



SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT

SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES March 26, 2025 Regular Meeting

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, March 26, 2025, at 10am at the Illy Lodge at Illy Sunnyslope Farms located at 3385 Truesdale Rd., Shandon, CA 93461. As a courtesy, 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 10:00am on Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

II. Roll Call

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

*Director Miller participated remotely via videoconference from the location noticed on the agenda.

**Director Turrentine participated remotely via videoconference, but the location was not properly noticed on the agenda. Director Turrentine participated in the discussions, but did not vote on any agenda items.

III. Public Comment

Mr. Powell commented on the following: the 4-party Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement adopted by SSJWD on February 25, 2025 forming the Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority, the proposed 5-year budget scenario used in the Cost of Service Rate Study, and asked for clarification on the timing of expending grant funds awarded to the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.

IV. Consent Agenda

The following motion was made by Director Sinton, seconded by Director Shady, and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote.

MOTION – Approve the minutes from the special Board meeting on February 25, 2025 and the Secretary/Treasurer’s Report dated March 20, 2025, as presented.

V. Director’s Reports

Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC): Director Shady attended the SLO County WRAC meeting on March 5, 2025. The WRAC received an update from County Staff regarding State Water Policies. County staff are preparing to take draft policies to the Board of Supervisors for review in Spring 2025 with recommended updates concerning priorities and criteria for use of State Water. The policies would be used to (1) evaluate requests to establish new SWP water users within the County, and (2) guide the County as it works to improve SWP water management and consider cost recovery opportunities. Staff anticipates returning to the WRAC in April 2025 for the Committee to consider an advisory vote to the Board on the draft policies.

VI. Transition from the PBCC to the Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority

The Shandon-San Juan GSA, Estrella-El Pomar-Creston GSA, County of San Luis Obispo GSA, and City of El Paso de Robles GSA have executed the 4-Party JPA Agreement forming the Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority (PRAGA) that supplants the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee. Each member GSA needs to appoint a Primary and Alternate Member to the PRAGA Board. The first meeting will be held on April 7, 2025 at 4pm.

The following motion was made by Director Cunha, seconded by Director Sinton, and passed with a 4-0 roll call vote.

MOTION – Designate Director Turrentine as SSJWD/SSJGSA’s Primary Member and Director Miller as the Alternate Member to serve on the Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority Board of Directors, and authorize and direct SSJWD/SSJGSA officers, staff, legal counsel, and consultants to perform all tasks necessary and appropriate to effectuate the transition of SGMA implementation in the Basin from the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee to the Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority.

VII. Resolution 25-001 Regarding Applicability of Groundwater Extraction Fees

Director Cunha reviewed Resolution 25-001 formally stating SSJWD/SSJGSA’s position that in the event the Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority adopts a volumetric groundwater extraction fee, such fee should not be imposed on domestic or de minimis users of groundwater.

The following motion was made by Director Sinton, seconded by Director Cunha, and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote.

MOTION – Adopt Resolution 25-001, as presented.

VIII. Update on Applications Submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board

Director Turrentine reported that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is in the process of reviewing the applications. The SWRCB did not indicate a timeline for completing their review.

IX. Content for SSJWD/SSJGSA Quarterly Newsletter

SSJWD/SSJGSA is targeting early May for the next edition of the e-newsletter. Potential topics and articles for inclusion include: formation of Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority and updates from the April 7 meeting, cost of SGMA implementation, Rate Study/Prop 218 update with discussion of de minimis users of groundwater, board meeting recaps, and any pertinent updates related to SGMA implementation and progress toward sustainability.

X. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting is Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 9am.

XI. Adjourn

President Cunha adjourned the meeting at 10:37am.

Accepted:

Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary
April 29, 2025