

South Salinas Valley Broadband Authority

Greenfield City Council Chambers

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Special Meeting Agenda – Final

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

2:30 PM

Greenfield City Council Chambers

Board of Directors

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GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Receive public comments on items that are not on the agenda and that are in the South Salinas Valley Broadband Authority's subject matter jurisdiction. Comments on Consent and Consideration should be held until the items are reached.

CONSENT AGENDA

ID#26-001 **Minutes**

Recommendation: Approve minutes of January 30, 2026.

PRESENTATION

ID#26-003 **Monterey County Business Council (MCBC) Performance Review for FY 2025 – 2026**

Recommendation: No action required. MCBC will provide an update on activities performed under its Consultant Services Agreement with SSVBA for the FY 2025 – 2026 performance period.

CONSIDERATION

ID#26-004 **Revised SSVBA Board of Directors 2026 Meeting Calendar**

Recommendation: Approve the revised SSVBA Board of Directors 2026 Meeting Calendar

ID#26-005 **Approve a Resolution Reassigning SSVBA Bank Account Signatories**

Recommendation: Approve a Resolution removing Tahra Goraya as an Authorized Signatory for the SSVBA Bank Account and adding Mike Howard as Authorized Signatory for the SSVBA Bank Account.

ID#26-006 **Approve a Resolution Reassigning the SSVBA Treasurer**

Recommendation: Approve a Resolution removing the City of Gonzales as the SSVBA Treasurer and adding the City of Soledad as the SSVBA Treasurer.

ID#26-007 **Approve a Reimbursement Agreement Between SSVBA and the City of Soledad**

Recommendation: Approve a Reimbursement Agreement Between SSVBA and the City of Soledad for Financial Services Performed by Mike Howard

ID#26-008 **Approve the Retention of Auditors for the Biannual Auditing Period**

Recommendation: Approve the Retention of Ryan P. Jolley CPA's as Auditors for SSVBA for the Biannual Auditing Period Ending on June 30, 2026.

ID#26-000 **Approve an Amendment to the MCBC and SSVBA Consulting Services Agreement**

Recommendation: Approve an Amendment Consultant Services Agreement with the Monterey County Business Council.

ID#26-010 **Consideration of the Designation of Jeff Ruster as Executive Director of and Jose Luis Barajas as Clerk of the Board of SSVBA**

Recommendation: Approve the designation of Jeff Ruster as Executive Director and Jose Luis Barajas as Clerk of the Board of SSVBA.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Receive a brief oral report from the Executive Director.

GENERAL COUNSEL COMMENTS

Receive comments from the General Counsel.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Receive communications from Directors on reports and future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

Discuss exposure to potential litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

Jose Luis Barajas, Clerk of the Board

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