



County of Monterey

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 25-346

Adopt a resolution honoring **Patrick Mathews** for his distinguished)
career in public service and congratulating him on his well-deserved)
retirement.....)

WHEREAS, **Patrick Mathews** is retiring as General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority, concluding a career in local government service that spans over forty-two years; and

WHEREAS, **Patrick Mathews** joined the Authority in June 2008 and, over the past seventeen years, has led the agency through a period of significant transformation, financial stability, and operational success, all while maintaining its mission of sustainable and equitable waste management; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Authority eliminated longstanding budget deficits, refinanced bonds resulting in millions of dollars in savings, reorganized staffing to reduce costs, and achieved fiscal stability through prudent “pay-as-you-go” financial practices; and

WHEREAS, **Patrick Mathews** advanced multiple programs and projects toward the statewide goal of seventy-five percent waste diversion, oversaw the successful operation of the Johnson Canyon Landfill and Jolon Road Transfer Station, and supported countywide efforts to reduce illegal dumping and litter; and

WHEREAS, **Patrick Mathews** championed innovative infrastructure and community initiatives, including the development of the Composting and Depackaging Facility at Johnson Canyon, the creation of an Education Center to expand environmental education, and the ongoing effort to secure a permanent site for the Salinas Area Materials Recovery Center and Transfer Station; and

WHEREAS, prior to his service in Monterey County, **Patrick Mathews** spent twenty years with Santa Cruz County as Solid Waste and Recycling Services Manager and Environmental Programs Coordinator, following earlier work with Monterey One Water and BTC Labs; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, **Patrick Mathews** has been recognized as a leader in his field, serving as President of the Northern California Bay Area Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America, receiving multiple awards, and contributing to statewide rulemaking on organics, recycling, and environmental legislation; and

WHEREAS, **Patrick Mathews**’ professional contributions extend into the community through his work with the California Bioenergy Council, the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program, the Special District Manager Group, and as a frequent guest speaker at California State University, Monterey Bay; and

WHEREAS, his legacy will be defined by his tireless advocacy for innovative, sustainable waste management practices, his dedication to public service, and his positive and lasting impact on the residents of Monterey County and the Salinas Valley.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, on behalf of the County and all of its residents, hereby acknowledges, commends, and expresses its deepest gratitude to **Patrick Mathews** for his decades of dedicated service, his visionary leadership at the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority, and his lifelong commitment to environmental stewardship, and congratulates him on his well-deserved retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 9th day of December 2025.

Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Supervisor Glenn Church

Supervisor Luis A. Alejo

Supervisor Kate Daniels

