



# SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT

## SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

### UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES August 30, 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, August 30, 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**

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President Cunha called the meeting to order at 9:00am on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at Illy Sunnyslope Farms.

#### **II. Roll Call**

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Directors Present:	Willy Cunha	Steve Sinton
	Marshall Miller	Matt Turrentine
	Ray Shady	

Directors Absent: None

#### **III. Public Comment**

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No public comment received.

#### **IV. Consent Agenda**

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The following motion was made by Director Sinton, seconded by Director Shady, and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote. Director Turrentine participated via teleconference. His alternate location was not noticed on the agenda, so he did not vote on this item.

**MOTION – Approve the minutes from the July 26, 2023 Board meeting and the Secretary/Treasurer’s Report dated August 25, 2023, as presented.**

#### **V. Resolution 23-006: Approving Consistency Determination Pursuant to Executive Orders N-7-22 and N-3-23**

SSJGSA received a well verification request from a landowner for a new groundwater well permit for the property with APN of 019-171-029. The proposed well would be the third active irrigation well on the property. There is no proposed change in the gross acre-feet per year of groundwater that will be pumped. The primary reasons for drilling the new well are:

- Additional well redundancy, in the case that one of the two existing wells has an issue during critical water demand times.
- The ability to run three wells at lower flow rates as opposed to two wells at higher flow rates. This reduces standing water draw down and impacts to the groundwater resource. It will also increase pumping efficiencies and lower costs.
- Operating three wells at lower flow rates will increase the lifespan of the wells and pumping equipment, which will reduce annual operation and maintenance costs.

Director Cunha reviewed Resolution 23-006 and the supporting documentation prepared by Cleath-Harris Geologists, Inc. citing that the proposed new well is not likely to interfere with the production and functioning of

existing nearby wells and the proposed well's operation is not likely to cause subsidence that would adversely impact or damage nearby infrastructure.

The following motion was made by Director Sinton, seconded by Director Cunha, and passed 3-0 with a roll call vote. Director Shady and Director Turrentine recused themselves and left the meeting during discussion of this item and re-entered the meeting following the roll call vote.

**MOTION – Approve Resolution 23-006, as presented.**

**VI. Grand Jury Report Titled “Can One Wet Year Wash Away the Paso Robles Basin’s Water Worries?”**

The Grand Jury has instructed the SSJGSA to respond to the Grand Jury Report Recommendation 6 (R6). The Board reviewed and discussed the draft Response to Grand Jury Report Form and draft supplemental letter to the Grand Jury dated August 30, 2023 with the thoughts and comments related to the Findings and Recommendations other than R6.

The following motion was made by Director Shady, seconded by Director Cunha, and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote. Director Turrentine participated via teleconference. His alternate location was not noticed on the agenda, so he did not vote on this item.

**MOTION – Approve the Grand Jury Report Form and supplemental letter dated August 30, 2023, as presented, and authorize President Cunha to sign and send to the Grand Jury.**

**VII. Director’s Reports**

- Director Turrentine reported that Wagner & Bonsignore continues to support the SSJWD/SSJGSA with the applications that are pending approval. Wagner & Bonsignore is developing a work plan, schedule, and deliverables to submit to the SRWCB. The draft work plan will be shared with SSJGSA at a future meeting.
- Director Cunha reported that Heritage Ranch CSD (HRCSD) was removed from the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee MOA. HRCSD’s voting share of 1% was re-allocated equally among the five remaining GSAs.
  - County of SLO – 32.2%
  - Estrella-El Pomar-Creston – 29.2%
  - Shandon-San Juan – 20.2%
  - City of Paso Robles – 15.2%
  - SMCSO – 3.2%
- Director Turrentine requested that SSJGSA revisit its policy and procedures for reviewing and issuing consistency determinations pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22 and consider addressing requests at the staff level rather than requiring a board vote.

**VIII. Next Meeting**

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 9am.

**XI. Adjourn**

President Cunha adjourned the meeting at 10:11am.

**Accepted:**

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Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary  
September 27, 2023