



SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES July 26, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Shandon-San Juan Water District (SSJWD) and Shandon-San Juan Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SSJGSA) held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 9:00am at the Illy Lodge at Illy Sunnyslope Farms located at 3385 Truesdale Rd., Shandon, CA 93461. Virtual options were made available for public participation. The agenda and all supporting documents were posted at <https://www.ssjwd.org/agendas-minutes>.

I. Call to Order

President Cunha called the meeting to order at 9:00am on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, and Secretary Stephanie Bertoux recorded the minutes.

II. Roll Call

Directors Present:	Willy Cunha Marshall Miller Ray Shady	Steve Sinton Matt Turrentine
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Directors Absent: None

III. Public Comment

No public comment received.

IV. Consent Agenda

The following motion was made by Director Turrentine, seconded by Director Shady, and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote. Director Miller arrived late and did not vote on this item.

MOTION – Approve the minutes from the June 28, 2023 Board meeting and the Secretary/Treasurer’s Report dated July 20, 2023, as presented.

V. Director’s Reports

No reports.

VI. Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (PBCC) - Discuss Agenda for July 26 2023

Director Turrentine reported that the PBCC will review, discuss, and consider taking action on the following agenda items:

- Responses to the June 23, 2023 Grand Jury Report Items R1-R5 and R9. The PBCC must submit responses to the Court by September 21, 2023.
- The PBCC will review a draft RFP for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Blended Water Supply Project Water Supply Feasibility and Engineering Study and may direct staff to issue the RFP.
- The PBCC may direct staff to prepare an RFP to conduct a rate study to provide funding for the implementation of the Blended Water Supply Project and the Multi-benefit Irrigated Land Repurposing Program.

VII. June 23, 2023 Grand Jury Report Titled “Can One Wet Year Wash Away the Paso Robles Basin’s Water Worries?”

The Board reviewed and discussed the findings and recommendations of the Grand Jury Report. SSJWD/SSJGSA is only required to respond to Recommendation #6 (R6) by September 21, 2023. Director Sinton recommended that, in addition to the response required for R6, the SSJWD/SSJGSA should note for the record any discrepancies and/or areas requiring further explanation and clarification in a separate comment letter to the grand jury. Director Sinton volunteered to prepare the letter for the Board’s review. SSJWD/SSJGSA legal counsel reviewed the following draft response for Recommendation #6 (R6).

The Shandon-San Juan Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“SSJ”) takes seriously the need to sustainably manage groundwater resources within the Paso Robles Basin for all beneficial users and uses of groundwater, including rural residential users and uses. SSJ, in coordination with other members of the PBCC that adopted the Paso Basin GSP, are required under SGMA to continually monitor the progress of GSP implementation and annually report to the Department of Water Resources on such progress. If at any time there is an indication that undesirable results (as defined in SGMA) in SSJ’s portion of the Basin are occurring in a manner that negatively affects rural residential water users and uses, SSJ will, and must, take measures it is authorized under SGMA to take to remedy those undesirable results. For the time being, revenue from the SSJ’s special benefits assessment constitutes the funds dedicated to sustainably managing the Basin for the benefit of all water users and uses, including residential. Should the need arise to raise funds to implement programs specific to rural residential water users and uses, SSJ anticipates that it would take several months to adopt a funding mechanism for such a program, depending on applicable constitutional and statutory requirements.

The following motion was made by Director Cunha, seconded by Director Turrentine, and passed 5-0 with a roll call vote.

MOTION – Approve SSJWD/SSJGSA’s response to Recommendation #6 (R6) of the Grand Jury Report, as presented, and authorize President Cunha to sign and send the Response To Grand Jury Report Form.

VIII. Update on Applications to the SRWCB for Supplemental Water

Director Turrentine reported that Wagner & Bonsignore continues to support the SSJWD/SSJGSA with the applications that are pending approval. Wagner & Bonsignore has had several coordination calls with SWRCB staff. Wagner & Bonsignore will develop a work plan, schedule, and deliverables to submit to the SRWCB in late August.

As the Subcommittee, Director Turrentine and Director Sinton responded to the letter from Christopher Alakel, Utilities Director, City of Paso Robles regarding the capacity of the Nacimiento Pipeline dated May 23, 2023 and will try to schedule a follow up meeting.

IX. Resolution 23-005 Authorizing Levy and Collection of Assessments for FY 2023-24

President Cunha reviewed Resolution 23-005 authorizing the levy and collection of the District’s Assessment for fiscal year 2023-24. SSJWD’s assessment levels remain the same as fiscal year 2022-23: \$35 per acre for irrigated lands; \$0.11 per acre for non-irrigated lands; and \$7.50 for residences. The District’s “de minimis” level is \$25.00. “De minimis” is defined as any parcel (or in the case of a landowner owning multiple parcels the collective parcels owned) where the total amount levied is less than \$25.00.

The following motion was made by Director Sinton, seconded by Director Shady, and passed 5-0 with a roll call vote.

MOTION – Adopt Resolution 23-005 Authorizing Levy and Collection of Assessments for FY 2023-24, as presented.

X. Next Meeting

The SSJWD/SSJGSA Board of Directors will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at 9am. The August 23, 2023 SSJWD/SSJGSA Board of Directors meeting has been moved to August 30, 2023 at 9am.

XI. Adjourn

President Cunha adjourned the meeting at 10:42am.

Accepted:

Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary
August 30, 2023