

**SOUTH SALINAS VALLEY BROADBAND AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
GREENFIELD COUNCIL CHAMBERS
599 EL CAMINO REAL
GREENFIELD, CA 93927**

**January 30th , 2026
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM**

REVISED FULL PACKET

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AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**

Board President: Supervisor Chris Lopez, County of Monterey
Board Vice President: Mayor Mike LeBarre, City of King
Board Member: Councilmember Belen Garcia, City of Greenfield
Board Member: Councilmember Ben Caldera, City of Soledad
Board Member: Mayor Jose Rios, City of Gonzales

4. Public Comment

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5. Consent Items

- a. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 28TH 2025, SSVBA BOARD MEETING MINUTES.
- b. RECEIVE THE COMPLETED FY 2023-2024 AUDITED FINANCIALS

6. Presentations

- a. GOLDEN STATE CONNECT AUTHORITY

7. Consideration Items

- a. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REPLACEMENT OF ANNUAL AUDITS WITH BI-ANNUAL AUDITS COVERING A TWO-YEAR TIME PERIOD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 6505, SUBDIVISION (F).
- b. CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF THE CY 2026 SSVBA MEETING CALENDAR
- c. CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSE LUIS BARAJAS AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD.

8. Executive Director's Report

9. General Counsel Comments

10. Board of Directors' Report

11. Future Agenda Items

- a. REVIEW AND DIRECTION REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

12. Adjournment

MEETING ACCOMMODATION

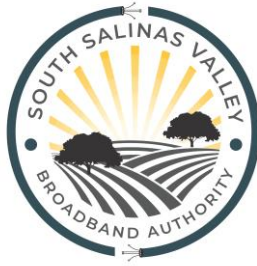
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AGENDA POSTING

The revised meeting agenda was posted on January 28th, 2026 on the SSVBA Official Website and at the City of Greenfield - 599 El Camino Real - Greenfield, CA 93927 and on the City of Greenfield Website at www.ci.greenfield.ca.us.



**SOUTH SALINAS VALLEY BROADBAND AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
GREENFIELD COUNCIL CHAMBERS
599 EL CAMINO REAL
GREENFIELD, CA 93927**

MINUTES

**August 28th, 2025
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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AGENDA

1. **Call to Order Board President, Supervisor Chris Lopez Called the Meeting to Order at 2:01 PM.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Mike LeBarre led the Pledge**
3. **Roll Call**

Board President: Supervisor Chris Lopez, County of Monterey **Present**

Board Vice President: Mayor Mike LeBarre, City of King **Present**

Board Member: Council Member Marcy Jones, City of Greenfield **Absent**

Board Member: Council Member Ben Caldera, City of Soledad **Present**

Board Member: Mayor Jose Rios, City of Gonzales **Present via Zoom**

4. Public Comment

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5. Consent Items

- a. Approval of July 17th, 2025 SSVBA Board Meeting Minutes:
 - i. **Moved by Mayor LeBarre**
 - ii. **Seconded by Council Member Caldera**
 - iii. **Approved Unanimously**

6. Regular Agenda

- a. Approval of purchasing policy
- b. Approval of Resolution to authorize two year auditing process
 - i. **The Board of Directors provided unanimous direction to bring back a Resolution to Authorize a Two Year Auditing Process for consideration**

7. Executive Director's Report **None**

8. Board of Directors' Report **None**

9. Future Agenda Items

Adjournment **Meeting Adjourned at 2:04 PM**

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE SOUTH SALINAS VALLEY BROADBAND AUTHORITY APPROVING AND DIRECTING STAFF TO CONDUCT BI-ANNUAL AUDITS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 6505, SUBDIVISION (f)

WHEREAS, the South Salinas Valley Broadband Authority (“Authority”) has had little financial activity since its creation; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has limited funding to conduct its operations and the mission of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the cost of an audit for the single-year of limited financial activity would far exceed the value achieved by the audit; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 6505, subdivision (f), permits all joint powers authorities, by unanimous approval of the governing body thereof, to replace the annual audit with an audit covering a two-year period; and

WHEREAS, approval of bi-annual audits covering a two-year period is necessary to ensure compliance with existing statutes and to prevent the needless expense of Authority resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the South Salinas Valley Broadband Authority approves and does direct staff as follows:

1. To replace the annual audits with a single bi-annual audits covering a two-year period as provided by Government Code section 6505, subdivision (f).

This resolution was passed and adopted this **10th** day of **December, 2025** by the following vote:

AYES, Board Members:

NAYS, Board Members:

ABSENT, Board Members:

ABSTAIN, Board Members:

APPROVED:

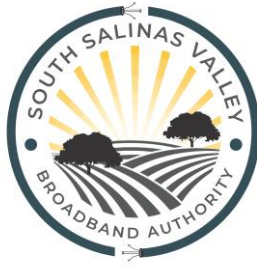
Christopher Lopez, President

ATTEST:

Jose Luis Barajas, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Roy C. Santos, General Counsel

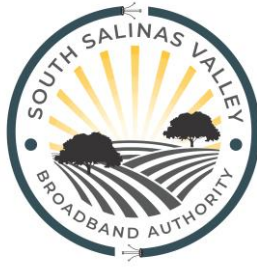


STAFF REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF THE CY 2026 SSVBA MEETING CALENDAR

The South Salinas Valley Broadband Authority meets on a quarterly basis at the Greenfield City Council Chambers. Staff has conferred with Board President, Supervisor Chris Lopez, and hereby proposes the following dates for approval as the CY 2026 SSVBA Meeting Calendar for consideration:

- Friday, January 30th 2026 at 12 PM
- Thursday, April 9th 2026 at 1 PM
- Thursday, July 16th 2026 at 1 PM
- Thursday, October 15th 2026 at 1 PM



STAFF REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSE LUIS BARAJAS AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD

The Monterey County Business Council (MCBC) is committed to continue to provide the same degree of professionalism the South Salinas Valley Broadband Authority (SSVBA, the Authority) expects from MCBC's programming. MCBC has selected Jose Luis Barajas as their staff member designated to serve the Authority in the capacity of Executive Director and Clerk of the Board.