

**MINUTES OF  
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 20, 2024**  
117 Fourth Street, Gonzales, Ca 93926

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Rocha called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board Directors**

County of Monterey	Glenn Church, <i>Alternate Vice President</i>
County of Monterey	Chirstopher M. Lopez ( <i>arrived at 6:05 p.m.</i> )
City of Salinas	Anthony Rocha, <i>President</i>
City of Gonzales	Liz Silva, <i>Vice President</i>
City of Soledad	Fernando Ansaldo-Sánchez
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
Roy Santos, General Legal Counsel ( <i>Virtual</i> )
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 and in person. No members from the public required the service.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA (6:03)**

**Staff Comments:** None

**Board Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** Director Ansaldo-Sánchez made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Vice President Silva seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 5,0

**Ayes:** Ansaldo-Sánchez, Church, Cullen, Rocha, Silva, Tipton

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Gonzalez, Lopez, Sandoval

**GENERAL MANAGER/CAO COMMENTS**

(6:03) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the meeting held with the realtors to move forward with the sale of the old Sun Street Transfer Station property and the rental of 128 Sun St., Suite 101. He reminded the Board of the meetings recess for the month of July.

**GENERAL LEGAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

(6:04) None

**DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:04) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks reminded the Board of the following events.

- The King City Clean Event at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 22, 2024.
- The Compost Event at the King City Fairground on Saturday, June 29, 2024.
- The City of Gonzales Clean up event on Saturday, June 29, 2024.

**BOARD DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

(6:05) None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:05) None

**CONSENT AGENDA (6:06)**

1. Minutes of the May 16, 2024 Meeting.
2. April 2024 Claims and Financial Report.
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for May 2024.
4. Resolution No. 2024-43 Approving Supplemental Appropriation of \$22,262 for CalRecycle's Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program 2023-24.
5. Resolution No. 2024-44 Approving a Three-Year Professional Services Agreement with Geo-Logic Associates to Provide Groundwater monitoring Services and Other Routine and Non-Routine Landfill Engineering Services in the Amount of \$1,084,001.
6. Resolution No. 2024-45 the Regular Board of Directors and Executive Committee Meetings Calendar for 2024, Changing the Executive Committee Meetings to 2:30 P.M. Wednesday, Two Weeks Before Each Regular Board Meeting.
7. Resolution No. 2024-46 Approving a Professional Service Agreement with Blue Strike Environmental for Project Management Services for the Regional SB 1383 Grant Programs for FY 23-24, FY 24-25, and FY 25-26 and Annual Expenditures in an Amount of \$250,000.
8. Resolution No. 2024-47 Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing the General Manager /CAO to Dispose of Property.
- 9A. Resolution No. 2024-48 Approving Annual Expenditure in the Amount of \$56,000 with Emaculant Cleaning Services for Janitorial Services for Fiscal Year 2023-24.
- 9B. Resolution No. 2024-49 Approving Annual Expenditure in the Amount of \$70,000 with Manuel Perea Trucking for Equipment Maintenance & Transport Services for Fiscal Year 2023-24.
10. Resolution No. 2024-50 Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Atlas Organics, a Generate Upcycle Company, for Organics Processing, Composting, and Product Marketing Services at the Johnson Canyon Landfill.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** None

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

**Votes:** Motion carried 6,0

**Ayes:** Ansaldo-Sánchez, Church, Cullen, Lopez, Rocha, Silva, Tipton

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Gonzalez, Sandoval

**CONSIDERATION**

**11. NORTH COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSFER STATION DRAFT DRAWINGS**

(6:06) Asst. General Manger Zuñiga and Engineering and Compliance Manager Kennedy presented the two conceptual designs for a transfer station at the closed Crazy Horse Landfill. Option one is for a smaller, public only transfer station. The second option is larger and can accommodate public, commercial, and franchise haulers. The estimated cost of the operations for each of the options was explained.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** The Board discussed the presentation commenting on the entrance design.

**Motion:** Director Church made a motion to begin the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process and include the suggested entrance design changes. Director Silva seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 6,0

**Ayes:** Ansaldo-Sánchez, Church, Cullen, Lopez, Rocha, Silva, Tipton

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Gonzalez, Sandoval

**PRESENTATION**

**12. 2024 LANDFILL OPERATIONS OVERVIEW**

(6:24) Assistant General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga provided a brief history of the relocation of the landfill and the formation of the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority. He explained the inherited facilities, violations of the state minimum standards for landfills, the closure of landfills and the change from contracted to Authority staff run operations throughout the years. Mr. Zuñiga explained in detail the original, and the refinancing of the bonds in 2022 that shortened the maturity of the bonds by one year, allowing for a savings. The history on the importation of waste, tipping fees, facility closures, and review of the budget presented when Authority staff took over the Johnson Canyon Landfill operations was detailed, as well as all the facility improvements, and newly established services to help meet newly established mandates.

**Public:** None

**Board Discussion:** The Board discussed the presentation.

**Motion:** None; Informational Only

**13. 2024-25 STRATEGIC PLAN MID-YEAR UPDATE**

(6:55) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided a six-month update on the progress of the established 2024 Authority Goals and Priorities that were created during the December 2023 Board of Directors Strategic Planning Session.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** The Board discussed the presentation.

**Motion:** None; Informational Only

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (7:18)**

**14. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE**

**ADJOURNED**

President Rocha adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

APPROVED: Signed by:  
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Anthony Rocha, President

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Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board