

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Silva called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board Directors**

County of Monterey	Glenn Church, <i>Vice President</i>
City of Salinas	Gloria De La Rosa, <i>Alternate Vice President</i>
City of Salinas	Dennis Donohue
City of Salinas	Jose Luis Barajas
City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva, <i>President</i>
City of Soledad	Evarista Bañuelos

**Absent**

County of Monterey	Christopher M. Lopez
City of Greenfield	Marcy Jones
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
Brian Kennedy, Engineering and Environmental Compliance Manager
Ray Hendricks, Finance and Administration Manager
Janna Faulk, Recycling Coordinator
Roy C. Santos, General Legal Counsel ( <i>Virtually</i> )
Rosie Ramirez, Administrative Assistant
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

(6:03) A moment of silence was held to honor Gary Gerbrandt, Authority Board Director from January 1997 through December 2000.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(6:04) Clerk of the Board Trujillo announced the availability of translation services via Zoom and in person. No members of the public requested the service.

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT AND FORMAL CLOSURE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NOVEMBER 14, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING.**

(6:05) General Counsel Santos indicated that due to technical issues at the Special Meeting of November 14, 2025, the Board had to stop proceedings. At this time, he reported that there were no actions taken in Closed Session and the Board of Directors Special Meeting of November 14, 2025 was adjourned.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA (6:05)**

**Staff Comments:** None

**Board Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None  
**Motion:** Director Bañuelos made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Alternate Vice President De La Rosa seconded the motion.  
**Votes:** Motion carried 6,0  
**Ayes:** Bañuelos, Barajas, Church, De La Rosa, Donohue, Silva  
**Noes:** None  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** Cullen, Jones, Lopez

**GENERAL MANAGER/CAO COMMENTS**

(6:06) None

**DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS**

(6:07) Assistant General Manager/Operations Manager Zuñiga reported on the 18<sup>th</sup> month inspection conducted by CalRecycles at the Johnson Canyon Landfill. Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Engineering and Compliance Manager Kennedy reported that the California Air Resources Board approved the revisions to the landfill methane gas regulations indicating that staff will conduct analysis of what is required to implement the new regulations and how to mitigate potential impacts it will have. Resource Recovery Manager Brooks commented on the upcoming holiday parades that the Authority will be participating in.

**GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL COMMENTS**

(6:07) None

**BOARD DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

(6:08) Director Bañuelos commented on upcoming holiday events in the City of Soledad. Alternate Vice President De La Rosa commented on the City of Salinas upcoming holiday events. President Silva commented on the relocation of the City of Gonzales library to the new Community Center, the Opening Ceremony of the Community Center scheduled for January 10, 2026, and the upcoming holiday events.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:10) None

**CONSENT AGENDA (6:11)**

- 1a. Minutes of the October 16, 2025, Meeting.
- 1b. Minutes of the October 27, 2025 Special Meeting.
- 2. September 2025 Claims and Financial Report.
- 3. Approve Tonnage and Diversion Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2025.
- 4. Receive Member and Interagency Activities Report for October 2025.
- 5. Resolution 2025-57 Approving the Allocation of Cash Balances for Fiscal Yer 2024-25.
- 6. Resolution 2025-58 Approving Supplemental Appropriation of \$89,775.00 for CalRecycle's 2025-26 Local Government Waste Tire Amnesty Grant TA8.
- 7. Resolution 2025-59 Approving a Soil Stockpile Agreement with Michel de Dapierre on a 40-Acre Lease Area with a Starting Amount of \$30,000 per year.
- 8. Resolution 2025-60 Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) Used 2022 John Deere 772 GP Grader from PAPE Machinery for the Johnson Canyon Landfill for an Amount of \$451,312.50.

**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 6,0  
**Ayes:** Bañuelos, Barajas, Church, De La Rosa, Donohue, Silva  
**Noes:** None  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** Cullen, Jones, Lopez

**PRESENTATION**

**9. RECEIVE 2024 AB 939 ELECTRONIC ANNUAL REPORT**

(6:12) Recycling Coordinator Faulk presented the 2024 AB 939 Electronic Annual Report that demonstrated the Regional Agency's compliance with recycling and diversion programs including compost & mulch procurement and edible food recovery and detailed the extensive public outreach that included community events, ads, compost workshops, and videos. She indicated that all cities met and exceeded the 50% diversion requirement as well as the SB 1383 compost & mulch procurement requirement.

**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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**10. SECOND READING, BY TITLE ONLY, AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE AUTHORITY CODE ARTICLE 3.01.080(A), 3.01.120(A), 3.1.130(B) AND 3.02.010(A)**

(6:23) President Silva conducted the second reading by title only. General Manager/CAO Mathews provided a verbal report on the 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.

**Public Hearing:** The Public Hearing was opened for public comment at 6:24 p.m. No public comment was received. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:25 p.m.  
**Board Discussion:** The Board discussed the report and commended the Youth Council for their participation.  
**Motion:** Director Barajas made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 12. Alternate Vice President De La Rosa seconded the motion.  
**Votes:** Motion carried 6,0  
**Ayes:** Bañuelos, Barajas, Church, De La Rosa, Donohue, Silva  
**Noes:** None  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** Cullen, Jones, Lopez

**CONSIDERATION**

**11. CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE 2026 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

(6:26) General Manager/CAO Mathews provided Mathews explained the nomination process and rotation for the election of offices based on the Authority Code. He indicated that all three

current officers have served a one-year term in their current office and are eligible for reappointment in the same position as per the Authority guidelines.

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Motion:** President Silva made a motion to appoint Director Barajas and Director Bañuelos to the Nominating Committee. Vice President Church seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Motion carried 6,0

**Ayes:** Bañuelos, Barajas, Church, De La Rosa, Donohue, Silva

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Cullen, Jones, Lopez

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (6:29)**

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

General Manager/CAO Mathews reviewed the view ahead.

**CLOSED SESSION**

(6:31) President Silva invited public comment related to items numbered 11.

**13.** 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.

**14.** Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54956.8** to confer with General Counsel Roy C. Santos and real property negotiators General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews, and Asst. GM/Ops Manager Cesar Zuñiga, concerning the possible terms and conditions of acquisition, lease, exchange or sale of **1)** APNs 003-051-086 and 003-051-087

**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**

(6:33) None

**ADJOURNED**

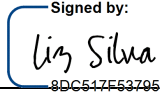
(6:34) President Silva adjourned the meeting to Closed Session.

**RECONVENE**

(7:30) President Silva reconvened the meeting to Open Session. General Counsel Santos indicated that there were no reportable actions taken in Closed Session.

**ADJOURNED**

(7:31) Director Bañuelos made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Barajas seconded the motion. President Silva adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:   
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Elizabeth Silva, President

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Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board