

**MINUTES OF  
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 16, 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**

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	Elizabeth Silva, <i>President</i>
City of Soledad	Evarista Bañuelos
City of Greenfield	Belen Garcia (Alt)
City of King	Robert Cullen

**Absent**

County of Monterey	Christopher M. Lopez
County of Monterey	Glenn Church, <i>Vice President</i>
City of Greenfield	Marcy Jones

**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
Sara Papineau-Brandt, Resource Recovery Technician
Roy C. Santos, General Legal Counsel ( <i>Virtually</i> )
Isidro Lopez, Administrative Assistant
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(6:01) 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 (6:02)**

**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 7,0

**Ayes:** Bañuelos, Barajas, Cullen, De La Rosa, Garcia (Alt), Sandoval, Silva

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Church, Lopez, Jones

**GENERAL MANAGER/CAO COMMENTS**

(6:03) General Manger/CAO Mathews commented on item number five of the Consent Agenda indicating that the January 2026 Board of Directors meeting will be held on the fourth Thursday of the month as noted on the presented meeting calendar. He reminded the Board of the Special Meeting taking place on October 27<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:04) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks reminded the Board of the upcoming cleanup event at Fairview Middle School in Gonzales and the Compost Workshop/Free Compost giveaway event at the Authority's Sun Street Garden. Both events will be held on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL COMMENTS**

(6:05) General Legal Counsel Santos commented on his reason for not being able to participate in-person for this meeting. Mr. Santos reported on a recent court case that a public entity, city, or county cannot charge a waste hauler for road damage caused by garbage trucks. He indicated that he would be sending out further information to staff and the Board members regarding this case.

**BOARD DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

(6:08) Director Garcia commented on multiple Fall and Halloween events taking place in the City of Greenfield, as well as the Waste Water Project currently being worked on by the city. Director Bañuelos commented on the City of Soledad's events taking place in the upcoming weeks. Director Barajas commented on the City of Salinas Dia de Los Muertos Event, the Housing and Land Use Committee meeting and a Neighborhood meeting being held in East Salinas. Director Sandoval commented on the Ciclovía Event that took place and the upcoming clean up event. Director Cullen thanked the Authority staff and Waste Management for their participation in the upcoming clean up event. Alternate Vice President De La Rosa thanked everyone who participated in her clean up event and commented on upcoming Halloween events and upcoming meetings. President Silva commented on the City of Gonzales upcoming events and the recurring Senior monthly events.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:15) None

**CONSENT AGENDA (6:16)**

1. Minutes of the September 18, 2025, Meeting.
2. August 2025 Claims and Financial Report.
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for September 2025.
4. September 2025 Quarterly Investments Report.
5. Resolution No. 2025-54 Approving the Regular Board of Directors and Executive Committee Meetings Calendar for 2026.
6. Resolution No. 2025-55 Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) New 2025 Terex TDS815 Shredder from Powerscreen of Northern California, Inc. for an Amount of \$412,582.25, Using the Competitive Preferential Pricing Offered through Sourcewell.
7. Monterey County Health Department, Environmental Health Bureau, Calendar Year 2024 Used Motor Oil and Filter Recycling Program Annual Report.
8. Resolution No. 2025-56 Authorizing the Purchase of One New 2025 John Deere Excavator from PAPE Through Sourcewell.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** None

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

**Votes:** Motion carried 7,0

**Ayes:** Bañuelos, Barajas, Cullen, De La Rosa, Garcia (Alt), Sandoval, Silva

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Jones, Church, Lopez

**PRESENTATION**

**9. ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

(6:18) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks presented the June 30, 2025 Financial Report. He introduced Collin Linder, Audit Manager and Jacinto Bernal, Audit Partner from McGilloway, Ray, Brown & Kaufman Accountants and Consultants who provided the required communication from the annual financial audit report. Once again, the Authority did not receive a management letter and the report showed that the Authority continues to improve its positive net position. Mr. Linder provided a clean opinion of the Authority's accounting, commending staff for their work and 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 report thanking the auditors for their report and commending staff for their work.

**Motion:** None; Informational Only

**10. 2025-26 YOUTH COUNCIL INTRODUCTIONS**

(6:48) Resource Recovery Technician Papineau-Brandt introduced the Authority's Youth Council for the fiscal year 2025-26 term. The twelve-member Youth Council will focus on developing and implementing projects that explore the meaning of community and strengthen their connection to it. The projects will incorporate one or more of the five R's: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rot.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Discussion:** The Board discussed the report and commended the Youth Council for their participation.

**Motion:** None; Informational Only

**CONSIDERATION**

**11. INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 12 AMENDING THE AUTHORITY CODE ARTICLE 3.01.080(A), 3.01.120(A), 3.01.130(B) AND 3.02.010(A)**

(7:33) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided a verbal report on proposed amendment to the Authority Code to increase the Chief Administrative Officer's purchasing authorities from \$50,000 to \$100,000 to align with current economic increases since 1999 and to streamline procurement process for supplies, equipment, service and public works projects. President Silva conducted the first reading by title only.

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Motion:** Director Cullen made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 12 and waive the reading to be by title only. Director Barajas seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 7,0

Ayes: Bañuelos, Barajas, Cullen, De La Rosa, Garcia (Alt), Sandoval, Silva  
 Noes: None  
 Abstain: None  
 Absent: Jones, Church, Lopez

**12. NOTIFICATION OF THE RELEASE OF A REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR THE JOHNSON CANYON LANDFILL MODULE VII CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (CIP 9527)**

(7:37) Engineering and Environmental Compliance Manager Kennedy presented a report outlining the process and construction history of the Johnson Canyon Landfill modules, as well as the need and benefits of beginning the construction of Module VIII ahead of its original projected date. He indicated that the first step needed to begin the process is to release a Request for Bids in November 2025. Finance and Administrations Manager Hendricks reviewed the anticipated funding for the project.

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Motion:** Vice President Church made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-53. Director Barajas seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 5,0

Ayes: Bañuelos, Barajas, Cullen, De La Rosa, Garcia (Alt), Silva  
 Noes: None  
 Abstain: None  
 Absent: Jones, Church, Lopez, Sandoval

(7:39) Director Sandoval stepped out of the Chambers.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (7:48)**

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

General Manager/CAO Mathewes reviewed the view ahead.

**CLOSED SESSION**

(7:50) President Silva invited public comment related to items numbered 11.

**14.** Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957.6** to provide instruction to General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews, Assistant General Manager/Operations Manager Cesar Zuñiga, and General Counsel Roy C. Santos to negotiate salaries and benefits of the Salinas Valley Recycles Field Operations Unit.

**15.** Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957** to confer with General Counsel Roy C. Santos, General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews, and Clerk of the Board Erika J. Trujillo concerning appointment of public agency employee: General Manager.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(7:50) None

**ADJOURNED**

(7:51) President Silva adjourned the meeting to Closed Session.

(7:52) Director Sandoval returned into Closed Session.

**RECONVENE**

(8:29) President Silva reconvened the meeting to Open Session. General Counsel Santos indicated that there were no reportable actions taken in Closed Session.

**ADJOURNED**

(8:29) President Silva adjourned the meeting.

Signed by:  
*Erika J. 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