

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
 SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 March 5, 2025
 126 Sun Street, Salinas, CA 93901**

CALL TO ORDER

President Silva called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva, <i>President</i>
County of Monterey	Glenn Church, <i>Vice President (arrived at 2:36)</i>
City of Salinas	Gloria De La Rosa, <i>Alt. Vice President</i>

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO
Cesar Zuñiga, Assistant GM / Operations Manager
Ray Hendricks, Finance and Administration Manager
Brian Kennedy, Engineering and Environmental Compliance Manager
Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager
Janna Faulk, Recycling Coordinator
Michelle E. Sassano, General Counsel (<i>virtually</i>)
Rosie Ramirez, Administrative Assistant
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

GENERAL MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(2:34) None

GENERAL COUNSEL COMMENTS

(2:35) None

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

(2:36) President Silva commented on the status of the Community Center Project in Gonzales.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(2:36) None

CONSIDERATION ITEMS

(2:36)

1. Minutes of February 5, 2025 Meeting

Committee Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: Alternate Vice President De La Rosa made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. President Silva seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 3-0

2. January 2025 Claims and Financial Reports

(2:37) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a report on the Agency's finances indicating that revenues are slightly up, and expenditures are stable and within the projected budget.

Committee Discussion: The Committee discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: President Silva made a motion to forward to the Board recommending approval. Vice President Church seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 3-0

3. A Resolution Approving the Disposal and Service Fees Effective July 1, 2025

(2:39) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks detailed the rates and the adjustments necessary to balance the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26. He explained the rate adjustments to Solid Waste, Organics, Transportation Surcharge, and AB939 Fees to fully fund ongoing programs along with the projected impact on the customers.

Committee Discussion: The Committee discussed the report.

Public Comment: None.

Committee Action: Vice President Church made a motion to forward to the Board recommending approval. Alternate Vice President De La Rosa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 3-0

4. A Resolution Approving the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26, A Revised Personnel Allocation Effective May 12, 2025, and the Salary Schedule for the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority Field Operations Unit Effective July 7, 2025

(2:47) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks presented the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26. He detailed the projected revenue due to rate and/or tonnage increases to Solid Waste, Organics, Transportation Surcharge, and the AB939 fees that will balance the budget. He explained the expenditure increases included, and the request for two new positions: an additional Field Operations Supervisor and a new Human Resources Technician. Mr. Hendricks reviewed the Capital Improvement Budget, which includes a new CIP for SB 1383 Procurement and discussed the 5-year projections to the status quo budget including projected rates.

Committee Discussion: The Committee discussed the presentation.

Public Comment: No members of the public were present in the conference room or via Zoom.

Committee Action: Alternate Vice President De La Rosa made a motion to forward to the Board recommending approval. Vice President Church seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 3-0

5. A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Aragon Electrical Services, Inc. for the Design and Construction Services of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for an Amount of \$238,162, Subject to Grant Funding Award from Monterey Bay Air Resources District, and Approving a Supplemental Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Capital Improvement Budget in the Amount of \$260,000

(2:55) General Manager/CAO Mathews explained the process for the application of the grant offered by the Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD) and the bid process held by the Authority for construction services of electric vehicle charging stations. He indicated that MBARD is requesting that the Board award the contract for the selected bid and hold the execution of it until they have reviewed the bid to ensure it qualifies for the grant.

Committee Discussion: The Committee discussed the report.

Public Comment: None.

Committee Action: Alternate Vice President De La Rosa made a motion to forward to the Board recommending. Vice President Church seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 3-0

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

6. Future Agenda Items – View Ahead Calendar

(3:04) General Manager/CAO reviewed the view ahead.

CLOSED SESSION

(3:07) General Manager/CAO Mathews indicated item numbered seven does not need to be discussed. President Silva invited public comment on closed session item numbered eight.

~~7. Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957.6** to provide instruction to General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews, Asst. GM/Ops Manager Cesar Zuñiga, and General Counsel Roy C. Santos, to negotiate salaries and benefits with SVSWA employees – management and non-management.~~

8. Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54956.95** to conference with General Counsel Roy C. Santos on consideration of Liability Claim No. 2025-01, alleging bodily injuries, pain, and suffering.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(3:08) None

(3:08) President Silva adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss item numbered eight.

RECONVENE

(3:21) President Silva reconvened the meeting to open session with no reportable actions taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Silva adjourned the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

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Erika Trujillo
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ATTEST: _____
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

Signed by:
Liz Silva
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APPROVED: _____
Elizabeth Silva, President