

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 17, 2025**
117 Fourth Street, Gonzales, CA 93926

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Board Directors

County of Monterey	Christopher M. Lopez (<i>arrived at 6:03pm</i>)
County of Monterey	Glenn Church, <i>Vice President</i>
City of Salinas	Gloria De La Rosa, <i>Alternate Vice President</i>
City of Salinas	Andrew Sandoval
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva, <i>President</i>
City of Soledad	Evarista Bañuelos
City of Greenfield	Marcy Jones
City of King	Oscar Avalos (<i>alternate</i>)

Absent

City of Salinas	Jose Luis Barajas
City of King	Robert Cullen

Staff Member Present

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO
Cesar Zuñiga, Assistant General Manager / 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
Isidro Lopez, Administrative Assistant
Rosie Ramirez, Administrative Assistant

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(6:03) President Silva announced the availability of translation services via Zoom and in person. No members of the public requested the service.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (6:04)

Staff Comments: None

Board Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 8,0

Ayes: Avalos (Alt), Bañuelos, Church, De La Rosa, Lopez, Jones, Sandoval, Silva

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barajas, Cullen

GENERAL MANAGER/CAO COMMENTS

(6:04) General Manger/CAO Mathews wished everyone an early happy Earth Day. He commented on the letter of interest received from the City of Salinas for the Sun Street surplus property.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:05) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks commented on the items left for the Board Directors in honor of Earth Day and the upcoming Clean-up Event taking place in San Lucas.

GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL COMMENTS

(6:06) None

BOARD DIRECTOR COMMENTS

(6:06) Director Lopez commented on the unveiling ceremony of the mural in Chualar dedicated to the Braceros and their contributions to the valley on Friday April 18. Director Sandoval commented on the Amor Salinas Earth Day Festival taking place on Saturday April 26. Alternate Vice President De La Rosa commented on the Asian Festival taking place in Salinas on Saturday April 26. Director Bañuelos commented on the Spring Egg Hunt Event taking place in City of Soledad on Saturday April 19. Director Avalos thanked everyone that attended the King City in Bloom Clean-up Event and commented on the Egg Hunt Event taking place on Saturday April 19 in King City. Vice President Church commented on several events taking place throughout the County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:11) None

CONSENT AGENDA (6:11)

1. Minutes of the March 20, 2025 Meeting.
2. February 2025 Claims and Financial Report.
3. March 2025 Quarterly Investments Report.
4. Member and Interagency Activities Report for March 2025.
5. Resolution No. 2025-23 Establishing the Investment Policy.
6. Resolution No. 2025-24 Adopting the Revised Financial Policies.
7. Resolution No. 2025-25 a Revised Salary Schedule Effective May 12, 2025.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: None

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

Votes: Motion carried 8,0

Ayes: Avalos (Alt), Bañuelos, Church, De La Rosa, Lopez, Jones, Sandoval, Silva

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barajas, Cullen

PRESENTATION

8. RECYCLING RECOGNITION

(6:13) Recycling Coordinator Faulk introduced Christian Thornley from Waste Management who presented the Recycling Recognitions to Villa San Miguel Apartments and Pajaro Townhomes Apartments for the successful implementation of food scrap recycling programs. He indicated

that staff from the Authority and Waste Management worked closely with the property managers to assist in the success of the program. Resource Recovery Technician Brooker acknowledged other apartment complexes throughout the entire Salinas Valley that have successfully implemented food scraps programs.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation commending the property managers from the complexes for their leadership and dedication.

Motion: None; Informational Only

9. SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE

(6:27) Resource Recovery Technicians Papineau-Brandt and Brooker introduced the Youth Council's group project for the year of creating Reels (i.e. short-form videos) to engage the community through social media. Each group of students presented their school projects focused on one or more of the five R's, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rot. They outlined their plan development, their resources, the status of their project, and the goals for the project. The Board was informed that for the upcoming fiscal year, the Youth Council will be expanded to Hartnell Community College, allowing some of the graduating members the opportunity to re-apply.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the presentation commending the Youth Council members for their environmental stewardship and community leadership skills.

Motion: None; Informational Only

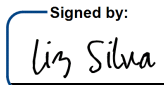
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (7:10)

10. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

ADJOURNED

President Silva adjourned the meeting 7:11 p.m.

Attest: 
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED: 
Elizabeth Silva, President