

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2024**

117 Fourth Street, Gonzales, Ca 93926

CALL TO ORDER

President Rocha called the meeting to order at 6:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Directors

County of Monterey	Christopher M. Lopez
County of Monterey	Glenn Church, <i>Alternate Vice President</i>
City of Salinas	Anthony Roch, <i>President</i>
City of Salinas	Orlando Osornio, <i>(Alternate)</i>
City of Gonzales	Liz Silva
City of Soledad	Ben Jimenez, <i>Vice President</i>
City of Greenfield	Drew Tipton
City of King	Robert Cullen

Absent

City of Salinas	Carla Viviana Gonzáles
City of Salinas	Andrew Sandoval

Staff Member Present

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

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(6:02) Clerk of the Board Trujillo announced in Spanish the availability of translation services via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (9:11)

Staff Comments: None

Board Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 8,0

Ayes: Cullen, Church, Jimenez, Lopez, Osornio (Alt), Rocha, Silva, Tipton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gonzalez, Sandoval

GENERAL MANAGER/CAO COMMENTS

(6:03) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the progress made on the Engineering Services for initial concept and designs for three upcoming projects.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:03) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks reported on the beginning of the monthly Composting Workshops.

GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL

(6:03) None

BOARD DIRECTOR COMMENTS

(6:04) None

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:04) None

ELECTION OF OFFICERS**A. 2024 Election of Officers – President, Vice President, and Alternate Vice President**

(6:05) Director Cullen on behalf of the Nominating Committee reported the recommendation to appoint the current officers to a second-year term, Director Anthony Rocha as President, Director Ben Jimenez as Vice President, and Director Glenn Church as Alternate Vice President.

Board Comments: None

Public Comments: None

Motion: Director Silva made a motion to appoint Director Anthony Rocha as President, Director Ben Jimenez as Vice President, and Director Glenn Church as Alternate Vice President. Director Lopez seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 8,0

Ayes: Cullen, Church, Jimenez, Lopez, Osornio (Alt), Rocha, Silva, Tipton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gonzalez, Sandoval

CONSENT AGENDA (6:08)

1. Minutes of the December 15, 2023 Meeting
2. November 2023 Claims and Financial Report
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for November and December 2023
4. December 2023 Quarterly Investments Report
5. Resolution No. 2024-01 Authorizing the Professional Services Agreement with Zero Foodprint for Compost Procurement Services in the Amount of \$108,420.00
6. Monterey County Health Department, Environmental Health Bureau, Calendar Year 2022 Used Motor Oil and Filter Recycling Program Annual Report
7. Resolution No. 2024-02 Authorizing the Assignment of the Professional Services Agreement and Lease Agreement with Atlas Organics for Organics Processing, Composting, and Product Marketing Services at the Johnson Canyon Landfill to Generate Upcycle

8. Resolution No. 2024-03 Authorizing the Purchase of a Backup Motor and Blower for the Johnson Canyon Landfill gas Flare Station in the Amount of \$51,253.91 Plus Tax and Delivery
9. Resolution No. 2024-04 Adopting the 2024 Strategic Plan Goals and Priorities, and Board Norms

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 8,0

Ayes: Cullen, Church, Jimenez, Lopez, Osornio (Alt), Rocha, Silva, Tipton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gonzalez, Sandoval

PRESENTATION (6:09)

10. EDIBLE FOOD RECOVERY GRANT AWARDS

(6:09) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks presented the third cycle of funding from the Countywide Edible Food Recovery grant funds. The Edible Food Recovery program is a requirement of Senate Bill 1383 and awards grants to local food recovery programs to assist in expanding capacity. Mrs. Brooks introduced the seven applicants that scored high enough to receive funding and presented them with their checks.

Public Comment: The awardees expressed their gratitude to the Board of Directors for their support.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation and commended the applicants for their dedication to the community.

Motion: None; Information Only

11. 2023 EMPLOYEE SURVEY RESULTS

(6:29) Human Resource Supervisor Ambriz presented the results of the annual survey and a three-year comparison on measured items such as morale, job attitude, and engagement. The report demonstrated increases in morale and in the general attitude of the employees. Ms. Ambriz reviewed the comments within the survey and explained the steps that will be taken to improve the challenges identified within the survey.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation requesting management seek clarification on some of the answers provided within the survey by staff.

Motion: None; Information Only

12. ANNUAL TONNAGE, OPERATION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT FOR FY 2022-23

(6:49) Assistant General Manager/Operation Manage Zuñiga and Environmental and Compliance Manager Kennedy provided a detailed report of FY 2022-23 annual tonnage, operations, and environmental compliance permits for each one of the Authority facilities. They explained the trip counts for each facility and the improvements made to the facilities.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Motion: None; Information Only

CONSIDERATION

13. REQUEST FOR FY 2024-25 PRELIMINARY BUDGET DIRECTION

(7:15) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a report of the fiscal year 2024-25 budget. He indicated that no major changes in operations are expected during FY 2024-25. He detailed the requested increases to the budget including the payroll increases which include the request for two additional Diversion Workers to assist with the traffic increases at the South County facilities. Mr. Hendricks provided three options available to balance the budget with a combination of AB939 fees and solid waste tipping fee adjustments and reported that the Executive Committee supported option two.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Motion: Director Lopez made a motion to direct staff to move forward with option one which fully funds AB939 programs and reduces tipping fees along with an alternate version which fully funds AB939 programs and keeps the tipping fees the same and present the estimated impacts at the February Board meeting. Alternate Vice President Church seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 7,1

Ayes: Cullen, Church, Lopez, Osornio (Alt), Rocha, Silva, Tipton

Noes: Jimenez

Abstain: None

Absent: Gonzalez, Sandoval

CLOSED SESSION

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

(8:00) President Rocha invited public comment related to item number 14.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNED

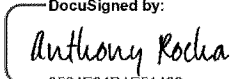
(8:01) President Rocha adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss item no. 14.

RECONVENE

(8:21) President Rocha reconvened the meeting to open session indicating that there were no reportable actions taken in the closed session.

ADJOURNED

(8:21) President Rocha adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: 
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Anthony Rocha, President

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Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board