

**MINUTES OF  
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 21, 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**

City of Salinas	Anthony Rocha, <i>President</i>
City of Salinas	Andrew Sandoval
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva, <i>Vice President</i>
City of Soledad	Fernando Ansaldo-Sánchez
City of Greenfield	Rachel Ortiz, ( <i>Alternate</i> )
City of King	Robert Cullen

**Absent**

County of Monterey	Chirstopher M. Lopez
County of Monterey	Glenn Church, <i>Alternate Vice President</i>
City of Salinas	Carla Viviana Gonzáles

**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
Julia Brooker, Resource Recovery Technician
Sara Papineau-Brandt, Resource Recovery Technician
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.

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

**Staff Comments:** None

**Board Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Votes:** Motion carried 6,0

**Ayes:** Ansaldo, Cullen, Ortiz (Alt.), Rocha, Sandoval, Silva

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Church, Gonzalez, Lopez

**GENERAL MANAGER/CAO COMMENTS**

(6:04) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the meeting held with San Benito County Sanitary Solutions Ad Hoc Committee to obtain more information on the type of partnerships opportunities they were seeking.

**DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:06) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks commented on the September 2024 Illegal Dumping & Litter Abatement Task Force Newsletter distributed to the Board members.

**GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL COMMENTS**

(6:09) General Legal Counsel Santos thanked staff for all of their work throughout the year.

**BOARD DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

(6:10) Director Cullen commented on the meeting with San Benito County Sanitary Solutions Ad Hoc Committee and the lack of collaboration opportunities at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:11) None

**RECOGNITION****A. A Proclamation Honoring Anthony Rocha, Member Since December 2020**

(6:12) General Manager/CAO Mathews presented the proclamation to President Rocha honoring his service with the Authority Board.

**Public:** None

**Board Discussion:** The Board commended President Rocha for his service, dedication, and commitment during his time on the Authority Board.

**Motion:** None; Informational Only

**CONSENT AGENDA (6:20)**

1. Minutes of the September 19, 2024 Meeting.
2. August 2024 Claims and Financial Report.
3. September 2024 Claims and Financial Report.
4. September 2024 Quarterly Investment Report.
5. Tonnage and Diversion Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2024.
6. Member and Interagency Activities Report for September and October 2024.
7. Resolution No. 2024-53 Approving the Allocation of Cash for Fiscal Year 2023-24, and Supplemental Appropriation to Fund Adjustments to the Operating Budget.
8. Monterey County Health Department, Environmental Health Bureau, Calendar Year 2023 Used Motor Oil and Filter Recycling Program Annual Report.
9. Resolution No. 2024-54 Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing the General Manager/CAO to Dispose of Property.
10. Resolution No. 2024-55 Ratifying the Purchase of One (1) Used 2017 Freightliner Cascadia Truck from Penske Rental and Leasing Company for the Transport Operations for an Amount of \$54,493.90.
11. Resolution No. 2024-56 Ratifying the Purchase of One (1) Used 2017 International Prostar Water Truck from West Coast Driveway Services Inc. for the Jolon Road Transfer for an Amount \$84,099.

- 12. Resolution No. 2024-57 Awarding the Construction Contract for the Jolon Dump Road Pavement Rehabilitation Co., Inc. in the Amount of \$1,098,394.45, and Approval of Contract Change Order #1 in the Amount of \$183,396.
- 13. Resolution No. 2024-58 Approving the Release and Distribution of a Request for Bids for Design and Construction Services for Electric Vehicle Battery Charging Stations.

**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 6,0

**Ayes:** Ansaldo, Cullen, Ortiz (Alt.), Rocha, Sandoval, Silva

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Church, Gonzalez, Lopez

**PRESENTATION**

**14. ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

(6:21) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks presented a report on the annual comprehensive financial report and audit conducted by McGilloway, Ray, Brown & Kaufman. Mr. Hendricks indicated that once again the Authority did not receive a management letter and that the report demonstrated that the Authority continues to improve its positive net position. Mr. Hendricks introduced Collin Linder, Audit Manager, with McGilloway, Ray, Brown & Kaufman Accountants and Consultants who reviewed the required communications such as areas requiring estimates and sensitive financial disclosures. Mr. Linder provided a clean opinion of the Authority's finances, commending staff for their work. He indicated that there were no difficulties while working with management, and that all accounting standards were met.

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Motion:** None; Informational Only

**15. YOUTH COUNCIL INTRODUCTIONS**

(6:28) Resource Recovery Technicians Papineau-Brandt and Brooker introduced the 2024-25 Youth Council members that will focus on developing and implementing projects focusing on one or more of the five R's, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rot within their schools. Members of the Youth Council include four (4) students from Alisal High School, two (2) students from Notre Dame High School, six (6) students from Rancho San Juan High School, and three (3) students from Salinas High School.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** The Board discussed the presentation commending the Youth Council Members for their participation and leadership.

**Motion:** None; Informational Only

**16. SVR MARKETING AND MEDIA UPDATE**

(7:02) Recycling Coordinator Faulk provided an overview of the marketing and media outreach over the past year. Audriana Garcia, 2nd grader at Lincoln Elementary, Erws Duran 7th grader from John Gutierrez were recognized for winning the Wally Waste-Not's Art Extravaganza Contest: Food Scraps Become Compost! Art contest. The two winners' art was printed on Swedish dishcloths (i.e. reusable paper towels) that will be distributed as giveaways at events.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** The Board discussed the report and congratulated the art contest winners.

**Motion:** None; Informational Only

**17. SUCCESSION PLANNING UPDATE**

(7:11) General Manager/CAO Mathews presented the updated succession plan that included the steps taken to offer cross training, how the Authority identifies high potential employees, the readiness level chart being utilized and the recently added box grid that will further assist in identifying high potential employees.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** The Board discussed the presentation and commended staff for the development and implantation of the succession plan.

**Motion:** None; Informational Only

**CONSIDERATION**

**18. RESOLUTION NO. 2024-59 APPROVING THE REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS CALENDAR FOR 2025**

(7:27) General Manager/CAO Mathews presented the proposed meetings calendar for calendar year 2025. He explained the need to push back the January meetings by one week due to the New Year holiday and the June Board of Directors meeting due to the Juneteenth Holiday.

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Motion:** Director Sadoval made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-59 approving the Regular Board of Directors and Executive Committee Meetings Calendar for 2025. Vice President Silva seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 6,0

Ayes: Ansaldo, Cullen, Ortiz (Alt.), Rocha, Sandoval, Silva

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Church, Gonzalez, Lopez

**19. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE 2025 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

(7:30) General Manager/CAO Mathews explained the nomination process and rotation for the election of offices based on the Authority Code. All three current officers have served two-year terms in their current office and are not eligible for reappointment in the same position, however, they are eligible to advanced position as has been done historically.

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Motion:** President Rocha made a motion to appoint Director Sandoval and Director Ansaldo to the Nominating Committee. Director Cullen seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 6,0

Ayes: Ansaldo, Cullen, Ortiz (Alt.), Rocha, Sandoval, Silva

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Church, Gonzalez, Lopez

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (7:36)**

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

(7:41) President Rocha invited public comment related to items numbered 21 and 22.

- 21. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b) to consider the Performance Evaluation of the General Manager/Chief Administrative Officer R. Patrick Mathews for 2024.
- 22. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b) to consider the Performance Evaluation of the General Counsel Roy C. Santos for 2024.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNED**

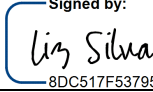
(7:42) President Rocha adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss items numbered 21 and 22.

**RECONVENE**

(8:11) President Rocha reconvened the meeting to open session indicating that there were no reportable actions taken in the closed session.

**ADJOURNED**

President Rocha adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

APPROVED:  Signed by:  
 Elizabeth Silva, President  
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 Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board  
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