



**SOUTHEAST RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY**  
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HONORABLE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Southeast Resource Recovery Facility Authority  
Long Beach, California

**AGENDA ITEM: 1**

**SUBJECT: RECEIVE AND FILE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING  
OF JUNE 1, 2022.**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Motion to approve the minutes of June 1, 2022.

**BACKGROUND:**

Minutes of the June 1, 2022, meeting have been prepared and are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Dowell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Robert Dowell  
General Manager

**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

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**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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