

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2025**
117 Fourth Street, Gonzales, CA 93926

CALL TO ORDER

President Silva called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Directors

County of Monterey	Glenn Church, <i>Vice President</i>
City of Salinas	Andrew Sandoval (<i>arrived at 6:33pm</i>)
City of Salinas	Jose Luis Barajas
City of Gonzales	Liz Silva, <i>President</i>
City of Soledad	Evarista Bañuelos
City of Greenfield	Marcy Jones
City of King	Robert Cullen

Absent

County of Monterey	Christopher M. Lopez
City of Salinas	Gloria De La Rosa, <i>Alternate Vice President</i>

Staff Member Present

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO
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
Isidro Lopez, Administrative Assistant
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 of the public requested the service.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (6:01)

Staff Comments: None

Board Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Motion: Director Barajas made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Bañuelos seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 6,0

Ayes: Barajas, Bañuelos, Church, Cullen, Jones, Silva

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: De La Rosa, Lopez, Sandoval

GENERAL MANAGER/CAO COMMENTS

(6:02) None

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:03) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks commented on the upcoming Compost Workshop on February 22, 2025, at the Garden in Salinas at 126 Sun St.

GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL COMMENTS

(6:04) None

BOARD DIRECTOR COMMENTS

(6:04) Director Cullen informed the Board he will not be in attendance at the April or May Board meetings. He commented on the Trashion Show held earlier in the day, commending Julia Brooker, Resource Recycling Technician, for her outstanding performance at the show and all staff involved in the project.

President Silva also commented on the Trashion Show and commended the Authority staff for their excellent work .

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:05) None

DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION**A. Discussion on the Strategic Planning Workshop**

(6:05) General Manager/CAO Mathews informed the Board that the 2024 Strategic Planning Session was not held in December due to unknown Board makeup changes after the elections. He reported staff would like to schedule the workshop for late spring, preferably combined with a regular Board meeting. He informed the Board that item no. 12 on this agenda is a segway into the annual workshop.

Public: None

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the recommended dates and suggested new optional dates to schedule the workshop, but was unable to select a date and time.

Motion: By consensus the Board directed staff to create a Doodle Poll and distribute to the Board members to determine a date and time for the Strategic Planning Workshop.

CONSENT AGENDA (6:17)

1. Minutes of the January 23, 2025 Meeting.
2. December 2024 Claims and Financial Report.
3. Tonnage and Diversion Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2024.
4. Member and Interagency Activities Report for January 2024.
5. Resolution No. 2025-11 Establishing the Authority's Public Hearing Procedures Required by Assembly Bill 2561, Government Code Section 3502.3.
6. Resolution No. 2025-12 Approving the Purchase of One (1) Used 202 Caterpillar 918M Loader from Hold of California for the Johnson Canyon Landfill Organics program for an Amount of \$167,058.14.
7. Resolution No. 2025-13 Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) Used 2022 Ford F250 Service Truck from Pacific Auto Center for an Amount of \$64,000.
8. Resolution No. 2025-14 Approving Amendment No. 1 Authorizing a One-Year Extension to the Professional Services Agreement with Pace Analytical Services LLC to Provide Environmental Laboratory Services in an Amount of \$77,095.00.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 6,0

Ayes: Barajas, Bañuelos, Church, Cullen, Jones, Silva

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: De La Rosa, Lopez, Sandoval

PRESENTATION

9. RECYCLING RECOGNITION

(6:18) Recycling Coordinator Faulk presented a recognition award to Alisal Union School District for the implementation of District-wide Food Waste Recycling Programs in compliance with Senate Bill 1383. The district implemented the program at all 12 of its schools, taking approximately 30 hours of Authority staff time per school and many more provided outside assistance such as the hauler, the school district administration, and all the onsite staff.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: The Board commended the recipient and thanked them for their commitment.

Motion: None; Informational Only

CONSIDERATION

10. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-15 APPROVING AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 FOR THE NORTH COUNTY TRANSFER STATION PROJECT

(6:41) Engineering and Compliance Manager Kennedy presented an update on the North County Transfer Station Project. He indicated staff have held meetings with multiple agencies to identify the projected steps required to continue moving forward. He detailed the completed steps and in-process required permits and/or supporting documents, the expected timeline for the next steps, and some identified potential project challenges. The required budget adjustment to continue moving forward with the due diligence of studying the project was explained.

Public Comment: A member of the public commented on the accessibility of disposal for small items such as vape pens.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Motion: Director Cullen made a motion to adopt resolution no. 2025-15. Director Church seconded the motion.

Votes: Motion carried 7,0

Ayes: Barajas, Bañuelos, Church, Cullen, Jones, Sandoval, Silva

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: De La Rosa, Lopez

11. PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

(6:53) Finance and Administrative Manager Hendricks presented the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26 that included necessary budget increases and options to balance the budget. He explained the increases in payroll reflect insurance premiums, merit increases, cost of living increases, and a request for two new positions: an additional Field Operations Supervisor and a new Human Resources Technician. With Johnson Canyon Landfill operations doubling since the Authority took over operations, it now needs another site supervisor. The Human Resource Technician is needed to assist with the day-to-day work that has been seen due to the increase in staff and personnel activities. The projected revenue, including recommended rate

increases to Solid Waste, Organics, Transportation Surcharge, and AB 939 fees that will balance the budget were presented along with the projected impact on the customers. The SB 1383 Organic Procurement requirements that were being funded by a grant that has now been depleted were explained as well as the potential funding options.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation and commended staff for the work done.

Motion: By consensus the Board accepted the report and directed staff to schedule the rate hearing and final budget consideration that includes the increase in AB 939 fees presented in option two for the March meeting.

12. SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY 5 AND 10(+) YEAR STRATEGIC LOOK AHEAD

(7:19) General Manager/CAO Mathews presented a brief history of the agency's formation, past accomplishments, a view ahead of the agency's potential future challenges, and possible strategies to address them. He explained some of the potential future challenges including climate change, economic recession, natural disasters, and landfill capacity. He indicated that during the 2025 Strategic Planning Workshop staff will focus on discussing, analyzing, and strategizing future objectives to address the identified potential challenges.

Public Comment: A member of the public commented on the importances of data collection while researching new technologies. He also commented on consideration of the accessibility of small vehicles at the Johnson Canyon Landfill.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation.

Motion: By consensus the Board accepted the report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (7:52)

13. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

CLOSED SESSION

(7:52) President Silva invited public comment on closed session items numbered 14.

14. Pursuant to **GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6** to provide instruction to General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews, and General Counsel Roy C. Santos, to negotiate salaries and benefits with SVSWA employees – At-will Management and Administrative non-management staffs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(7:53) None

(7:54) President Silva adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss item numbered 14.

RECONVENE

(8:35) President Silva reconvened the meeting to open session with no reportable actions taken in closed session.

ADJOURNED

Director Barajas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Bañuelos seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. President Silva adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

APPROVED:

Signed by:
Liz Silva
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Elizabeth Silva, President

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Erika Trujillo
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Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board