

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
SOUTHEAST RESOURCE
RECOVERY FACILITY
(SERRF) MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022
411 W. OCEAN BLVD, 5TH FLOOR
ALAMITOS CONFERENCE ROOM, 4:00 PM**

DIRECTORS

Cindy Allen, Board Member
Daryl Supernaw, Board Member
Al Austin, Board Member
Keir Jones, Board Member
Jeff Wood, Board Member



ALTERNATES

Stacy Mungo, Alternate
Suzie A. Price, Alternate
Rex Richardson, Alternate
Tina Hansen, Alternate
Steve Croft, Alternate

Robert Dowell, General Manager
Jane Hermsen, Secretary

FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (3:55 PM)

At 3:55 PM, Vice Chair Jones called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Allen, Supernaw, Austin, Jones and Wood
Present:

Also present: Robert Dowell, General Manager, Director, Department of Energy Resources; Charles Tripp, Board Secretary; Jane Hermsen, Manager, Electric Generation Bureau; Chris Baker, Vice President, Covanta; Rich Anthony, Deputy City Attorney; Mitchell Duran, Mechanical Engineer, Electric Generation Bureau; Michele York, Secretary, Electric Generation Bureau; Matt Eaton, Department Head, FM, LACSD; William Chen, Supervising Engineer, LACSD; Von Thompson, Legislative Affairs Deputy, Councilman Al Austin

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [22-001SE](#) Recommendation to receive and file minutes of the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility Authority meeting of Tuesday, November 19, 2019.

A motion was made by Boardmember Supernaw, seconded by Boardmember Austin, to received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Allen, Supernaw, Austin, Jones and Wood

2. [22-002SE](#) Recommendation to hold an election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility Authority.

A motion was made by Boardmember Jones to nominate Boardmember Jeff Wood as Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Allen, Supernaw, Austin, Jones and Wood

A motion was made by Boardmember Supernaw to nominate Boardmember Cindy Allen as Vice Chair . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Allen, Supernaw, Austin, Jones and Wood

3. [22-003SE](#) Recommendation to receive, adopt and file SERRF Manager's report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Charlie Tripp spoke on the operation and maintenance of SERRF during the fiscal year 2020-2021.

Highlights - We were under the 30-year contract to sell electricity to SCE, which expired in 2018 December. The fees allowed us to keep the tipping fees low but now we sell to a Day ahead Market making a lesser amount than previously, so we established a reserve to operate SERRF until June 2024.

The past 2 years have been on target to continue to operate, but the reserve is becoming smaller each year because we can only charge what the market value is for trash disposal, which is lower than we need to continue to operations of the facility.

During that time, we did undertake a major capital replacement of equipment, which was part of an amendment in 2017-2018, where Covanta invested 5 million in the facility, and we invested 8.7 million in the facility and replaced some major pieces of equipment that were just worn out and would not be able to continue to operate the facility until 2024 without that major maintenance program. The program got extended a bit, although primarily done, there is still some work to be done to restore the 30-year-old fire system.

Looking at the future, we hired HDR Engineering who is a large engineering construction company to look at what could happen to SERRF after 2024. Instead of saying the facility would close and rely on more distant landfills or different programs, we felt that it was important to do a comprehensive study, put out a RFP to see if anyone is interested in operating or some sort of a blended organics processing with the left over processed at SERRF. That process is still undergoing, and we hope to have a draft RFP ready to release in August 2022 and at that time, take it to the council.

SERRF has been processing refuse at a lower rate than we used to 10-12 years ago. However, we are processing refuse at a rate within the

predictions for the performance back in 2017 when we did the amendment to continue to operate until June 2024 and we are still on target to continue operations until June of 2024.

A motion was made by Boardmember Wood, to received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Allen, Supernaw, Austin, Jones and Wood

4. [22-004SE](#) Recommendation to adopt Resolution No. 1-22, authorizing the General Manager to execute one or more agreements with the Port of Long Beach for the sale of property, and payment for temporary easements and necessary site improvements, for land located along the northern boundary of the SERRF site during the TI Wye track realignment project.

A motion was made by Boardmember Austin, seconded by Boardmember Allen, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Allen, Supernaw, Austin, Jones and Wood

NEW BUSINESS

Special JPA meeting, December 7, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Shukla, Guest, Resident

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:23 PM, there being no objection, Chair Wood declared the meeting adjourned.

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