLING RECOGNITION AWARDS**

(6:09) Resource Recovery Technician Brooker presented recycling recognition awards to five local businesses and multi-family properties from the City of Salinas for their successful implementation of SB 1383 programs to divert food waste from the landfill.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: The Board commended the awardees for their dedication to the environment and their community.

Motion: None; Information Only

CONSIDERATION**10. REQUEST FOR FY 2024-25 PRELIMINARY BUDGET DIRECTION**

(6:21) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks presented the preliminary budget for the fiscal year 2024-25. The presentation included a five-year consolidated projection for status quo operations, a five-year preliminary projection with a North County Convenience Station, and a five-year preliminary projection with a North County Transfer Station as requested by the Executive Committee. The details of the two options requested by the Executive Committee and estimated impacts on the ratepayers were reviewed in detail for each option.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the options presented, the impacts to their constituents, and projections for the different scenarios. The Board expressed their support to fully fund the AB 939 programs and keep the tipping fees the same.

Motion: Director Cullen made a motion to schedule a rate hearing for the Regular Board meeting on March 21, 2024. Director Lopez seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 6,0

Ayes: Cullen, Lopez, Rocha, Sandoval, Silva, Tipton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Church, Gonzalez, Jimenez

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**11. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE****CLOSED SESSION**

12. Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957 (b)** for labor negotiation with General Counsel Roy C. Santos, to negotiate with General Manager/Chief Administrative Officer R. Patrick Mathews.

13. Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957 (b)** to discuss the process of the Performance Evaluation Process of the General Council Roy C. Santos.

(6:54) President Rocha invited public comment related to items numbered 12 and 13.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNED

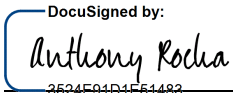
(6:55) President Rocha adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss items numbered 12 and 13.

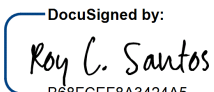
RECONVENE

(7:12) President Rocha reconvened the meeting to open session indicating that there were no reportable actions taken in the closed session.

ADJOURNED

(7:12) President Rocha adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: 
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Anthony Rocha, President

Attest: 
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Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board