MINUTES OF THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 1, 2026

126 Sun Street, Salinas, CA 93901

CALL TO ORDER

President Silva called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

City of Gonzales	Elizabeth Silva, *President*
County of Monterey	Glenn Church, *Vice President*
City of Salinas	Gloria De La Rosa, *Alt. Vice President*

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Cesar Zuñiga, General Manager/CAO
Ray Hendricks, Finance and Administration Manager
Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager
Roy C. Santos, General Counsel *(virtually)*
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board
Rosie Ramirez, Administrative Assistant

GENERAL MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(2:30) General Manager Zuñiga reported that Module VIII construction has begun with soil excavation activities, which also unofficially initiated the entrance facility project. Module VIII is anticipated to be completed in the next six to eight months. He informed the committee that the GEO Services agreement for a five-year lease has been routed for signatures, and negotiations for the Sun Street property have been finalized, with the agreement moving forward for signatures and escrow expected to begin in April.

Operations Manager Camacho reported on the March 21 landfill fire and the resulting damage. He indicated that in response, staff has acquired a mobile fire protection monitoring system designed to improve response times.

GENERAL COUNSEL COMMENTS

(2:39) General Counsel Santos commented on the sale of Sun Street agreement and the lease agreement with GEO Services.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

(2:40) The committee discussed the Trashion Show that took place on March 19 in King City. President Silva commented on the California Coastal Commission meeting scheduled to take place in Gonzales from April 15–17, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(2:42) No members of the public were present in person or online and no emails were received.

CONSIDERATION ITEMS

(2:42)

1. **Minutes of February 4, 2026 Meeting**

Committee Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: Alternate Vice President De La Rosa made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Vice President Church seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 3-0

2. February 2026 Claims and Financial Reports

(2:43) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks provided a report on the Agency's finances. He indicated that revenues are relatively flat compared to last year with tonnage trending to end slightly below the budget Expenditures remain consistent with budgeted amounts. He also reported that fuel costs have increased significantly and staff will continue monitoring for any potential impact.

Committee Discussion: The committee discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: Alternate Vice President De La Rosa made a motion to forward to the Board for consideration recommending approval. Vice President Church seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 3-0.

3. A Resolution Establishing the Investment Policy

(2:47) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks indicated that this is an annual recuring item. He informed the committee that no changes have been made to the policy.

Committee Discussion: The committee discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: Alternate Vice President De La Rosa made a motion to forward to the Board for consideration recommending approval. Vice President Church seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 3-0.

4. A Resolution Approving an Adjustment to the Capital Improvement Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26

(2:49) Finance and Administration Manager Hendricks explained that the budget adjustments are needed due to projects advancing earlier than anticipated, particularly within the Engineering Department. He stated that the funds are being temporarily "borrowed" and will be repaid with from the FY 2026-27 allocation when the CIP carryover budget is brought to the Board for approval in September.

Committee Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: Alternate Vice President De La Rosa made a motion to forward to the Board for consideration recommending approval. Vice President Church seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: 3-0

5. Board Strategic Planning Discussion

(2:54) General Manager/CAO Zuñiga provided a brief history of previous strategic planning sessions and reviewed the request for proposals process. He also discussed options for the timing, location, and dates of a proposed fall strategic planning session.

Committee Discussion: The committee discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: By consensus, the Committee agreed to conduct interviews with the shortlisted proposers and recommended forwarding the item to the Board for further discussion.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

6. Future Agenda Items – View Ahead Calendar

(3:15) Interim General Manager/CAO Zuñiga reviewed the view ahead calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

President Silva adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

APPROVED: Signed by: Liz Silva
8DC517F53795435...
Elizabeth Silva, President

ATTEST: Signed by: Erika J. Trujillo
087ACDFB22A74F6...
Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board