

**MINUTES OF  
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 26, 2025**  
117 Fourth Street, Gonzales, CA 93926

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**Board Directors**

County of Monterey	Glenn Church, <i>Vice President</i>
County of Monterey	Luis Alejo, <i>(Alternate)</i>
City of Salinas	Gloria De La Rosa, <i>Alternate Vice President</i>
City of Salinas	Andrew Sandoval
City of Salinas	Jose Luis Barajas
City of Gonzales	Scott Funk <i>(Alternate)</i>
City of Soledad	Evarista Bañuelos <i>(Arrived at 6:04)</i>
City of Greenfield	Marcy Jones
City of King	Robert Cullen

**Absent**

County of Monterey	Chirstopher M. Lopez
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva

**Staff Member Present**

Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO
Cesar Zuñiga, Assistant General Manager / Operations Manager
Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager
Brian Kennedy, Engineering and Environmental Compliance Manager
Ray Hendricks, Finance and Administration Manager
Janna Faulk, Resource Recovery Supervisor
Shannon Chaffin, General Legal Counsel
Rosie Ramirez, Administrative Assistant
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(6:02) Clerk of the Board Trujillo announced the availability of translation services via Zoom and in person. No members of the public requested the service.

**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 Barajas seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 8,0

**Ayes:** Alejo (Alt), Barajas, Church, Cullen, De La Rosa, Funk (Alt), Jones, Sandoval

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Bañuelos, Lopez, Silva

**GENERAL MANAGER/CAO COMMENTS**

(6:04) General Manger/CAO Mathews reminded the Board there is no meeting in July.

**DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:05) Resource Recovery Manger Brooks reminded the Board of the King City and City of Gonzales Annual Clean Events taking place.

**GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL COMMENTS**

(6:05) None

**BOARD DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

(6:06) Director De La Rosa commented on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fiesta Italia Festival taking place in downtown Salinas on Saturday, June 28, 2025. Director Bañuelos commented on Fort Hunter Liggett Freedom Festival taking place on June 28, 2025 and the Fourth of July Event taking place in the City of Soledad.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:07) None

**CONSENT AGENDA (6:08)**

1. Minutes of the May 15, 2025 Meeting.
2. April 2025 Claims and Financial Report.
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for May 2025.
4. Resolution No. 2025-45 Approving a Professional Services Agreement to SOLV Drilling Industrial Services, LLC for the Johnson Canyon Landfills Gas Well Drilling Services in the Amount of \$70,385.
5. Resolution No. 2025-46 Approving the Professional Services Agreement with Blue Strike Environmental SB 1383 Quarterly Organics Waste Sampling Services in an Amount of \$35,000.
6. Resolution No. 2025-47 Approving the Adjustment to Grants and Capital Improvement Projects Budget for Fiscal Yar 2024-25.
7. Resolution No. 2025-48 Accepting a Grant award from the Monterey Bay Air Resources District's AB 617 Approving a Supplemental Appropriation in the Amount of \$144,364.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** None

**Motion:** Alternate Director Alejo made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Alternate Vice President De La Rosa seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 9,0

**Ayes:** Alejo (Alt), Bañuelos, Barajas, Church, Cullen, De La Rosa, Funk (Alt), Jones Sandoval

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Lopez, Silva

**PRESENTATION**

**8. UPDATE ON LITTER ABETMENT AND ILLEGAL DUMPING ACTIVITIES IN MONTEREY COUNTY**

(6:09) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks introduced the Monterey County Public Works Director (MCPWD) and the Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement Task Force (IDALATF) members. The group provided an update on the efforts taking place against illegal dumping and the progress made by presenting the data of tons collected by month between July 2021

and May 2025. The three "E"s that move the IDALATF programs forward, Enforcement, Eradication, and Education were detailed. The group reviewed their future goals.

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Motion:** None; Informational Only

#### **9. NORTH COUNTY RECYCLING AND TRANSFER STATION UPDATE**

(7:09) Engineering and Environmental Compliance Manager Kennedy explained the required steps that have been completed to continue moving forward the North County Transfer Station Project. He provided a detailed update on the status of the permits and/or supporting documents currently in progress. Mr. Kennedy reviewed in detail the four major remaining items, the process that each will require, and the estimated timeline.

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Motion:** None; Informational Only

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (7:21)**

#### **10. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE**

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

(8:24) Vice President Church invited public comment related to items numbered 11 and 12.

**11.** Pursuant to **Government Code 54957** to confer with General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews and Asst. GM/Ops Manager Cesar Zuñiga, concerning the resignation of the Authority's General Counsel and the appointment/employment of General Counsel.

**12.** Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957.6** to confer with General Counsel for labor negotiation with SVSWA General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

(8:25) General Counsel Chaffin commented on Item No. 11, assuring the capability of Aleshire & Wynder, LLP in continuing to provide services for the Authority. He also indicated that Roy Santos and The Law Firm of Burke, Williams and Sorensen, LLP would also provide great services and there is no loss for the Authority with either firm.

#### **ADJOURNED**

(8:25) Vice President Church adjourned the meeting to Closed Session.

#### **RECONVENE**

(8:00) Vice President Church reconvened the meeting to Open Session.

#### **CONSIDERATION**

#### **13. CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES FOR APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL COUNSEL EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025, AND OPTIONAL APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION**

(8:01) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided a brief description of the three options the Board has to secure legal counsel.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** None

**Motion:** Director Cullen made a motion to Adopt Reso. No. 2025-49 Approving the Agreement for General Counsel Legal Services with The Law Firm of Burke,

Williams and Sorensen, LLP Effective July 1, 2025, and to retain current General Counsel Roy C. Santos. Director Sandoval seconded the motion.

- Votes:** Motion carried 9,0
- Ayes:** Alejo (Alt), Bañuelos, Barajas, Church, Cullen, De La Rosa, Funk (Alt), Jones Sandoval
- Noes:** None
- Abstain:** None
- Absent:** Lopez, Silva

**ADJOURNED**

Vice President Church adjourned the meeting 8:04 p.m.

Signed by:

*Liz Silva*

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Elizabeth Silva, President

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*Erika J. Trujillo*

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Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board