



SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT

SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES September 24, 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, September 24, 2025, at 8:00am 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

Vice President Sinton called the meeting to order at 8:04am on Wednesday, September 24, 2025.

II. Roll Call

Directors Present: Marshall Miller
 Ray Shady
 Steve Sinton
 Matt Turrentine

Directors Absent: Willy Cunha

III. Public Comment

No public comment.

IV. Consent Agenda

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

MOTION – Approve the minutes from the August 13, 2025 Board meeting and the Secretary/Treasurer’s Report dated September 18, 2025, as presented.

V. Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority (PRAGA) & SGMA Implementation Updates

A. Re-Cap of PRAGA Meeting on August 18, 2025:

- Board action to address the existing commitment deficit and request GSA contributions to fund PRAGA through December 2025.
- Approval of an On-Call Contract with Land IQ – not to exceed \$35,000
- Update on Administrative Items – PRAGA working to develop bylaws and Conflict of Interest Code. Executive Director recruitment is underway.

B. Multi-Benefit Irrigated Land Repurposing (MILR) Program Update:

- Farm unit delineation – Complete
- Spatial database – In progress. Includes farm units and other data of interest.
- Outreach – In progress. Held meetings with winegrape growers to explain program. Individual outreach if needed.
- Program Interest Form – In progress. Mechanism for irrigators to enroll land in the MILR program. First draft at County for review.

- Enabling Ordinance – In progress. First draft at County and PRAGA staff for review.
- Fallowed Land Registry Platform – In progress. RFP issued and proposals due September 24, 2025.

C. \$7.6 million GSP Implementation Grant Fund Expenditures: PRAGA will provide a presentation at their September 24, 2025 meeting. For reference, a copy of the presentation was included in SSJGSA's agenda packet. Highlights include:

- In 2022, Paso Basin was awarded a \$7.6 million grant from the California Department of Water Resources for the implementation of its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The County holds the grant agreement with DWR.
- In April 2025, Amendment No. 1 to the grant agreement was executed, extending the grant deadline from April 2025 to April 2026. To date, \$5.16 million has been invoiced.
- Completed Projects - Blended Water Supply Engineering and Feasibility Analysis, State Water Project Engineering and Feasibility Analysis, Cost of Service Rate Study, City of Paso Robles Recycled Water Project, San Miguel CSD Recycled Water Project (pre-construction phase).
- Projects in Progress – Multi-Benefit Irrigated Land Repurposing (MILR) Program / Fallowed Land Registry, Domestic Well Mitigation Program, Monitoring Data Gaps, Well Verification Program.

VI. Consider PRAGA's Request and Invoice for Financial Contribution

On August 18, 2025, the Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority (PRAGA) Board of Directors approved a request for \$300,000 in additional contributions from its member Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) to fund operations through December 2025. This action was taken pursuant to Section 7.1 of the JPA Agreement, which provides that, upon a 3/4 vote of the PRAGA Board, members agree to contribute additional funding based on the percentage shares established in the FY 2024-2025 PBCC Budget.

SSJGSA's share of the contribution is \$63,000. The SSJGSA Board discussed the necessity of this contribution to ensure PRAGA can continue essential operations through the end of 2025, including required SGMA compliance activities, technical support, and administrative functions. The SSJGSA Board directed the Secretary/Treasurer to pay PRAGA Invoice #26-004 in the amount of \$63,000. The SSJGSA Board anticipates an additional funding request from PRAGA to extend operations to June 2026 once a revised budget for FY 2025-26 is adopted by PRAGA.

VII. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 9am.

VIII. Adjourn

Vice President Sinton adjourned the meeting at 8:34am.

Accepted:

Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary
December 5, 2025