

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2024**
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 Rocha, <i>President</i>
City of Salinas	Andrew Sandoval
City of Soledad	Evarista Bañuelos (<i>Alternate</i>)
City of King	Robert Cullen

Absent

County of Monterey	Chirstopher M. Lopez
City of Salinas	Carla Viviana Gonzáles
City of Gonzales	Liz Silva, <i>Vice President</i>
City of Soledad	Fernando Ansaldo-Sánchez
City of Greenfield	Drew Tipton

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
Janna Faulk, Recycling Coordinator
Roy C. 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 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 Cullen made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Sandoval seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 5,0

Ayes: Bañuelos (Alt), Church, Cullen, Rocha, Sandoval

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ansaldo-Sánchez, Gonzalez, Lopez, Silva, Tipton

GENERAL MANAGER/CAO COMMENTS

(6:03) General Manager/CAO Mathews welcomed our new Alternate Director Bañuelos. He informed the Board that he will be attending the WASTECON National Convention in Dallas at the end of October.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:05) Asst. General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga thanked the Board members that attended the Annual Employee Communication Dinner. Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks reported that payments to pay down the CalPERS UAL were made with a balance remaining to be paid with part of the Fund Balance Allocation. He indicated that the CalPERS June 2023 returns came in at 9.3%, higher than the expected 6.8% and the health insurance rates increased 11.5% year over year with the Authority budgeting for a 10% increase. Mr. Hendricks indicated termites were found in the old administration building and the entire building will have to be treated. He also informed the Board that the audit is almost completed and is expected to be presented in October. Resource Recover Manager Brooks commented on the three events that are taking place: the Tire Amnesty currently underway, the Composting Workshop and compost giveaway at Cesar Chavez Park in Salinas, and the City of Soledad Annual Community Clean up event.

GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL COMMENTS

(6:07) General Legal Counsel Santos thanked staff for their work on City of King's Franchise Agreement.

BOARD DIRECTOR COMMENTS

(6:08) None

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:08) None

RECOGNITION**A. 2024 Employee of the Year**

(6:09) Asst. General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga recognized Tomás Lopez, Heavy Equipment Operator, for receiving the 2024 Employee of the Year Award. Mr. Lopez has been with the Authority for over four years and was selected by his co-workers for his commitment, contributions, splendid work ethic, patience, and exceptional dedication to serving the Salinas Valley Community by providing excellent customer service with a positive attitude.

Public: None

Board Discussion: The Board commended Mr. Lopez for his selection as Employee of the Year.

Motion: None; Informational Only

CONSENT AGENDA (6:14)

1. Minutes of the August 15, 2024 Meeting.
2. July 2024 Claims and Financial Report.
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for August 2024.
4. Resolution No. 2024-52 Approving the Grants and Capital Improvement projects Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 5,0

Ayes: Bañuelos (Alt), Church, Cullen, Rocha, Sandoval

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ansaldo-Sánchez, Gonzalez, Lopez, Silva, Tipton

PRESENTATION

5. UPDATE ON AB 939 PROGRAMS AND FEE ALLOCATIONS

(6:16) Recycling Coordinator Faulk and Resource Recovery Manager Brooks provided an overview of the AB 939 programs, the multiple reporting requirements, the 2023 estimated diversion rate and the allocation of the AB 939 fees was presented to the Board. The allocations of services and activities were detailed by percentages for each jurisdiction.

Public: None

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Motion: None; Informational Only

6. 2023-24 SALINAS VALLEY RECYCLES ANNUAL REPORT

(6:28) General Manager/COA Mathews presented the report that highlights the accomplishments, events, and activities of the past fiscal year. The report includes statistics on the finances, marketing, media, and outreach & education at schools and businesses, and so much more.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the report.

Motion: None; Informational Only

CONSIDERATION

7. CAPITAL PROJECT DESINGS AND COAST ESTIMATES

(6:39) Engineering and Compliance Manager Kennedy presented the conceptual designs for the three capital projects located across the Authority's service area. He reviewed the conceptual designs of the North County Transfer Station and Johnson Canyon Road Entrance Facility Improvement and explained the Jolon Road Pavement Rehabilitation Project plans and specifications that will be included in the request for bids packet. Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks detailed the estimated cost for each of the projects and the potential funding sources available.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Motion: By Consensus the Board directed staff to move forward with the release of the request for bids for the Jolon Road Pavement Rehabilitation Project, to continue with the planning and permitting for the North County Transfer Station with the stipulation to examine additional safety measures for the main entrance, and to defer the Johnson Canyon Road Entrance project until after the design and development of module VIII.

8. SAN BENITO COUNTY PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – AD HOC COMMITTEE FORMATION

(7:08) General Manager/CAO Mathews informed the Board of the letter received from the San Benito County Board of Supervisors that requested a meeting between the Authority and their Sanitary Solutions Ad Hoc Committee (SSAHC) to explore partnership opportunities. He explained the SSAHC is exploring solutions for landfill disposal capacity and opportunities for increased recycling.

The Authority Board directed the General Manager to engage in discussion to obtain more information on what type of partnership opportunities the SSAHC is exploring.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the letter indicating they are opposed to forming an Ad Hoc Committee or to engage in any discussion related to the importation of waste. Director Cullen expressed his willingness to participate in the Ad Hoc Committee if formed.

Motion: By Consensus the Board directed the General Manager/CAO to engage in discussions with the SSAHC to obtain more information on the type of partnerships opportunities they are seeking and invited Director Cullen to participate if he interested.

Votes: Motion carried 5,0

Ayes: Bañuelos (Alt), Church, Cullen, Rocha, Sandoval

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ansaldo-Sánchez, Gonzalez, Lopez, Silva, Tipton

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (7:38)

9. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

ADJOURNED

President Rocha adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

APPROVED: ^{Signed by:}
Anthony Rocha
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Anthony Rocha, President

Attest: ^{DocuSigned by:}
Erika Trujillo
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Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board